

Mount Spokane State Park Master Plan

Draft Preferred Alternative – Comment Summary

October 2025

Introduction

Washington State Parks staff presented an overview of the Draft Preferred Alternative for the Mount Spokane State Park Master Plan at a public meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Master Plan Co-Leads Melinda Wolfman, Parks Planner, and Paul Knowles, Trails Program Manager, were joined by other Parks staff and Commissioner Laurie Connelly. The purpose of the meeting was to summarize the Draft Preferred Alternative Report ([Draft Preferred Alternative](#)) and hear comments and questions. The document is located on the project website where more information and continuing updates can be found ([Future Planning for Mount Spokane | Washington State Parks](#)). Staff noted the multiple ways for people to provide comments – including written comment sheets, online survey and through planning@parks.wa.gov, requesting that comments be submitted by October 31, 2025.

There were 41 people who signed in at the meeting held at the Shadle Public Library in Spokane.

Comments and Questions

At the meeting staff responded to questions and listened to public comments including:

- Concerns about demolishing the Bear Creek Lodge
 - o Costs of renovation
 - o Kinds of activities and services at the lodge
 - o Safe management of tubing/snow play areas
- Concerns about the phasing of the Selkirk Lodge
- Status of Tribal outreach
- Timing and sources of funding for proposed projects
- The recommendation for Summit Road
- Status for repairing current road in very rough condition

Meeting Comment Sheets

- CCC Heritage Area Restrictions – allow horses up to level where restrooms are located, allowing horses off the road; Summit Road – sounds like hiker only to the

summit; this should include horses; Trail Signage – improve signage at junctions and have “You are here” signs; Selkirk Lodge – can it be done or at least started in Phase 1

- Looks great! you got it right. Thank you. A lot of individual comments came out at the meeting; however, stick with the voting. It is the majority opinion!
- Page 14, Final line in Table: Upper 110 – it’s unclear if Upper 110 will remain multi-use or not
- An enhanced entrance to include some form of Welcome Center at Bear Creek Lodge is of high importance to me. I also support expanded summer use, facilities; enhanced activities; as well as modernization/expansion at Selkirk Lodge

Email Comments

1. I have been skiing up at Me Spokane since 1967. I have taught skiing up there for 24years.Brush cutting for 20 or more years. We used a cabin for Boy Scouts for winter camping. I will attend the meeting 10/22 at shadle library. Would like to to kept posted on the meeting. Thanks base camp
2. Having read the draft preferred alternative “Master Plan” I have a few concerns and questions that I hope you will address at the next public meeting.

What is lacking most at MSSP is not its facilities but its management of user conflict and resource degradation. The original Limits of Acceptable Change program did not work, and neither did its replacement in the current trail plan. There is a serious need for better tracking of user conflict, especially as the recreation technology continues to advance with eBikes, mountain bikes, snow bikes, fat bikes, and snow machines. Largely because of this unregulated new technology, MSSP is becoming more of an amusement park for thrill seekers than a “family” centered natural refuge for hikers, snowshoers, and equestrians. Unleashed dogs is also a growing concern. Admittedly the hardest part is deciding what to do about the conflicts once they are documented, but that “can” continues to be pushed down the road and is glaringly absent from the draft plan.

Overall I would say that existing facilities need to be improved or expanded before any new projects are considered. The top priority should be doing something with Bear Creek Lodge. I think a 4000 sq feet replacement is probably too small and \$4M is a significant underestimate for a new facility. I would like to see a more detailed analysis of the options before a decision is made. The Selkirk Lodge and parking lot expansion has been a high priority for many years and deserves to be in Phase One. Additional

road improvements are also needed for the alpine area despite the \$938,000 devoted to them in the last capital budget. Closing and revegetating or rerouting upper Trail 290 is a very high priority. Rerouting lower Trail 140 and connecting it to lower Trail 110, and rerouting Trail 100 east are also very high priorities that have been planned and needed for a long time and should be in Phase 1.

I would also caution against an overly ambitious planning effort. We don't need to repeat the MREC or CAMP experiences where people got all excited about unrealistic possibilities only to find out later that their energies and time were largely wasted. The current federal and state funding fiasco makes that scenario even more likely.

So here are a few questions:

- Are you intending to completely replace the existing Comprehensive Trail Plan or preserve parts of it? Will the IMBA trail standards still be used? How will you ensure that trail sustainability guidelines are understood and followed by future trail builders, be they professional or volunteer? How will you manage user conflict and resource degradation more effectively?
- Why is there no mention of Ragged Ridge? Why was it closed this summer? Has its management plan been changed?
- Why is there no mention of Trail 290? Will it be closed or rerouted and who will maintain it to what standards?
- Why is Riverside the “other half” of Mt. Spokane when it's an hour's drive away? Aren't both parks day use trails parks? I don't believe that plans this extensive will be effectively implemented with the current management system out of Riverside. As the two largest state parks (and arguably the most complicated), why don't they have separate managers?
- On page 5, what is a “passive” snow play area? On page 9, the same area is called an “active” snow play area. What sort of winter recreation is actually planned for the visitor center? Will a snowmobile trail still go through the visitor center lot to connect to other side of road? What happens to the existing park office? Will it become a trail head? Could the house become a vacation rental?
- How are overnight accommodations at “Jerry's House” consistent with a day use park? How will overnight security be provided for guests since the park gate can't be locked? Why do you think visitors will want to spend the night there when Bear Creek Lodge always struggled?
- 7. Will the Selkirk Lodge expansion include a separate equipment/firewood shed and race timing shack? Will it include a larger ski patrol office and concession area with expanded storage capacity for volunteer groups? What is “enhanced” and expanded parking? What happened to the horse camp plan?

