Classification and Management Planning (CAMP)
Palouse Falls, Lyons Ferry, and Lewis and Clark Trail State Parks

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Tonight’s Agenda

• Sign-in and handouts
• Presentation
• Get your ideas
• Next steps
• Adjourn
• Staff introductions

Lyon Ferry State Park
Agency Overview

• Over 100 years old

• Overseen by seven member Governor appointed Commission

• Approximately 400 full-time staff and 400 seasonal employees

• State divided into three regions

• Regions divided into management areas

• These parks are located in the Blue Mountain Area
Planning Area

Blue Mountain Management Area

- Sacajawea
- Fields Spring
- Iron Horse Trail
- Columbia Plateau Trail
- Steptoe Butte
- Steptoe Battlefield
- Camp Wooten

- Palouse Falls
- Lyons Ferry
- Lewis & Clark Trail
Friends Groups

• Over 20 formal Friend Groups statewide

• Non-profit organizations

• Hold park events

• Coordinate volunteers for projects

• Encourage community interest

• Area groups include:
  – Friends of Sacajawea
  – Friends of Mount Spokane
  – Riverside Foundation

2016 Friends Group Conference, Cama Beach State Park
Tribal Significance

• Both cultural and natural resource interest

• 1966 Marmes Rock Shelter

• Traditional fishing site for the Palus Tribe

• Village of Palus at confluence of Snake and Palouse rivers
Palouse Falls History

- 1940 to 1950 park lands acquired
- 1951 became a state park
- 2010 kayaker world record
- 1,500,000 views on YouTube
- 2014 named official state waterfall
- 2010 85,000 annual visitors
- 2016 145,000 annual visitors

2014 State Waterfall Dedication
Governor and Washtucna School students
Palouse Falls Challenges

• Addressing increased visitation

• Challenging parking and access due to terrain and railroad

• Evolving recreational expectations
Palouse Falls Facilities

- 105 acre camping park
- Short hiking trail
- Picnic shelter and tables
- 11 primitive tent campsites
- Interpretive panels

1959 Palouse Falls air photo
Palouse Falls Natural Resources

- Unique and much studied geology
- Channeled scabland/shrub-steppe vegetation
- 2008 rare plant and vegetation survey
Lyons Ferry History

- Original site of Mullan Road ferry crossing
- Owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers
- First operated by State Parks in 1971
- 25 year lease
Lyons Ferry Facilities

• 1,000 acre day-use park
• 5,200 feet of shoreline
• Boat launch
• Picnic tables
• Boating and fishing
• Swimming and hiking
• Grass open space
Lewis and Clark Trail History

• Located along the Touchet River
• Lewis and Clark passed through the area in 1806
• Originally homesteaded in 1864
• Day-use area kitchen shelter and restroom constructed in 1934
• 1996 catastrophic flooding
Lewis and Clark Trail Facilities

- 37 acre camping park
- 24 camp sites
- 1300 feet of river shoreline
- 50 picnic tables