Progress: 2003 through 2011

## **Priorities**

**Priority No. 1** – Fix what we have.

**Priority No. 2** – Upgrade existing parks, trails and services.

**Priority No. 3** – Build new parks and trails for the future.

## Goals – targeted for completion by 2013

**Goal 1: Stewardship** – 93 state parks will have land-use plans supported by the public and Commission ...so that citizens can participate in park planning and understand and support the care of their parks and environment.

Progress through end of calendar year: 81 state parks have land-use plans.

**Goal 2:** Enjoyment, health and learning – All state parks will have community events and interpretive programs ...so that citizens understand that parks are places to enjoy healthy recreation and learn about Washington's history and cultural heritage.

**Progress through end of calendar year:** 56 state parks have community events and interpretive programs.

**Goal 3: Public Service** – The public will rate agency public service B or better on surveys... so that citizens can express their opinions and help improve accountability in the management of their park system.

**Progress:** The Commission deferred conducting the 2011 survey due to budget restraints.

Goal 4: Facilities – Improve the old, well-loved state park system ... so that citizens have safe and modern parks.

**Progress:** Deferred maintenance - In 2011, the agency began adding new projects to a larger deferred maintenance list and retired the original 1999 Proviso List, now obsolete. Future agency budget requests will include requests for resources to inventory and track agency needs.

*Major renovations* - In calendar year 2011, Washington State Parks completed 35 major renovations projects. These projects, which improve the quality and safety of parks, include new cabins, trail projects, building restorations, water and sewer systems and more.

**Goal 5: Partnership** – Double participation to 500,000 annual volunteer hours and 500 partners...so that citizens are actively recruited, welcomed and engaged in improving their parks and recreation opportunities.

**Progress:** 271,260 annual volunteer hours, 581 partners.

**Goal 6: Financial strategy** – All state parks will have business plans that include cost-saving strategies and four revenue sources (facility fees, product and service revenues, taxes and donations)...so that parks are managed with a focus on financial sustainability, efficiency and innovation and an understanding of park operation financing.

Progress: 102 parks have business plans completed.

**Goal 7: Trails** – Improve facilities and add trail miles on winter recreation, land and water trails. . . so that recreational trail opportunities are expanded and improved for citizens.

**Progress:** Added 5.5 miles of hiking trail at Columbia Hills; added water-trail campsites at Daroga, Lincoln Rock and Wenatchee Confluence; added composting toiled on trail at Wallace Falls.

**Goal 8:** Updated and new parks – Work toward opening three new parks and expanding popular, existing parks...so that parks and recreation opportunities are available to meet future needs in a growing state.

**Progress:** *Iron Horse/John Wayne Pioneer Trail* – Developed a Trail Master Plan.

Pearrygin Lake – Designed the Rex Derr Trail.

*Riverside* – Constructed new equestrian campground, expanded existing ORV park, possible land exchanges and interpretive opportunities.

## **Progress** toward new parks:

Lake Spokane - Goal deferred due to budget restraints.

Miller Peninsula - Goal deferred due to budget restraints.

Nisqually - Goal deferred due to budget restraints.

Progress: 2003 through 2011

## Goals – targeted for completion by 2013, continued

Goal 9: Historic sites – Improve four major historic sites...so that the state's heritage is available to citizens now and into the future.

**Progress:** Olmstead Place:

- °Seaton Schoolhouse chinking and daubing project completed
- oDairy Barn stabilized
- °1908 Red Barn cleaned and repainted
- °Seaton Schoolhouse and Olmstead family house porch, new shake roofs installed

**Goal 10: Interpretation** – Tell the Ice Age floods story...so that our state's dramatic geologic history is available to citizens.

Progress: Interpretive panels created, awaiting funds to install at Lake Lenore and Columbia Hills.

**Goal 11: '100 Connections'** – 100 citizen gift improvements enhance parks all over Washington ... so that citizens contribute to parks they visit and enjoy.

**Progress:** 63 gift improvement projects completed.