Clean Energy Transformation Update



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Today's Objectives

Provide staff update on:

Commission Priority #9

Implement greenhouse gas reduction and clean energy strategies

- Overview of recent internal EV charging and solar energy feasibility assessments
- Overview of O-34 process for project review and implementation

Climate Resilience Framework

Adapt	Mitigate	Educate	
Preparing the park system for emerging climate realities	Addressing the agency's contributions to climate change	Building a shared awareness of climate impacts on the park system	

Mainstreaming climate-informed practices into the development, operation and stewardship of the Washington state park system.



Statewide Electrical Systems Assessment



Key Project Goals

- Assess existing electrical systems serving fleet vehicles
- Identify opportunities and constraints to fleet EV charging network development
- Identify rough cost estimates to achieve proposed level of service

Existing Electric Vehicle Charging Network



- Many electrical systems at or near capacity and need upgrades
- Currently 39 parks with Level 2 charging capacity (32 amp)



Proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Network



- Statewide network to serve HQ, Region and Area fleet EV charging needs
- Proposed network includes 200 EV chargers
 - 173 Level 2 chargers
 - 27 Level 3 chargers



Example of Tier 3 EV charging hub (DNR site)

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Statewide Electrical Systems Assessment





Key Takeaways:

- Lack of networked EV chargers limits ability to document use
- Many sites will require modern electrical system upgrades
- Highly limited opportunities for Level 3 service (DC charging)
- Capacity for upgrades is highly utility-provider dependent (32 separate utilities statewide)

\$29 million is roughorder of magnitude (ROM) cost estimate to build out proposed network of 200 fleet EV chargers



Solar Energy Initiative

Draft Solar Energy Initiative Goals

- Supplement energy supply to reduce operating costs
- Demonstrate agency sustainable practices
- Reduce greenhouse gas
 emissions
- Optimize with future capital and maintenance investment



Phase 1 - Solar Energy Feasibility Assessment



- Initial focus on supplementing fleet EV charging needs and admin. site energy use
- At least 70 park admin. sites have solar generation capacity



Phase 2 - Solar Facility Profile Assessment



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Housing

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Park Office



Comfort Station



Interpretive Center



Agency Building by Type

- Shading
- Ownership
- Utility connection
- Offset potential
- Mounting Options



Crawford State Park Heritage Site

- Shading
- Ownership
- Utility connection



Wenatchee Confluence State Park

Sacajawea Historical State Park



- Offset potential
- Mounting Options

- Shading
- Ownership
- Utility connection
- Offset potential
- Mounting Options



Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park

- Shading
- Ownership
- Utility connection



Goldendale Observatory State Park Heritage Site



- Offset potential
- Mounting Options



- Shading
- Ownership
- Utility connection



Letchworth State Park Visitor Center, NY

- Offset potential
- Mounting Options



Gifford Pinchot State Park, PA

Roof-Mounted Considerations

- Roof Orientation
- Roof condition
- Site constraints
- Visual impacts





Deception Pass Park Office

Ground-Mounted Considerations

- Land use
- Ground disturbance
- Critical areas
- Net-metering capacity





Phase 4 - Solar Facility ROM Cost Assessment

Main Cost Constraints

- Mounting structure
- Location and Mobilization

- Project alignment
- Economies of scale



Pearrygin L. Contact Station Rooftop Array: 5.0 kW Cost per Watt = \$10.80

\$54,000



\$156,000

Rooftop Array: 14.0 kW Cost Per Watt = \$11.10



Deception Pass Park Office Rooftop Array: 26.0 kW Cost per Watt = \$11.10

\$298,000



Ginkgo Petrified Forest IC Rooftop Array: 44.0 kW Cost per Watt = \$11.20

\$492,000

Phase 4 - Solar Facility ROM Cost Assessment

Main Cost Constraints

- Mounting structure
- Location and Mobilization

- Project alignment
- Economies of scale



Pearrygin Lake Shop Carport Array: 45.0 kW Cost per Watt = \$18.00



\$1,388,000



Fort Worden Shop Complex Ground Array: 127.0 kW Cost per Watt = \$13.60

\$1,728,000



Goldendale Observatory Carport Array: 125.0 kW Cost per Watt = \$18.50

\$2,313,000

\$810,000



FROM CONCEPT TO COMPLETION

THE WORK PROJECT REQUEST PROCESS (aka O-034)



Used by the agency for decades

- Modified and adapted over the years to meet changing needs
- Ensures projects are aligned with the agencies mission, directives, and policies and in compliance with local, state, federal and Tribal requirements that apply.



