

### Wells Project Recreation Chronology (1967 – 2007)

Date	Description
<b>Reporting/Planning</b>	
1967 – 2002	<i>FERC Form 80 – Licensed Hydropower Development Recreation Report.</i> A brief summary of the existing recreation conditions and facilities associated with the Wells Project. Based on FERC regulations, the forms were submitted every two years from 1967 – 1984, every four years from 1984 – 1996 and every six years since 1996. The most recent Form 80 was submitted to FERC in 2002.
1967	<i>Wells Recreation Plan.</i> A plan to provide guidance for the development of recreation facilities for maximum public benefit in the Wells Project area. The plan discussed the region, factors influencing development, estimated attendance, recreation resources and development.
1974	<i>Wells Recreation Plan, Supplement.</i> Provided an update on recreation improvements, fish production and wildlife areas.
1982	<i>Public Use Plan, 1982.</i> This document was prepared in conjunction with Douglas PUD’s application to amend the Wells Project license to raise the maximum elevation of the Wells Reservoir from 779 ft. to 781 ft. This plan analyzed the types of recreation facilities appropriate for the Wells Reservoir and discussed how facilities could be developed.
1987	<i>Recreation Action Plan, 1987.</i> First supplement to the 1982 <i>Public Use Plan</i> prepared in consultation with various stakeholders, including Washington State Parks and the cities of Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport. It represents the first of a series of 5-year updates discussed in the plan (p. 2) and a FERC Order issued August 12, 1987. The plan discusses recreation needs, improvements and costs for years 1987 – 1992.
1992	<i>Recreation Action Plan, 1992.</i> Second supplement to the 1982 <i>Public Use Plan</i> prepared in consultation with various stakeholders, including Washington State Parks and the cities of Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport. The plan discusses recreation needs, improvements and costs for years 1992– 1997.
1997	<i>Recreation Action Plan, 1997.</i> Third supplement to the 1982 <i>Public Use Plan</i> prepared in consultation with various stakeholders, including Washington State Parks and the cities of Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport. The plan discusses recreation needs, improvements and costs for years 1998– 2002.
2002	<i>Recreation Action Plan, 2002.</i> Fourth supplement to the 1982 <i>Public Use Plan</i> prepared in consultation with various stakeholders, including Washington State Parks and the cities of Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport. The plan discusses recreation needs, improvements and costs for years 2003– 2007.
2006	<i>Recreation Visitor Use Assessment.</i> This document was prepared as part of the 12 Wells Project Relicensing baseline studies. The report estimated use levels by recreation resource areas and surveyed recreation users. The report describes use levels, preferences, attitudes and characteristics of the Project Area’s primary recreation user groups.

2006	<i>Summer Event Observations.</i> Douglas PUD staff observed and documented recreation use during peak events in June, July and August 2006. These events included Methow River whitewater rafting, Bridgeport Fishing Derby, Pateros Apple Pie Jamboree and Pateros Hydroplane Races.
2007	<i>Recreation Action Plan, 2007.</i> The planning process has begun for the fifth supplement to the 1982 <i>Public Use Plan</i> . The goal for the process is to submit a plan to FERC in December 2007.
<b>Improvements</b>	
1960s	Parks in the cities of Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport were developed to mitigate for construction of the Wells Project.
1967	Douglas PUD deeded approximately 300 acres of land to Washington State Parks for the future development of Chief Joseph State Park (Bridgeport Bar).
1983	Douglas PUD paid Washington State Parks a \$125,000 lump sum and agreed to \$25,000 annual payments through 2012 to assist in the future development of Chief Joseph State Park.
1987 – 1992	Recreation improvements were made to Methow River Boat Launch (Pateros), Winter Boat Launch (Pateros), Tennis Courts (Pateros), Starr Boat Launch (upstream of Wells Dam) and to parks in the cities of Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport. Approximate cost: \$1.5 million.
1992 – 1997	Recreation improvements were made to Waterfront Trail (Brewster), Winter Boat Launch (Pateros), Tennis Courts (Pateros), Boat Launch sites (Monse Bridge, Okanogan River and Washburn Island), Wells Dam Overlook and to parks in the cities of Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport. Approximate costs: \$1.2 million.
1998 - 2002	Recreation improvements made to Waterfront Trail (Brewster), Methow River Fishing Areas (6 sites), Site Suitability Analysis with Washington State Parks and to parks in the cities of Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport, including ADA sidewalks in Brewster. Approximate costs: \$1.3 million.
2003 – 2007	Recreation improvements include Pateros Tennis Courts (resurfacing and landscaping) and the construction of highway turn lanes at Wells Dam Overlook and Starr Boat Launch. Park improvements include ADA sidewalks and electrical upgrades in Pateros, trail, restroom and playground improvements in Brewster, replacement of picnic shelter and repainting of restrooms in Bridgeport and a new sign near the highway at Wells Dam. Approximate costs: \$1.1 million.
<b>Agreements</b>	
1983	Interlocal Agreement with Washington State Parks Regarding Chief Joseph State Park. This agreement provided mitigation for the Wells Reservoir elevation increase. Douglas PUD agreed to pay Washington State Parks a lump sum of \$125,000 and \$25,000 annually through 2012 to assist in the future development of the park.
1987	Agreements with the cities of Pateros, Brewster and Bridgeport Regarding Additional Recreation Facilities. The agreements included an expenditure of up to \$250,000 by Douglas PUD to each city for construction of recreation facilities. They also formalized a commitment by the cities to administer, operate and maintain the new facilities.
1991	Memorandum of Understanding with Washington State Parks and Department of Fish and Wildlife. This MOU helped resolve land management conflicts associated with the proposed Chief Joseph State Park and the Bridgeport Bar Unit of the Wells Wildlife Area. This MOU set forth the management responsibilities of both agencies for the proposed Chief

	Joseph Park and a 200-foot buffer surroundings the site. It also confirmed Douglas PUD's obligations to both agencies.
2002	Memorandum of Understanding with Washington State Parks Regarding Chief Joseph State Park. This MOU raised concerns regarding the incompatibility of intense recreation development of the proposed Chief Joseph State Park adjacent to highly valued wildlife habitat on the Bridgeport Bar. This MOU provided for the sale of land back to Douglas PUD, identified unspent funds from the 1983 agreement, paid the future obligation of Douglas PUD under the 1983 agreement and allowed that these monies be used to secure a substitute property. This MOU also provided that Washington State Parks would be supportive of Douglas PUD's relicensing of the Wells Project.
2003	Memorandum of Understanding with Washington State Parks Regarding Chief Joseph State Park (amended). This modified MOU removed references to relicensing from the 2002 MOU.