

**Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park**  
**CAMP Alternatives Virtual Public Meeting Comments**  
**December 8, 2020**

State Parks staff hosted a virtual public meeting to discuss Stage 2 of the Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) process. This meeting included review and input about three alternative concepts developed for public input. About 28 people signed in. Participants were able to see and hear the presentation and were encouraged to type in comments and questions through the Question and Answer feature of MS Teams LiveEvent. General comments and questions were submitted throughout the meeting. In addition, participants were asked to respond to each of the alternative themes. The following includes the general questions and the comments and questions for each alternative them. Staff responses are addressed in italics.

**Miscellaneous Comments:**

1. Please describe the differences between motorized access allowance thru the Recreation Drive primitive road in Alternates 2 and 3 and confirm no motorized vehicle access would be allowed under Alternate # 1.  
*Melinda Posner: Yes, Alternative 1: National Heritage Theme, would prohibit motorized vehicle access, which is currently allowed through a gate located on Recreation Drive and by following a permit process where visitors call in to get an access code for opening the gate. Alternative 2: Expanded Recreation Theme will allow motorized vehicle access but on a more limited basis than the current gated permit system. A specific solution for "more restricted access" has not been proposed but ideas include limiting access during different seasons and/or limiting the number of vehicles, frequency of days and/or times motorized vehicles could enter the park. Alternative 3: Trails Emphasis Theme would allow the current system to continue with no change. At the north end of Ginkgo boundary is a similar gate where the same process is used for visitors entering from that direction.*
2. I'm interested in access thru.
3. enjoying hiking on the SP
4. More significance should be placed on the dwindling ecosystem rather than access to other agency border lands
5. I am an off road motorcycle user through the Park and support the continued motorized use.

6. Once the shrub steppe is gone, it is gone forever. We need to preserve this fragile ecosystem.
7. Why is there a push for change? This seems to be the perfect balance for motorized users, birders, hikers, bikers, campers, hunter..... who is losing?  
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8. Continued and expanded vehicle access will only degrade this amazing cube of earth.
9. I'm a property owner Northwest of The Cove. Alt 2 & 3 propose public road/ trail across my property to access John Wayne Trail. What's with that? Access already exists at SE end of The Cove.  
*Melinda Posner: Trail alignments shown on the maps are conceptual. Should this trail feature be included in the Preliminary Recommendation, staff will investigate the alignment more closely. If an easy connection already exists, it would be preferable to impacting private property.*
10. Doesn't Grant PUD control the beaches and boat launches along the Columbia River. How do you work with the PUD.  
*Jason Both: Yes, the PUD owns property along the Columbia River and any plans to develop recreation facilities on PUD property would require coordination and modification of the existing State Parks interagency agreement with the PUD. The PUD currently manages the Vantage boat launch, Huntzinger boat launch and the fishing pier near the Wanapum Dam. State Parks meets monthly with the PUD and discussed this project recently. Generally, the PUD is supportive of new and expanded trails in the area. The PUD is not supportive of camping in the Cove due to sensitive species on the property including a bald eagle nest that has been occupied for several years. Recreation is restricted to times of the year when the eagles will not be impacted. This input will be considered in the development of a Preliminary Recommendation.*
11. Is there a link where it shows which activities are allowed in each land use category in CAMP?  
*Melinda Posner: The State Parks CAMP Land Classification System Matrix is posted on the Ginkgo CAMP web page: <http://j.mp/GinkgoPlan>. It is located near the bottom of the page under Miscellaneous Documents.*
12. General comment: there is a dearth of data. Extent of vandalism. Extent of off road use. Extent of legit toad use. Extent of critical habitat . Etc etc. Is there a document that

provides info like that? Also Extent of road use by adjacent property owners? Alternative access options for adjacent land owners.

