



Representative, Val Ogden
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Dear Val,

You asked for the information given to me by the forester, Marc Engle of the Battleground Unit to cuts which would be made in Southwest Washington should an 18% cut to State agencies be imposed. This would be in addition to reduction in personnel and materials. I understand this information was presented to Marc by DNR personnel.

The Tarbell picnic/campground would be closed, campsites obliterated and the water pump removed. The removal of the pump would preclude ever getting water to the area in the future because standards are different now.

Cold Creek picnic/campground would be closed, gated and further shut down.

A campground for physically handicapped in the Woodland or Kalama area would be closed. All of these were constructed with IAC funding.

Also any further planning at the Coldcreek-Cedar Falls physically challenged trail would stop. There would be no further planning on the Moulton Falls to Cold Creek connector of the Chinook Trail. The CTA has made arrangements to engage a professional trails person to lay out and do the engineering work on this seven to eight mile segment.

We have worked a number of years to get to where we are with WDNR. To have progress stopped, even the planning, now, is needless to say most discouraging.

As a volunteer group we have performed over 1000 hours of manual labor maintaining the Tarbell Trail. We have devoted many hours planning in meetings and on site to show our good faith and interest for this project. I am personally so discouraged with the normal delays we have encountered in the past four years on this project I am not sure I can continue to generate the energy and enthusiasm needed to see this portion of the Chinook Trail through to completion.

To cut a relatively small state agency in the same manner as the very large ones seems extremely short sighted to me. This is particularly true of WDNR which is making such an effort to broaden its role to better manage our State lands.

I will be happy to discuss this with you following my return from a trip on March 29.

Best wishes,

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