Many exciting events happened over the summer which will be expounded upon in the issue. But to give you a heads up, I think the most encouraging event was the awarding of a contract to reconstruct the 400-foot trestle over Lower Burnett Road and South Prairie Creek and install an adjacent 60-foot bridge over Spykton Creek. Construction is underway on this project (Phase I) which will result in another 1.25 miles of paved Foothills Trail and will link with the “FEMA” bridge and the Coalition Bridge. About two years ago, the Director of Pierce County Parks asked the Coalition where they should focus their resources. Should they join South Prairie and Buckley or South Prairie and Wilkeson? Our overwhelming response was to continue the trail to Buckley and that is the direction the trail has progressed.

Phase I is an isolated segment, so when it is done there will be two more segments to complete in order to join South Prairie and Buckley. Those two segments are in various stages of development. Phase II, which will connect the Phase I segment with the Buckley end, includes some wetlands which must be mitigated. Conceptually, the South Prairie Preserve will be the site of the mitigation project.

Phase III will complete the connection to South Prairie at the trail-
Dear R2R Volunteers,

Thank-you very much for the photo. This was a wonderful run, and we are already putting a team together for next year. I have talked to many people that want to try some part of participation for next year also, either walking teams or running. When the photos come out we are planning to purchase some for my ultra scrap book. Looking forward to seeing you again next year. Oh by the way, we ran into a group of relay runners the next weekend when my wife and I ran the Sound to Narrows. They were wearing the R2R shirts.

Edy Lear

PS: I would like to thank everyone associated with this run for all the support and encouragement they offered my husband during the event. [Edy ran 50 miles on his 50th birthday in the R2R. - Editor] You had several volunteers going out of their way to check on him and make sure he was doing okay there towards the end. They were there to offer their support to his daughter and me as well. If you could especially pass on to Chuck how much we appreciate all he did. I know Edy would have finished this run one way or another, but your support made it all the more special for him and for his daughter and me. We thank you all deserve “Edy’s Support Team” T-shirts. Thanks again,

Rhonda Lear

Dear Editor,

The newsletter is so good this month! I REALLY like the collection of information you have gathered. I signed up to get the newsletter by E-mail, so I get the photos in living color (Ed Davis Portrait!!!). I read it cover to cover.

And then.....today the newsletter came in the USPS mail. Save postage, you don’t need to send hard copy. I save the E-mail versions in my computer.

Happy summer,

Helen Engle

Letters to the Editor
Tacoma Wheelmen Government Affairs Report

by Bob Myrick, Coalition and TWBC Member

Our committee met again on Tuesday, June 3 at the Taqueria Guadalajara in the Stadium District at First and Tacoma Avenue. We are taking the summer off and will meet again at the Taqueria on Tuesday, September 2 at about 6 pm. We hope you will be riding a lot this summer. I will be going on four, week-long trips in the Northwest with TWBC and friends. I plan to cycle more and worry less.

When you read this news, the Tacoma City Council will have met and considered the closure of ‘A’ Street to ‘D’ Street generally under the I-705 freeway. The Burlington Northern Railroad has requested a permanent closure and City staff has recommended the railroad turn over the Prairie Line Trail right-of-way in exchange. This trail would run from the esplanade on the water thru the UW Tacoma campus over to South Tacoma Way. There are six trails envisioned, all leading toward Freighthouse Square: the City Water Ditch, the Scott Pierson, the Prairie Line, the Esplanade, the Cross County Commuter Connector, and the Trail to the Mountain. The Prairie Line in downtown was also known as the American Lake Line.

Also in June, City staff are holding a public meeting to discuss their plan to move forward and install bike lanes on South Tacoma Way from Pacific Avenue to Pine Street and eventually to South 38th Street and to join up with the Water Ditch Trail. The lanes will also facilitate travel to the Scott Pierson Trail via Pine Street. The plan is to close down one travel lane to provide the bike lanes. There would be one lane downhill towards Pacific Avenue with two lanes uphill.

Sue Comis and Kim Freeman have suggested working on Platinum City Status for Tacoma thru the League of American Bicyclists. Bronze status might be a more realistic goal and it would require the City to move forward on completing their planned bike lanes and connections along with adopting a Complete Streets program and having programs to encourage cycling. A nonmotorized coordinator should be appointed as well. Good luck Sue and Kim.

