Appendix A | Public Involvement
Schafer State Park Campground Relocation Conceptual Design

Stakeholder Charrette

Meeting Date: November 1, 2018
Notes prepared: November 5, 2018

Attendees:

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Jim Brennan and Tanja Wilcox met on site and at the Montesano City Hall with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission staff and Schafer State Park stakeholders to discuss existing concerns with the park and desired improvements to be included in this phase of work.

GOALS:
- Concrete timeframe: 25-30 years
- Increase revenue
- Extend season of use
- Improve access to river
  - Fishing guides

SITE ISSUES & OBSERVATIONS
- Tell geologic history & cultural history
- Historically, for events, downstream of the bridge planks were laid on the concrete walls and covered with canvas to dam the river to 4'-depth for swimming
- Cut bank has massive failure
  - Potential soft armoring
  - Trees come down river and hit the bridge
- River flows down the existing road at the campground, bypassing campsites to the west
- Existing channel across the site is natural
- The whole park floods every winter to at least 4 feet deep
• If a new bridge is built it may need to be higher or longer because of debris and water levels during annual flooding
• Telecom company serving the maintenance building: Sentry Telecom
• Cell service drops off as you travel towards the park
• No existing irrigation at site; valves in irrigation boxes distribute water from new water tower (near maintenance building) to SE portion of the site.
• Historic Ranger Residence
  o Helen – it could be used as a potential meeting space
  o Joe – Accessibility is an issue with the residence
    ▪ It needs to be kept as the ranger residence
  o Helen – could a new house be built for the ranger residence and the old structure then used as a meeting space?
  o Mike – potential interpretive center
• Burn Pile
  o Omit the burn pile, compost/chip vegetative waste
    ▪ Burning is needed to kill ivy and other invasive plants
    ▪ There is a burn pile at Lake Sylvia too
  o Potential to turn into another group camp
  o Potential to use for a day-use area or to provide river access
• Create an interpretive building from the current ranger station
  o Could purchase firewood and pay for camping
• Dangerous at the south end of the bridge (for pedestrian crossing)
  o Poor visibility
  o Possible speed bump to reduce vehicular speed
  o Consider the challenge of walking access with inner tubes
  o Consider under-crossing paths under the bridge (both sides)
• The gravel bar at the day use area is very crowded and popular
• Drift-boat put-in is located near kitchen building at the existing day use area; want to re-open (downstream log jam is now cleared)
• Fishing popular at the park; Satsop River has steelhead and cutthroat trout
• Ranger Residence – critical
  o Michael Hankinson - State Parks is less interested in residences, public backing would be needed for a new residence.
  o Joe – rangers prefer to live at park housing
• Map – 5, 10, or 25-year flood plain
• 100 year flood – 2008 was the worst; twice as bad as other floods

PROGRAM: CAMPING
• What are the current camping trends?
  o Smaller RVs?
  o Solar
• Provide more access to power
• A variety of camping experiences are good & mix of camping types
• Why are RV parks packed while State Parks are not?
• If camping at the park grows is the current dump station adequate?
• Create pools at the upper end of the river for swimming
• Boost shoulder season use
• Only 30% occupancy at Schafer State Park
• What is the camping capacity/sweet spot?
• Increase revenue by increasing camping; add 20-30 new camp sites; keep 30 existing sites; lose 12 existing camp sites
• Create visual and audio buffer between camp sites
• Provide cabins
• Treehouse is expensive; potential challenge to make ADA, but keep idea in mix
• Improve cell service to the park?

PROGRAM: DAY USE
• Playground like at Lake Sylvia
• Drift boats – need place to offload from trailers
• Informal volleyball with meadow
  o Don’t create sand volleyball
  o Just provide a properly graded lawn area
  o Possibility for annual tournaments
• Lots of horseshoe use now; potential to add more
• Recreation meadow is a good idea
• RCO Plan
  o Lots of state population growth
  o Walking is the most popular recreation trend, make access for need
  o Use state trend data to inform planning
• People in the community like the small river, non-commercial aspect too
• There are unique plants in the park at loop trails – highlight them
  o Sessile trillium, twin flower, white oaks, Pacific yew trees, dogwoods
• Education and exploration programs
• Day camp is best at Lake Sylvia, not Schafer
  o It is a huge park with trails and events
  o It will have a new community center
  o 4H Club is nearby; has day camp
• The two parks should complement each other
• FOSLS has some movable interpretive displays
• The welcome center should be large enough to function for education events
• The park is currently used by Montesano 4th grade class for environmental education
• Matlock school has a water level research project
• Eagles are in the area
• Potential logging history museum

