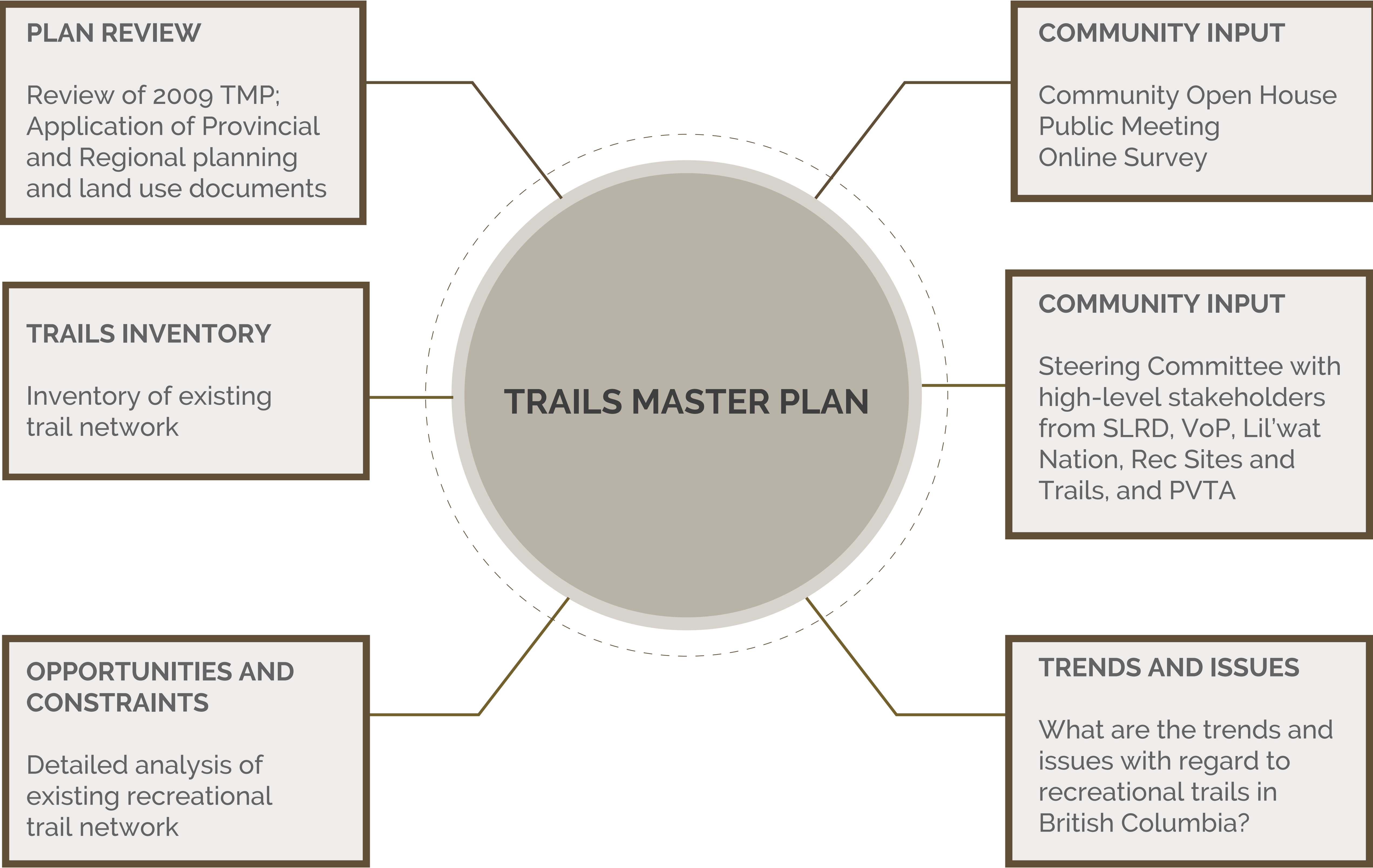


Pemberton Valley Recreational Trails Master Plan Update

What is the Trails Master Plan?

An **overall framework and long-term strategy** that guides the **future management and development** of a **comprehensive trails network** that **benefits all user groups**.
A Trails Master Plan is a **communication tool** that **establishes a clear vision**, goals, objectives, and recommendations for the trail network as a whole.

