Lyons Ferry State Park Staff Recommended Land Classifications and Long-Term Boundary

Vision:
The vision for Lyons Ferry is to continue to provide a wide variety of active recreation opportunities and to protect the cultural significance of the area by developing any new areas in a sensitive way. This includes the redevelopment of the campground that existed here previously. This park will serve as a complement to the more passive recreation experience proposed at Palouse Falls State Park by providing more active recreation activities including camping, boating, swimming and other active recreation.

Land Classification:
Staff recommends that the Commission classify Lyons Ferry State Park as a combination of the two land classifications proposed below, and as graphically illustrated on the map following.

Recreation (pink) applies to the existing developed recreation areas of the park – roadways, parking, boat ramp, day use area, park shops, park residence, bulkhead etc., and includes the area for the proposed redeveloped campground, which is located west of the park road on the Snake River side of the park.

Heritage (yellow) applies to the remainder of the park including the hand launch area located just north of the recreation classification and the levy that extends into the Palouse River to the east. Existing uses of the park within this classification include the hand launch facility, trails, roads, parking, fishing, and picnicking. The heritage area here recognizes the TCP and includes restoration and elimination of social trails. Public access, including hiking and trails, to the north will be discouraged through signage, education, and restoration.

No proposed change in the Long-Term boundary of the Park

Conditional Activities
Activities conditionally permitted under the agency’s land classification system may be permitted at specific sites only with the concurrence of the Commission. Staff recommends the Commission not permit any conditional activities at Lyons Ferry State Park.