SITE ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER
• Rustic exterior with a modern interior
• Entiat restroom appropriate, but with a river rock veneer
• Cobblestones are good; river-rock facing (partial)
• Like soft glow of restroom lights; yellow light; protect night sky
• Pay homage to WPA style, board & batten
• Rough-sawn timbers are desirable
• Dimensional lumber ok to consider
• The Deception Pass character is good but the building is small for desired use
• The look of the Grayland welcome center is too standard
  o Add character to reflect Schafer
• Highlight the character of place
  o Beams
  o Rustic
  o Glass for natural light

**CABIN PROGRAM & CHARACTER:**
• Character of logging camps; near Elma, example fallen down logging camp buildings
• Risdale logging camp photos
• State Parks’ Battleground cabins (Michael likes)
• Cama beach style desirable
• Cabins should be elevated above flood zone
• Metal roof with subtle metallic finish disappears
• Match roofline of historic buildings
• Provide porches with grills
• Provide nearby cooking shelter
• RCO rules: no water/plumbing at cabins

**PROGRAM**
• Focus on natural experience
• People are drawn to Schafer by nature, history and beautiful architecture
• Improve the visibility of the park
• Improve the park, but maintain the historic and local character; a place where it’s safe for kids to play in the river
• The park is 15-20 minutes off of the highway – how do we draw visitors in?
• Lots of local users from Mason County and Grays Harbor County
• Events
  o Music festivals
  o Story-telling
  o Salmon Bake
  o Yule Log – 2nd Sunday in December (December 9th this year); big event
• Welcome Center program:
  o Historic displays (Peter’s of FOSLS)
  o Ranger counter
  o Wood sales
  o Store
Schafer State Park Campground Relocation Facility Concept Plan

Public Meeting #1 – Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: December 5, 2018
Notes prepared: December 7, 2018

Jim Brennan and Emily Griffith (J.A. Brennan Associates) and Michael Hankinson and Joe Fernandez (Washington Parks and Recreation Commission) met with the public at the Montesano City Hall to present and receive comments on alternative facility concept plans.

ADDITIONAL PROJECT GOALS:

- Locals use this park daily and would like to see an expanded trail system, especially one that has trails accessible during flooding events.
- Safety is a concern at the park, people would like to have a ranger on site 24/7.
- Increase the number of first-come, first-serve sites at the campground. Up to a 50/50 percent split between reserve spots and walk-up spots would be good.
- At least one trail should be designed to be accessible and the park should be designed to be as accessible as possible.
  - One location considered for an accessible trail over the years is the northwest area bounded by the Satsop River to the south and West Schafer Park Road to the east. It is low and relatively flat and had been considered for a paved trail.
- Expand the ability to use the park in all seasons, especially in shoulder seasons for fishing and hunting.
  - Consider a building or infrastructure to support hunting and fishing such as a building to store fish or hang deer.
- Increase the number of facilities on site, especially for the women’s restrooms.

COMMENTS ON DESIGN ALTERNATIVES:

