

THE 2007 RECREATION ACTION PLAN WAS FILED WITH THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATION COMMISSION (FERC) ON
DECEMBER 26, 2007 AND IS AWAITING APPROVAL.

UPON APPROVAL, PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY WILL IMPLEMENT THE MEASURES
APPROVED BY FERC.



Figure 7.4-5a. Pateros Riverside Drive Recreation Access Site existing conditions

- Facilities
- FERC Boundary



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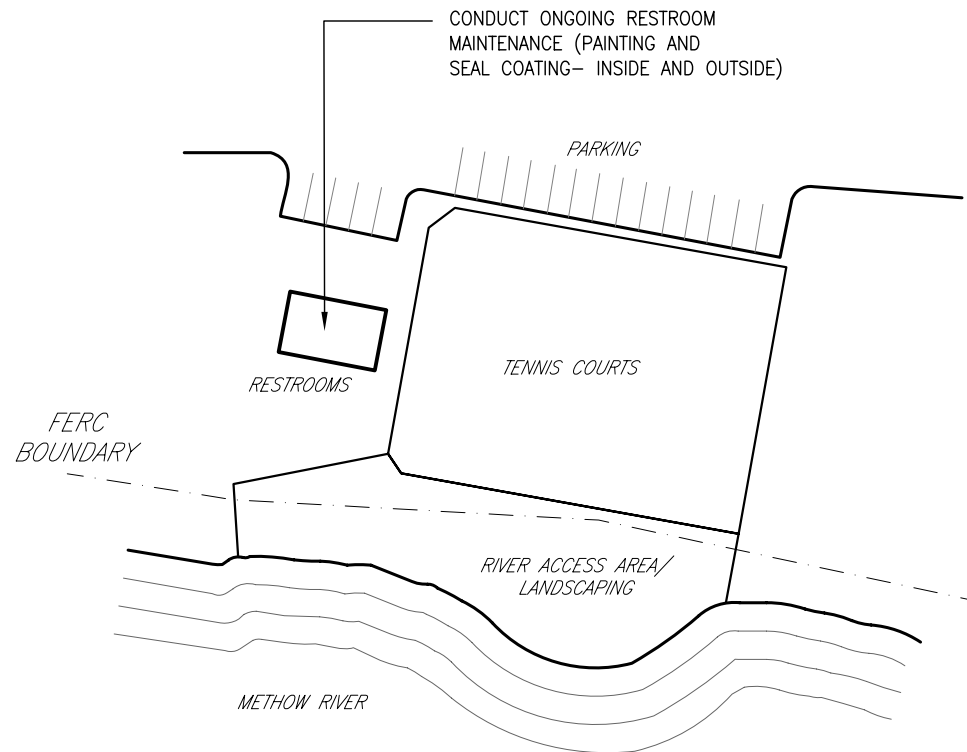
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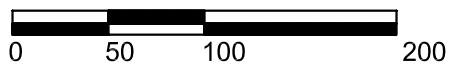
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Wells Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 2149
PUD No. 1 of Douglas County

Figure 7.4-5b.
Pateros Riverside Drive Recreation Access
site maintenance plan



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7.5 Friends of Fort Okanogan Actions

One action requested by the Friends of Fort Okanogan will be completed in the upcoming 5-year period including:

- Provide technical and financial assistance for the production of promotional brochures, flyers and/or related products associated with the planned 2011 Fort Okanogan Bicentennial event. Fort Okanogan is located outside but near the FERC Project boundary.

7.6 Port of Chelan County Actions

No action requested by the Port of Chelan County will be completed in the upcoming 5-year period.

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EXHIBIT A

Recreation Action Plan 2002 Update – Implementation Summary and Status of Completion

Status of Recreation Action Items Identified by the Douglas County PUD in the 2002 Recreation Action Plan Update

2002 Recreation Plan Update Douglas County PUD Proposed Improvements¹	Section 5 – Proposed Recreational Needs (Page 36)²	Proposed Recreation Needs Completed by the District
1 – SR97 Wells Overlook turn lanes (including engineering and analysis, approvals, CD and CA)	1	Yes
2 – SR97 Starr Boat Launch turn lanes (including engineering and analysis, approvals, CD and CA)	2	Yes

¹The District included additional proposals (Column 1 above) listed in Section 5 of the 2002 Wells Hydroelectric Project Recreation Action Plan Update on Page 36.

²Those additional improvements are listed on Page 40.

Status of Recreation Action Items Identified by the City of Brewster in the 2002 Recreation Action Plan Update

2002 Recreation Plan Update City of Brewster Requested Improvements¹	Section 4 – Determination of Recreational Need (Page 20)²	Section 5 – Proposed Recreational Needs (Page 36)³	Proposed Recreation Needs Completed by the District
1 – Improvements to the Riverfront Trail	Bullet #1	1	In progress, summer 2007
2 – Replace wooden picnic tables with aluminum tables	Bullet #2	2	In progress, summer 2007, will get 8
3 – The District proposes to review the existing maintenance agreement but does not propose funding a maintenance and operations budget for Brewster.	In letter	3	Yes; No changes
4 – Convert multi-use fields to soccer fields	Bullet #4	Not proposed	-
5 – Construct new restrooms at sports fields	Bullet #5	Not proposed	-
6 – Create and fund Activities Director position	Bullet #6	Not proposed	-
7 – Provide for swimming pool upgrades including covering for winter use.	Bullet #7	Not proposed	-
8 – Design and construct a fitness trail	Bullet #8	Not proposed	-
9 – Design and construct a bandshell	Bullet #9	Not proposed	-
10 – Add lighting to existing sports fields	Bullet #10	Not proposed	-
11 – Provide additional RV parking including winterized units	Bullet #11	Not proposed	-
12 – Develop additional new park lands	Bullet #12	Not proposed	-
13 – Provide improvements to Youth Boxing Center/ Weight Room	Bullet #13	Not proposed	-
14 – Encourage School District to develop joint use agreements with the City for use of existing fields and facilities.	Bullet #3	Not proposed	-
15 – Additional benches and seating areas needed at Columbia Cove Park	In letter	Not proposed	-

¹ City of Brewster Requested Improvements based on a “draft” copy of the 2002 Brewster Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan, and is available in Appendix B of the 2002 Wells Hydroelectric Project Recreation Action Plan Update.

² The City of Brewster’s requested improvements (Column 1 above) are listed in Section 4 of the 2002 Wells Hydroelectric Project Recreation Action Plan Update on Page 21. The listed improvements in Section 4 are not listed in the same order as those provided in the letter from Brewster. As such, the bullet number from Section 4 for each corresponding requested improvement from Brewster’s letter is listed in second column above.

³ Those improvements (as requested by Brewster) that met specific needs criteria (listed on Page 34 of the 2002 Recreation Plan Update) are listed on Page 36.

Status of Recreation Action Items Identified by the City of Bridgeport in the 2002 Recreation Action Plan Update

2002 Recreation Plan Update City of Bridgeport Requested Improvements¹	Section 4 – Determination of Recreational Need (Page 20)²	Section 5 – Proposed Recreational Needs (Page 36)³	Proposed Recreation Needs Completed by the District
1 – Improve the existing covered picnic shelter in the camping area with a new concrete slab, add panels to deflect wind, add handrails, lighting and ADA compliant access.	Bullet #1	1	Yes—did not add panels based on site assessment
2 – Develop a flat area above ordinary high water mark along portions of the swimming lagoon. The flat area will have pavers set in sand/gravel and the bank of the lagoon will be reshaped.	Bullet #2	2	Dropped because the proposal was rejected by NMFS, and Army Corps of Engineers would not support the project.
3 – Tripping hazards will be removed from the asphalt trail, deteriorated trail sections replaced and methods to control unwanted root growth under an asphalt trail will be researched.	Bullet #3	3	Yes; summer 2007 with new landscaping.
4 – Replace deteriorated pilings.	Bullet #4	4	Yes
5 – The District proposes to review the existing maintenance agreement but does not propose funding a maintenance and operations budget for Bridgeport.	In letter	5	Yes; Has reviewed, no changes.
6 – Install lighting at the boat launch	Bullet #5	Not proposed	-

¹City of Bridgeport Requested Improvements based on meetings with the District, and is available in Appendix B of the 2002 Wells Hydroelectric Project Recreation Action Plan Update.

²The City of Bridgeport's requested improvements (Column 1 above) are listed in Section 4 of the 2002 Wells Hydroelectric Project Recreation Action Plan Update on Page 22. The listed improvements in Section 4 are not listed in the same order as those provided in the meeting notes from Bridgeport. As such, the bullet number from Section 4 for each corresponding requested improvement from Bridgeport's meeting notes is listed in second column above.

³Those improvements (as requested by Bridgeport) that met specific needs criteria (listed on Page 34 of the 2002 Recreation Plan Update) are listed on Page 36.

Status of Recreation Action Items Identified by the City of Pateros in the 2002 Recreation Action Plan Update

2002 Recreation Plan Update City of Pateros Requested Improvements¹	Section 4 – Determination of Recreational Need (Page 20)²	Section 5 – Proposed Recreational Needs (Page 35)³	Proposed Recreation Needs Completed by the District
1 – ADA access at Memorial Park	Bullet #1	1	Yes
2 – Electric services at Memorial Park	Bullet #2	2	Yes
3 – Playground equipment at Memorial Park	Bullet #3	3	Yes
4 – Dock improvements (Methow and Columbia) ⁶	Bullet #9	4	Yes – Resurfacing
5 – Benches at Memorial and Boat Launch parks	Bullet #4	5	Yes
6 – Aluminum picnic tables for Memorial Park	Bullet #5	6	Yes
7 – Covered stage at Memorial Park	Bullet #11	Did not meet established needs criteria	-
8 – Maps at Memorial Park	Bullet #12	Did not meet established needs criteria	Provided some maps to City
9 – O&M funds for parks and tennis courts	Bullet #13	Did not meet established needs criteria	-
10 – Update to 1987 agreement (City and PUD)	Bullet #10	7	Yes
11 – Painting of tennis courts	Bullet #6	8	Yes
12 – New sprinkler system and landscaping at Methow boat launch	Bullet #7	9	In process (2007)
13 – Landscaping at tennis courts	Bullet #8	10	In process (2007)
14 – Sidewalks at Memorial Park along roadway	Not identified in list	Did not meet established needs criteria	-
	Bullet #14 – Upgrade electrical system at City Hall ⁴	Did not meet established needs criteria	-
		11 – Provision of portable aluminum bleachers ⁵	Yes

¹ City of Pateros Requested Improvements based on letter submitted to the District on April 17, 2002, and available in Appendix B of the 2002 Wells Hydroelectric Project Recreation Action Plan Update.

² The City of Pateros' requested improvements (Column 1 above) are listed in Section 4 of the 2002 Wells Hydroelectric Project Recreation Action Plan Update on Page 20. The listed improvements in Section 4 are not listed in the same order as those provided in the letter from Pateros. As such, the bullet number from Section 4 for each corresponding requested improvement from Pateros' letter is listed in second column above.

³ Those improvements (as requested by Pateros) that met specific needs criteria (listed on Page 34 of the 2002 Recreation Plan Update) are listed on Page 35.

⁴ This additional recreational need (an upgrade to the electrical system at City Hall) was not listed in the letter from Pateros, but was listed on Page 20 as an improvement requested by the City.

⁵ This proposed recreational need (the provision of portable aluminum bleachers) was not listed in the letter from Pateros nor on the list on Page 20.

⁶ PUD is still accessing the 6 month dock inspection frequency – (will know in 2007)











Note, the table above is based on letters and discussions with the City of Pateros. In total 16 proposed recreation action items were identified during the 2002 Recreation Action Plan Update process – 14 items were listed in a letter from the City (see the first column in the table above) and 2 of the items (see the second and third columns in the table above) were gleaned from discussions with the City. Of those 16 original items, 11 met the specific recreational needs criteria established for the 2002 update and were included in the 2002 Recreation Action Plan Update as proposed actions (Page 35). FERC accepted the 11 proposed recreation actions (as listed on Page 35) and the District has implemented 9 of them and is in the process of implementing the remaining 2 action items. In accepting the 11 proposed recreation actions, FERC also addressed the rejection of several requested recreational needs including the covered stage at Memorial Park, O&M funds for parks and tennis courts, and upgrading the electrical system at City Hall.

EXHIBIT B







2007 RAP Update Schedule and Tasks

Exhibit B

2007 RAP Update and Schedule

	2007											
Task	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Task 1 - Assess recreation trends at the local, regional and state levels.												
Task 2 - Hold kickoff and periodic follow-on meetings and site visits with stakeholders.												
Task 3 - Develop potential proposed actions for initial District review.												
Task 4 - Assess and balance identified recreation needs with Project resources, policies and agreements. Apply criteria and set priorities.												
Task 5 - Develop preliminary site plan designs and costs estimates for proposed actions.												
Task 6 - Provide draft and final plans.												