PLANNING FOR PARK PROJECTS

ORGANIZE ESSENTIAL PROJECT INFORMATION

REVIEW, CONSULTATION, AND APPROVAL THORUGH SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS (SME'S) USING THE WORK PROJECT REQUEST PROCESS



OPERATIONS DIVISION

A DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION / SCOPE OF WOR

4. SUBMITTED BY/CONTACT INFORMATION

Review O-34 Flow Chart & Instruction

9 Photo of area in review

13. Diaging/trenching proposed

(Include specific locations / dimensions)

15. Proximity to wetlands and/or bodies

17. Geolocation/Shape files included?

11. Drawings

of water?

IS LABOR EQUIPMENT

& MATERIAL

19. ADDITONAL COSTS:

WORK PROJECT REQUEST

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Describe additional costs 20. PROJECT COST:

18. Section C Commenter

B. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION/CONSIDERATIO

6. PROJECT LOCATION (BUILDING NO.):

1. PARK

Park Nam

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C. PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS ATTACHMENTS OR IN THE COMMENTS SECTION YES
N/A

□ YES

N/A

YES

YES

D. LABOR, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS REQUIRED (If work being done by Park Staff

N/A

N/A

2. PARK O-034 NO.

XXX #### - 00#

10 Maps

16. ADA Compliant?

Coordinates: Lat.

3. PROJECT TITLE

7. EST. STARTING DATE:

12. Dimensions of project elements

(buildings, structures, trails, fences, etc.

14. Amount of vegetation/tree removal?

elect date

5. FUNDING SOURCE:

Check if Park Staff will be doing the work

FUNDED COST CODE

YES

N/A

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🗌 N/A

YES

N/A

YES

_____N/A

COST EST.

8. EST. COMPLETE DATE:

Select date

Long.:

SUB TOTAL:

TOTAL:

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RETAIN: 6 years, see Retention

Work Project Request

What Triggers a Work Project Request?

- Ground disturbing activity
- ✓ Work in or over water
- Any known permits required. (i.e., Building, Electrical, Environmental, etc.)
- ✓ Working within 300 feet of any shoreline.
- ✓ Tree removal (Does not replace Tree Activity Worksheet)
- Project occurring on federal or other leased land that Parks \checkmark manages.
- Project involves a historic structure. (If unsure ask Historic/Cultural Resources staff)
- Project occurs near listed or sensitive species habitats. (If unsure ask **Environmental Planner**)
- \checkmark Contractual or deed restrictions at the location.
- ✓ Sea level rise impacts. (If unsure ask Sustainability staff)
- \checkmark If you are unsure whether any of the above apply.



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21. COST CODE FOR ARCHAEOLOGY / PERMITTING:

What Happens Next?

- ✓ Once it is determined that a Work Project Request is necessary, it goes through collaborative review by staff, including Subject Matter Experts (SME's).
- ✓ A key member of this review process is each Region's Environmental Planner (EP).
- The EP provides information on all environmental permitting elements of the project and are the reviewers who ensure tribal considerations are addressed.





✓ EP's also create the Job Sheet which gets distributed to other SME's such as Cultural, Archy, Stewardship, and Historical.







FULL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS On Inside Parks

Inside Parks Organization V Projects V Find It V Documents (formerly N: Drive)

Statewide Maintenance Program Category 1 \ Public Information

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An O-034 Work Project Request is a request for any physical change to a park, and allows Parks to track project approvals and status.



When should I submit?