Out on the Foothills Trail, I have been working with Pierce County Parks and Puyallup to get the missing links connected with the Meeker Trailhead. This work requires 1150 feet of pavement to link Shaw Road and Pioneer to the trail. The Puyallup River Walk Trail needs pavement to cover the sand trap connection under Main Avenue East. Pierce County Parks Director Kathy Kravit-Smith asked me to check with Parametrix Engineers to assure the new Shaw Road connection to Main Avenue East will properly accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

I need to check with Tacoma City staff to determine the status of funding for the Water Ditch Trail. The City Manager has recently indicated the project is funded, but there isn’t enough money in the City’s General Fund to pay the bills. The trail was to be partially built this summer.

County Councilman Calvin Goings has introduced Pierce County Resolution R2008-89 this month. It requests a Complete Streets Policy to be incorporated into the County’s Transportation Plan Update. Along these lines, I have requested the Puget Sound Regional Council to award extra points to grant applicants who have a Complete Streets Policy in place and who have a designated nonmotorized coordinator. I have also asked the Council to allow funding for arterial sidewalks, since we need some critical connections in Tacoma on Pine Street and Union Avenue. My intention is to become involved in an effort near Black Diamond to provide trails around the Green River Gorge Conservation area and to extend a trail from Black Diamond towards the Cedar River Trail.
er park and campground that has blocked the eastward expansion of the trail. Our friends at Pierce County Parks have reached an agreement with the owner of the campground to survey three routes through or around the property. These routes were all proposed by the owner as acceptable. Obviously, the County will evaluate the routes and select the most desirable of the three based upon their evaluation metrics.

Other trail developments include plans to extend Puyallup’s Riverwalk Trail to the east to connect with the Foothills Trail at the Meeker trailhead; King County’s extension of the Enumclaw segment of the Foothills Trail toward Buckley with a pedestrian bridge spanning the White River; and Edgewood’s opening of their segment of the Interurban Trail up Jovita Canyon to Milton.

Every two years Washington State Trails Association sponsors a Trails Conference. This year the conference will be held in Spokane October 3rd and 4th with pre and post activities on the 2nd and 5th. We expect to have excellent representation as we already have 6-8 members planning to attend. If you are interested in attending, contact the Coalition or visit www.washingtonstatetrailscoalition.org for more information or to register online.

On a sad note, Mr. Richard Johnson passed away this spring at the ripe old age of 99. Rick was an early donor to the trail as he owned land along the trail near Cascade Junction. He was able to live at his home east of South Prairie along Hwy 162 until a few months before his passing. He always had a smile and his eyes always reflected his excitement at having a visitor. Plus, he could still play a mean game of cribbage. Rick was highlighted in the June 2007 issue of the TLN.

The Foothills Coalition is built by many individuals. Some are active, some aren’t, some make a one time donation, while others support the Coalition by their continual activism. However, all have a desire to improve outdoor recreation opportunities in Pierce County and the Northwest. I salute you all.

Until next time,

John Downs, President, FRTTC

"Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character."
- James Russell Lowell, US poet, essayist, and diplomat, 1819-91

**Brick Inscriptions Set in Stone**

The following brick inscriptions were engraved in the bench within the Orting kiosk on Thursday, August 14. Thank you all for your generous donations.

CLAY GATCHEL • ERNIE & ELLEN BAY • DEANE MITCHELL • IN MEMORY OF FRIEND LARRY MARTINSON • PAUL & PEGGY ANDERSON • FOOTHILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY • COLLEEN GANT • DOUG GANT • JIM O.201

**Carless Commute Is Put Into Action**

The two-weeks of CarLess Commute inspired me to walk or bike every day possible in my determination to burn calories not carbon. The big hurdle for me is braving the heavy traffic from my place in Puyallup via the scant two miles along East Pioneer Way that connects my place to the Foothills Trail at the East Puyallup (Meeker) Trailhead. Therefore, I am happy to tell you that despite my dread, I rode my bicycle from my place to the monthly Courtesy Patrol meeting at High Cedars Golf Course. Someday soon, I hope, seamless and safe connections between downtown Puyallup and the Puyallup Riverwalk and Foothills Trail will be in place to encourage walking and cycling as viable modes of transportation. Biking and walking are two of the most
Memberships and Donations

by John Selby, Board Member

Oops! Our bad. We printed the same list in the last two newsletters. This list is for 2/8/08 through 8/12/08. We regret that we can not print the hundreds of names in the category of contributions up to $30. Thank you to all our members and donors!