Meetings/Consultations

-  Kick off meeting at the District office
-  Individual stakeholder meetings/site visits
-  Proposed actions meeting
-  Preliminary Draft RAP meetings
-  Revised Draft RAP consultation
-  Final RAP meeting with Douglas County PUD Commissioners

Documents




-  Preliminary Draft RAP (August 2007)
-  Revised Draft RAP (October 2007)
-  Final RAP (December 2007)

EXHIBIT C

Douglas County PUD Correspondence to Stakeholders



Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County

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January 11, 2007

Re: Wells Hydroelectric Project
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update

The Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County (District) is beginning a process to update the Recreation Action Plan for the Wells Hydroelectric Project (Project). The District's 1982 Public Use Plan required that the Plan be updated every five years to reflect changes in demand for recreation opportunities in the Project area. As required, the District conducted Plan updates in 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002. The District has scheduled a public meeting to initiate the 2007 planning effort. Local, state, and federal agencies along with representatives from local recreational interest are being invited to participate in this effort.

The purpose of this update is to:

- review the level of reservoir and recreation facility use in the Wells Project area (from the Wells Dam on the Columbia River upstream to Chief Joseph Dam, approximately 15.5 miles up the Okanogan River and approximately 1.5 miles up the Methow River) from the 2005 Wells Project Relicensing Recreational Visitor Use Assessment;
- assess the condition of existing recreation facilities; and
- balance demand for recreational access and facilities with natural resource needs in the Wells Project area.

The kick off meeting for this initial effort will be held in the auditorium at the District's East Wenatchee headquarters building. The meeting is scheduled from **9:00 am till noon on January 30, 2007.**

We look forward to your participation in this planning effort. If you have any questions, I may be reached at 509-881-2242 or by email at gbrett@dcpud.org.

Sincerely,

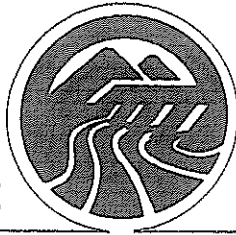
Gordon Brett
Property Supervisor

c: Robert Clubb, Ph.D.

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Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County

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October 25, 2007

Re: *REVISED DRAFT*, 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update

All Stakeholders:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County (Douglas PUD) is providing the enclosed CD containing the ***REVISED DRAFT 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update*** for your review and comment. Comments will be accepted by email (dsexton@dcpud.org) or by mail (Douglas PUD, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802) until November 14, 2007.

The following is the proposed schedule for the completion of the 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update:

10/26/2007 Revised RAP to stakeholders
11/14/2007 Stakeholder comments due
11/26/2007 RAP finalized
12/04/2007 RAP to District Commissioners for approval

If you have any questions on this *REVISED DRAFT* 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update, you would like to arrange a meeting with Douglas PUD staff, or you would prefer a hard copy, please feel free to call me at 509-881-2388 or email at dsexton@dcpud.org.

Sincerely,

Darrin Sexton
Land Use Specialist

Enclosure
Pcd 100224

c: Robert W. Clubb, Ph.D.
Stakeholder Distribution List

EXHIBIT D

Consultation Meeting Notes



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Sent Via Email

MEETING NOTES & ACTION ITEMS

TO: Gail Howe and George Brady (City of Pateros); RWG Distribution List

FROM: Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD) and Chuck Everett (EDAW)

CC: Darrin Sexton, Shane Bickford, Scott Kreiter, and Bob Clubb (Douglas County PUD)

DATE: February 8, 2007

RE: **Meeting Notes and Action Items: January 30, 2007**
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update
Wells Hydroelectric Project Compliance

Location: Douglas County PUD Office, East Wenatchee, WA

Attendees:

- Chuck Everett (EDAW); Gordon Brett, Darrin Sexton, Shane Bickford, Scott Kreiter, and Bob Clubb (Douglas County PUD); Gail Howe and George Brady (City of Pateros)

Handouts:

- See Agenda Attachment and 2007 Task and Meeting Schedule

Summary of Meeting Comments:

1. This plan update is a compliance action and is not strictly linked with ongoing relicensing efforts associated with the future FERC license.
2. Larger file attachments will be mailed to avoid long delays for those with internet dial up.
3. Future on-site meetings will be planned for Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport to gather input from local stakeholders. Gordon Brett has since called stakeholders to set up these meetings that are now scheduled for February 16 (Brewster) and March 6 (Pateros and Bridgeport) in 2007.
4. Other future stakeholder meetings that will need to be held during 2007 will be coupled with ongoing quarterly Friday relicensing meetings, to the extent possible (same day in the afternoon, for example). These meetings will be in Pateros, Brewster or Bridgeport.

5. Gail Howe said that she has a preliminary list of actions that may be considered in the Plan update; however, she is still thinking about what is compliance-related under this Plan update, and what may be FERC relicensing-related and belong in the future FERC license.
6. George Brady indicated that he liked the proposed process and the opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the Plan update.
7. George Brady said that he had some concerns about the 2005 Recreation Use Assessment methods and results and carrying these data forward into the Plan update. Shane Bickford and Gordon Brett indicated that additional survey data was collected in 2006 to address these City of Pateros concerns and that these data would be provided to EDAW.
8. Chuck Everett requested that the stakeholders identify any new data sources that EDAW should be evaluating during the Plan update.

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item Tracking

#	Responsible Party	Action Item	Date Requested	Completion (Yes/No/Partial)	Follow-on Needed/ Comments
1	Gordon B	Send Chuck Everett the new 2006 Recreation Use Assessment data results	2/16/07	No	
2	Gordon B	Set up onsite meetings with the 3 communities	1/31/07	Yes	
3	Gordon B	Provide Chuck Everett with a CD of the detailed GIS map showing all of the recreation sites.	2/16/07	No	
4	Stake-holders	Provide Chuck Everett with data sources that he should consider in the Plan update	3/1/07	No	



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MEETING NOTES & ACTION ITEMS

TO: Lee Webster, Mark Miller, and Curt Danison

FROM: Darrin Sexton, Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD) and Chuck Everett (EDAW)

CC:

DATE: May 10, 2007

RE: **Meeting Notes and Action Items: February 16, 2007**
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update
Wells Hydroelectric Project Compliance
Meeting with the City of Brewster

Location: City of Brewster, WA

Attendees:

- Chuck Everett (EDAW); Gordon Brett, Darrin Sexton (Douglas County PUD); Lee Webster (Mayor of Brewster), Mark Miller (the Land Company), Curt Danison (Highland Assoc.)

Handouts:

- See Agenda Attachment from 1-30-07

Summary of Meeting Comments:

1. The City of Brewster is drafting a Comprehensive Plan that is due for public comment in 30 – 60 days. The Comp Plan has a Park and Recreation focus and includes Douglas PUD lands and the adjacent Foyle property.
2. Brewster has noted a change in the population of the area and an increase in second homes. Local development projects discussed included East Bay (28 lots), Plaza Point (30 lots), and Lamberton Addition (13 lots). In addition, more permits for docks are being seen in the local area.
3. Brewster expressed that the boat launch is highly utilized. They showed a photo with many trailers parked, and boaters waiting to get back to the launch on a weekend day. Peak times are July and August weekends, and some weekdays.

4. Redevelopment of the mill site was discussed.
5. The meeting participants discussed the boat ramp. Douglas PUD is considering extending 3 ramps at the Wells Project including Brewster.
6. The City's RV park was discussed. Between 1999 and 2006, the revenue for the City RV Park has increased by approximately 300%. This site could be redeveloped, relocated or the basketball court could be removed. The Brewster RV Park is run by the city, and has 25 sites plus 1 host site. The amenities include water, electricity and sewer. Columbia Cove also has an RV Park.
7. Mayor Webster indicated that the City of Brewster hopes to do a recreation survey in 2007. Douglas PUD bought the Foyle property in Brewster, which is 34 acres next to the boat launch, to meet potential future relicensing needs.
8. Curt Danison from Highland Associates said that the City will likely be developing a recreation site plan for the nearby Foyle property. The precise uses of the Foyle property will probably be defined during relicensing, according to Gordon Brett.
9. Gordon Brett said that he has seen 27 inquiries for docks, in the last year. He expects 15 dock permits issued by the year end. The COE Regional General Permit allows 25 new permits maximum for the Wells pool, after which the COE will do a cumulative effects analysis and will reassess the maximum number of permits to be issued before this limit is lifted.
10. The City of Brewster's swimming pool is apparently cracked, which is a maintenance problem for the City.
11. Gordon Brett said that Douglas PUD will contact NGOs, such as the Friends of Fort Okanogon and WaterTrails.

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item Tracking

#	Responsible Party	Action Item	Date Requested	Completion (Yes/No/Partial)	Follow-on Needed/ Comments
1	Gordon Brett	Provide e-mail GIS clip (aerial) of the Foyle property to Lee Webster	2/16/07	No	
2	Lee Webster	Provide City's request for the Recreation Action Plan Update	4/30/07	No	



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MEETING NOTES & ACTION ITEMS

TO: Jean Hardy, Steve Jenkins, City of Bridgeport

FROM: Darrin Sexton (Douglas County PUD) and Chuck Everett (EDAW)

CC:

DATE: April 25, 2007

RE: **Meeting Notes and Action Items: April 6, 2007**
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update
Wells Hydroelectric Project Compliance
Meeting with the City of Bridgeport

Location: City Hall, Bridgeport, WA

Attendees:

- Chuck Everett (EDAW); Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD); Jean Hardy, Steve Jenkins (City of Bridgeport)

Handouts:

- January 30 Kickoff Meeting Agenda and 2007 Task and Meeting Schedule

Summary of Meeting Comments:

1. The City of Bridgeport and Douglas County PUD discussed potential actions for the District's 5 year RAP update.
2. It was suggested to move the boat launch ramp to the nearby Corps launch and add a handling dock on the inside. The jetty could also be extended, though this may pose a problem for large barges used by Corps.
3. The RV Park could be potentially expanded. There has been increasing demand for the RV campsite facilities. This increase in demand may be caused by previous enhancement of the facility and/or improved area fishing success because of the relaxation of ESA restrictions. The Park provides the only river access for many miles. There appear to be several options: 1) reconfigure the existing RV park, 2) expand the RV park uphill, or 3) expand the RV park further downstream approximately 300 feet.
4. There could be a trail from the Corps boat launch along the shoreline to 2nd Street.
5. Tree roots in the RV park area are a problem and need to be addressed.

6. Reconfiguring the existing RV park for more efficient use of space is an option prior to assuming that the site must be enlarged. For example, the parking area for the current boat launch at the lagoon (proposed for removal) could be reconfigured for other uses.
7. The trail upslope of the lagoon has root invasion and erosion damage that should be addressed soon.
8. Long term RV park water rights were discussed. Continued use of City of Bridgeport water was not desired by the City.

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item Tracking

#	Responsible Party	Action Item	Date Requested	Completion (Yes/No/Partial)	Follow-on Needed/ Comments
1	City of Bridgeport	Provide formal requests in writing to Douglas County PUD	4/30/07	N	



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TO: Gail Howe, George Brady, and Parry Hamshaw (City of Pateros)

FROM: Darrin Sexton, Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD) and Chuck Everett (EDAW)

CC:

DATE: May 21, 2007

RE: **Meeting Notes and Action Items: April 6, 2007**
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update
Wells Hydroelectric Project Compliance
Meeting with the City of Pateros

Location: City of Pateros, WA

Attendees:

- Chuck Everett (EDAW); Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD); Gail Howe, George Brady, and Parry Hamshaw (City of Pateros)

Handouts:

- See Agenda Attachment and 2007 Task and Meeting Schedule per 1/30/2007 meeting

Summary of Meeting Comments:

1. Gordon reviewed the list of 11 actions under the previous 2002 Recreation Action Plan and noted what actions were completed or not. Gordon agreed to send the City a thorough accounting of accomplishments to date (later completed).
2. The City of Pateros discussed their requests for each park while the group conducted a site tour.
3. For Memorial Park, the City mentioned:
 - At the winter boat launch, there needs to be water safety signs at the boat ramps. Douglas County PUD will install signs, if the City of Pateros provides the signs.

- At the boat launch, signage is needed indicating where other ramps can be found, and particularly where Peninsula Park is located.
 - The boat launch could also include a more primitive take out for kayakers and canoeists, and a sandy site for tent camping.
 - Next to the play equipment, a spray pool is desired.
 - The restrooms and shade structures should be repainted.
 - A central gazebo or pavilion with a center stage is requested.
 - At the winter launch site, extend the ramp to the low pool elevation for year-round access.
 - Trail extensions were discussed to the east, but site constraints exist.
4. For Methow Boat Launch, the City mentioned:
- There needs to be water safety signs at the boat ramps. Douglas County PUD will install signs, if the City of Pateros provides the signs.
 - At the boat launch, signage is needed indicating where other ramps can be found, and particularly where Peninsula Park is located.
 - Dock maintenance is needed.
 - Ramp siltation and milfoil are a problem in the Methow River and need to be dealt with at the Methow Boat Launch.
5. For Peninsula Park, the City mentioned:
- There has been swim beach erosion occurring, and the beach should be regraded and have sand added.
 - The gazebo near the tot lot needs refurbishing, and minor roof repair is needed.
 - Water quality and siltation in the swim area is a periodic problem.
 - New signage is needed for direction to other facilities in the city.
6. For the Tennis Courts, the City mentioned:
- The lights for the tennis courts need to be upgraded and put on a timer.
 - Electricity is needed in the restrooms.

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item Tracking

#	Responsible Party	Action Item	Date Requested	Completion (Yes/No/Partial)	Follow-on Needed/ Comments
1	Gordon B	Gordon to review the 2002 plan actions and let the city know what has been done, what is in process and what has been rejected.	3/6/07	Yes	
2	Pateros	City of Pateros will send a letter to Douglas PUD on these requests.	3/6/07	Yes	
3	Chuck E	Chuck to determine if the study specified in the 1982 Rec Plan specifies a study should be done to assess recreation use in the surrounding area.	3/6/07	Yes	A study that old is now out of date. This topic is being analyzed in 2007.