**Regarding criminal activity at Ginkgo:**

*Jason Both: There have been several incidences of criminal activity documented at Ginkgo this year including damage to the petrified wood enclosures along the log trail at the Trailside Museum and an attempt to remove 30 garbage bags full of petrified wood. Incident reports about these activities are included at the end of this document (Attachment 1).*

**Regarding motorized use through the gate at Recreation Drive:**

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**Regarding alternative access options for adjacent landowners:**

*Scott Griffith: We understand it has been convenient to use the Recreation Drive access to reach properties north of the Ginkgo boundary; however, there are no agreements between the property owners and State parks that spell out use of the road for this purpose. There are other options to reach these private properties, though we understand these are longer distances.*

**Regarding critical habitat data:**

*Andrea Thorpe: The data we are using to define critical habitat include vegetation surveys of the entire park completed in 2017 and 2018, an assessment of priority plant communities by the Washington Natural Heritage Program in 2020, and data on rare wildlife species provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.*

13. Any data on harm done by road use by adjacent landowners?

*Jason Both: State Parks does not have data about impacts specifically caused by adjacent landowners.*

14. Parks: I'm sure this isn't optimal for getting feedback on your plan. I'd say I'm impressed with your meeting and the amount of feedback you were able to gain tonight. I learned a lot. Thanks

15. So you are saying these alternatives can be mixed and matched = they are not packages, right?

*Melinda Posner: Yes, the alternatives offer different themes, with some of the same and different features. These can be mixed and matched and/or a new theme could be*

*identified which integrates some or all of the features. For example, Alt 2: Expanded Recreation Theme includes some land classified as Recreation which would support a new campground near the Interpretive Center. This could be included in Alternative 1 or 3, though other features of those may need to be revised to stay true to their respective themes. Alternatively, Stage 2 can result in an entirely new alternative theme to carry on into Stage 3, based on the feedback provided in Stage 2.*

16. The road off Recreation Drive is only 3 miles to WDFW land. There is no off-road use in evidence, it does not need to be improved, and all user groups have gotten along for years. The Big-horn sheep are not bothered by mototized recreationists, I we have photos of them on the lawn at the Ginkgo museum.

17. yes, it shows other roads to access, but they are not drivable!

18. What is wrong with the current approach? Why is there this thirst for change?  
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19. there is no proof of off road use

20. You don't have an answer to why there is a push for change?  
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21. Great job State Parks staff!

22. The Park land north of I-90 is an awesome chunk of ground that is currently VERY lightly used. Please be aware that with ALT 1, user impact will likely increase due to the NAP designation, not decrease.

23. have any of you making decisions on our road access through the park ever driven through the park or the alternative roads.

*Jason Both: Commissioned Park Ranger staff routinely patrol the Ginkgo Petrified Forest via the Recreation Drive access gate during the high use season.*

### **Alternative 1: National Heritage Theme**

1. Alternative 1: the best option for our future generations to see INTACT shrub steppe.
2. Can hikers go off trail in the natural areas?  
*Melinda Posner: Off-trail hiking is a permitted use in the Natural Area land classification, as defined in the State Parks CAMP Land Classification System Matrix. In the case of Ginkgo, we are investigating whether hiking can be limited to designated trails in a Natural Area in order to protect these resources. Off-trail hiking is not allowed in Natural Area Preserves.*
3. I like preserving/protecting the habitat!
4. I am in favor of every aspect of that option.
5. Would like to see more stand-alone interpretive signage in conjunction with ped trails
6. Addl beach area to south of current Wanapum...already a lot of spillover activity there
7. How have you reached out to the motorized users off of Recreation Drive? It seems like you are just zoning them out through a landuse plan with no public input.  
*Melinda Posner: This meeting is one opportunity to reach out to motorized users and hear their input. We have an email database of interested parties including many motorized users. If you know of other groups or individuals who will be interested in this, please let us know. You can provide this information on the project web page: <http://j.mp/GinkgoPlan>*
8. I appreciate the ability to preserve a dwindling environment. As an individual who spends a solid amount of time in Vantage, this is a HUGE draw to the area.
9. I like the degree of protection afforded by the NAP designation. This will highlight Ginkgo as one of the best protected areas of shrub-steppe in the Columbia Basin, and create opportunities for restoration and adaptive management.
10. After reviewing the alternative plans on the website, this is by far the most appealing alternative as it focuses on preserving cultural and natural resources. With heightened

access and increased usage comes more risk of property damage, theft, damage to the environment, etc.