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Networking for Trails:

Edgewood Interurban Trail
BY BONNIE VALENS, EDGEOOD HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

In early August, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) notified the City of Edgewood that funding has been awarded for its 2006 application for the Interurban Trail (50% match required). The 2006 application originally included the entire segment of the western portion, from 114th Avenue to the County Line near Military Road, as well as a Trailhead Park with a restroom, picnic shelter and parking. At that time the project cost was $1,430,000. Due in part to increased costs and the extent of wetland delineation/mitigation requirements, the 2008 application became a $2,700,000 project. For this reason, the scope of the original 2006 project had to be reduced to fit the available grant amount. So the City will be constructing a 1/4 mile segment of trail from 114th Avenue to the west, as well as a restroom and parking in the Trailhead Park. Federal funds were also awarded in the amount of $455,000, which will be used in the 2006 project as part of the City’s match. A sewer pump station will be installed in Edgewood near the segment of Trail that connects with Milton, which will require access from Military Road. For this reason, the sewer Local Improvement District (LID) will provide funding for this small section. The remainder of the project was included in the 2008 RCO grant application. The RCO will be posting the 2008 evaluation results (ranking) on August 21. A list of approved grants will be completed in late September and will be sent to the Office of Financial Management and the Governor in October.

Milton Interurban Trail
BY MILTON LOFLIN, COALITION MEMBER

The 2.5-mile section of the Milton Interurban Trail that was paved last winter and dedicated this spring continues to get rave reviews and steady usage. No official use figures are available, but I have yet to drive past the Porter Street trail head without seeing at least one vehicle present, nor have I personally used the trail without encountering at least five other users. [Same here! - Editor] These numbers are small compared to the Foothills Trail, but considering the Milton Interurban Trail currently has no significant trail connections at either end, it is a good sign for the future.

Speaking of the future, the Milton City Council recently adopted their six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which contains a project to complete the eastern half-mile section of the trail. This section crosses 380th Street, 28th Avenue, Enchanted Parkway, and Military Road to connect with the Edgewood Interurban Trail. The TIP calls for a tunnel under Enchanted Parkway and has an arbitrary completion date of 2009. There currently is no funding for completing this section of the trail, and the TIP is merely a planning document. So completing this section of the trail next year is optimistic. [The editor has discussed

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Networking for Trails: Continued...

On August 7, Bill Harmon and I met with Mitch, Dennis and Kent from the Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department to discuss an action plan to help give the railroad engineers better vision of trails users at the RR/trail crossing near Military road. Talk about timing; the 3-times-a-week train went by just as we were at the crossing!

The Parks Department agreed to make the minor signage adjustments and is also scheduled to repaint this entire section of the trail this summer. In addition, they will remove tree branches out of the railroad right-of-way 15’ to 20’ ft high and 100’ to 120’ down the right-of-way in both directions on the east side of the tracks. These changes should greatly improve visibility. The Dept. will also lengthen the paving stripe to the diamond warnings around the bollards and remove some of the outer bollards from the trail to reduce the number of bicycle collisions.

Washington State Trails Coalition Conference, Oct. 3-4

by Greg Lovelady, Recreation and Conservation Office, Olympia

Trail enthusiasts,

Martin LeBlanc, Vice President of the Children and Nature Network, will be keynote speaker at the Washington State Trails Coalition Conference in Spokane Friday, October 3. There’s no better way to frame the Conference theme - “Our State, Our Trails, Our Future.”

Martin is the National Youth Education Director for the Sierra Club and helps build youth leadership within the Leave No Child Inside Movement. He says we “owe the next generation of American children a special place in nature so they can be empowered to solve the environmental challenges of the future.”

The WSTC Conference is a biennial activity of the Washington State Trails Coalition. The Coalition works to protect, promote and enhance a statewide system of trails for both motorized and non-motorized outdoor recreation and transportation. WSTC advocates voluntary and public involvement in cooperation with landowners and managers.

Register today at http://www.washingtonstatetrailscoalition.org effective means in helping to reduce our carbon footprint and keep our bodies and environment healthy.

