

Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association report for North American Motorized Council Meeting November 2, 2015

The PNW4WDA is a three state organization with clubs and individuals in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. We have added an Idaho representative to our Board of Directors and we see growth in that area now with the leadership of our new representative.

951 dues paying units in 81 clubs. The majority of clubs are in Washington. We are members of Blue Ribbon Coalition, Tread Lightly!, SEMA and WOHVA (Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance).

Issues for 2015:

Sage grouse

Forest plans in all three states

Washington DNR (Department of Natural Resources) Trail policy has been released for public comment—DNR was required to obtain user group and public comment but retained the authority to ignore anything they did not agree with.

Increasing membership

Continuing the trail development that is happening in all three states

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The 10 new miles of trail in the Yacolt Burn (Southwest Washington) was opened for use in September. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Piston's Wild club was the driving force behind the development of these trail miles. DNR received a \$457,000 grant from the Washington NOVA (Non Highway and Off Road Vehicle Activities) fund for development of more trail miles in the Yacolt. Members were able to preview the trail in early September. To use the trail a "Discover Pass" is required.

Our Trail Jamboree was held in early July in the Wenatchee National Forest, just before the state started to burn. The event was successful and a major fund raiser for the association. The Colville National Forest (eastern Washington) sustained major damage from wild fires this past season. Our Oregon Creek n Trail run had to be cancelled due to wild fires.

Last year we purchased four trail counters. We have added to that number this year. We have collected data and using that information know just how much use our trails are getting and from what type of user. Later this year our results will be presented to the Forest Service and the DNR.

We awarded 4 scholarships and increased the amount of each. Because of the generous donations from our clubs our scholarship program is doing well.

Don and Carol Jensen