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Ken

How are you?

Please give our best wishes to Jan.

We got a phone message earlier this week from Bob Burgess about the community trail. The 'sound' was a bit garbled, but I think he was asking Doreen and I to make a report for tomorrow's TIRRA meeting.

Because we're not certain if we can make it to the meeting, please take the following as a most preliminary report:

Doreen and I were appointed by TIRRA in early July to be volunteer coordinators of management for the community trail. Our chores include walking the trail occasionally, noting potential hazards, recommending trail improvements if and when they are needed, organizing work parties, and generally keeping a log of our trail visits and related details. An important goal of this most pleasant chore is described in your letter to us, dated July 18, this year: "To keep our liability to the minimum we need to show a record of management to minimize any risk to users." We had been frequent trail visitors in the spring. Since early July we have traveled the trail's full length once or twice a week and have kept a log. We have talked informally with two landowners, and hope to meet with them individually or together this fall to get their input and cooperation on such issues as:

1. trail alignment
2. removal of hazards (we've noted at least one tall fir tree that is leaning and could fall on the trail).
3. signage (we've identified 10 locations where trail markers may be required ... first-time visitors now could easily take wrong turns)
4. trail usage control (some determination will be needed on questions of whether the trail should be made available to motorized vehicles, mountain bikes, equestrians, or confined to walker/hikers).

It's our recommendation that TIRRA not take any action on these issues until after we've reported on our future discussions with the landowners.

Doreen and Dave