How is the Trails Master Plan being developed?



What are the benefits of recreational trails?

ENVIRONMENTAL

Enhanced environmental awareness, improved understanding of our natural heritage, and stewardship of the environment

HEALTH & FITNESS

Improved health and physical well-being for both individuals and communities, reduced healthcare costs, and enhanced productivity

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Cohesive communities, enhanced quality of life, opportunities for families and friends to spend time together

BENEFITS OF RECREATIONAL TRAILS

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TRAILS STRATEGY FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

EDUCATIONAL

Providing an outdoor classroom for nature, culture, and history

HERITAGE & CULTURAL

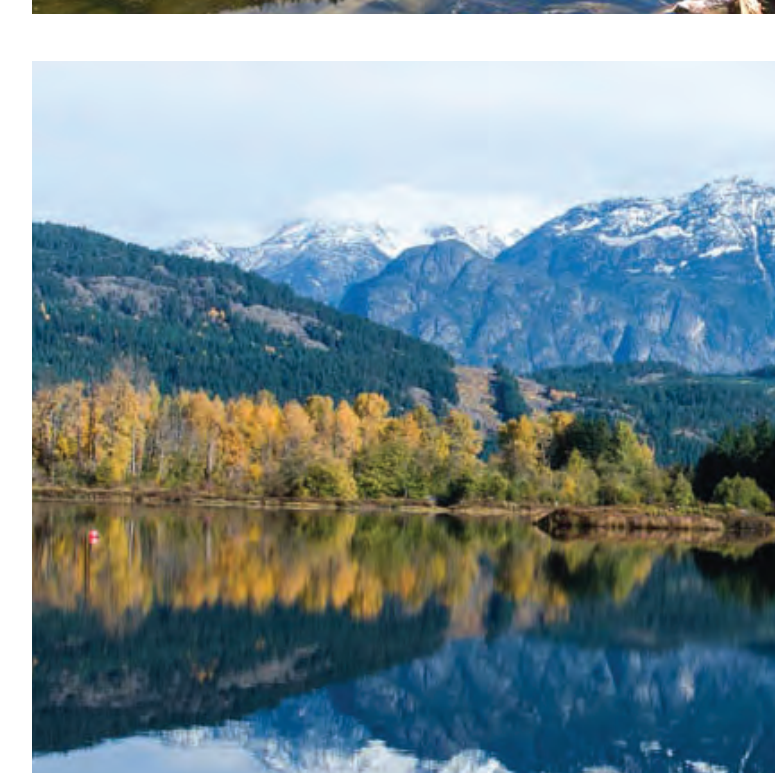
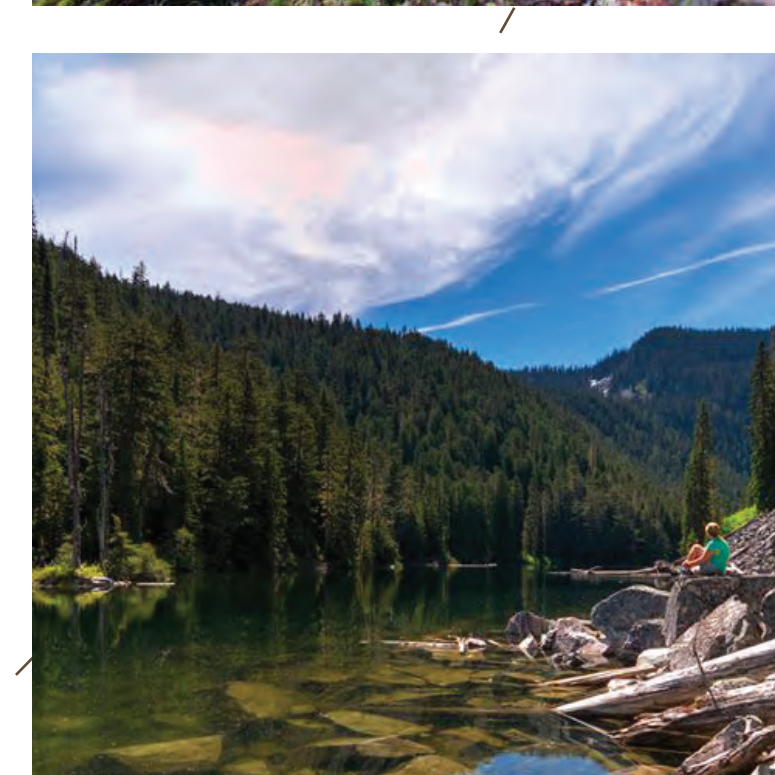
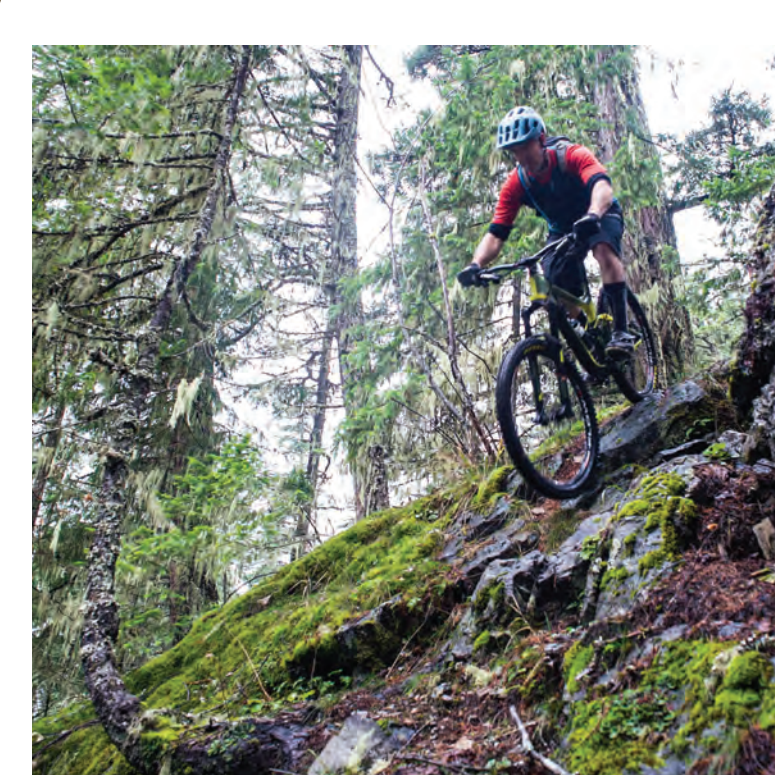
Recognition and respect for First Nations culture and historical values

