

DNR

Amendment to Statewide Cooperative Agreement -effective 3/20/2024

Regarding the Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) BCHW has with the DNR Recreation Program. The agreement has been amended to address potentially conflicting language.

Section 1.0 **This amendment will change language in Section 1.0**, Additional Work Order Guidance. In this Section, **under the Volunteer Labor Agreement and Operational Requirements header**, the current agreement stipulates that volunteers will sign *both* the DNR registration agreement and indemnification waiver and BCHW's Liability Release prior to work. The amendment **removes the requirement that volunteers sign DNR's form.**

Not only will this streamline the process and reduce duplicative paperwork, but this removes potentially misleading assumptions of L&I insurance coverage. Volunteers working under this agreement are volunteering for the cooperator and not DNR, so both forms should not be signed.

BCHW Liability Release becomes the required document for participants in DNR projects.

Volunteer information and volunteer hours, records of work performed are still required to be submitted for projects, using the current BCHW forms.

The amendment also adds a requirement to post warning or closure signs at access points for both construction and maintenance projects.

Section 19.0 Changes to add clarity that volunteers working under this agreement are not covered by DNR's workers compensation insurance.

Section 23.0 added Nondiscrimination Requirement.

Additionally, the Work Order Template form Exhibit A is updated.