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MEETING NOTES & ACTION ITEMS

TO: Mike Nickerson and Jim Harris (WA State Parks); Karen Beaudette (Okanogan City Historical Society; Ft. Okanogan Partnership); Sherilyn Jacobson (Friends of Ft. Okanogan); Ron Johnston-Rodriguez and Aimee Pope (Port of Chelan County)

FROM: Darrin Sexton, Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD) and Chuck Everett (EDAW)

CC:

DATE: May 21, 2007

RE: **Meeting Notes and Action Items: April 13, 2007**
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update
Wells Hydroelectric Project Compliance
Meeting with WA State Parks and NGOs

Location: Douglas County PUD Office, East Wenatchee, WA

Attendees:

- Gordon Brett, Darrin Sexton, and Bob Clubb (Douglas County PUD); Chuck Everett (EDAW); Mike Nickerson and Jim Harris (WA State Parks); Karen Beaudette (Okanogan City Historical Society; Ft. Okanogan Partnership); Sherilyn Jacobson (Friends of Ft. Okanogan); Ron Johnston-Rodriguez and Aimee Pope (Port of Chelan County).

Handouts:

- See 1/30/2007 Agenda Attachment and 2007 Task and Meeting Schedule. A letter from the Friends of Fort Okanogan and "Greater Columbia Water Trail Vision" was distributed at the meeting.

Summary of Meeting Comments:

1. Darrin Sexton from Douglas County PUD welcomed the meeting attendees, discussed that this was an on going compliance action and not a relicensing action, and gave an overview of the 2002-2007 recreation actions completed or

- underway. Chuck Everett, EDAW, discussed the tasks and schedule for the 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update (hand out from 1/30/2007 meeting).
2. Ron Johnston-Rodriguez from Port of Chelan County mentioned that the Port of Chelan County is interested in economic development, water trails and a Greater Columbia water trail.
 3. Sherilyn Jacobson from Friends of Fort Okanogan presented Douglas County PUD with a letter from the Friends of Fort Okanogan. The 200 year anniversary of Fort Okanogan is in 2011. Douglas County PUD will consider appropriate action in the 2007-2012 Recreation Action Plan update to reflect this historic anniversary. The Friends of Fort Okanogan is planning an event and hopes to upgrade interpretive displays, enhance the interpretive program, and conduct lectures on and off site. Mike Nickerson, WA State Parks, said that more interpretive funding should be considered for Fort Okanogan during this timeframe.
 4. For the 2011 Fort Okanogan event, Douglas County PUD may consider assisting with exhibit updates at the Fort, though the themes need to be fully defined. Various enhancements could potentially include parking, interpretive displays, and the addition of a “historical marker” sign at the original flagpole site.
 5. Jim Harris from Washington State Parks said that the Fort Okanogan center really would benefit from a broader planning effort to start. In particular, some historical artifacts and displays currently at Wells Dam (and now closed due to security) are to be moved to the Wells Dam Overlook. Some of these might go to Fort Okanogan instead. Jim suggested a two-phased approach, including: 1) a planning effort over this 5 year RAP Update effort plus addressing the 2011 Anniversary, and 2) implementation of the plan during the new license period including development of a broader I&E Plan. Jim envisions a joint planning effort involving State Parks, Douglas County PUD and others.
 6. Ron Johnston-Rodriguez from the Port of Chelan County mentioned the possibility of a multi-use trail from the shoreline up to the Fort Okanogan center. This suggested action was discussed as a likely relicensing topic and would not likely be included in this RAP Update.
 7. Ron Johnston-Rodriguez and Aimee Pope from Port of Chelan County handed out the “Greater Columbia Water Trail Vision.” A 2003 study defined a system of potential put-ins/take outs and water trail segments. This has worked well so far for planning purposes. So far, four access sites for vehicles have been regraded, and some signs and kiosks have been upgraded.
 8. The Port of Chelan defined their role for the group, indicating that the Port District is the lead for the overall water trail project and will build improvements in the Port District area. The Port’s partners include other PUDs, tribes, and WDFW. The area is being broken into different committee groups, and there may be a future Pateros/Bridgeport/Brewster area group.
 9. Ron Johnston-Rodriguez asked for a few things to be considered in the 5-year RAP Update period: 1) Trail from the shoreline up to the Fort Okanogan center, 2) Rest break sites—rest stops for paddlers near the confluence of the Okonogan and Columbia rivers, 3) Signs to mark the water routes trail (directional and I&E), 4) Planning assistance to identify places near the Wells Dam for a put-in, take-out and portage route, as well as overall water trail planning assistance. Many of these requests are likely to be addressed during the new license period and are likely not appropriate for this 5-year RAP Update.
 10. Jim Harris from Washington State Parks mentioned that the Okanogan River is a priority to WA State Parks due to the interaction with nature, its cultural

significance, and the popularity of these activities including tourism. The mouth of the Okanogan and Columbia rivers is a prime site, especially for a paddler rest stop. Jim suggested preparing a plan to look at Douglas County PUD lands and waters for potential put-ins/take-outs/rest stops for paddlers.

11. Douglas County PUD again stressed that Fort Okanogan I&E and the water trail are actions that are really related to relicensing where resource issues and needs are balanced, and new facilities are built to meet needs over the next 30-50 year period. Douglas County PUD will need to think about these requests some more. However, Douglas County PUD will likely consider doing something for the 2011 Fort Okanogan Anniversary in this RAP Update.

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item Tracking

#	Responsible Party	Action Item	Date Requested	Completion (Yes/No/Partial)	Follow-on Needed/ Comments
1	Gordon B	Convey existing data to the Port of Chelan – available GIS mapping and other data – refer them to the relicensing website.	4/13/2007	No	
2	All stakeholders at this meeting	Provide written requests for the next 5-year RAP Update by 4/30/2007	4/13/2007	Yes for all but WA State Parks	



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MEETING NOTES & ACTION ITEMS

TO: JD Smith (City of Brewster); Bob Fateley (City of Brewster); Gail Howe (City of Pateros); Ron Oules (City of Brewster)

FROM: Darrin Sexton, Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD) and Chuck Everett (EDAW)

CC:

DATE: July 3, 2007

RE: **Meeting Notes and Action Items: June 20, 2007**
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update
Wells Hydroelectric Project Compliance
Meeting with Stakeholders

Location: Brewster, WA

Attendees:

- Gordon Brett and Darrin Sexton (Douglas County PUD); Chuck Everett (EDAW); JD Smith (City of Brewster); Bob Fateley (City of Brewster); Ron Oules (City of Brewster); Gail Howe (City of Pateros).

Handouts:

- See 6/20/2007 Agenda. Prior to and during the meeting, Douglas PUD distributed a package of hand-outs including: draft notes from 1/30/2007, 2/16/2007, 4/6/2007, and 4/13/2007 meetings with individual stakeholder groups; status of actions from the 2002 Recreation Action Plan Update for the City of Brewster, City of Bridgeport, City of Pateros, and Douglas County PUD; Actions requested for the 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update by the City of Brewster, City of Bridgeport, City of Pateros, Friends of Fort Okanogan, Port of Chelan County and Douglas PUD.

Summary of Meeting Comments:

9. Darrin Sexton from Douglas County PUD welcomed the meeting attendees, introduced the meeting attendees and discussed the purpose of the meeting. Chuck Everett, EDAW, discussed the status of the tasks and upcoming schedule for the 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update. The status of tasks include:

- Meeting with stakeholders and site visits were completed between January thru April.
 - A list of actions for the 2007 Recreation Action Plan update was compiled.
 - The trends in recreation needs are currently being completed.
 - After the June 20, 2007 meeting, Douglas PUD will be working on which actions are likely to move forward, and site plans and cost estimates will be prepared for those.
 - A Preliminary Draft Recreation Action Plan for the next 5 years is in preparation and is due out the first week of August 2007. Our next meeting will be to discuss the draft report (date to be determined).
 - Following stakeholder input, a Revised Draft RAP will be released in mid-October, 2007.
 - A Final RAP will be completed in December, 2007 for Douglas PUD Commissioner review.
10. Chuck Everett (EDAW) reviewed the notes from the 1/30/2007, 2/16/2007, 4/6/2007, and 4/13/2007 meetings with individual stakeholder groups.
- The meeting notes from January 30, 2007 are acceptable.
 - The February 16, 2007 meeting notes from the meeting with the City of Brewster were discussed with the following comments:
 - The status of the dock permitting on the Wells pool was discussed. So far, there are 23 permits in process (with a maximum of 25 for Wells prior to COE re-evaluation) per Gordon Brett.
 - The City of Brewster pool issue was discussed and the letters from the City will be added to the meeting notes. The City suggested a possible fix for the pool crack using an epoxy injection method that was used at Chief Joseph Dam. Gordon Brett discussed the existing engineering documentation reviewed to date. Darrin Sexton will follow up with the crew at Chief Joseph Dam regarding the epoxy method.
 - The City's trail is sited such that it doesn't allow easy law enforcement patrolling per Ron Oules. Darrin Sexton discussed improvements to the trail currently underway in the 2002 RAP update including redoing the lay down and removable bollards, replacing the lighting fixtures, and fixing trail compaction problems. These actions are going to bid in July and the work should be completed by the end of the summer 2007.
 - Camping was discussed and the City requested that the Foyle property be considered in the 2007 RAP update.
 - Recreation survey responses are being collected by the City and the results will be available in July. In addition, the City's recreation plan is currently in draft form and should be released soon.
 - The meeting notes from the April 6, 2007 meeting with the City of Bridgeport are acceptable.
 - The meeting notes from the April 6, 2007 meeting with the City of Pateros were discussed. In meeting item #3, it was discussed that Okanogan County would provide the water safety signs for the winter boat launch, not the City. Along these lines, Gordon Brett discussed coordination with Okanogan County and Michael Blocker will contact Darrin Sexton in regards to the signs.
 - The meeting notes from the April 13, 2007 meeting with WA State Parks, Friends of Fort Okanogan and other NGOs were discussed. The original fort flag pole (which is now under the reservoir pool) was discussed. Flag pole replacement cannot happen because it would be a navigational hazard. Also, it was discussed

that Douglas PUD could prepare an aerial map with the old fort site noted on a map.

11. The action request lists from stakeholder groups were reviewed. Changes were noted for the City of Pateros:

- When considering asphalt pathway maintenance at all sites in Pateros, tree roots and cracks should be addressed.
- In addition to the pavilion at Memorial Park, a pier should also be considered.
- Tennis court management should also include court maintenance.
- There is a need for a water source for all Pateros parks, similar to City of Bridgeport.

12. Continued vandalism problems along trails at Brewster and Pateros were discussed. It was suggested to have a security camera installed at key locations to alleviate this problem.

13. Darrin Sexton described the status of actions from the 2002 Recreation Action Plan update.

- For the City of Brewster, the swimming area buoys will go in the water soon (July 2007), and the Riverfront Trail improvements will occur in the summer 2007. Darrin Sexton asked that the City send a letter discussing any major maintenance needs at existing park facilities to Douglas PUD so that Douglas PUD could address these concerns. In particular, the dock is missing 50 feet of the white rubber dock edge bumper. The City asked to have this item fixed. The City will send a letter to Douglas PUD. Douglas PUD will be installing aluminum gangways at the launch and boarding float at Columbia Cove this year. Milfoil management is also an issue, and biological control may be an option to consider. This topic will be addressed in an upcoming relicensing study.
- There are no changes to the list of actions for the City of Bridgeport.
- The City of Pateros discussed the actions from the 2002 RAP update and mentioned a few updates. Resurfacing the docks has been completed. Douglas PUD is still assessing how they will be conducting inspections of docks every 6 months. The tennis courts were repainted. Douglas PUD is modifying the landscaping and irrigation at the Methow boat launch.

14. Action items and next steps were identified and are listed in the table below.

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item Tracking

#	Responsible Party	Action Item	Date Requested	Completion (Yes/No/Partial)	Follow-on Needed/ Comments
1	Darrin Sexton	Follow up with Chief Joseph Dam operations manager (Richard Sanchez) on the epoxy injection method for fixing pool cracks	6/29/2007	No	
2	JD Smith (City of Brewster)	Send a request letter on restroom and Columbia Cove dock bumper major maintenance requests to Douglas PUD	6/29/2007	No	
3	JD Smith (City of Brewster)	Send recreation survey data results to Douglas PUD and inform Douglas PUD when the City's recreation plan is available on the City's website	6/29/2007	No	
4	Gordon Brett	Report on the status of the Douglas PUD dock maintenance program with inspections planned every 6 months	6/29/2007	No	



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MEETING NOTES & ACTION ITEMS

TO: Lee Webster, JD Smith, and Gary Reese, City of Brewster

FROM: Darrin Sexton and Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD) and Chuck Everett (EDAW)

CC: Shane Bickford, Scott Kreiter, and Bob Clubb (Douglas County PUD)

DATE: September 24, 2007

RE: **Meeting Notes and Action Items: September 13, 2007**
City of Brewster
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update—Comments on Preliminary
Draft RAP Update Wells Hydroelectric Project Compliance

Location: Community Center, City of Brewster, WA

Attendees:

- Chuck Everett (EDAW); Gordon Brett, Darrin Sexton (Douglas County PUD); JD Smith, Lee Webster, and Gary Reese (City of Brewster)

Handouts:

- Preliminary Draft of the 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update was received by the attendees prior to the meeting.