TRANSPORTATION

Greener transportation and commuting use of trails contributing to reduced greenhouse gas emissions and improved health and wellness of individuals

ECONOMIC

Increased tourism revenues, greater business investment, and enhanced property values



Recreational Trails Master Plan Foundation

VISION

We envision an inclusive and well-managed trail network with recreational opportunities for all that fosters:

- Individual wellbeing
- Community wellbeing
- Economic opportunity
- Environmental sustainability
- Respect for cultural values

MISSION STATEMENT

The Pemberton Valley Recreational Trails Master Plan Update (PVRTMP) will establish a clear vision for recreational use and development in the plan area, incorporating new land use information and best practices into a long-term strategy document that will guide trail use, maintenance, and development in the Pemberton Valley into the future as trail use and intensity grow, while working to mitigate trail conflicts.

KEY GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Act to strengthen regional collaboration and partnerships between the SLRD, the Village of Pemberton, the Lil'wat Nation, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, and Trail User Groups.
- Foster environmental, social, and economic sustainability and guide the development and management of a robust trail network that embraces the diversity of users and protects this significant and important asset for the future.
- Support the recreational, social, and cultural needs of the local community.
- Create a strategy that works to address unauthorized trail building, and prioritize existing trails for authorization or establishment (as applicable).
- Strengthen and stimulate economic opportunity, supporting tourism and ecotourism.
- Create a strategy that addresses maintenance needs and maintenance capacity.