11. Are there plans to close down Ginkgo North to protect wintering elk, bighorn sheep, sage grouse after hunting season until when?

*Melinda Posner: The alternative themes will provide different levels of access to the Ginkgo North area. Alternative 1: National Heritage Theme is the most restrictive and would prohibit motorized vehicle use in the area. However, the access road would still be open for pedestrians.*

12. Road Closed to Motorized travel is a poor alternative. This will impact the town of Vantage unfavorably during a time when they need the financial boost in the off season as motorized.

13. Not in favor, does not allow for drive through public access that currently exists.

14. Although I need to check out that standing tree!

15. Vehicle access has already been degrading the shrub steppe in this park, any expansion of vehicle access will turn this beautiful gem into a zoo.

16. Does expanding beach access beyond Wanapum impact resting, nesting shorebirds?

*Melinda Posner: Impacts to shorebirds have not been assessed at this stage in the CAMP process. The Final Recommendation will include land classifications, long-term boundary and management plan. This may include classifying lands for expanded beach access; however, any proposed project will need to assess the environmental impacts, including those to resting, nesting shorebirds, and comply with all regulatory requirements. Birding is a popular recreation activity at Ginkgo and we would be cautious about implementing any project that would impact shorebirds.*

*Andrew Fielding: All natural resource impacts will be assessed, State Parks recognizes the importance of shoreline habitat function and any impacts from expanding beach access will be considered along with wildlife we also consider things like riparian vegetation, shrub steppe, inland dunes and other vegetation, habitat connectivity, habitat fragmentation and more.*

17. Is there a way to keep this highly protected but allow "pass through" only motorized traffic?

*Melinda Posner: Alternative 2: Expanded Recreation Theme includes the concept of allowing motorized vehicles but reducing the access from what is currently allowed. We have not identified how this will be implemented and would like to hear suggestions from users and others interested in the area. Please send comments through the webpage: <http://j.mp/GinkgoPlan>*

18. Recreation Drive has been open to motorized vehicles for over 40 years. It is the safest way to access WDFW lands in the winter. There has been no evidence of illegal off-road use, littering, or theft of petrified wood.
19. Cessation of motorized access is at odds with perhaps 100 years or more years of community history. Pass thru permitted motorized access in conjunction with appropriate management methods to mitigate degradation of cultural and geologic resources is a reasonable and viable alternative.
20. We use the gate at recreational dr to drive through the park to get to our private property. Closing Recreational drive access will land lock our property. We ask that you please do not go with option 1!
21. Are there plans to improve/repair the petrified log enclosures, some of which are badly degraded?  
*Ryan Karlson: In 2019 we completed a concept design, with cost estimates, for improving multiple interpretive features at Ginkgo. One area of improvement is the petrified log enclosures. We will be seeking funding for improvements in future capital budget cycles. Meanwhile, we are looking for opportunities to address the most acute issues via alternate funding methods.*
22. Sandy, shallow, reedy areas seem few on the reservoir. This might be prime habitat for birds
23. Through access for property owners is very important to me. I do respect the need to preserve the park but cutting off access to property owners creates an undue hardships to those who love this land so much they have personally invested.

## **Alternative 2: Enhanced Recreation Theme**

1. Concessions?! What?!  
*Melinda Posner: The Recreation Land Classification allows concessions as a conditional use with approval by the Washington Parks and Recreation Commission at the time of adoption of the CAMP Plan. The expanded Recreation classification north of Wanapum is suggested in this theme because of the land uses on adjacent property (Vantage Bay Development) and proximity to other high intensity recreation at Wanapum. Concessions could be one feature of this alternative but there are no specific concessions identified or recommended at this point. Many state parks have concession agreements providing a range of services, from kayaks and paddleboard rentals to food and refreshment stands. If you have suggestions about concessions or other recreation activities that would be appropriate in this area, please provide comments on the web page: <http://j.mp/GinkgoPlan>*

