

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. E-mail your comments to the Washington State Parks planning team at Strategic.Planning@parks.wa.gov.

Name of Park: Mount Spokane State Park - twenty-eight people attended the May 21 st public meeting in Spokane, WA.						
Name of Commenter (optional):						
	Theme 1: Parks as an Enterprise		Theme 2: Parks as a Community Non-Profit		Theme 3: Parks as a Public Asset	
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"> Mountain bike park, Zip line Tours, Adventure parks, equestrian park. More year round activities from concessionaires, restaurants, entertainment, chairlift rides. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Require all Alpine Skiers to purchase a Sno-park Pass. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Partner Organizations – Local Mountain Bike Groups; hiking/trail running; horse backing; snow shosers/winter users. Enterprise as non-profit. Run bike park like the ski resort. 			
Camping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Camping on KTT Carson Loop Road. 2. Drive-in picnic areas. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rely on local groups to build and maintain new and existing trail systems. More trails will decrease load; increase safety and provide a much greater user experience. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Already lots of volunteers clear trails etc. on our own time – can this be expanded? 	
Indoor Accommodations			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Local groups maintain trails. Foundation work through grants to maintain facilities, etc. 			
General Day Use Activities (e.g., picnicking, hiking, biking, informal field games)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> REI and other CO’s marketing money bringing snow shosers etc., can we charge them a fee? 			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sell engraved stones for paying trail supporters. 		
Beach Activities/ Swimming						

Marine Recreation/ Boating						
Interpretation/ Education						
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Natural Systems Stewardship						
Historic Preservation						
Pre-Historic Archeological Protection						
Winter Recreation	1. Summer use of ski area/lifts. Restaurant; Mt. skiing; childcare.	1. Daily fee in X-country ski area – per person.				
Special Events						
Park Commerce						
Visitor Safety and Law Enforcement						

Other (within three themes)						
Other (outside of Theme Approach)	<p>Postpone Centennial park and activities until balanced budget with surplus. Does Discover Pass have a deadline? Or is it forever? General discussion comments: Participants were asked what are you are afraid of happening to enterprise state park –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privatizing the parks would leave unbiased decisions. • Profit comes off in the private sector. • Exclude people who can't afford to pay the price. • Unstable expectations by multiple private organizations owning the parks. • No adequate resources could lead to park closures. • Competing with other agencies for funding. • Postpone the centennial celebration and wait until it turns one-hundred-five. • These are public parks and we have a say in what goes on. If these parks become private, we would not have the opportunity to say how the system should operate. • How do we determine usage? How do the visits get accounted for? (car counters are in parks and a multiplier) • Trust – sacrifice a portion of parks or capitalize and purchase a building downtown Seattle to help fund state parks. If you have a lot of money, don't donate cash, donate it in a trust so money can continue to be made. Come up with a continuance of source funding for parks that cannot be taken away from by the legislature. 					