Community Outreach, Education, & Communication

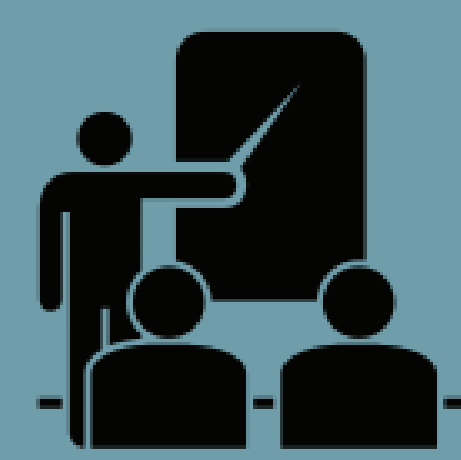


Draft Recommendations

- A. The SLRD, Village of Pemberton, PVTa, Lil'wat Nation, and Recreation Sites and Trails BC should work to maintain an ongoing and open dialogue, working together and forming partnerships where possible.
- B. A formal communication procedure or protocol should be established between the PVTa and the Lil'wat Nation to ensure ongoing communication.
- C. Work to create opportunities and secure funding that will enable the hiring of youth from the Lil'wat Nation for trails projects.
- D. Explore opportunities to increase trail users' awareness of Lil'wat Nation territory and traditional use (e.g. signage where appropriate, trail crew members).
- E. Several zones in the existing trail network are facing considerable development pressure. A protocol should be developed that will enable better communication between those developing and maintaining the trails and developers.

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Community Outreach, Education, and Communication

Community Outreach, Education, & Communication



Draft Recommendations

- F. Develop a policy for newly discovered cultural and archaeological sites, defining appropriate buffers and rerouting procedures.
- G. Create a mechanism for trail users to report trail issues and maintenance requirements for all trail types/user groups.
- H. Create a centralized website that represents all trail users in the Pemberton Valley and serves as an online trail information hub (could be achieved by building on the PVRTA website).
- I. Support trails events where possible.

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Signage and Wayfinding



Draft Recommendations

- A. To support the objective of increasing awareness of Lil'wat Nation territory and traditional use, install signage similar to what has been done in Squamish, reading, "You are recreating in the traditional territory of the Lil'wat Nation."
- B. Install signs on downhill mountain bike trails where needed to ensure equestrian users are aware of safety hazard and conflicting use.
- C. Install signage where needed outlining seasonal hunting use and discouraging conflicting use during peak season (e.g. biking with an off-leash dog).
- D. Develop a difficulty rating system that can be applied to multi-use trails and reflected on trail signage.

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Draft Recommendations

- E. Install interpretive signage at identified locations, and consider new locations for interpretive signage and educational opportunities as appropriate.
- F. Celebrate local character with a comprehensive, visually appealing, and approachable signage and wayfinding program that augments the required Recreation Sites and Trails BC signage.
- G. Incorporate Lil'wat Nation information on signage installed throughout the trail network.
- H. Include "no unauthorized trail building" signage and information about the Forest Range and Practices Act at trailhead kiosks.

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Signage and Wayfinding

Designations, Standards, and Trail Use



Draft Recommendations

- A. All new trail development must be authorized or established through the Forest Range and Practices Act.
- B. Ensure that proposed additions to the existing trail network cater to a variety of trail user types, working toward a system that provides balanced recreation opportunities.
- C. Consider designated trail use and appropriate spatial separation between user groups as trail use increases.
- D. Explore the potential to create or designate equestrian-primary trails (in the Mosquito Lake area).
- E. Protect identified culturally significant sites as needed, through “no-build” zones, rerouting of trails, fencing, and signage - as appropriate for specific context.

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Designations, Standards, and Trail Use

Future Maintenance, Management & Development



Draft Recommendations

- A. Apply a “no net gain/no net loss” approach to trail management and development for 3 years from the date of plan adoption.
- B. When a trail is removed from the network due to development, a new trail with similar characteristics should be planned and developed elsewhere in the network, supporting no net loss objectives.
- C. Prioritize and work toward recommended projects from the 2009 Trails Master Plan (e.g. Friendship Trail).
- D. Lil'wat Nation to identify “hot spot” areas where trail maintenance will require authorization, and work with PVTa to ensure implementation.
- E. Maintenance activities outside of “hot spot” areas will be limited to the trail tread surface and a buffer of 5m from the trail centerline.

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Future Maintenance, Management, and Development

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Draft Recommendations

- F. Work to develop beginner and intermediate mountain bike trails where possible to cater to a larger range of trail users.
- G. Prioritize and develop linkages and staging points.
- H. Explore opportunities for integrating recreational and industrial use, such as creating trails in areas that have been logged.

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Future Maintenance, Management, and Development