2. Like the idea of limiting vehicle throughput. How about 3-4 days for motorized, day or two for mountain bike/ped and day or two for ped/equestrian.
3. 100 years of community history doesn't make it the appropriate management approach. There is no private property located within the park boundary. 7,000 acres of pristine shrub steppe should not be sacrificed for a few land owners that could access their property from other bordering lands managed by other agencies.
4. Palouse to Cascade connection GREAT - make a viable loop.
5. Current use of the pass through road is very low 90% of the year, I am out there quite frequently and rarely encounter another vehicle. I am not in favor of improving or expanding any roads/access to keep the user impact low.
6. Off road motorized travel restrictions are a bad idea. The area tends to limit itself by season with less travel in summer. How much motorized travel is there and when?  
*Jason Both: 2020 permit data collected at the gate is summarized in Attachment 2. Note: Those who request the access code for the gate are asked to complete a permit form; however, not every visitor does so. Therefore, the numbers may underrepresent the use. In 2020, 186 vehicles sought permits for motorized access from the gate at Recreation Drive. In 2021 a TraFx infrared people counter will be installed near the Recreation Drive access gate. This will provide staff the opportunity to compare monthly people counts to the monthly permit forms.*
7. Portions of the Trees of Stone (Log) trail desperately need rehab.
8. To Minimize Motorized Traffic on the Recreation Drive Access Road:
  - a. 1) Don't improve the roads. Allow them to degrade.
  - b. 2) Establish a fee for access permit system.
9. I know you want to hear from the public on this stuff, but we've been trying to figure out how to reduce road costs during ..... soft soils, i'd be happy to connect and bat around some ideas
10. Why is there a push for change? Right now motorized users, hikers, bikers, birders, and equestrian like the system, if its not broke don't "fix it"  
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*perspective and plans for how these will be resolved in the long-term operation of the park.*

11. I like keeping the area off rec drive protected but with some access. Don't like the idea of more intensive recreation/camping north of I-90.

12. I like Alt 2. Get the PUD out of management of the area, they do not do a great job of management (I worked there for 17 years)

13. Isn't there enough camping options already at Wanapum? Where would you put camping north of I-90?

*Jason Both: The CAMP process looks out 20 years and beyond so we want to be thinking about the future as well as serving existing customers. Visitor use continues to grow and is expected to increase significantly based on state and county population projections. In the summer months Wanapum occupancy is at 90% and above. Even in the shoulder months, the park has a pretty high occupancy rate. June occupancy was 85% in 2020; September was 75%. Month to month information by campsite is summarized in Attachment 3. We are considering the addition of additional overnight accommodations at Wanapum in the future. Options include an additional campground, cabins, group camp and hiker/biker primitive campsites.*

*Ryan Karlson: Regarding camping north of I-90, because of the soil and topography there are few places where a campground can be developed on this side of the highway. However, there appears to be at least one potentially viable location. If this feature is recommended for including in the Final Recommendation, we will need to do more in-depth evaluation to confirm whether a campground can actually be developed here.*

14. What are "log trail enhancements"? and how is this different from Alt 1?

*Ryan Karlson: Log trail enhancements refers to improving the existing petrified wood enclosures, some of which are badly damaged, and updating interpretive signage. Enhancements could also include expanding the trail system and/or maintenance activities to improve the existing trails. Alternative 1: National Heritage Theme includes the log trail in the Heritage Land Classification. This will allow minor improvements but will limit making any significant changes in design, materials and/or trail alignments/expansions or "log trail enhancements".*

15. Not a lot of space at Cove for camping...plus that would be addl staff oversight responsibility

16. The road closure of the road system off of Recreation Drive is not workable for so many reasons. This proposal needs to be removed from consideration.