Submit an O-034 Work Project Request form for any maintenance, upgrades, or physical changes which may involve one or more of the following:

😤 Site access

- Ground disturbing activity
- Work in or over water
- Any known permits required. (i.e., Building, Electrical, Environmental, etc.)
- Working within 300 feet of a marine, river, stream or lake shoreline or feature
- Tree removal
- Project occurring on federal or other leased land that we manage
- Project involves a historic structure. (If unsure ask Historic/Cultural Resources staff)
- Project occurs near listed or sensitive species/habitats. (If unsure ask Environmental Planner)
- Contractual or deed restrictions at the location
- Contract de la contracta de

Approval to Proceed...

- Region Environmental Planner issues an Environmental Transmittal. This can include some or all of the following:
 - Statement of SEPA compliance
 - Cultural Resources Review
 - Inadvertent Discoveries of Cultural Resources and Human Skeletal Remains Plan specific to the park area
 - Instructions for ensuring Tribal/park staff are present at job site if required
 - Other additional Terms & Conditions
- The Regional Operations Coordinator receives, saves, and logs all documentation to the SharePoint site then sends the packet to the Project Manager and others Cc'd on the Transmittal

> The Project Manager can now proceed with the work

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		Sarah Duboi	Archaeologist, Eastern Region	
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Why Use the Work Project Request Process?



EV Charging Station Installation



- > Improves our parks and fulfills our mission objectives
- > Introduces sustainable and renewable projects to parks across the state
 - Improves relationships with other local, state, and federal agencies

Builds Government to Government relationships with the Tribes of Washington State



Historic Buildings Re-Roofing



Ensures partners, neighbors, and local communities are engaged in park projects when appropriate.

- Enables the agency to ensure facilities conditions are being tracked
 - Provides important reference materials for agency records and park history



ADA Campsite Renovation



New Trailhead on Palouse to Cascades Trail



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Juan Island

Where do we go from here?



Where do we go from here?

2025-27 Clean Energy Transition Budget Request

	Agency	Final
Budget Item	2025-27 Request	2025-27 Budget
Master Equipment Program	\$1,500,000	Carryforward
(MEP)	(Operating)	(Operating)
Equipment Replacement	\$2,100,000	\$0
	(Operating)	
Phase 2 Historic Building	\$600,000	\$0
Energy Audits	(Operating)	
Statewide: Fleet EV Charging &	\$2,000,000	\$0
Renewable Energy Project	(Capital)	
Statewide: Historic Building	\$2,500,000	\$0
Energy Efficiency Project	(Capital)	

Next Steps



Ground-Mounted Array Concept Proposal

Concept design for 100 kW ground array at Alta Lake



kHw/year (2024)	Electric Bill (FY24)
196,392	\$22,299
	kHw/year (2024) 196,392

View looking south at Alta Lake Coulee from near proposed site

State Parks Foundation Concept: Round One - Initial Stewardship Site Review

Park/Site	Ownership	Archaeology	Historic Preservation	Priority Habitat Species	SEPA - Critical Areas	Land Classification
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Riverside (ORV)	1.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0
25 Mile Creek	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.5	1.0	1.0
Fort Flagler						
(West-Beach)	1.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0
Pearrygin Lake	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.0
Yakima Sportsman -	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
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Olmstead Place	1.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	1.5	2.0
Sun Lakes	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	2.0
Yakima Sportsman - south	1.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0
Blake Island	1.0	4.0	1.5	3.5	2.5	1.0
Curlew Lake	3.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
Fort Flagler						
(East-Heritage)	1.0	4.0	3.5	2.0	1.5	2.0
Daroga (Chelan PUD)	3.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	2.5	1.0

Twenty-Five Mile Creek 100 kW Array Concept



Park	kHw/year (2024)	Electric Bill (FY24)	
25-Mile Creek	`75,000	\$4,457	



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Pearrygin Lake 100 kW Array Concept



Park/Site	kHw/year (2024)	Electric Bill (FY24)
Pearrygin Lake	429,245	\$41,338

- Tribal review
- Operational impacts
- Distance to meter connection

Yakima Sportsman 100 kW Array Concept



Park/Site	kHw/year (2024)	Electric Bill (FY24)
Yakima Sportsman	158,563	\$18,969

- Tribal review
- Yakima River flood zone
- Site security

Olmstead Place 100 kW Array Concept



	Park	kHw/year (2024)	Electric Bill (FY24)	
	Olmstead Place	130,446	\$19,371	
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