Acquisition of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands began early in the century when several large parcels were donated to the City for public park purposes. Douglas Almond, John Monahan, Gus Ritter, Harriet, and others deeded substantial personal holdings to the City of Anacortes. In addition to these generous donations of early citizens, the City of Anacortes purchased several large parcels in 1919 from Douglas Almond's Washington Power and Light Company. This land, often referred to as watershed land, was held in pristine condition. These lands were used as water supplies for the City.

The Anacortes Community Forest Management Plan was adopted in late 1981, revised in May 1991, and again in 2009 by the City Council. The City’s forest lands are to be managed for scenic, aesthetic, and recreational uses. A 30-member Mayor-appointed ACFL Advisory Board oversees the implementation of the Management Plan, and develops policies for the appropriate use of the city's forests.

The Anacortes Parks and Recreation Department manages the ACFL. Please direct any questions/requests to the Forest Lands Manager at 360-289-1953.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

- Hunting, trapping, shooting, camping, campfires, coolers, fireworks, consumption of alcohol, barbecues, and unauthorized vehicles, including 2 cycle motorcycles, 3 and 4 wheel ATVs, are PROHIBITED in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands.
- Keep pets leashed at all times in the ACFL and pack out all domestic animal waste.
- The Forest Advisory Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, at Senior Activity Center. All meetings are open to the public.

**ACFL TRAIL USE RESTRICTIONS**

Shared use trails are essential to the management philosophy of the ACFL. Please review the map carefully as not all trails are open to all user groups. Your courtesy regard for other users and user groups will ensure all of our enjoyment of this wonderful trail system for many years to come. If you have any questions about trail etiquette, the Forest Manager would be very happy to answer.

**A few quickies:**

- **Please remember that you are in a visitor in the woods.** The native animals and plant deserve to thrive here and need your respect.
- **If you park it, pack it out.** Leave only footprints and take only memories.
- **Vehicles must be trail speed reasonable.** Don't kick up your brakes, and get off your bike and talk to all passing horses.
- **Hikers, stay on the trails.** Horse trails, please ride with care as our trails have more users on them every day.
- **Motorcyclists, your group s composed about most.** Keep your speed under 15 mph and work on your group.
- **Dog owners, your group s composed about most.** Keep your dog on a leash and secure fire or other emergencies in the ACFL.
- **ACFL Hours 6 AM to 10 PM.**
- **Motorcycle Closure.** Nov. 1st to March 31st.

**Opportunities to Protect the ACFL**

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