

# Beyond 2013 – A Transformation Strategy

## Strategic Analysis of Your Favorite Park

Using the document “State Parks Strategic Alternatives Analysis” as a guide, comments below tell us your thoughts about what can and should be done at your favorite park. You can mail or email your comments to the Washington State Parks planning team at the address shown on the web page.

Name of Park: Lime Kiln State Park – five people attended the June 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting in Friday Harbor, WA.

Name of Commenter (optional):

	<b>Theme 1: Parks as an Enterprise</b>		<b>Theme 2: Parks as a Community Non-Profit</b>		<b>Theme 3: Parks as a Public Asset</b>	
Key Question	<i>Why would people and private companies choose state parks?</i>		<i>Why would non-profit organizations and other governments partner with state parks?</i>		<i>Why would state government invest in state parks?</i>	
	Program	Financing	Program	Financing	Program	Financing
General Description	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is enabling legislation contradicted by the Discover Pass? Did the legislation include “access for all” in the enabling legislation? If so, the Discover Pass is creating a roadblock by not providing access for all because not all can afford the fee. Was the Discover Pass legal?</li> <li>2. Parks are core to public values. We have to hold onto some bit of tax revenue in order to hold onto the property that the public owns. When people go to parks they talk, they talk about things that they have in common. They get to the core of common values.</li> <li>3. If we are force to let go of general tax funding, it will be harder to get it back.</li> <li>4. (Staff) Sometimes we say apologetically that we are not as important as feed</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sad to see parks considering this – parks do perform a public service function. To not be able to go to a park because of cost is tragic.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will partnerships be there to help us tell our story?</li> <li>2. If legislature does not fund with general fund, then the state needs to look at parks being divested to county, friends groups, etc.</li> <li>3. Experience as Friends of Lime Kiln (F.O.L.K.S) has been frustrating as fa as patience. The process took too long. Sometimes wish State Parks would just “get out of the way” so we could serve the public.</li> </ol>			

	<p>children. We should always be stating that we are fighting for the public good.</p> <p>5. (Staff) Are we ever going to get the point across that we are going to close parks? We say we are not going to close parks. Are we going to get there at some point? We need to make sure the legislature understands this is a possibility.</p> <p>6. As a member of the public, I have been using parks my whole life. I don't think that the public has been educated about the Discover Pass. Right now people think the money goes to support bureaucrats in Olympia. Parks needs signs that explain that the "funds from the Discover Pass keep these parks open."</p> <p>7. For more than a decade, the National Parks have been charging a entrance fee. This is another argument for the Discover Pass.</p> <p>8. We need to have the legislature provide even 1% of general funds to keep State Parks as a state legacy. (mentioned the example of the Postal Service getting a subsidy from Federal Gov't for certain</p>					
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	uncompensated services). Every taxpayer in the state needs to understand that they need to support this legacy system.					
Camping						
Indoor Accommodations						
General Day Use Activities (e.g., picnicking, hiking, biking, informal field games)						
Beach Activities/ Swimming						
Marine Recreation/ Boating						
Interpretation/ Education	1. We need interpretive signs to explain to people what the funds are used for.					
	<b>Theme 1: Parks as an Enterprise</b>	<b>Theme 2: Parks as a Community Non-Profit</b>			<b>Theme 3: Parks as a Public Asset</b>	
Natural Systems Stewardship						
Historic Preservation						

Pre-Historic Archeological Protection						
Winter Recreation						
Special Events						
Park Commerce						
Visitor Safety and Law Enforcement						
Other (within three themes)						
Other (outside of Theme Approach)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are there free or reduced price for the Discover Pass available to limited income people?</li> <li>2. A paid volunteer coordinator is the way to keep a volunteer program sustainable.</li> <li>3. (Staff) I have not heard that the Commission is fighting to get the general fund support back. This was good for me to hear that you are fighting for it.</li> </ol>					