- Option A of the design alternatives was seen to be the better option for boats. Locating the drift boat launch downstream is preferable than at the historic boat launch due to concerns for increased flooding if the historic boat launch is modified to facilitate boat launching.
- Option A with the loop road would involve constructing roads in the mature conifer area, leading to loss of trees.
- One possible road design idea is to use the old, existing logging road in the east area as a new entrance off of Satsop-Cloquallum Road.
  - There is concern from residents down the road along Satsop-Cloquallum Road that this would be a “pain in the neck” and cause some logistical issues.
  - One idea is to use the existing logging road for the emergency access and a secondary access point during times with flooding.
• Group Campsites
  o Like the idea of more, smaller group campsites
  o Want to keep the current group campsite the way it is with the capacity it has for large groups and events.
  o The current burn pile area could be used as a group camp site
  o If multiple group campsites are developed they should have their own shelters.
• Currently it is difficult to know what sites are available before arriving at the park. Internet is available on site for the rangers and it would be nice for those traveling to Schafer to be aware of how many sites are available online before making the journey.
• Consensus that the park should be rustic, woodsy, and natural in character
• Campsites 16-22 (along the road from the existing comfort station to the burn pile)
  o Sites 16-22 get overflow/backwater flooding and it is sustainable from a maintenance perspective to keep them
  o Sites 16-22 are car camping sites and do not include RV’s
  o People would like to keep these sites and possibly add a few more tent camping sites (1 or 2) between site 22 and the burn pile.
• Safety is a very important issue to consider at the park: without a full-time ranger, camping often feels unsafe to many campers. Crime is an issue.
• People would like to see the new entrance moved away from the bridge due to safety concerns.
• The historic monument (obelisk) is in poor condition. One idea to prevent further deterioration is to put it under a roof. Another consideration regarding the obelisk is to move it away from the current entrance to the new welcome center.
• Historical significance of the park and surrounding area is something that people would like to see highlighted. The history of the park itself is also important—people would love to see comprehensive interpretive signs of the Schafer history.
• The Native American history on the Satsop River is also important to tell and should be highlighted. Efforts will be made to connect with the Tribes to build a relationship and understand their interest in engaging with the site.
• Regarding the welcome center, people would love to see a store for camping essentials, such as ice, bait, etc.
• Concern that amphitheaters are not used anymore. They are not designed for life now. Changes to the typical design of an amphitheater that could be made include:
  o Making it ADA accessible
  o Moving it out of the tree-line so that it can be seen from a parking lot
  o Adding amenities that reflect our current times such as a projector screen and a podium to place a projector as well as power.
• Another possibility is designing a gathering area so that it also is able to function as an amphitheater.
• There is concern that with the increased camping capacity in the east side of the park the trail that runs along the river will see erosion with the additional use. One suggestion to combat this issue was the creation of an ADA accessible boardwalk, which would not only decrease erosion but also increase accessibility.
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### Schafer State Park Survey

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**How often do you visit Washington state parks?**

- **Daily:** 5.00% (2 respondents)
- **Weekly:** 15.00% (6 respondents)
- **Monthly:** 35.00% (14 respondents)
- **Annually:** 32.50% (13 respondents)
- **Rarely:** 12.50% (5 respondents)
- **I have never visited:** 0.00% (0 respondents)
### Schafer State Park Survey

What activities have you participated in while at state parks? (Choose all that apply.)

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**Respondents **  
1. Dec 18 2018 08:50 A Schafer adopt a park (snap)  
   I participate in many of the FOSLS sponsored events at Schafer Park.  
   I am a member of FOSLS (Friends of Schafer and Lake Sylvia)

2. Dec 17 2018 01:36 Prevents at Schafer Park.
Schafer State Park Survey

How often do you visit Schafer State Park?

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How often do you visit Schafer State Park?

- Daily: 2.50% (1 response)
- Weekly: 5.00% (2 responses)
- Monthly: 27.50% (11 responses)
- Annually: 50.00% (20 responses)
- Rarely: 15.00% (6 responses)
- I have never visited: 0.00% (0 responses)

Total responses: 40
Schafer State Park Survey

When you visit Schafer State Park, what do you like best about it? (Choose all that apply)

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Respondents
Response Date
Other (please specify)
Tags

1 Dec 29 2018 02:10 PM
Enjoy seeing campers returning yearly to park who enjoy the safety and low impact development of the older campsites that cater to the tent campers

2 Dec 19 2018 08:25 AM
I like that there is access to river, but not enough.

3 Dec 16 2018 11:01 PM
We had the best Ranger when Arnold was there. Very helpful to everyone.

4 Dec 15 2018 09:16 AM
WE spend 5 days a month at Schafer all summer, June, July and August.

5 Dec 14 2018 11:15 AM
Family reunions
When you visit Schafer State Park, what do you like least? (Choose all that apply)

Answer Choices

- Quality and quantity of trails: 28.13% (9 responses)
- Quality of Campsites: 25.00% (8 responses)
- Too little infrastructure to host community events: 21.88% (7 responses)
- The general ecological condition of the park: 15.63% (5 responses)
- Availability of parking: 15.63% (5 responses)
- Not enough access to Satsop River: 12.50% (4 responses)
- Picnicking facilities: 9.38% (3 responses)
- Other (please specify): 37.50% (12 responses)