Summary of Meeting Comments:

1. The general discussion points for the meeting were:
 - Process for this 5-year RAP compliance action
 - Criteria used to define the projects
 - Results for the city—actions, site plans
 - Next steps needed
2. Lee Webster asked that the policies from the IAC's SCORP that are delineated in the 2002 RAP Update also be included in this Plan since the new 2007 data has not been summarized yet.
3. Lee was disappointed in the RAP Update's treatment and response to the camping issues at Brewster, and believes that other criteria may apply. Lee mentioned that there is a need for camping now, which is mentioned in the 2002 WA SCORP

- data and policies. As such, camping facilities should be a higher priority in Brewster.
4. Lee asked what happened to the pier and float at Columbia Cove Park. These will be added to page 3.
 5. Lee noted that previous RAP Updates considered “regional” resources to typically be 40 – 50 miles from the Wells pool, while this RAP Update includes facilities beyond this radius. Lee asked that the other regional lakes being listed only include those closer to Wells and further north (perhaps a 60 mile radius from Wells?). Including more resources in the region may infer that there are lots of recreational options in the area, but the analysis is not totally clear on all of the differences in those options.
 6. Lee said that he thinks there has been an increase in duck hunting in the area over the past 3-5 years, and increased interest in both waterfowl and upland hunting. This goes against national and statewide trends.
 7. JD Smith asked that the District develop areas only where there is good access on the Wells pool.
 8. JD questioned why in #8 (Table 6.3-15, 2007 RAP Update Draft) regarding the sewer plant was not on the list for relicensing. Gordon responded by discussing the original assumptions when the plant was built. Nonetheless, the sewer plant was added as a potential relicensing topic in the RAP Update table.
 9. Lee asked for clarification regarding the Brewster Waterfront Trail, as he thought that the District did trail maintenance. Gordon responded by clarifying the City’s responsibility for day-to-day trail maintenance, and referenced page 46 of the preliminary draft 2007 RAP Update. The new bollards allowing police vehicles access should help with current problems along the trail.

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item Tracking

#	Responsible Party	Action Item	Date Requested	Completion (Yes/No/Partial)	Follow-on Needed/ Comments
1	District	Provide draft meeting notes to City of Brewster for review	9/13	Yes	
2	Chuck Everett	Include 2007 SCORP Policy statements in this RAP Update as well	9/13	In process	
3	Chuck Everett	Revise the list of regional water bodies to be within 40-60 miles only; plus show the other mid-Columbia hydro projects (Chelan and Grant PUDs)	9/13	In process	
4	Chuck Everett	Show the sewer plant as a relicensing issue on Table 6.3-15	9/13	In process	



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TO: Gail Howe and George Brady, City of Pateros

FROM: Darrin Sexton, Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD) and Chuck Everett (EDAW)

CC: Shane Bickford, Scott Kreiter, and Bob Clubb (Douglas County PUD)

DATE: September 24, 2007

RE: **Meeting Notes and Action Items: September 13, 2007**
City of Pateros
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update—Comments on Preliminary
Draft RAP Update Wells Hydroelectric Project Compliance

Location: City Hall, Pateros, WA

Attendees:

- Chuck Everett (EDAW); Gordon Brett and Darrin Sexton (Douglas County PUD); Gail Howe and George Brady (City of Pateros)

Handouts:

- Preliminary Draft of the 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update was received by the attendees prior to the meeting.

Summary of Meeting Comments:

10. The general discussion points for the meeting were:
 - Process for this 5-year RAP compliance action
 - Criteria used to define the projects
 - Results for the city—actions, site plans
 - Next steps needed
11. Gail Howe provided various edits to the Preliminary Draft RAP Update. Chuck Everett made the edits.
12. George Brady spoke about the City of Pateros' ongoing recreation issues.
 - Pateros understands that the District is deferring some actions to relicensing.

- The City cannot afford maintenance on the tennis courts and, therefore, would prefer the District continue to maintain the courts.
 - The swim area at Peninsula Park has issues with silt sediment and milfoil growth and the longer-term viability of the lagoon as a swim area needs to be considered. The swim area may need to be moved out of the lagoon to the river mainstem side. The City and County could likely work on developing a “no wake” ordinance prior to moving the swim area.
13. George indicated that some dock users have said that the docks are okay for most anglers, but not for general boater use. However, the District annual dock maintenance program may help.
 14. Gordon Brett discussed the proposed boat launches. George asked for clarification on what was included in the winter boat launch project. The various details were discussed.
 15. George discussed the Wells Project compared to other reservoirs, specifically regarding how other Mid-Columbia reservoirs are managed, and why recreation use at some pools are higher and others are lower. He mentioned that the District should focus on recreation in the towns and not new sites in undeveloped areas. George asked that the District deal with perceived growth issues now that may require facility expansion or new facilities, rather than waiting for relicensing.
 16. Gail discussed activities that were increasing in demand including day-use, picnicking, walking, boating and swimming.
 17. Gail and George indicated that since the proposed Chief Joseph State Park was not implemented in this license period, recreation in the Wells Pool area was affected. Gordon explained why State Parks abandoned this project for other actions.
 18. Gail said that there are issues with the docks not being user friendly, and asked that bumpers be included in this RAP Update. In addition, Gail thought that ADA fishing access may be needed, and perhaps one of the existing docks could be retrofitted to provide ADA access for anglers.

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item Tracking

#	Responsible Party	Action Item	Date Requested	Completion (Yes/No/Partial)	Follow-on Needed/ Comments
1	District	Provide draft meeting notes to City of Pateros for review	9/13	Yes	



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MEETING NOTES & ACTION ITEMS

TO: Steve Jenkins, Jean Hardy, and John Troutman, City of Bridgeport

FROM: Darrin Sexton and Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD) and Chuck Everett (EDAW)

CC: Shane Bickford, Scott Kreiter, and Bob Clubb (Douglas County PUD)

DATE: September 24, 2007

RE: **Meeting Notes and Action Items: September 14, 2007**
City of Bridgeport
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update—Comments on Preliminary Draft RAP
Update Wells Hydroelectric Project Compliance

Location: City Hall, City of Bridgeport, WA

Attendees:

- Chuck Everett (EDAW); Gordon Brett and Darrin Sexton (Douglas County PUD); Steve Jenkins, Jean Hardy, and John Troutman (City of Bridgeport)

Handouts:

- Preliminary Draft of the 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update was received by the attendees prior to the meeting.

Summary of Meeting Comments:

19. The general discussion points for the meeting were:
 - Process for this 5-year RAP compliance action
 - Criteria used to define the projects
 - Results for the city—actions, site plans
 - Next steps needed
20. Steve Jenkins asked the District how the various projects were chosen. Chuck Everett and Gordon Brett responded by describing the RAP Update process and the criteria.
21. Steve said that the current condition of the Bridgeport launches are a safety issue and need to be addressed soon.

22. John Troutman also indicated that the launch would hopefully meet ADA guidelines, if feasible. Chuck responded that the new boarding float will use the latest criteria for ADA accessibility, but that exceptions may apply.
23. Steve discussed potential RV camping expansion. He agreed that it is okay to be dealt with in relicensing, but asked that some things could be addressed now.
24. Steve said that it is good that the lift station for the RV dump is included in the RAP Update. It occasionally overflows now at the RV dump station (a couple times last year, though none this year). They switched toilet paper, which has helped, but still have issues with periodic rocks in the system.
25. Darrin Sexton and Gordon Brett discussed earlier comments from Larry Rose, the past caretaker. They reinforced that auto-flushers will be installed when the old ones wear out. They also discussed installing 3 grey water sumps (French drains) under water spigots.
26. Darrin discussed using various materials at the old boat ramp at the lagoon: 2-man rocks, ecology blocks and other solutions. It was agreed to decommission the old ramp.
27. Chuck said that when the District does an assessment of new boat ramp parking and circulation, it may free up room for a couple of new RV or tent campground sites in the future. The City will review the new/relocated boat launch plans in late 2007, early 2008.
28. Darrin said that #6 on page 81 of the 2007 RAP Update Draft will be completed under the 2002 RAP Update, and is currently out for bid by a contractor.
29. Steve said that he was happy with the actions and new additions included in the 2007 RAP Update.
30. Jean referenced Table 5.3-1 (2007 RAP Update Draft) and was concerned that Bridgeport and Okanogan were combined in the table and asked that Bridgeport be pulled out separately. Chuck responded that this is how the relicensing study results were compiled, but site specific use numbers should be available through relicensing.
31. Added actions for the 2007 RAP Update Draft include:
 - Add a swim delineator and sign at the lagoon designating it for non-motorized use only.
 - Add bollards.
 - Decommission the old boat launch and remove the concrete plank ramp.
 - Add greywater sumps at 3 water spigots in Marina Park at the picnic shelter and at tent sites.
 - Add autoflushers when restroom flushers wear out (similar to Pateros).

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item Tracking

#	Responsible Party	Action Item	Date Requested	Completion (Yes/No/Partial)	Follow-on Needed/ Comments
1	Chuck Everett	Include old ramp decommissioning actions in the 2007 RAP Update	9/14	In process	
2	District	Provide draft meeting notes to City of Bridgeport for review	9/14	Yes	



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TO: Gail Howe and George Brady, City of Pateros

FROM: Darrin Sexton, Gordon Brett (Douglas County PUD) and Chuck Everett (EDAW)

CC: Shane Bickford, Scott Kreiter, and Bob Clubb (Douglas County PUD)

DATE: December 3, 2007

RE: **Meeting Notes and Action Items: November 21, 2007**
City of Pateros
2007 Recreation Action Plan Update—Clarification on City of Pateros’
comments on the Revised Draft RAP Update-Wells Hydroelectric Project
Compliance

Location: City Hall, Pateros, WA

Attendees:

- Chuck Everett (EDAW); Gordon Brett and Darrin Sexton (Douglas County PUD); Gail Howe and George Brady (City of Pateros)

Handouts:

- City of Pateros letter to Douglas County PUD dated November 13, 2007 was received by the attendees prior to the meeting.

Summary of Meeting Comments:

1. The meeting participants acknowledged the City of Pateros letter to Douglas County PUD dated November 13, 2007 in response to the Revised Draft Recreation Action Plan Update. The purpose of this meeting was to clarify these comments and ensure that Douglas PUD understands the nature of the City of Pateros’ comments.
2. Peninsula Park: In regards to the swim area, Douglas PUD agreed to study the options for locating a new swim area before defining a final solution. Options for study include: improving the swim area where it is now, move the swim area closer to the opening of the cove, move the swim area to the end of the cove, move the swim area to the mainstem of the river, or consider a site elsewhere. The 2007 RAP Update will not show a final solution at this time.

3. Wells Dam Visitor Center: The meeting participants discussed the apparent disparity between the use numbers at the Wells Dam Visitor Center compared to use at the upstream Rocky Reach Visitor Center. The City of Pateros indicated that this is an issue to be considered in the 2007 RAP Update because it is a current issue and it should not wait for relicensing to be resolved. The visitor center was closed to the public in 2002 except for visitation by reservation, City of Pateros feels that the issue should be looked at now, rather than waiting for relicensing. Ideas for a new site include in Pateros, or at the Dam Overlook. Gordon Brett (PUD) mentioned that Douglas PUD has had ongoing discussions with stakeholders during relicensing regarding how to best resolve the issue regarding the visitor center; therefore, actions are being discussed now. City of Pateros hopes that Douglas PUD would make the visitor center a priority.
4. The group discussed the differences in the Wells Reservoir visitor use numbers compared to the other Mid-Columbia PUDs downstream. The City of Pateros questioned the reasons for the disparity between use numbers between the Mid-Columbia PUD projects. The City of Pateros believes that people are going through the area, but are not stopping at the Wells Project recreation facilities. The City of Pateros requests that Douglas PUD focus new development in the three cities (Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport), and rather than wildlife/sensitive areas. More specifically, the City of Pateros requests well signed and developed access points to the reservoir and not the current system. The City of Pateros believes that Douglas PUD does not adequately welcome visitors, and does not provide site location information, which makes use numbers lower than they should be. The City of Pateros believes that the lower use numbers for Wells Project facilities may be due to the current set of recreation facilities (more development is needed) and a lack of visitor education. The City of Pateros believes that there should be an educational component in the 2007 RAP Update regarding where the public can access the Wells Reservoir resources. The development of pamphlets, signs, web-sites, etc., as well as signage at boat ramps and on roads, would help educate the public regarding where to find recreation facilities.
5. The City of Pateros requested that US 97 be referred to in the RAP Update document as US 97 rather than US "Highway" 97.
6. Omak Lake: City of Pateros indicated that Omak Lake is a deep lake, with cutthroat trout and little recreation use. Because many parts of Omak Lake are closed to non-Indian use, it is not a good comparison for an alternative destination compared to Wells Reservoir. Gordon Brett (PUD) indicated that the City of Brewster had requested that all lakes within the service radius such as Omak Lake, be included in the regional comparison. It will be retained in the 2007 RAP Update.
7. Methow Boat Launch: City of Pateros indicated that the Methow Boat Launch has usability issues. Douglas PUD is undertaking a spring 2008 relicensing study which will examine the usability issues at this boat launch (sedimentation, aquatic vegetation growth, etc.). Options for the Methow Boat Launch may possibly include shifting boat launch use to the Methow car-top boat launch upriver if the site issues cannot be resolved.
8. The group discussed the WA SCORP Activity Trend Data in 2007 RAP Update. The City of Pateros said that both Douglas PUD and the three local cities don't address activity trends well, specifically the rising interest in trail use and other activities. The City of Pateros requests that Douglas PUD look at high demand activities to see if recreation facility changes are needed.

