(Hello friend), I appreciate the work being done so far by WA State Parks, Nisqually Tribe, and the various stakeholders. This is exciting to see this broad array of management of this park. This should be a shining example of what can be done when we all sit down and work together. I hope those involved make this an example that can be used in future management and development of public lands. This land has had many past wrongs done to it over the years from Mashel Massacre, to the Old Town Dump, to how the land and waterways have been treated. This co-management is an opportunity to heal the land and share knowledge among the visitors for a better future.

After attending the Eatonville town meeting, reading public comments, and reviewing the proposed designs; my preference is for all users to have access to the park with some caveats. This is a unique cultural, ecological, and recreation spot that would be inviting broad spectrum of users and the park should reflect that spectrum. If this site is intended for users that would also use MT. Rainier National Park, then the design should be for similar user make-up while also taking advantage of things that some users do not get at the National Park, Community Forest, National Forest, other similar public lands in the area.

Trails, surfacing, users, pump track, hay, plants used:

- I would strongly suggest equestrian have their own area which is provided in option A, but add that on the multi-use the equestrian be excluded. They have made it very clear at the public meeting and submitted comments that bicycles are unacceptable with horses using the same trails. I think it is important to provide opportunity for all users. If the park expands full scale hoped; there will be potential additional equestrian/ pedestrian trail on the Pack Forest property.

- The surfacing of trails should be what is best for the soil type of at the park; which tends to get muddy, so gravel is the appropriate choice. Sand and natural soil sounds nice; as suggested by equestrian, but the soil is pretty muddy more than half of the year at this location and would not be best for other user other than the equestrian. Once again lending to equestrian/ pedestrian trail only section. This goes people the choice to hike the equestrian trails if they want. It would be nice to have trails that can be hiked, ran, bicycle for more of a year around use by broader spectrum of the public of various abilities. Ideally having paved ADA access to a portion of the park interpretive trail would be great; as well. I would prefer the 8a option of a broader buffer between the road and trail along Mashel Prairie Rd.

- The town of Eatonville connection trail on option B should be on all options. If the grand plan is to include the Pack Forest portion along with other adjacent parcels eventually, this will help create an extensive trail system between the various peer landowners of the area to create a regional system.

- I think the bike pump track is too small when compared to others in the region and should be expanded along that power line corridor. This will be utilized by people camping and day use.

- I hear the concerns about horses having historical water access, but that does not mean we have to have horses wading into stream and along edges of important salmon bearing waters. Make sure to provide clean water in stock troughs at designated locations. There are many things we use to be able to do that we learned is not okay now. We learn to do better than we previously have. We need to design our parks and how we use them to not just sustain what’s left, but instead follow natures guidance to flourish, grow, and improve continuously. Activities that degrade ecological function or damage structure should be avoided.

- There is an important prairie system here. As the prairie is being repaired and restored; we should require weed-free hay and feed for the equestrian users. It generally required in other ecologically important areas and equestrian users are already use to this requirement. It does not make sense to work hard restoring an area and then potentially seeding potentially with invasive weeds anywhere on the site.
• All landscaping used should be native plants only. Native plants used can cover the Coast Salish peoples range of use and trade. Only plants that are non-native would be plants that have interpretive value based on indigenous peoples uses.

Village Center:
• The Mashel Massacre memorial reflection loop and monument is preferred choice over just a boulder option.
• Having a larger ethnobotanical garden that is interpreted is important.
• The amphitheater: It is hard to speak about whether the 100 or 300 person capacity is preferred. It really depends how this will be utilized and the scope of events. Terraced lawn seating is easier to maintain and provides the ability for large gatherings. It seems odd to have 90 parking spaces for 100 person amphitheater and only increase to 130 parking spaces for 300 capacity amphitheater unless it is figured that the amphitheater is being more utilized by the close by camper/ RV area users.
• Prefer the outdoor and indoor kitchen space to provide option to how the cooking area can be programmed.

Thank you 1

Hello,

I would like to take the time to comment on the proposed park trail system.

The park has great opportunity for tourism in hiking and biking.

Both of those activities are near impossible to do on a trail system made for/allowing horses.

Horses leave trails muddy and often leave poop, which will decrease the amount of people who can use the park, ultimately, decreasing tourism revenue for the town of Eatonville as well as surrounding areas.

Please provide a trail system that is friendly for horses as well as one that would be pedestrian/biking friendly as to not exclude any of these groups.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter! 2