17. A hiking and biking trail that connects the Vantage area to the Palouse to Cascades Trail would be a great thing for the future especially when the bridge over the river is made accessible.
18. Is it possible to only allow access for permitted vehicles or property owners with adjacent land?  
*Jason Both: Property owners would need to go through the Real Property Agreement (RPA) application process. Applications are reviewed by park development and operations staff.*
19. I'm concerned again about shoreline habitat and wildlife.
20. I like the idea of further limiting motorized use of primitive roads in the park, although my preference would be Alt 1 closing these roads to motorized use. I like the expansion of recreation opportunities in the Wanapum area in this alternative.
21. for the plan not to include projects will fail to put the right land use in place for future generations. Is the park for the people or is it just grandmas living room. no one uses it. . to discuss the cove or huntzinger with out making a long term boundary change recommendation is not in the camp process. trail in the ytc...right
22. This is a wonderful area and deserves to be seen by more people especially in the winter. All types of recreation can be expanded without impacting motorized use.
23. Specifically, how many sandy, shallow, reedy areas are available for nesting birds and wildlife access. Much of the reservoir is steep and rocky. *See response to X*
24. What happens during concert season at the gorge? Could you imagine how vandalized the petrified logs would get by the interpretive center  
*Jason Both: In the past, the park was severely impacted during concert season from Gorge Amphitheater visitors. Since then, the amphitheater and the Grant County PUD have developed additional camping options. As a result, there is much less impact at Ginkgo and Wanapum during the concert season.*
25. More recreation is great for the economy as well. Ginkgo is very unknown yet a great place for adventurers.
26. Obviously, access through YTC boundaries is a concern for the installation and YTC Police / Game Wardens. What type of considerations / coordination are being proposed as far as route to the P2P trail, P2P trail entry point and possible signage advising recreational users they are entering onto federal property? Will this grant unfettered access to YTC through the proposed P2P access point or has there been thoughts as to regulating access?

*Jason Both: We will consider the input we heard at the meeting for determining the potential trail routes to be included in a Preliminary Recommendation. Prior to developing these alternatives we met with Yakima Training Center representatives and we will continue to coordinate with them, and any other property owners, if routes included in the Preliminary Recommendation cross adjacent property.*

### **Alternative 3: Trails Emphasis Theme**

1. Sounds like a traffic study needed for Recreation Rd access
2. Can there be a north-south linking trail or even a loop trail that crosses the freeway included in this alternative? People LOVE loops!  
*Melinda Posner: Yes, the concept of a north-south linking trail is included in Alternative 3: Trail Emphasis Theme. This includes getting pedestrians and bicycles over the freeway and into Vantage if possible.*
3. We support Alt 3.
4. Like 3's trail emphasis on non-motor trails.
5. Again access to Palouse to Cascade trail already exists at SE corner of Cove. Why is that not being proposed. Does not cross private property or use YTC road. No brainer.  
*Melinda Posner: Trail alignments shown on the maps are conceptual. Should this trail feature be included in the Preliminary Recommendation, staff will investigate the alignment more closely. If an easy connection already exists, it would be preferable to impacting private property.*
6. I like this the best and like the bicycle base camp idea connecting Wanapum to Vantage and Wanapum to the P2C trails system.
7. Does the 'Natural' designation in this theme mean that hikers could go off trail?  
*Melinda Posner: Off-trail hiking is a permitted use in the Natural Area land classification, as defined in the State Parks CAMP Land Classification System Matrix. In the case of Ginkgo, we are investigating whether hiking can be limited to designated trails in a Natural Area in order to protect these resources. Off-trail hiking is not allowed in Natural Area Preserves.*
8. Who organized these alternatives? There is too much give and take with each one. Why change anything at this point? It's a beautiful spot and management of the area seems to be doing just fine.  
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9. Want to see the natural resources protected at the higher level (as in other alternatives). Like the idea of connecting trails.
10. There's a lot of territory around Gingko between other state agencies and YTC to make Gingko a nice preserve for human-based recreation

11. I really like the connection to Palouse to Cascades Trail and bicycle camp. I can see this becoming a major attraction once Beverly Bridge is opened. However, I prefer the greater protection offered by NAP designation

12. OK, now you have some of my support keeping motorized travel. I carry a Discover Pass with me as a Motorized user during travel inside the Park. Will the DP continue to be required? How many other users are required to carry passes?