9. The group discussed the Winter Launch east of Memorial Park. Gordon Brett (PUD) discussed the upcoming project where 4 boat launches will be redesigned. Douglas PUD is trying to have the Winter Launch's problematic ramp lane drop off problem fixed now. Douglas PUD has some of the permits approved for these improvements, but not all, including a City-issued permit. The entire Winter Launch will be further investigated later, with consideration of addition of parking. The City will be consulted on this project.
10. The group discussed the fact that US 97 and the rail corridor limit access to the reservoir shoreline. Because of access limitations to the reservoir from US 97 and the rail corridor, access sites are limited. The City of Pateros agreed, and indicated that this was another reason why Douglas PUD should focus recreation use at the 3 cities.
11. The City of Pateros requested that the various typos be addressed throughout the 2007 RAP Update. These will be addressed in the final document.

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item Tracking

#	Responsible Party	Action Item	Date Requested	Completion (Yes/No/Partial)	Follow-on Needed/Comments
		None			

EXHIBIT E

Stakeholder Letters Received by Douglas County PUD



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Re: Comments on the 2007 Recreation Action Plan

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Dear Mr. Sexton,

Thank you for coming to meet with Bob Fateley and me last month. We here at the City of Brewster appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the 2007 Recreation Action Plan (RAP). Here are a few things we have noticed regarding past RAPs, in addition to comments on the current RAP.

1. Please consider recreational data from Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), our current 2002 and 2007 draft of the Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plans, and also the Parks and Recreation survey the City is currently working on. This survey is being circulated within our city as well as being available on the City website with the idea to accumulate public opinion not only of our community residents but also from present and past visitors to our area.
2. The biggest concern we have is the limited camping sites and water access in the area. This sentiment is echoed in the July 24, 1997 letter from Jim Eychaner of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) addressed to Gordon Brett of Douglas County PUD. We believe that the cancellation of the Chief Joseph State Park project and subsequent movement of those funds over fifty miles away to Pearrygin Lake State Park has created an even greater immediate need for RV and camping spots. Quoting the 1997 RAP there is still an unmet and "immediate regional need for destination camping at a water access point". Columbia Cove RV Park records indicate that from 2000 – 2006 there has been an increase of over 300% in revenue, with a corresponding increase in rentals. In addition, because the RV Park is full during salmon season, the City has

made dry camping available at no cost in nearly every available open spot near the Columbia Cove Park. This is highly utilized during the opening weeks of salmon season and annual salmon derby. There is also a significant unmet need for additional parking during those weekends. (See picture 1 - Dry camping and overflow parking). We believe the Foyle property qualifies as "an undeveloped area highly suited for such development" (1997 RAP). Has the suitability study mentioned in the 1997 RAP been completed? By whom, and if so, what were the results?

3. Scheduled dates for widening our existing boat launch to two lanes, adding additional ramps and docks, as well as buoys for swimming area have come and gone for several years now. According to correspondence with Douglas PUD, Fish and Wildlife, and Department of Ecology (DOE), it does appear that this project can be completed while avoiding peak usage times (salmon season) but has not. We would request that this be completed as soon as possible. This would help to alleviate the congestion and lengthy wait time to launch or recover. (See picture 2 - vehicles waiting to recover boats and picture 3 - boats awaiting recovery). Also regarding the boat launch, parking has been a major issue during peak times, with boaters parking their trailers over a quarter mile away. (See Picture 1 again). Please keep in mind the number of visitors has been much greater in and around the City of Brewster's access points (as well as Bridgeport's and Pateros') when compared with the Wells Overlook and the Starr boat launch, so dollars spent should correlate.
4. Although the swimming pool, in Douglas PUD's opinion, may not be directly related to the issue of public access to project lands and water (1997 RAP), the raising of Wells Pool two additional feet has caused major maintenance issues for the pool every year since. This is a direct impact from the project. The lowest point in the swimming pool is 779.1 feet of elevation. The normal water level of Wells Pool is approximately 782.0 feet of elevation. According to our engineers, in laymen's terms: "the swimming pool is acting like a boat and is floating on the raised water table". Furthermore, because the water level and water table fluctuate often, excessive stress is being exerted on the swimming pool, large cracks and leaks have formed, and have to be repaired every year. Due to extremely high water levels this year during the months of March and April, water could actually be seen flowing into the pool through these cracks, filling the deep end 8 inches in about 30 minutes. It is our understanding that either Chief Joseph Dam or Wells Dam has access to

equipment and personnel which would be able to permanently fix the cracks in the pool and prevent them from reoccurring by drilling holes in the pool itself and injecting a type of flexible outer liner from the DeNeef Company. We have had contact with personnel familiar with the process from Chief Joseph Dam who indicate this may be an ideal solution to our problem.

5. While it is not a Recreation issue, I would like to bring to your attention our Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), which is receiving a much needed \$3.5 million upgrade this year. According to our engineers, this will be the last upgrade that will be feasible and cost effective at the STP's current location. What is needed is a much larger location for an upgraded STP. Please consider helping us enlarge this location or investigating a new location. In the Agreement between the Town of Brewster and Douglas PUD, dated 29 July 1966, section 2, paragraph A, the sewage treatment plant was designed for a capacity of 2500 people and readily able to accept upgrades to serve 3750 people. We are currently serving approximately 2100 people, and are at capacity.
6. No one here at the City is aware of the existence of - or any correspondence regarding a viewing/fishing platform on the Brewster waterfront trail as proposed in the 1997 RAP.
7. The current geographic location of the riverfront trail is not conducive to easy public access. Current entrances/exits have no tie-in with other public facilities, no parking, and no signage. In short it does not go anywhere, nor is the general public (especially visitors to the area) even aware of its existence. The location of the trail, away from higher traffic recreation areas, makes it a prime target for vandals, as well as other undesirables. More overhead lighting, as we discussed last month, may aid in dissuading these actions. A great proposal would be to lengthen the trail northward to connect with Hwy 173 and Hwy 97 and continue with an existing geologic shelf that runs most of City limits into an area near the soon to be developed Plaza Point, with parking nearby. Of course, it would also make sense to connect it in some way to existing park facilities in and around Columbia Cove Park.
8. In reviewing the 2002 RAP and the six year Capital Improvement Plan referenced, I see that only 3 of the thirteen goals have been achieved, mostly due to of lack of funding.

In summary, I would love to see those projects previously proposed by Douglas PUD be implemented during this RAP timeline, as well as some new projects considered.

Thank you,

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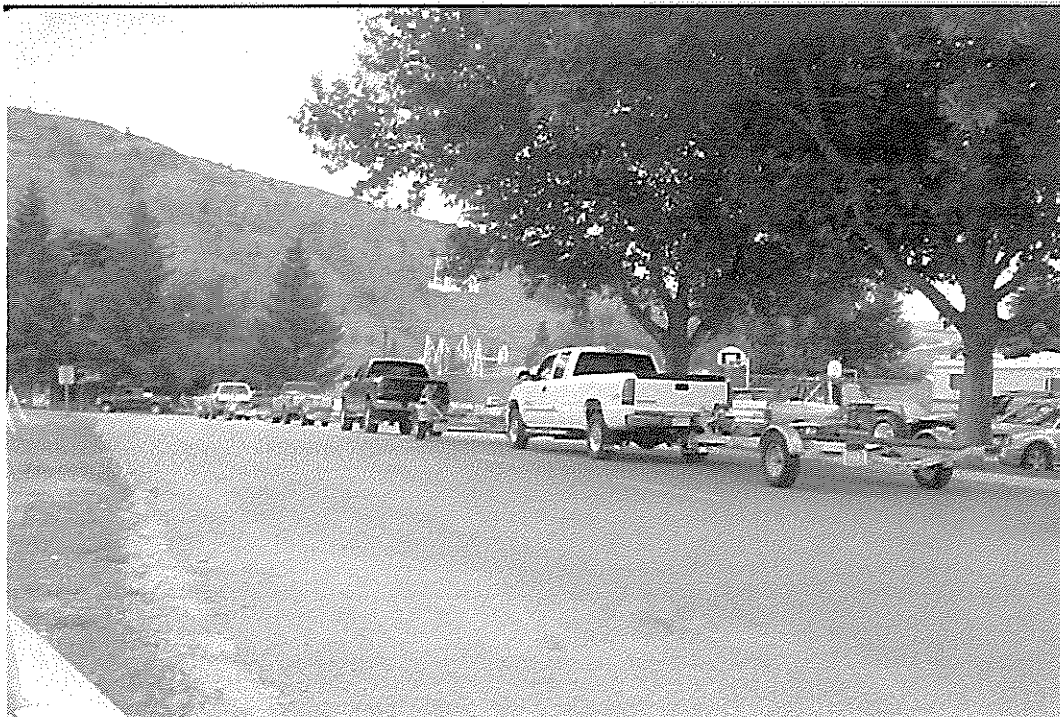
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The last two pictures I added to give an indication of what kind of use a small piece of the Wells reservoir near Brewster gets during salmon season.

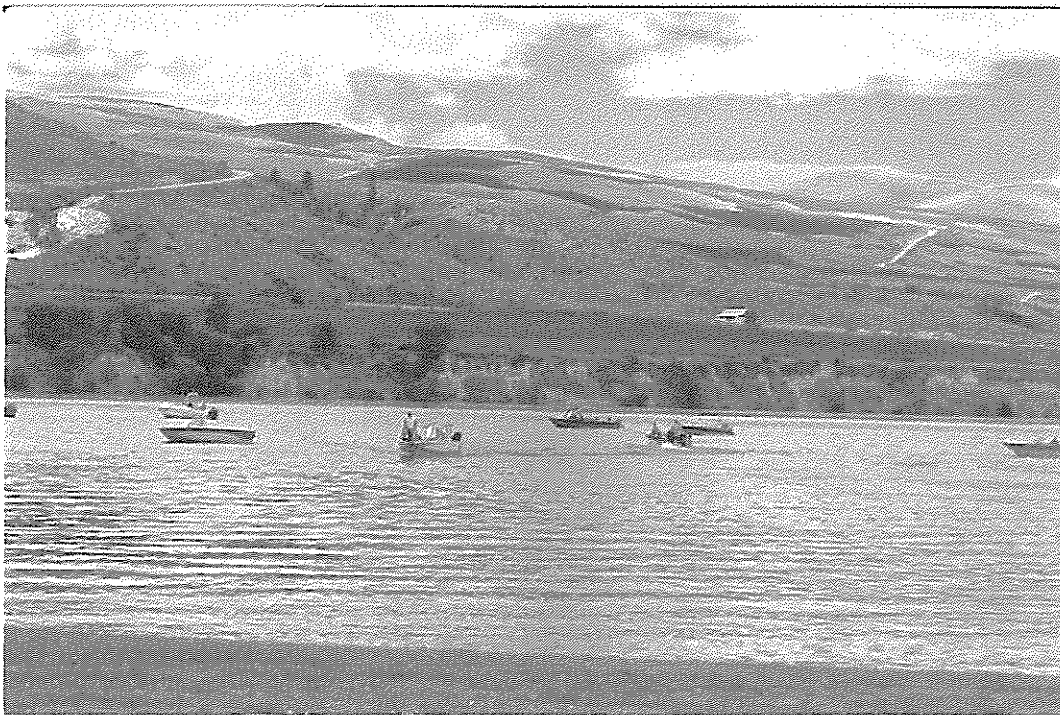
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Picture 3:





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RE: 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update

The City of Bridgeport appreciates the opportunity to comment and make suggestions for a five (5) year plan of updates and possible improvements to our Marina Park RV sites.

The following are comments/concerns expressed during a meeting with representatives of the Douglas County PUD. Please note the last bullet is a new concern that Mayor Jenkins would like to discuss for updates.

- Move the boat launch ramp to the nearby Corps launch and add a handling dock on the inside. The jetty could also be extended, though this may pose a problem for large barges used by the Corps.
- The RV Park could be potentially expended. There has been increasing demand for the RV campsite facilities. This increase in demand may be caused by previous enhancements of the facility and/or improved area fishing success because of the relaxation of ESA restrictions. The Park provides the only river access for many miles. There appear to be several options: 1) reconfigure the existing RV park, 2) expand the RV park uphill, or 3) expand the RV park further downstream approximately 300 feet.
- There could be a trail from the Corps boat launch along the shoreline to 2nd Street.
- Tree roots in the RV park area are a problem and the upslope of the lagoon has root invasion and erosion damage that should be addressed soon.
- Reconfiguring the existing RV park for more efficient use of space is an option prior to assuming that the site must be enlarges. For example, the parking area

for the current boat launch at the lagoon (proposed for removal) could be reconfigures for other uses.

- Long term RV park water rights were discussed. Continued use of City of Bridgeport water is not desired by the City.
- The current lift station for sanitary dumping of RV sewage is in need of upgrading as it has a history of overflowing.