Answered 32
Skipped 8

Respondents | Response Date | Other (please specify) | Tags
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1 | Dec 29 2018 02:1 | Deterioration of park due to lack of care of facilities and reduction of riverside access due to movement of river and growth of dense willow groves, erosion of river bank on north side of river. Need improved restroom facilities and some structure to house interpretive displays since this is a park on the national historic register this could be used as a way to stage more events to bring people to the park. | 
2 | Dec 22 2018 10:0 | Lack of info re: old buildings on site | 
3 | Dec 19 2018 04:0 | View of river from our camp site. | 
4 | Dec 17 2018 04:0 | Not enough staff and campsites are in flood zone The infrastructure has been damaged and has been unusable for last 2 years. | 
5 | Dec 17 2018 01:3 | Quality of Campsites quantity of rv spots | 
6 | Dec 15 2018 08:4 | The bathrooms on the camp side need serious updates The women's bathroom. We usually go over to the day use side to use that bathroom. But last summer it was kept locked except for the single "family" bathroom. difficulty of reservation computer non system! All but impossible to reserve a site, and yet multiple empty sites! Parks makes their monies | 
7 | Dec 15 2018 09:1 | The fact that the covered log structures have not been rebuilt | 
8 | Dec 14 2018 04:1 | The women's bathroom. We usually go over to the day use side to use that bathroom. But last summer it was kept locked except for the single "family" bathroom. Difficulty of reservation computer non system! All but impossible to reserve a site, and yet multiple empty sites! Parks makes their monies | 
9 | Dec 14 2018 04:2 | with campers be damned! Criminal! | 
10 | Dec 14 2018 04:4 | no real complaints, wish RV sites open year round | 
11 | Dec 14 2018 12:5 | Access to back in to camping spots | 
12 | Dec 14 2018 12:7 | |
### Schafer State Park Survey

**How often do you camp at Schafer State Park?**

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**Answered** 38  
**Skipped** 2

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**How often do you camp at Schafer State Park?**

- **Weekly**: 0%
- **Monthly**: 5%
- **Annually**: 45%
- **Rarely**: 15%
- **I have never camped at Schafer State Park**: 12%
The following is a list of features that might be a good fit for the park. Please rate how important they are to you.

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Respondents: 34
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Other: (please specify)

- Campfire on designated area (such as on the north side of the river) for possible LATER development once we see if the new designs for the park start bringing in a demand for that kind of facility. Again, I believe the more informal the better. We do presentations in the Olympia Priest Point park for 70 people just using a natural sloping area. Cabin, I’d suggest in developing the RV sites to situate some of the sites so they could later be converted to cabin sites, again if the later market surveys showed the opportunity to bring in more visitors. Float in and out spots don’t need formal design if the beaches are open. Recreational opportunities such as horseshoes are popular if the park provides items for folks to use. Things such as disc golf and bocce ball are popular but again require a lot of maintenance. And those are again city park facilities! Educational facilities would be good as Schafer has a number of historical, ecological and geographical features that could be used to bring in

- Group fire pit for day use usually not usable as park usually is closed after dusk for day use. In the summer the shelters function as gathering places and any allowable evening use of a fire pit can take place in the camp area. For children’s play facilities, my experience has been that our middle aged kids all remember the swings. Anything more than that should be in a city park. Keep Schafer more oriented to the natural surroundings. Open meadow and play areas such as currently exist are important. I don’t think we need to create more. An outdoor amphitheater might be good but I’d designate an area (such as on the north side of the river) for possible LATER development once we see if the new designs for the park start bringing in a demand for that kind of facility. Again, I believe the more informal the better. We do presentations in the Olympia Priest Point park for 70 people just using a natural sloping area. Cabin, I’d suggest in developing the RV sites to situate some of the sites so they could later be converted to cabin sites, again if the later market surveys showed the opportunity to bring in more visitors. Float in and out spots don’t need formal design if the beaches are open. Recreational opportunities such as horseshoes are popular if the park provides items for folks to use. Things such as disc golf and bocce ball are popular but again require a lot of maintenance. And those are again city park facilities! Educational facilities would be good as Schafer has a number of historical, ecological and geographical features that could be used to bring in

- Keep as rustic as possible.
- More, better trails
- More staffing and year round camping
- I would like to see an amphitheater that can also be used for informal gatherings, group meetings, etc.
- More private rv spots with water & electric
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- A fair reservation system that allow campers to utilize the park and any new programs!
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Other: (please specify)
Schafer State Park Survey

Given that State Parks has to relocate campsites out of the active floodplain, would you prefer to locate those sites as close to the river as possible to the extent feasible?

