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2022 COMMISSION IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES

Commission Statement: Continue to operate and maintain accessible, vibrant, and well cared for state parks.

1. Recruit and hire a new Director from a diverse pool of leaders who will continue to lead Washington State Parks successfully into the future.
2. Expand the system of usable cross-state and in-park trails through capital and maintenance programs and through partnerships with governmental agencies, non-profits, and user groups.
3. Make significant progress on major planning activities including Miller Peninsula, Westport Light, Nisqually, Lake Sammamish, and Blake Island State Parks.
4. Continue efforts, actions, and commitments that integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion practices in all aspects of our agency.
5. Develop and submit plan for the agency to achieve mandated greenhouse gas reduction targets and make substantive progress implementing the agency's climate change adaptive plan.
6. Advocate for consistent and meaningful funding and support for interpretation, including the development and delivery of interpretive experiences that are relevant to more diverse audiences and inspire memorable connections between the stories we share and resources in our care.
7. Effectively manage risks and implement improvements to capital project delivery systems that reduce project completion times and enhance internal agency collaboration.
8. Support efforts to create accessible and welcoming experiences for State Parks visitors during all phases of their visit (web information, reservations, pass purchases, orientation materials, signing, interpretive displays and programs, recreation activities and support facilities). Specific improvements include website redesign, programs offered in languages other than English, increase number of ADA compliant areas, integration of braille, sign language and languages other than English in communication pieces.
9. Improve outreach, collaboration, and partnerships with Native American tribal governments. Focus on providing interpretive materials that reflect Native American history and culture and ensuring that our interpretive work is inclusive and appropriate.

10. Enhance coordination and partnerships among public lands managers including developing leadership relationships and sharing new concepts, latest research/best management practices, policies, trail campaigns, recruitment, pandemic responses, and exchange programs.
11. Strengthen strategic partnerships to improve natural resource stewardship in state parks.

**not listed in priority*