Again, the City of Bridgeport appreciates the partnership they enjoy with the Douglas County PUD and look forward to further projects for community improvements and beautification.

Respectfully

for: Steven D. Jenkins
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March 26, 2007

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RE: 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update

Dear Gordon and Darren,

Thank you for the opportunity for the City of Pateros to participate in determining recreation needs at the Wells Hydroelectric Project, and to respond to those needs for the Recreation Action Plan Update for the coming five-year period (2007-2012). On March 6, 2007 a walk through was held with Gordon Brett and Chuck Everett representing Douglas PUD, and George Brady, Parry Hamshaw, and Gail Howe representing the City of Pateros.

Our City Parks are first class and maintenance requires a high standard of operation. We aspire for their continuance and enhancements. The 1982 Public Use Plan states the reservoir downstream from the Wells pool was analyzed for comparison purposes; and the Plan relying on the 1979 SCORP survey was a guide to what the recreational needs will be up to this last five year Action Plan Update of the current license. The City of Pateros feels it is vital to reflect the current and future changes in recreation supply and demand. The City of Pateros presents the following needs for improvements:

Winter Boat Launch

Dock inspection and maintenance continued
Directional Signs (Project area sign inserts for local public accessed amenities)
Water Safety Signs (in coordination with Okanogan County Sheriff)
Tent camping sand-pit/BBQ for kayakers, canoeists (include water trail access), and bicyclists evaluated and implemented
Usability (steepness and drop-off on ramp)
Parking (concern for recognized availability)

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Memorial Park

Dock inspection and maintenance continued
Restroom inside and outside maintenance painting/seal coating continued
Gazebo/ Picnic shelter painting/seal coating maintenance continued
Directional Signs (Project area sign inserts for local public accessed amenities)
Asphalt pathway evaluation and maintenance implemented
Asphalt pathway extension (scenic trail development) to eastern end of City limits
Pavilion or similar structure (viewing, sitting, riverfront setting, shaded Hydro scoring box area, etc.)
Street curb sidewalk (ADA accessibility to all parts of the park)
Themed Water Feature near playground (rock rip-rap shoreline protection is unsafe for water access needs)

Methow Boat Launch

Dock inspection and maintenance continued
Restroom inside and outside maintenance painting/seal coating continued
Directional Signs (Project area sign inserts for local public accessed amenities)
Water Safety Signs (in coordination with Okanogan County Sheriff)
Restroom auto flushers installation for safety and energy efficiency
Asphalt pathway evaluation and maintenance implemented
Tent camping sand-pit/BBQ for kayakers, canoeists (include water trail access), and bicyclists evaluated and implemented
Silt bar deposits hindrance to boaters
Aquatic growth hindrance to boaters
Landscaping including removal of fish cleaning station (pending completion of 2002 Action Plan)

Peninsula Park

Restroom inside and outside maintenance painting/seal coating continued
Gazebo/ Picnic shelter painting/seal coating maintenance continued
Directional Signs (Project area sign inserts for local public accessed amenities)
Restroom auto flushers installation for safety and energy efficiency
Asphalt pathway evaluation and maintenance implemented
Swimming beach enhancements (sand and erosion protection)
Playground fall protection pad maintenance
Silt bar deposits hindrance to boating use and to swimming cove (1980 Elevation Application for Amendment temporarily alleviated and 1997 Action Plan to study but no action to resolve)
Aquatic growth hindrance to swimming cove

Tennis Courts

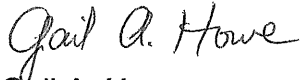
Restroom inside and outside maintenance painting/seal coating continued
Directional Signs (Project area sign inserts for local public accessed amenities)
Restroom electricity
Restroom auto flushers installation for safety and energy efficiency
Tennis lights upgraded for safety and energy efficiency

Resurfacing existing tennis courts as standard maintenance requirement
(2002 Action Plan stated: The District will investigate the annual
maintenance requirements for the tennis courts." None received as of
3/6/07)

Landscaping including painting shed and backdrop (pending completion of 2002
Action Plan)

Thank you for being receptive to the City's list of improvements and enhancements
for recreation facilities. We understand Chuck Everett is contacting the adjacent
pools on recent data regarding recreation. We request a meeting to discuss our list
before Douglas PUD makes their final determinations without the City's input. The
City supports your effort to enhance our facilities and appreciate the partnership we
have with Douglas PUD.

Sincerely,

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Gail A. Howe
Mayor, City of Pateros

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April 23, 2007

Douglas County PUD
ATTN: Charles Everett
Darrin Sexton
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Dear Sirs,

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in the meeting last week. Forming strong regional partnerships is critical to our organization.

The following is a continuation of the discussion regarding our goals that will enable us to substantially revitalize the interpretive center and increase visitorship. A great deal of work needs to be done to upgrade the facility in order to make it safer, more accessible, and more inviting for use by a wider variety of visitors.

1. Expand the parking lot to accommodate buses and RVs as well as greater numbers of regular vehicles.
2. Enlarge the picnic area to also serve as a presentation area for speakers, demonstrations, etc.
3. Extend the current trail from the main building to the shoreline. It will serve not only as safe access to and from the water, but also for stations highlighting indigenous plants and wildlife.
4. A small playground will encourage families to spend more time at the site while providing a safe, visible place for children to expend energy while adults continue to further explore the educational aspects of the center.
5. Construct models of historical items to enhance the artifacts already on display. This will enable us to more completely portray the Fort Okanogan story. We would also appreciate any assistance you can provide to procure the model of Fort Okanogan currently at Wells Dam, but not on display. As security policies further restrict visitor access to PUD hydro-electric projects, our organization will need assistance to relocate other items relevant to Fort Okanogan.
6. As promotional materials are developed for a broad spectrum of visitor categories, we will need technical and financial assistance to produce brochures and flyers.
7. While the center is being refurbished, we will be developing educational materials with which to instruct various age, ability, and interest levels of students in the region. The materials will include interactive, visual, and written elements. Another method of instruction is re-enactment and we have some members who

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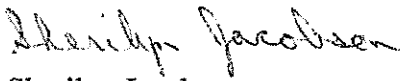
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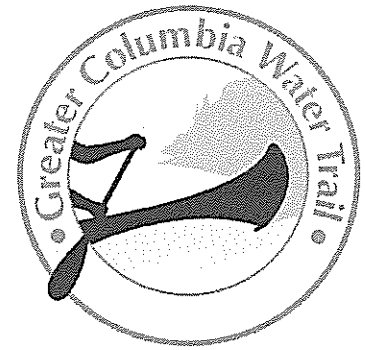
have expressed an interest in this. Obviously we prefer to have people come to the center, but we also plan to offer programming offsite as well. We have a vast amount of historical resources available, but will need additional help composing it into deliverable content.

As we continue to build upon the success of the past two summer speaker series, we have begun exploring ideas for the landmark bicentennial celebration in 2011. The Fort Okanogan story has faded considerably over the last two decades so there is much to do. The formation of Friends of Fort Okanogan is a direct result of regional interest in revitalizing the center as a means of presenting that story in a variety of venues. Fort Okanogan was not only an important transportation hub in the mid-19th Century, but also actually the birthplace of the territory that became Washington State. We are committed to sharing our collective knowledge by whatever means within our reach. Passion and knowledge are not enough. We will be relying on partners to help make our mission a reality.

Sincerely,

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Sherilyn Jacobson
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Darrin Sexton
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Darrin,

It was a pleasure meeting with you last week, and learning about the process and effort you and the Douglas PUD put into public involvement. We appreciate your receptiveness to the ideas presented, and the difficult task of sorting through all the input you receive. It is an effort worth acknowledging.

Background

The Greater Columbia Water Trail (GCWT) is a network of water trails within the Columbia River watershed, from Canada through the Hanford Reach, that supports flatwater paddle sport recreation for day and overnight excursions. Support for the GCWT has steadily been increasing. Recently the National Park Service granted technical assistance for trail development, which has increased our exposure, support and organizational capacity. The goals of the GCWT include:

- **Boosting economic development** in Washington communities by encouraging more people to recreate on Columbia watershed rivers
- **Identifying public access** to flatwater rivers and providing solutions for barrier-free water travel
- **Promoting cultural and environmental education** along water trail corridors within the Columbia River watershed
- **Encouraging healthy lifestyles** through local programs and activities associated with a water trail

Included in this letter is a list of trail needs that the GCWT Steering Committee identifies as necessary to the success of the trail. We are requesting assistance in developing the entire section of Douglas PUD jurisdiction. In relation to the five year recreation plan associated with the current license of Wells Dam, all components are similarly applicable. Please consider the following request.

Launch Sites

Identify existing sites and categorize as primary, secondary or tertiary

Identify and make launch site improvements where applicable

Purchase and install directional signs for launch sites from roads and river

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Purchase and install information and interpretive signs at primary launch sites
Purchase and install carsonite information signs along rivers edge

Stop over Sites

Identify appropriate stop over sites for day-use along rivers edge
Identify and make stop over site improvements where applicable
Purchase and install information/interpretive signs where applicable
Purchase and install carsonite information signs along rivers edge

Camping Sites

Identify existing and potential appropriate camping sites along the rivers edge
Identify and make camping site improvements where applicable
Purchase and install information/interpretive signs where applicable
Purchase and install carsonite information signs along rivers edge

Mapping

Coordinate with above activities to assist in map creation using GPS coordinates and GIS mapping showing access, amenities, stop over sites, camping sites, etc.

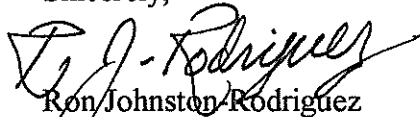
Portage

Coordinate with relicensing effort on portage options

The GCWT steering committee is meeting in Tonasket on May 3, from 10am-2pm at the Whistler Restaurant. I would like to invite you or another Douglas PUD representative to join the steering committee, as our efforts are now approaching your jurisdiction. Douglas PUD input and guidance is critical to the paddlers that have and will continue to enjoy the waters of the Columbia and Okanogan rivers.

As you requested at the April 13, 2007 meeting, I have included a paper copy and CD of the Development Manual for Flatwater Paddlesports and Wildlife Viewing in Okanogan County, WA, 2004. I look forward to talking with you soon about your needs for the recreation planning in addition to the relicensing efforts, and how the Greater Columbia Water Trail fits those needs. Thank you again for considering the GCWT project ideas and plans.

Sincerely,



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Gordon,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the above referenced draft plan update; WSDOT has no issues to address. Please contact our office if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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November 13, 2007

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RE: City of Pateros – Revised Draft 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update Comments

Dear Mr. Brett:

On behalf of the City of Pateros, we wish to make the following general comments followed by specific comments on item numbers or pages in the revised draft five-year Recreation Action Plan.

This 2007 Recreation Action Plan is the last opportunity under the current license No. 2149 to bring the Wells Hydroelectric Project area up to recreational use levels that are more consistent with other projects in our area. This plan should not be merely viewed as a minor tweaking to be done before the 2012 license takes effect.

We previously commented that Douglas PUD has a lack of commitment to providing quality and diverse recreational opportunities in the project area that would cause tourists to stop and utilize this area. Since problems with the current license cannot be addressed in the upcoming license, it is of utmost importance to address the deficiencies that we are now seeing. The PUD should not put off any important developments, hoping they will be addressed under the new license. The urgency of our requests is brought on because of stalling by the PUD to implement significant enhancements for recreation during several of the previous five-year plans.

Two major examples of this are noticeably evident:

- (1) The 1982 plan called for surveys of the adjacent areas so we could see how our recreation days of use compared with other projects near us. This survey was delayed until 2007 and then only at the insistence of our city. The results of this survey show that use on this project was miniscule compared to other nearby projects. We need not quote these figures as you can see them for yourselves. In spite of the PUD attempting to “spin” this as being caused by distance from major centers, or gas prices; the figures show quite conclusively that the real reason for the very low amount of use on the Wells reservoir is more closely related to the PUD’s lack of commitment in providing recreation areas on the reservoir. Obviously putting in a few boat launches and providing a small amount of park space (with maintenance paid for by the city) has been completely inadequate. The numbers of visitors shows this shortfall.

- (2) The PUD Visitor Center was effectively closed after 2001 because of security concerns. We understand the closure requirement. However, we have suggested for years that the PUD look at alternatives to provide visitors access to this recreational opportunity. Under the current license the PUD has not provided evidence of pursuing this, even though the existence of the problem is now, not in the next license cycle. Looking at the survey of Rocky Reach, we found their visitor center had 100,000 days of recreation associated with it. The Douglas PUD Visitor Center had 108.

Clearly this kind of disparity needs to be addressed now, not later.

In summary, we believe this last five-year plan should be aggressive. It should bring visitor use levels up as far as possible. It should develop camping areas, parks, amenities in existing parks, better boat launches, and marina's and trails to accomplish this. More projects should be started now. Any projects that cannot be completed in this five-year cycle can be carried over into the new license.

Comments by item number or page number:

3.2 Wells Project Vicinity

– *“US Highway 97 closely parallels the reservoir for 20 miles, but the intervening rail road corridor restricts vehicular and pedestrian access along much of the western shoreline”*. This was a condition caused when the railroad was relocated during the building of the dam, yet in the 38 years since, the PUD has done almost nothing to enhance recreation outside of this problem area, nor work with the railroad to provide for public access across this problem area. The result is approximately 15 miles of shoreline with almost no access.