T’was a lovely and cool but comfortable day to be out on the trail which was in excellent shape. It’s always a joy to wheel past the farms that abut the trail. The rhubarb crop is rich and flourishing in the cool, moist weather we have endured this spring. Emerging pumpkin plants are visible in the fields of the farms that add so much to the beauty and ambiance of the trail.

The trail attracts all types of users which makes every patrol an adventure. Today, I spoke with a pleasant group wearing yellow T-shirts emblazoned “Walk for South Africa.” Their cause supports small business in this far away land. In the small world department: Twenty years ago, Andy Moan, one of the walkers, accompanied a group led by Ernie Bay on a bug research mission to the Yukon 20. At the East Puwallup Trailhead I met Scott Berry, former bike technician at Bike Trek South Hill, who was accepting donations for $2 bike tire patch kits to benefit paralyzed BMX bike racer Stephen Murray. Scott planned to post himself along the route of the Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic at 104th and Canyon Road, offering repairs, free water and such for donations.

As I visited with Scott, Faylee Baker, looking trim and pretty, stopped by to say hello. Faylee rides her bike most Saturdays and Sundays, and is my favorite friend as an inspiration for what bicycling does to promote healthy bodies. The only downer for the day: The two mile “death run” along East Pioneer Way back to my nice little apartment at the Cascadian.

Happy Trails and Peace out Y’all!
Editor Seeks Replacement
by John Selby, Board Member

This issue of the Trail Line News marks the tenth year I have been editor. I have really enjoyed doing it and still do, but now it’s time for a change and fresh ideas. It’s not that difficult of a job. The editor is not a reporter; the work consists of soliciting drafts from our membership; editing them for clarity, spelling, punctuation, and appropriate content for our 1200 readers; then working with our layout designer and our newsletter review committee to do a final check before sending it off for printing. It’s fun and very rewarding. Are you interested? Do you know someone who might be? Contact me at 253-841-1767 or JohnandDottieSelby@att.net to learn more.

Pierce County Trails Conference, December 4th
by Jayme Gordon Pleasants, Executive Director, Forever Green

The Forever Green Council has set the date for the fourth annual Pierce County Trails Conference: Thursday, December 4, 2008! This yearly gathering of trail users, enthusiasts and supporters will once again offer updates on local trail projects as well as sessions about other new and exciting work going on in the world of trails. More information about the conference will be sent out this fall, but mark your calendars now, and we will look forward to seeing you there! For questions or more information, please contact me at (253) 845-2973 or jaymeg@piercecountycd.org.

“Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices” On Our Trail?!

On June 17, The Department of Justice (DOJ) published in the Federal Register a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in which they proposed a broad new category of “other power-driven mobility devices.”

All national scenic and historic trails and other traditional back country areas in our national parks, monuments, forests, and other public lands may be opened to All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and other “power-driven mobility devices” through this proposed rule. This initiative is potentially devastating to the silent, challenging and primitive values of our scenic and historic trails and to other trails and areas in our forests, parks, and other public lands.

The DOJ is requesting comments on the proposed added definition of “other power-driven mobility device.” Let DOJ know how you feel about the proposal to allow Segways® and ATVs and other powered devices on trails if used by a person who says they have a disability. Now is your time to share personal experiences and any feelings you have about potential jeopardy to quiet recreation opportunities for everyone and user conflicts that could arise.

Unfortunately, all comments had to have been received by August 18, 2008 on CRT Docket No. 105.

Welcome Charlene Binfet

The layout and design for the last three issues of the Trail Line News have been done by Sandra Coyer and her journalism class at Puyallup High School. They have done a great job redesigning our format, but found that this work often conflicted with their own deadlines for the Viking Vanguard. Consequently, in the last issue we inserted a notice that we were seeking someone to do our newsletter layout.

