

BDWG Recreation Committee ACTION PLAN

Committee members: Maureen Connor, citizen-at-large; Chris Edgington, fishing representative; Chris Marchion, hunting representative; Commissioner Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County

Mission: Identify, develop, and advance diverse opportunities for recreation on the BDNF and adjacent lands.

Goals:

- BDWG members work with the BDNF to develop and advance projects that create or enhance opportunities for recreation on the BDNF.
- BDWG members work to identify and resolve recreation issues, challenges, and conflicts in partnership with the BDNF.
- Stakeholders outside of BDWG are informed of diverse opportunities to recreate on the BDNF.
- BDWG members involve local stakeholders and partners in efforts to enhance recreational access on the BDNF.
- BDWG members work with the BDNF to advance recreation as a priority in planning and funding on the Forest.

Vision: The BDNF provides diverse opportunities for responsible recreation across the forest that highlights the unique qualities of the BDNF and supports local communities.

Issues:

- Recreation has increased immensely on the BDNF this season (both a good thing and a challenge in terms of capacity and infrastructure).
- Local law enforcement and first responders are under-resourced and unable to respond to many of the challenges that come with an increased volume of users and recreation on the BDNF.

Specific actions

- Work closely with the BLM to ensure recreational access on the BDNF.
- Work with the BDNF and partners to prioritize recreation projects in the planning process.
- Work with the BDNF and partners to secure funding and resources that adequately supports recreation on the Forest.

- Work with the BDNF and partners to support local law enforcement and first responders in meeting the challenges of increased recreation on the Forest.
- Continue to support BDNF projects and policies that conserve, protect, and restore native fisheries.