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<td>Yes, I would prefer the new campsites as close to the river as possible.</td>
<td>50.00% 17</td>
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<td>No, I would prefer the new campsites to be farther back from the river.</td>
<td>23.53% 8</td>
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<tr>
<td>I do not have a preference one way or the other.</td>
<td>26.47% 9</td>
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Answered 34  
Skipped 6

Schafer State Park Survey

Would the inclusion of cabins increase your likelihood of using the park as a home base for recreational activities (fishing, hunting, bicycling, etc.) during the shoulder season?

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<td>Yes, cabins would make it more likely I would use the park during the shoulder season.</td>
<td>47.06% 16</td>
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<td>No, cabins would not make it any more likely for me to use the park during the shoulder</td>
<td>26.47% 9</td>
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<td>season.</td>
<td>26.47% 9</td>
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Answered 34  
Skipped 6

Would the inclusion of cabins increase your likelihood of using the park as a home base for recreational activities (fishing, hunting, bicycling, etc.) during the shoulder season?
Schafer State Park Survey
Would you prefer fewer, more widely spaced and upgraded campsites at Schafer State Park or increased capacity in the camping loops?

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<td>I prefer to have more sites available with them located closer together.</td>
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Answered 34
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Schafer State Park Survey

Do you find the current road system easy to navigate?

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Answered 33
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![Bar chart showing responses to the question](chart_image)

Do you find the current road system easy to navigate?
Schafer State Park Survey

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<td>No, I find the road system at the park difficult to navigate.</td>
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Answered: 32
Skipped: 8

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Do you find the current road system easy to navigate?

- **Yes, I have no problem navigating around the park.** 71.88% of respondents (23 out of 32) selected this option.
- **Yes, but I had trouble finding my way at first.** 15.63% of respondents (5 out of 32) selected this option.
- **No, I find the road system at the park difficult to navigate.** 12.50% of respondents (4 out of 32) selected this option.
Schafer State Park Survey

What type of amenities would you like to have in a comfort station? (Choose all that apply.)

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Answered 33  
Skipped 7

What type of amenities would you like to have in a comfort station? (Choose all that apply.)

Respondents | Response Date          | Other (please specify) | Tags
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1            | Dec 29 2018 02:41      | Heat if you want the used by shoulder season campers. Showers are very important. Plenty of lighting either through clerestory windows or electric lighting. |
2            | Dec 19 2018 04:10      | More toilets & showers. Easier disabled access. |
3            | Dec 18 2018 02:57      | More showers |
4            | Dec 17 2018 08:53      | Baby changing stations |
5            | Dec 15 2018 08:00      | A mirror is really nice for grooming please. |
6            | Dec 15 2018 09:31      | More toilets in women's bathroom. |
7            | Dec 14 2018 05:01      | Showers that are operational! (Fair reservations) |
8            | Dec 14 2018 04:28      | Showers |
9            | Dec 14 2018 11:37      | Showers |
Schafer State Park Survey

What is your zip code?

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The small store used to sell ice, I wish they still would since you have to drive 11 miles to get more. Toilet paper, paper towels & soap run out at times. Need more toilets & showers. Keep park as rustic as possible. Keep reservations available for camp sites. Keep sites rv + tent sites available together for families with extra cars, very important to me. Thank you for listening to my responses.

We live near the park. I would like to see more trails and better upkeep of trails. I would like to have a ranger on site full time.

Reference to the Native American land the park is on would also be important.

Boat launch down river or outside of park. We need more bathroom / shower access. Thank you max SNAP

Full time ranger. Last summer didn’t camp there. Don’t fill save anymore. I’ve camped there for over 50 yrs and never was scared. Now I am. Sad

Schafer and lake Sylvia both need year round park aide positions.

I’ve personally have witnessed fishermen leave so much garbage behind many times, it would be nice to have more trash cans next to the river or close fishing access period.

I live next door to this park and am interested in amenities that will increase usage of the park but maintain its historic qualities. There MUST be a ranger living in this park to protect it from vandals.

It would be nice to have ice available. Schafer used to have a nice little store with things that people sometimes forget when packing. The bathrooms on the camping side are the main thing that needs updating.

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Thank you for my responses. I hope the park will not become a KOA type of park, but rather maintain the rustic and wooded nature it has.

These days more and more families are engaging in RV camping as opposed to tenting, so this is an important consideration. As is power, water and sewer to RV sites.