It is our good fortune that Charlene Binfet answered the call. Char graduated from Minnesota State University, Moorhead, MN in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Graphic Communications and a minor in Business Management. Upon graduating, she accepted a position as Assistant Manager of a print shop in Seattle. In the 17 years she has lived in the Seattle area she has implemented her training as a layout designer and editor of a local newspaper. Working mostly out of her home, she currently distributes a semi-annual family newsletter and is responsible for a church bulletin as well as promotional materials that include flyers, inserts, posters and the church directory. Charlene currently resides in Auburn with her husband. She has 5 children, two out on their own and three still living at home.
A consensus resolution for the future of the Courtesy Patrol activities and training was determined by 20 FRTTC members and Courtesy Patrollers at the monthly breakfast meeting held at High Cedars Golf Course on 06/14/08 as noted below:

**Summer Schedule through September 2008:**

Courtesy Patrol monthly meetings will commence the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 am with breakfast in the outdoor cabana at High Cedars Golf Course. Special events on the trail could adjust the programs and you will be advised accordingly. However, the place and the day of the month is firm unless advised otherwise.

**Courtsey Patrol Training Sessions for 2009 and beyond:**

With 59 patrollers having finished certification at 10 classes during 2007 and 2008, it was determined an “as needed” training format would be implemented. Therefore, once 12 new FRTTC members join and desire Courtesy Patrol training, classes will be scheduled.

A significant and critical requirement to gain certification was added. To graduate, a Courtesy Patrol candidate must ride and/or walk the entire blacktop portion of the Foothills Trail with a monitor either one on one or in a group. A monitor is any certified Courtesy Patrol member wearing the official vest. They will sign off for completion of the requirements by the candidate after determining that the candidate is knowledgeable of the complete finished and mapped areas of the trail, in addition to the Pierce County Parks Rules and Regulations. The trail can be covered in legs (trail heads) in intervals or in its entirety.

For enduring a cool 2-1/2 hours in an open cabana eating breakfast and doing some excellent creative brainstorming, my accolades and thanks go to: Richard Harrelson, Dick and Georgean Curran, Edward F. Davis, Keith Lassen, John Ernest Berry III, Phil and Dawn Frazier, Mariella Arnold, Bob Banken, Earl and Glory Mikkelson, Ernie Bay, Clive Berglund, Pat Johnson, Dixie Gatchel, Bob Myrick and Bill Harmon.

**Calendar of Events**

**Edgewood Interurban Work Party:**
Sept. 7
Contact: Don Partington at cedarfamily@comcast.net

**South Prairie Salmon Run:**
Sept. 27
See www.townofsouthprairie.com/.

**Edgewood Interurban Work Party:**
Sept. 28
Contact: Don Partington at cedarfamily@comcast.net

**Wash. State Trails Conference:**
Oct. 3-4
See http://washingtonstatetrailscoalition.org/.

**Orting Pumpkin Festival:**
Oct. 11
See events at http://www.piercecountytrails.org/.

**National Trails Symposium:**
Nov. 15-18
See http://www.americantrails.org/quad/.

**Pierce County Trails Conference:**
Dec. 4
National Campaign Heats Up to “Burn Calories Not Carbon”

BY DIXIE GATCHEL
COALITION MEMBER AND COORDINATOR
FOR FRTTC ACTIVe TRANSPORTATION

The national “burn calories not carbon” campaign is heating up with the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy’s scheduled press release on October 20, 2008 to coincide with local press events in competing communities across the country.

Fast forward to the future, friends! It’s the year 2012. I depart my cozy downtown apartment aboard my comfy bicycle for a maiden ride along Puyallup’s safe and seamless, newly-dedicated, non-motorized transportation network. We are celebrating the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) for the vigorous grassroots campaign for Active Transportation launched back in 2006. The Secretary of Transportation has finally agreed that walking and cycling are “real” modes of transportation. Thanks to the RTC initiative, Congress has acted to double Federal Transportation Enhancement funds in 2009, and Puyallup has won one of the forty $50 million grants to implement walking and cycling as essential modes of transportation. Pie in the sky? Dream BIG, my friends! It could happen!

The Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition (FRTC) case statement for Puyallup met RTC’s deadline on June 30, 2008. Nationally, RTC is now busy processing the case statements to publicize our efforts and to develop a national case for a new and energized Active Transportation program. More than 40 communities from across the country, large and small, submitted case statements voicing positive support for improved Active Transportation Networks to enable “burning calories not carbon.”