*Jason Both: Yes, the Discover Pass will still be required to park your vehicle on state park lands. Everyone is required to display the Discover Pass except those on official agency business or who have a special permit to conduct volunteer or other research/stewardship activities.*

13. Do not want to see increased recreation/camping north of I-90.

14. no data has been provided as to existing use. is camping currently at capacity? the day use area is often closed on summer weekends . There is a high existing need to meet current recreational demand, These plans are not using the demand data. it is our park and should be managed to recreation demand.

*Jason Both: The CAMP process looks out 20 years and beyond so we want to be thinking about the future as well as serving existing customers. Visitor use continues to grow and is expected to increase significantly based on state and county population projections. In the summer months Wanapum occupancy is at 90% and above. Even in the shoulder months, the park has a pretty high occupancy rate. June occupancy was 85% in 2020; September was 75%. Month to month information by campsite is summarized in Attachment 3. We are considering additional overnight accommodations at Wanapum in the future. Options include an additional campground, cabins, group camp and hiker/biker primitive campsites.*

15. Why is there a push for change? The existing trail system is pretty expansive for folks who want to hike/bike/ride and appreciate the naturals areas. The "extra work" is what

makes the area beautiful. At the moment all user groups seem to exist in harmony- Why is there a push for change?

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16. Thanks for all your work and stewardship!

17. Alternate # 3 Is a great blend of public use and preservation.

18. This past year we at the YTC Police Dept. have seen vandalism and gang presence (tagging) in and on the boundaries of YTC where we haven't seen it in 10+ years, including off of Huntzinger Rd. Again, more people brings more problems unfortunately.

19. Also, as part of the long-term park boundary, was there any thought of connections with Frenchman's Coulee? If in no other way, at least a concept of a connecting trail in the Alt 3 Trails Emphasis.

*Melinda Posner: Thank you for the suggestion. We will consider this in developing a Preliminary Recommendation.*

20. I disagree on the need for a new parking lot across from the Logs parking lot. There is a drainage over there. By using the Logs trail parking lot, you would have less disturbance anywhere close to the drainage. Warning signs, etc on the road would suffice. The Logs parking lot is never full anyway.

21. Concerned about the bicycle base camp and the expansion of new bike trails....this will lead to degradation of new, undeveloped areas lands similar to what we have seen to the east of the Manastash Ridge Trail.

22. we support option#3 . the current permit system works well.

23. I like this best so far.

24. That connection with Frenchmen's Coulee could also be a "water trail" connect, with from the boat launch..

*Melinda Posner: Thank you for the suggestion. We will consider this in coming up with Preliminary Recommendation.*

25. Who did organize these alternatives? There seems to be no wiggle room and very drastic changes and impacts between each option.

*Melinda Posner: The alternatives are based on the input we heard in Stage 1 and the management issues of parks' staff, as well as State Parks' CAMP planning process and products including land classifications, long-term boundaries and management plans. We met with tribes and reached out to stakeholders including Kittitas County Commissioners; Kittitas County Transportation, Planning, and Weed Management staff; Fire Protection districts, Vantage Bay Development and private property owners to hear issues and concerns at Ginkgo. With this information, our staff works together to identify a range of options that offer alternative approaches for addressing the issues. The CAMP process has been used for nearly 20 years to develop CAMP plans for around 90 percent of Washington state parks.*

26. #3 is the best option so far

27. Now that I think of it, the Frenchmen's Coulee connection could also be in the Alt2 alternative with active recreation as an amazing experience between the two state recreation sites.

*Melinda Posner: Thank you for the suggestion. We will consider this in coming up with Preliminary Recommendation.*

28. Of the three alternatives, ALT 3 is the most reasonable.

29. Allow the permitted access of motorized road, so that law abiding citizens can drive through. Have not seen evidence of off-roading or theft of natural resources in the last 20+ years.