Your survey needs to remove duplicated questions and use better terminology.

Grew up in Elma having many family reunions and day trips there. Now a few weekly annual trips for reunions, biking, fishing & hunting in the area using the park as a base camp. Keep up the good work for upgrades & realistic low maintenance facilities. Keep in mind kids don’t need another city park concept for amenities.
Schafer State Park Campground Relocation Conceptual Design

Draft Concept Plan

Stakeholder Meeting #2

Meeting Date: February 6, 2019
Notes prepared: February 25, 2019

Attendees:

Stet Palmer  FOSLS  Joe Fernandes  State Parks.
Lynne Palmer  FOSLS  Michael Hankinson  State Parks
Trina Young  FOSLS  Brian Yearout  State Parks
Cindy Burton  FOSLS & neighbor  Quin Clements  Davido Consulting
Michael Sinclair  SNAP & neighbor  Rich Murakami  Rolluda Architects
Jerry Buendel  Campground host (ex.)
Tim Flumerfelt  
Helen Hepp  
Paul Wenzel

Jim Brennan and Tanja Wilcox met at Washington State Parks Office in Olympia with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission staff and Schafer State Park stakeholders to recap the public input received to date and discuss the draft preferred alternative concept ahead of the upcoming public meeting.

SCHEDULE:

- Include upcoming meetings in schedule

WATER RIGHT ISSUE:

- Presentation by Quin Clements on recent meeting with Dept. of Health

Current Water Right:

- Water right use limits were reduced to 4 gpm; 700K gallons/year
- Existing water right is not enough to allow current or expanded use
- Expanding water right is not feasible
- Reduce use
- DCG Engineers developed a park use estimate based on State Parks’ local statistics from other campgrounds, which estimates current use at 10 gal/camper/day at Schafer SP.

Alternative Options:

1. Operate with “exempt status”, without a water right
a. Without a water right, no further development will be possible, beyond this 20-year plan (requires 5,700 gal/day)
b. Additional water storage is needed, but wouldn’t be enough to handle existing use level

2. Purchase water right from adjacent property/properties

COMMENTS ON DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN:

- **Poor visibility at the south side of the bridge**
  - Consider pedestrian-actuated light on north side of bridge
  - West exit – danger/lack of visibility from traffic crossing the bridge
    - Consider moving exit south of existing drive; through existing camp site
    - Consider right turn only (at exit)
    - Most people want to turn left out of the campground, so limiting it to a right turn-only is impractical

- **Circulation**
  - Trail route should accommodate gator access for vegetation maintenance (invasive plants along riparian corridor)
  - Add another trail through forest on north side of river (provide additional loop options)
  - At west camping area, reconfigure road circulation to omit short east/west section of road and reconfigure camp sites
  - Fishing access trails in west area, with river access approximately 100-200 feet apart to decrease user trails and vegetation disturbance is a good idea
  - Move proposed road further from proposed cabins; keep maintenance shed
  - Omit proposed trail loop on north side of river in SW corner of the site

- **Cabin sites** – use as campsites until cabins are built
  - Concern about potential vandalism at cabins
  - Joe Fernandez recommends not omitting cabins due to vandalism
  - Consider adding a fence between the county road and the proposed cabins to deter vandalism

- **Tree planting**, add in the day use areas

- **Natural bank stabilization** (east of bridge over Satsop River) using logs etc. is of interest

- **Boat launch** possible north side of river, west of bridge (considered in past)

- **Pontoon boat and hand-carry boat launch** (southwest corner of site)
  - Fishing in Park is best on foot in spring and summer; not good in pontoon or drift boats
  - Question need for pontoon boat launch at the park

- **Camping**:
  - New group camps: create as separate adjacent sites that can be rented separately; open to individuals if not reserved by Thursday (for the upcoming weekend)

- **Add a vault toilet** at the day use area pontoon boat turnaround location

- **West beach day use area**: pull back more from river and use big rock so that it doesn’t get destroyed from river flooding

- **At east day use area**, north of existing restroom, protect existing historical designation monument and trees (Trina will send photo of historical designation monument)

- **Conceal power lines** crossing the Satsop River Bridge, if possible (attach to underside of bridge?)