3.2-1 Wells Hydroelectric Project area and recreation resources

– This issue of *“informal launches”* needs to be addressed. There is no signage for the facilities and ramps so the public has no idea that these launches exist. This keeps the use at a very low level.

4.1.1 Regional Reservoirs and Lakes

– *Omak Lake* is not a very good comparison with the other lakes mentioned because it is on tribal land which operates under very different rules.

Page 27 -- Rocky Reach Reservoir

– We brought up the huge disparity between the two visitor centers previously. Chelan PUD Rocky Reach Project has five major campgrounds run by them or State Parks while Wells has zero major campgrounds. The use figures are 20,000 to 40,000 on Wells Project lands and 4.6 million on Chelan PUD lands!

4.1.3 Mid-Columbia River Hydroelectric Project Recreation Resources and Comparison

– The implications may not be what are in this summary but rather “if there are no attractive facilities built, no one will come”.

4.2 Wells Project Area Recreation Facilities

– The Wells Reservoir proximity to Lake Chelan, to major recreation areas south, and to major recreation areas north of us, and being on the Highway 97 corridor should result in much more recreational use than we are currently seeing.

4.2.1 Primary Recreation Sites and Facilities

Page 36 -- Wells Dam Vista Overlook

- We discussed on the first page our concerns about the visitor centers current lack of use.

Page 40 -- Methow Boat Launch

- This launch has some problems with siltation and the PUD should decide if these are fixable, or if another launch should be put in across the river and ½ mile upstream where the PUD owns a larger area.

Page 41 -- Riverside Drive Recreation Access

- The PUD has assisted in the maintenance of the tennis courts. (Not just “assisted with some repairs and improvements at this site”)

Page 43 – Park Island

- All five-year Recreation Action Plans had addressed this park as a cornerstone to providing recreational opportunity on the pool but this was abandoned, the money was spent far outside the project area and nothing has been done to replace the many thousands of man days of recreation that this would have generated locally.

Page 47 – Methow Fishing Access -- Informal Boat Launches

- These informal boat launches are of little value from a tourism standpoint since there is no signage or work done on them.

Table 5.1-4—Washington state participation rates in outdoor recreation activities

- This shows the type of outdoor recreation that the PUD should be addressing. Little or nothing is done for most of the activities on the list.

5.3 – Existing Project Area Recreation Use

- What the survey doesn’t address is the visitors that don’t stop and don’t use the facilities because they don’t have what a visitor wants. This is only a survey of people that already use these areas.

Table 5.3-2 -- Existing recreation use by Wells Project by visitors by area and season

- spelling “Sea” kayaks not “See”

Table 5.3-3 – Annual use estimate summary (Wells Hydroelectric Project)

- spelling “Methow” not “Methlow”

5.4 – Project Area Recreation Use Trends

- This statement doesn’t address the inadequate responses to numerous five-year plans before this one, and now just says time is too short to do anything.

5.4-2 – Estimated current participation levels and desire for future participation levels in select recreation activities in Washington

- The number one activity on this assessment is walking, the number three is bicycle riding; neither of these are being addressed in this Plan.

6.1 -- Short-Term Recreation Needs in the Mid-Columbia River Region

- *“The 2002 Assessment provides specific recommendations for hydroelectric projects”* but almost none are even being considered in this five-year plan.

The SCORP report asks for more boat launches, more trails between communities, more camping, and scenic values of recreation within sight of the river as being important. We think this is also needed in the plan.

6.2.1 – District Identified Short-Term Recreation Needs or Action

The City of Pateros identified the following short-term recreation needs or actions:

Page 70 – Peninsula Park

-- ***“Relocate and enhance the swimming beach at Peninsula Park”*** This statement says to “relocate” but conflicts with what was said at the September 24th meeting that: ***“The swim area at Peninsula Park has issues with silt sediment and milfoil growth and the longer-term viability of the lagoon as a swim area needs to be considered.”*** The city did not say to “relocate” but that: ***“the swim area may need to be moved out of the lagoon to the river mainstream side.”***

Table 7.0-1 – 2007 RAP updates actions and cost estimates

-- spelling a sandy “beach” not “beachj”

7.4 – City of Pateros Actions

-- ***“Relocate and enhance the swimming beach at Peninsula Park to the main channel of the Methow River; install a sand beach, and a swimming area delineator; and”***. We are suggesting that the PUD may need to consider moving the swimming area; we certainly don’t think the idea of putting it in the main river channel is a good idea without thinking about other possibilities.

7.4-1c – Pateros Winter Boat Launch parking expansion site plan

– As the PUD has recognized that the city owned property and railroad right-of-way might make good overflow parking we assume they are willing to assist us in developing that parking.

If you should have any questions regarding these comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gail A Howe

Gail A Howe, Mayor
City of Pateros

Douglas County PUD response to the November 13, 2007 City of Pateros letter regarding the Revised Draft 2007 Recreation Action Plan Update

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<p>This 2007 Recreation Action Plan is the last opportunity under the current license No. 2149 to bring the Wells Hydroelectric Project area up to recreational use levels that are more consistent with other projects in our area. This plan should not be merely viewed as a minor tweaking to be done before the 2012 license takes effect.</p>	<p>The District understands that recreation use levels are lower on the Wells Project than on the Rocky Reach Project directly downstream (for a variety of reasons which are discussed in the Recreation Action Plan). However, the goal of the 2007 Recreation Action Plan is not to actively increase use levels in the Project area; rather it is to help guide the management of recreation use (whether it be higher, lower, or the same as in the past) in the Project area over the next 5 years.</p> <p>In previous updates of the Recreation Action Plan, the District has continually provided access to Wells Project lands and waters commensurate with identified recreation needs. It is not the responsibility of the District to finance non-Project related recreation infrastructure outside of the Project area in the hopes that it will increase regional tourism to enhance the economic development of the local area.</p>
<p>We previously commented that Douglas PUD has a lack of commitment to providing quality and diverse recreational opportunities in the project area that would cause tourists to stop and utilize this area. Since problems with the current license cannot be addressed in the upcoming license, it is of utmost importance to address the deficiencies that we are now seeing. The PUD should not put off any important developments, hoping they will be addressed under the new license. The urgency of our requests is brought on because of stalling by the PUD to implement significant enhancements for recreation during several of the previous five-year plans.</p>	<p>The District is not the only recreation provider in the region and is not solely responsible for providing recreation and tourism opportunities in the region. For purposes of this 5-Year RAP Update, and based on a review of current recreation information (including use levels, trends, etc.), the Project area itself was not found to be significantly deficient in terms of recreation opportunities (activities, facilities, settings, etc.). Recreation resource studies that will be completed during relicensing will provide an in-depth analysis of future recreation needs in the Project area.</p> <p>Furthermore, the District does not believe it is “stalling” on recreation-related improvements in the Project area and will continue to aggressively provide improved/enhanced recreation opportunities that are commensurate with identified Project-related recreation needs.</p>

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<p>Two major examples of this are noticeably evident:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="237 350 869 894">(1) The 1982 plan called for surveys of the adjacent areas so we could see how our recreation days of use compared with other projects near us. This survey was delayed until 2007 and then only at the insistence of our city. The results of this survey show that use on this project was miniscule compared to other nearby projects. We need not quote these figures as you can see them for yourselves. In spite of the PUD attempting to “spin” this as being caused by distance from major centers, or gas prices; the figures show quite conclusively that the real reason for the very low amount of use on the Wells reservoir is more closely related to the PUD’s lack of commitment in providing recreation areas on the reservoir. Obviously putting in a few boat launches and providing a small amount of park space (with maintenance paid for by the city) has been completely inadequate. The numbers of visitors shows this shortfall. <li data-bbox="237 927 869 1289">(2) The PUD Visitor Center was effectively closed after 2001 because of security concerns. We understand the closure requirement. However, we have suggested for years that the PUD look at alternatives to provide visitors access to this recreational opportunity. Under the current license the PUD has not provided evidence of pursuing this, even though the existence of the problem is now, not in the next license cycle. Looking at the survey of Rocky Reach, we found their visitor center had 100,000 days of recreation associated with it. The Douglas PUD Visitor Center had 108 <p>Clearly this kind of disparity needs to be addressed now, not later.</p>	<p>A recreation visitor’s decision-making process regarding where to recreate is typically based on much more than just the availability of recreation facilities. Several social influences (visitor preferences, settings, perceived crowding and conflict, etc.) influence visitation levels. In addition, proximity, alternative destinations, driving time, gas prices (and other economic conditions), weather conditions, pool levels and flow conditions, etc. may all influence a visitor’s decision to visit a specific recreation area. The District contends that this is not “spin”; rather, these many influences are all very well documented in recreation research literature and likely effect current recreational use in the Project area.</p> <p>It should be noted that by agreement (1987 Recreation Action Plan), the District provided the capital for park improvements and Pateros made a commitment to provide ongoing O&M for these recreation improvements. The City of Pateros has subsequently failed to adhere to this agreement and the District has had to take responsibility for major maintenance items as an action item in the 1997 Recreation Action Plan.</p> <p>The District acknowledges that the Wells Dam Visitor Center has been closed because of nationwide security requirements (currently, visitors may access the Visitors Center by appointment). This security requirement has reduced visitation at this site. However, comparing the use estimates for the Wells Visitor Center with the Rocky Reach Visitor Center is inappropriate without also considering their location and other day use opportunities available. The Rocky Reach Visitor Center is a day use facility that receives high levels of use primarily because it is easily accessed by a relatively large population base. In addition to a visitor center, there are also other amenities that entice local visitors to use the site more frequently. This is not to suggest that if the Wells Visitor Center was open and had additional facilities that use would significantly increase. Ultimately, it is the proximity of the Rocky Reach Visitor Center to Wenatchee (with a population of 60,000) that drives the much higher use levels at this site (the nearest town to the Wells Dam Visitor Center is Pateros with a population of only about 800).</p> <p>The District is currently in the process of exploring options to increase visitor access to the Wells Dam Visitor Center. However, even if the Visitor Center were more easily accessed (e.g., open without needing an appointment), use levels would likely not increase to anywhere near Rocky Reach Visitor Center use levels given the lack of a large resident population in proximity to the Visitor Center (as is the case at Rocky Reach).</p>

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<p>In summary, we believe this last five-year plan should be aggressive. It should bring visitor use levels up as far as possible. It should develop camping areas, parks, amenities in existing parks, better boat launches, and marina's and trails to accomplish this. More projects should be started now. Any projects that cannot be completed in this five-year cycle can be carried over into the new license.</p>	<p>The City of Pateros has commented on a common perception that if you build it (i.e., recreation facilities) then they (visitors) will come. However, this is not always the case. As noted before, a visitor's decision making process is often complex when choosing an appropriate recreation area to meet their needs. Just building a recreation facility does not guarantee that use levels will increase.</p> <p>The City of Pateros has had several opportunities during the process of updating the 2007 Recreation Action Plan to suggest potential recreation improvements and enhancements. However, this is the first time that the District has been made aware of the City of Pateros' desire for an aggressive plan to substantially increase visitor use levels at Pateros and the surrounding cities. The District, via implementation of the 2007 RAP Update, will commit to over \$4 million in capital improvements to Project-related recreation sites, including sites at Pateros. Additionally, as stated previously, the District is not the sole recreation provider in the area, nor is the District responsible for spearheading a local tourism initiative (through the development of recreation sites and amenities outside of the Project boundary) with the hope of improving the local economy.</p>
<p>3.2 Wells Project Vicinity – <i>“US Highway 97 closely parallels the reservoir for 20 miles, but the intervening rail road corridor restricts vehicular and pedestrian access along much of the western shoreline”</i>. This was a condition caused when the railroad was relocated during the building of the dam, yet in the 38 years since, the PUD has done almost nothing to enhance recreation outside of this problem area, nor work with the railroad to provide for public access across this problem area. The result is approximately 15 miles of shoreline with almost no access.</p>	<p>The District is required to provide safe and reasonable access to the reservoir shoreline; however, this should not be interpreted to mean that all of the shoreline must be available for public/recreation use and/or access. Many areas are simply not suitable for public use.</p> <p>The referenced railroad borders the Wells Project for approximately 10.8 miles. Of this, approximately 9.8 miles do not have an adequate area between the railroad right-of-way (ROW) and the shoreline to accommodate recreation development. The remaining 0.7 mile is separated from public access by private ownership.</p> <p>The District is committed to finding new long-term opportunities in this area, as evidenced by the recently purchased railroad ROW (December 2004). However, it should be noted that the railroad retains the authority to control crossing access. Furthermore, the District in the 2002 Recreation Action Plan, spent approximately \$350,000 to install turn lanes and to upgrade a public railroad crossing to provide an adequate level of safety at the only public crossing linking a public road with District-owned shoreline (Starr Boat Launch).</p>

