

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. Riverside State Park

Name of Park: Riverside State Park – thirty people attended the May 19th 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	1. Dead set against selling public lands for profit. Selling timber based on fire prevention is one thing – but I don’t agree with any land sales or swaps or other land use that doesn’t promote preservation and conservation.	1. Find improved means for enforcing the day pass system.	1. For Riverside State Park as community – non-profits: partner with the Spokane Mountaineers, Inc. – lots of good people and opportunities. 2. Advertise park programs, volunteer opportunities, events on KSPS. 3. Contact the local community college (CCS) (SCC) for service learning opportunities by students volunteering for park service – all so EWU, WSU Spokane			
Camping		1. Charge out-of-state users more.				1. Greatly enhance the winter program under option 3:, i.e., cross country skiing, snow shoeing, winter camping and winter orienteering
Indoor Accommodations						
General Day Use Activities (e.g., picnicking, hiking, biking, informal field games)						
Beach Activities/ Swimming						

Marine Recreation/ Boating						
Interpretation/ Education						
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Natural Systems Stewardship						
Historic Preservation						
Pre-Historic Archeological Protection						
Winter Recreation						
Special Events		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modest increases in special events permit fees would still be less than some alternative venues (e.g., BLM) 2. Make sale of one-day discover pass more convenient for special events. 				
Park Commerce						<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the cost of events significantly to line up with the cost of private venues.

Visitor Safety and Law Enforcement						
Other (within three themes)						
Other (outside of Theme Approach)	<p>How do young ranger layoffs affect long term institutional experience? Are the visitor counts per visit or per visitor for the given time period? Do I count as 1 per day or per year? General discussion comments:</p> <p>Participants were asked what are you are afraid of happening to enterprise state park –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it remain a state park if it is given over to a private organization? • Don't want Budweiser running the docks. Private enterprise is not bias operations structures. • What would be the common goal? • Limitation on recreations • Competition between other government • How much does it cost to run the state park system? What is the gap we are trying to make-up? • How effective is the discover pass helping? • Recently purchased a camper and wasn't able to purchase the state parks license plate. Why can't I purchase one at the time of purchasing a new vehicle? DOL? 					