- **History**: existing grave sites (2) located east of picnic shelter at existing group camp

- **Stakeholders** are appreciative that their comments have been heard and incorporated into the draft park concept plan
SITE ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER

- Rustic exterior with a modern interior
- Cobbles are good; river-rock facing (partial)
- Like soft glow of restroom lights; yellow light; protect night sky
- Pay homage to WPA style, board & batten
- Highlight the character of place
  - Beams
  - Rustic
  - Glass for natural light
Schafer State Park Campground Relocation Conceptual Design

Public Meeting #2

Draft Preferred Concept Plan Review

Meeting Date: February 27, 2019
Notes prepared: March 5, 2019

Attendees: Jim Brennan and Tanja Wilcox (JA Brennan Associates) and Michael Hankinson, Joe Fernandez, Nick, Jason, Todd Tatum (Washington State Parks Staff) and Mark Brown, Commissioner (Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission) met with the public at the Montesano City Hall to present and receive comments on the Draft Preferred Schafer State Park Concept Plan.

Comments On Draft Preferred Concept Plan:

CAMPING:

- Welcome Center: campground host needs to be close to it, so that he/she can operate the store when the ranger isn’t present.
- Is there data on what ratio of people arrive in RVs versus in tents?
  - Response: no, Parks wants to provide opportunity for both/either at each site
- Camping reservation system:
  - How many sites will require reservations?
  - Todd Tatum: 5% of sites are typically non-reservable (walk-in sites)
  - New group camp sites that can be used by individuals, could be first come first serve/walk-in sites
  - Group Camp – unique set up so that it is reservable by individuals or by groups
  - More RV campers in the region than there are sites available, so there’s a lot of need and desire to reserve sites
  - Todd Tatum: these days there is a greater expectation/desire to reserve a camp site in advance rather than not knowing if you’ll be able to get a site.
  - Locals like to have walk-in/first come first serve access, so to keep locals coming to the park, is a good idea to accommodate individuals at the flexible-use group camps
- Utility sites:
  - How many sites would have utilities? – All new sites would have utilities
  - Maybe don’t charge people if they don’t use the utilities
  - Lock utilities and only unlock when needed/requested
- 2 or 3 sites should be set aside for bicycle campers; they could be primitive sites. Currently the park sees cyclist campers once or twice a month.

SAFETY CONCERN:

- Security at southern border near the proposed cabins
- Consider adding tall plantings and/or a fence to prevent theft (at county road/cabins)
• Mike Hankinson: planted berm could improve safety

CIRCULATION:
• Dump station: consider turning radius for a 30’ trailer; consider U-turn into dump station when approaching from east exit
• Exit on west side:
  o Consider eliminating the exit to improve safety (poor sight distance of traffic approaching from north bridge crossing)?
  o Majority prefer to keep existing exit location for vehicles; visibility from a vehicle is not bad; prefer keeping the existing camp site as is, rather than relocating the exit.
  o Safety concern is primarily for pedestrians crossing at this location; a pedestrian undercrossing under the bridge is desired; JAB confirmed 7-foot vertical clearance available under bridge.
• Liked the re-moved short road segment at the west camp area
• Include emergency access between county road and cabins (East campground)

BOAT LAUNCH:
• WDFW is proposing a new boat launch downstream of the park, so none proposed at Schafer
• Look at bringing boat trailer access to the SW end of the site, because WDFW is not responding to calls about the proposed new launch.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ELEMENTS DESIRED IN DAY USE AREAS:
• Playground with a nature-play character is desirable
• Discovery area/informal playful landscape is desirable
• Informal play meadow for adult games
  o Just provide a properly graded lawn area
  o Provide an open meadow area on east and west sides of park
  o Volleyball, Frisbee, baseball, softball, etc. informal play opportunity
  o Bacci ball or volleyball – adult play opportunities in multi-use field area (East & West)
• Lots of horseshoe use now; potential to add more
• Recreation meadow is a good idea
• The gravel bar in the East Area affects bank erosion on the north side of the river; include bank protection in the plan and review with regulatory agencies

SITE ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER
• The architectural renderings of the comfort station and welcome center by Rolluda were well received. Many people mentioned how much they liked the integration of cobble veneer on the lower walls of the buildings.

• The following notes are from previous stakeholder input on the desired architectural character. Please refer to previous meeting notes for a description of the preferred cabin character.
  o Rustic exterior with a modern interior
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**COMMUNICATION**
Email a link to the State Park website to attendees with opportunity to download Preferred Draft Concept Plan Images.

**NEXT STEPS**
Phasing and grant pursuit or potential state capital project funding for implementation.