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<p>3.2-1 Wells Hydroelectric Project area and recreation resources</p> <p>– This issue of “<i>informal launches</i>” needs to be addressed. There is no signage for the facilities and ramps so the public has no idea that these launches exist. This keeps the use at a very low level.</p>	<p>The District does not promote the use of these informal launches, nor does the District maintain them. Informal launches are just that, informal sites where one may launch a watercraft along a shoreline. They are not formalized nor are they developed. They do not have developed ramps, designated parking, trash receptacles, or restroom facilities. These launches are typically over the bank launches off of county road shoulders with no room for infrastructure or other improvements. Additionally, informal/undeveloped launches would not likely support higher levels of use that would accompany their promotion (via signage, maps, etc.). However, the District acknowledges that informal/user-defined sites such as these can be an indicator of a broader need by some for watercraft launch sites in that area.</p>
<p>4.1.1 Regional Reservoirs and Lakes</p> <p>– <i>Omak Lake</i> is not a very good comparison with the other lakes mentioned because it is on tribal land which operates under very different rules.</p> <p>Page 27 -- Rocky Reach Reservoir</p> <p>– We brought up the huge disparity between the two visitor centers previously. Chelan PUD Rocky Reach Project has five major campgrounds run by them or State Parks while Wells has zero major campgrounds. The use figures are 20,000 to 40,000 on Wells Project lands and 4.6 million on Chelan PUD lands!</p>	<p>As noted previously, the proximity of Wenatchee contributes to the high visitor use levels at Rocky Reach Reservoir.</p> <p>State Parks strives to preserve and enhance natural, cultural, and historical resources throughout the state and the region and to provide recreational opportunities that are compatible with these resources. There are many compatible recreation sites on Rocky Reach Reservoir and a large population base to use them, hence the presence of State Parks. In previous years, State Parks has explored various areas at Wells Reservoir for potential State Park(s) when State Parks disposed of the Chief Joseph Park site; however, they did not identify any compatible sites for a State Park facility given their criteria.</p>
<p>4.1.3 Mid-Columbia River Hydroelectric Project Recreation Resources and Comparison</p> <p>– The implications may not be what are in this summary but rather “if there are no attractive facilities built, no one will come”.</p>	<p>As noted previously, a build it and they will come perception is not always correct. The availability and attractiveness of recreational facilities are only two of the multiple factors that influence a visitor’s decision to recreate at a specific site/area.</p>
<p>4.2 Wells Project Area Recreation Facilities</p> <p>– The Wells Reservoir proximity to Lake Chelan, to major recreation areas south, and to major recreation areas north of us, and being on the Highway 97 corridor should result in much more recreational use than we are currently seeing.</p>	<p>The District acknowledges that being located along a major travel route may lead to increased levels of visitation. Proximity to the I-90 corridor and The Gorge Amphitheater significantly influences visitor use at the downstream Priest Rapids Project. However, Lake Chelan and other recreation areas to the north and south likely have characteristics that make them more appealing to the public, compared to the Wells Project area. These characteristics may include the setting, climate, safety, reservoir conditions, cost, available opportunities and amenities, proximity to work and home, availability of support facilities (restaurants, stores, etc.), visitor preferences, etc.</p>

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<p>4.2.1 Primary Recreation Sites and Facilities</p> <p>Page 36 -- Wells Dam Vista Overlook</p> <p>– We discussed on the first page our concerns about the visitor centers current lack of use.</p> <p>Page 40 -- Methow Boat Launch</p> <p>– This launch has some problems with siltation and the PUD should decide if these are fixable, or if another launch should be put in across the river and ½ mile upstream where the PUD owns a larger area.</p> <p>Page 41 -- Riverside Drive Recreation Access</p> <p>– The PUD has assisted in the maintenance of the <u>tennis courts</u>. (Not just “assisted with some repairs and improvements at this site”)</p> <p>Page 43 – Park Island</p> <p>-- All five-year Recreation Action Plans had addressed this park as a cornerstone to providing recreational opportunity on the pool but this was abandoned, the money was spent far outside the project area and nothing has been done to replace the many thousands of man days of recreation that this would have generated locally.</p> <p>Page 47 – Methow Fishing Access -- Informal Boat Launches</p> <p>– These informal boat launches are of little value from a tourism standpoint since there is no signage or work done on them.</p>	<p>Page 36 comment – the Visitor Center is currently available by appointment. The District is considering options for future use during relicensing. The City of Pateros is invited to participate in these ongoing discussions.</p> <p>Page 40 comment – the District is committed to upgrading and renovating four boat launches on the reservoir, including the Methow Boat Launch, and is proposing to embark on multi-million dollar set of projects to make these improvements as soon as practicable. In fact, the District has already submitted permit applications to agencies with regulatory authority over environmental approvals associated with enhancements at the Winter Boat Launch in Pateros.</p> <p>Page 41 comment – comment noted. This will be clarified in the document.</p> <p>Page 43 comment – this issue was addressed in the 2002 Recreation Action Plan and the use of funds by WSPRC (State Parks) was approved by FERC. The Park Island site was determined by State Parks to be not suitable for a destination park. The District assisted State Parks in a review of the Wells Reservoir area for a potential site that would meet State Parks criteria. Unfortunately, no suitable sites for a new State Park were identified. Instead, the District attempted to secure property adjacent to nearby Alta Lake State Park. However, the sellers were not receptive.</p> <p>Page 47 comment – the purpose of informal watercraft launch sites is not for “tourist” use. These sites are typically user-defined (local) and are undeveloped sites that the District does not encourage use of and/or maintain. Unlike developed boat launches, these informal sites could not sustain high levels of visitor use without significant environmental and/or social impacts.</p>
<p>Table 5.1-4—Washington state participation rates in outdoor recreation activities</p> <p>-- This shows the type of outdoor recreation that the PUD should be addressing. Little or nothing is done for most of the activities on the list.</p>	<p>The District is only one of several recreation providers in the region. It is not the District’s responsibility to provide opportunities for every possible outdoor recreation activity identified in the statewide SCORP. Rather, the District focuses on water-based recreation activities and provides safe and reasonable public access to Project lands and waters where there is a strong Project nexus.</p>

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5.3 – Existing Project Area Recreation Use – What the survey doesn’t address is the visitors that don’t stop and don’t use the facilities because they don’t have what a visitor wants. This is only a survey of people that already use these areas.	This is correct. The goal of the referenced study (2005 Recreation Use Assessment – a Wells Project Relicensing Document) was to estimate existing use levels, not to identify visitor needs, wants, or desires. Future Project-related recreation needs will be explored through the relicensing process.
Table 5.3-2 -- Existing recreation use by Wells Project by visitors by area and season -- spelling “Sea” kayaks not “See”	This typo will be corrected.
Table 5.3-3 – Annual use estimate summary (Wells Hydroelectric Project) -- spelling “Methow” not “Methlow”	This typo will be corrected.
5.4 – Project Area Recreation Use Trends – This statement doesn’t address the inadequate responses to numerous five-year plans before this one, and now just says time is too short to do anything.	While the City of Pateros may perceive an inadequacy on the part of the District in implementing past Recreation Action Plans, ultimately it is FERC’s authority to decide whether or not the District has met its responsibility under the current FERC Project license. The District believes that the implementation of previous Recreation Action Plans has adequately addressed existing recreation needs in the Project area. As noted previously, this RAP Update will address current needs over the next five years including major improvements to four boat launches in addition to typical major maintenance actions found in previous RAPs. For future long-term needs, the ongoing relicensing process provides the City with an avenue for further consultation.
5.4-2 – Estimated current participation levels and desire for future participation levels in select recreation activities in Washington – The number one activity on this assessment is walking, the number three is bicycle riding; neither of these are being addressed in this Plan.	<p>The District has in fact been active in provided trail opportunities in the Wells Project area. These trail opportunities have included: 1) an asphalt walking path/trail (nearly 2,000 feet) in Pateros’ Memorial Park and Methow Boat Launch; 2) assistance with the construction and long-term maintenance of a waterfront trail (approximately 2,200 feet) in Brewster; and 3) a commitment to long-term trail opportunities as evidenced by a recently purchased railroad right-of-way paralleling the reservoir (December 2004).</p> <p>It should be acknowledged that the District is one of several recreation providers in the region. Other providers in the region and the Project area include private entities, State Parks, WDFW, WDNR, counties, cities, port districts, PUDs, tribes, NPS, USFS, USFWS, BLM, BOR, USACOE, and NPS. The District focuses on providing safe and reasonable public access to Wells Project lands and waters. It is not required by FERC to provide for every potential outdoor recreation activity examined by the RCO.</p>

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<p>6.1 -- Short-Term Recreation Needs in the Mid-Columbia River Region -- <i>“The 2002 Assessment provides specific recommendations for hydroelectric projects”</i> but almost none are even being considered in this five-year plan.</p> <p>The SCORP report asks for more boat launches, more trails between communities, more camping, and scenic values of recreation within sight of the river as being important. We think this is also needed in the plan.</p>	<p>The District is proposing major improvements to four boat launches. Linking local communities with pedestrian trails outside of the FERC Project boundary is not within the responsibilities of the District.</p>
<p>6.2.1 – District Identified Short-Term Recreation Needs or Action The City of Pateros identified the following short-term recreation needs or actions: Page 70 – Peninsula Park -- <i>“Relocate and enhance the swimming beach at Peninsula Park”</i> This statement says to “relocate” but conflicts with what was said at the September 24th meeting that: <i>“The swim area at Peninsula Park has issues with silt sediment and milfoil growth and the longer-term viability of the lagoon as a swim area needs to be considered.</i> The city did not say to “relocate” but that: <i>“the swim area may need to be moved out of the lagoon to the river mainstream side.”</i></p>	<p>This comment will be corrected in the document.</p>
<p>Table 7.0-1 – 2007 RAP updates actions and cost estimates -- spelling a sandy “beach” not “beachj”</p>	<p>This typo will be corrected.</p>
<p>7.4 – City of Pateros Actions -- <i>“Relocate and enhance the swimming beach at Peninsula Park to the main channel of the Methow River; install a sand beach, and a swimming area delineator; and”.</i> We are suggesting that the PUD may need to consider moving the swimming area; we certainly don’t think the idea of putting it in the main river channel is a good idea without thinking about</p>	<p>The District acknowledges this point and will revise the 2007 RAP Update by removing the action for specific relocation of the Peninsula Park swim beach to the mainstem shoreline. Instead, the District will reference a future study to look at the long term viability of the lagoon as a swim area, as well as exploring other potential options and nearby sites.</p>

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other possibilities.	
<p>7.4-1c – Pateros Winter Boat Launch parking expansion site plan</p> <p>– As the PUD has recognized that the city owned property and railroad right-of-way might make good overflow parking we assume they are willing to assist us in developing that parking.</p>	<p>Additional boat launch parking and access near the Pateros Winter Boat Launch will be studied. The outcome of this feasibility study will guide any proposed development and the City of Pateros will be involved in this process.</p>

EXHIBIT F

Douglas County PUD Recreation Improvements Relative to the FERC Project Boundary

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Exhibit F. Douglas County PUD recreation improvements relative to the FERC Project boundary.

Recreation Site/Area (alphabetical)	Improvements Inside the FERC Project Boundary	Improvements Outside the FERC Project Boundary
Brewster Waterfront Trail, Brewster	Gravel walking trail, lighting, park benches, and trash receptacles	
Carpenter Island Boat Launch, Wells Dam	Boat launch, gravel parking, and portable toilets	Access road to the boat launch site (existing and proposed)
Cassimer Bar Fishing Access Site	Shoreline access, gravel parking, and a vault toilet	
Chicken Creek Boat Launch	Concrete plank boat launch, gravel parking lot, and vault toilet	
Columbia Cove Park, Brewster	Boat launch, three boat handling floats, and swim area	Three covered picnic shelters, swimming beach, restroom facilities, playground equipment, lawn area, vehicle parking, lawn area, and a basketball court
Informal Boat Launch 1	Car top watercraft launch site (over the bank)	
Informal Boat Launch 2	Paved launch (formerly a paved street)	

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Exhibit F. Douglas County PUD recreation improvements relative to the FERC Project boundary.

Recreation Site/Area (alphabetical)	Improvements Inside the FERC Project Boundary	Improvements Outside the FERC Project Boundary
Marina Park, Bridgeport	Two boat launches (one boat launch is owned by the USACOE), boat handling floats, swim beach & lagoon, gazebo, asphalt walking path parking, 8 RV sites, restroom, playground equipment, picnic shelter and lawn area, and parking	Covered picnic shelter, playground equipment, lawn area, restrooms, parking, asphalt pathway, lawn area, and an RV campground including approximately 10 full hookup sites and additional tent sites
Memorial Park, Pateros	Two ski boat docks, two fishing docks, concrete car top launch, meandering asphalt walking path, and interpretive displays	Three covered picnic shelters, vehicle parking, interpretive displays, restroom facilities, playground, lawn area and a developed waterfront trail beginning at the east end of Memorial Park near City Hall and meandering through the park (and Project Boundary), under the US 97 bridge and terminating at the Methow Boat Launch
Methow Boat Launch, Pateros	Boat launch, boat handling float, and asphalt walking path/trail	Parking, basketball hoops, restroom facilities and lawn area. The boat launch area is connected to Memorial Park via an accessible path/trail underneath US 97 and the railroad bridge
Methow Fishing Access Site 1	Car top launch, gravel parking and vault toilet	
Methow Fishing Access Sites 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6		Parking and vault toilets
Monse Bridge Boat Launch	Concrete plank boat launch, gravel parking lot, and vault toilet	
Okanogan River Fishing Access Site	Undeveloped boat launch	
Okanogan River Informal Boat Launch and Fishing Site 1	Undeveloped boat launch	
Okanogan River Informal Boat Launch and Fishing Site 2	Undeveloped boat launch	

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