

## MONITORING THE FOOTHILLS TRAIL SYSTEM

Two of the most important things CDLT members and supporters can do for our trails partnership with the private landowners sharing their land, the City of Wenatchee, Chelan County PUD, BLM, and Dry Gulch Preserve is to monitor and work on the trails.

### **You can help us. Here's how:**

Any time you hike or bike the trails, you are monitoring it. You are noticing trash, or an area overgrown with blackberries, or other trail users. If you drive to a trailhead, you see if it is in OK condition. Your observations are very important.

Please copy the report below (in green), click on this link, [patrick@cdlandtrust.org](mailto:patrick@cdlandtrust.org), and paste the report into the email message. Complete the email report by filling in the information as completely as you can in your email.

### Reporting details:

1. Name of hike leader, or person doing the monitoring
2. Date of hike
3. Location of hike (like, "started at Lester Trail and went north 2 miles")
4. Number of people in group
5. Mode of Travel (Hike, Bike, Horse)
6. Number of hours on the trail
7. Any observations you care to report. If you just say, "Everything was fine", that's a valid observation. But below are some ideas for things you might mention.
  - Trailhead—Condition of locations
  - Dogs—a few, a lot, on or off leash?
  - Signs—were they still there? Any vandalism?
  - Trail Hazards—Overgrown vegetation, trash, fallen rocks, fallen trees, or other trail hazards
  - Wildlife—Cougar tracks, rattlers, deer, hawks, coyote etc.
  - Vegetation—Flowers in bloom
  - Weeds—Toadflax, knapweed, white top, salsify (where is more important than what)

How many other trail users did you see? Did you encounter anyone else?

These are just suggestions of some things that might need mentioning. You don't have to mention any of them, much less all of them. Short reports are very acceptable. We appreciate your help! Any questions, call Patrick Walker, Trails Coordinator, at (509) 667-9708.