The next step is for local campaign advocates (that’s us) to work on two action items. Firstly, organize a public release of our Puyallup Active Transportation Network proposal to coincide with national release of RTC’s report on October 20, 2008. This report will make the case for greater federal investment in active transportation, pulling material from many of our case statements. Prior to the release, the Foothills Trail Coalition needs to refine and enhance our case statement for public release, and build support for it and the campaign effort. I’ve already recruited some of you to be on the campaign committee and more volunteers are needed, so stay tuned for a call-to-action meeting after Labor Day.

Secondly, I challenge all our talented photographers to be on the alert for unique or unusual opportunities for shots that depict our local walking and bicycling facilities or use. Submitting photographs provides our community another chance to be highlighted in RTC’s national report. By sending in photos, you grant RTC permission to use your submissions in the national report and other publications. Other guidelines are: 1) Electronic images should be at least 2 MB in size, though smaller files that are clear and well-composed are acceptable. Photos under 300 KB cannot be accepted. 2) Name each photo file with the city and photographer names (and trail if applicable) so that RTC can give credit appropriately. 3) If the picture contains identifiable children, a permission form signed by a parent or guardian must be submitted. A permission form for adults is also available. 4) Any cyclist in a photo must be wearing a helmet to encourage safe bicycling, and cyclists and pedestrians should be obeying recognized rules of the road/trail. 5) Please keep the camera’s date stamp feature turned off as this greatly diminishes RTC’s ability to use the photo. Photos of any members of our congressional delegation or other elected officials on a bike are especially appreciated by RTC. Demonstrating political support for Active Transportation in an “artistic” fashion like this does a lot to bolster public support.

What say you? Want to be on the campaign committee? Let me know soon at gatcheldb@msn.com, because we have a lot of work to do before the big national launch on October 20th.

Happy Trails and Peace Out Y’all!

What is Active Transportation?

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No Horses Allowed on Milton Trail

WHAT ABOUT EDGEWOOD? Probably not, unless you act fast.

BY JEANETTE FOHN, COALITION MEMBER

Calling all Equestrians! Calling all equestrians! If you look around your own neighborhoods then I am sure you will agree that we are losing valuable places to ride. Fields and forests are turning into parking lots and developments. This equestrian grew up in Federal Way. We kept our horse in our neighbor’s back yard. We could ride for miles and miles without ever owning a horse trailer. I don’t believe horses are even allowed in Federal Way anymore.

I am fortunate enough to live in the country again, near South Prairie. I have been here almost three years. In that time I have found and subsequently lost riding trails - wonderful trails with views of rivers and Mt Rainier. I have seen herds of elk, bear and luckily no cougars yet. These trails have been blocked off. Now they are housing developments.

These stories are not unique. If you are reading this I am sure you have your own story to share.

This is why the Foothills Trail is so important to me. Is it perfect? No. Ideally the dirt path would be wider and there would be a natural barrier between the pavement and the dirt. But it does give us preserved green space for generations to come. And the land is actually owned by Pierce County, so it can not be sold or developed for private use.

But we need help. We need to be heard. Does your town allow horses on the trail? Does your town have a trail? Have you gone to any of the meetings? Did you assume someone else was going to make sure your trail was equine friendly? I can tell you there is no one - no one but you. You can make a difference! Please, please get involved. Attend a meeting, help on a trail crew, or join the Courtesy Patrol. Not sure about your city? Attend a city council meeting or contact your mayor. There are so many fun ways to get involved and there is no better time.

Please contact Linda Clark for more information: 360-897-6163 or email clasyrydr@aol.com. Work parties are planned for Sept. 7 and 28 to open the eastern section of the Edgewood Interurban Trail. Get involved by contacting Don Partridge at 253-863-5307 or cedarfamily@comcast.net.

On the plus side, I am exploring with Pierce County how to develop some existing open space along the Foothills Trail into an equine rest stop. I can not take credit for this project though. Years ago it was the vision of one of the early Coalition members, Slade Holmes, who apparently did extensive work for the Foothills Trail and loved horses. Some money has been donated in his name, and if the rest stop is completed it will be called “Slade’s Coral.” I hope to have more information in upcoming articles. The land is near the town of Crocker, along the river and adjacent to the existing Foothills Trail. Donations may be made to support this project by sending them to the Foothills Trail Coalition and marking them “For Slade’s Coral.”

Happy Trails!

by Jeanette Fohn
Membership makes a difference!
The work we are doing is made possible because of your membership and generous support. Memberships start at $20 single and $30 family. Credit cards accepted.

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