- 8. Why build another trail up Quartz Mtn? What are the access and functionality issues that would justify it? Likewise, why is a 5000' trail needed? How are you dealing with the previous Commission prohibition and WDFW's objections to the 5000' trail?
- 9. Will lengthy trail names be included at every junction? How are you justifying the considerable expense, maintenance, and routine replacement of larger signs with names? Will "you are here" maps be improved and maintained at all major junctions?
- 10. How large of a parking area is planned for the Day Rd entry? Will road access improvements be included?
- 11. With regard to the Projects Eliminated list, why are skijoring, upper 110 remaining multi-use, the connecting trail between the Lower Selkirk lot and Lodge 1, and the Warner property all on it?

Am looking forward to the meeting on the 22nd.

3. Please do the right thing and actually listen to the public. The majority of people actually voted to keep bear creek lodge so why not listen to the people and do the right thing and save it? I want to know who is coming up with these insanely high figures to restore the lodge? I am a general contractor and I know it's not going to cost up to 8 million to repair something seems fishy with these crazy high numbers. Also the tube hill at bear creek needs to remain in place. The tube hill at lodge 1 needs demolished it will ease the pressure off the parking lot at lodge 1. Lastly put the vista cruiser chair 1 on the historic register it is a true historic icon and needs to remain in place. Taking down the vista cruiser will gut the heart and soul of the ski hill. There is nothing wrong with riblet chair lifts. They were built here in Spokane and we need to retain the riblet family legacy. Chair 1 vista cruiser is actually 50 fpm faster and safer than the modern chair 6. Don't let mt. Spokane 2000 destroy a piece of Spokane ski history. Save the vista cruiser!!!
4. Boy, lots of work involved in the whole Mount Spokane planning!
I see that in the Draft Preferred Alternative, page 13, Projects Eliminated in Proposed Draft Alternative that a free flight (hang gliding and paragliding) launch has been eliminated. I don't really understand this decision. We've asked but not gotten a response to getting to meet with Rangers at the summit to discuss what our use of the summit would/should involve. To me, being eliminated without being able to inform State Parks about what our use of the Park would entail seems rather unfair

to me. We've proposed a trial basis where we launch from the S-SW side of the summit and land outside of the State Park but have not been given an opportunity to discuss how this process could be adequately conducted.

I'm on a road trip right now and just visited [Mount Tamalpais State Park](#) in California where 3 launches have been designated for hg/pg use and landings are made outside of the park on a beach just up the coast from Stinson Beach (this is 1/2 hr N of San Francisco). Particular protocols are in place where flying has been going on here for many years. There are even specific protocols for visiting pilots such as myself. I had to have a site introduction by a member of the local flying group, be a member of the United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, have the appropriate Pilot Proficiency Level, etc. I'm now at [Woodrat Mountain in Oregon](#) which is a flying site on BLM land. There are also protocols for visiting pilots here (I'm about ready to head there now) from Medford. We've not gotten the chance to discuss any of the workings of what flying at Mount Spokane would entail nor learn what your concerns about hang gliding and paragliding from Mount Spokane are.

I'm not sure where to go from here. If we're not going to get the chance to make a proposal I would really like to learn why.

When it comes to having a final recommendation to approve hang gliding and paragliding at Mt Spokane State Park there really needs to be a proposed plan for such activities. A plan worked on by both State Parks and hg/pg pilots. What I'm hoping to avoid is having hg/pg written off before we could work on a use plan with State Parks. There are quite a few hg/pg flying sites in the United States on public lands where the hg/pg flying activities follow specific protocols such that flying hg/pg can be conducted in a manner that takes in all considerations specific to the location and the other activities conducted on the land. Yes, we'd like to fly off of Mt Spokane. But, in order to do so there really needs to be quite a bit of work done with hg/pg pilots and State Park personnel to develop the location(s) and appropriate protocols for our activities.

What I would like to avoid is getting the cart before the horse. I would not like to see hg/pg activities at Mt Spokane denied before the hg/pg activities could be considered via a plan for such worked on by both hg/pg pilots and State Park personnel. How would flying hg/pg from Mt Spokane be conducted really needs to be determined. Perhaps hg/pg flying from Mt Spokane is not viable? What we'd like the opportunity for is to work with State Parks to determine if flying from Mt Spokane

is viable or not. Yes, it is physically possible to fly hg/pg off Mt Spokane. It is certainly steep enough and has areas clear enough of trees and brush to launch from and get into the sky. But, there are other uses/users of Mt Spokane. How do we fit in? Where could we launch from and not interfere with other activities? How could a visiting pilot be informed about where and when to fly?

What I'd like to see is that hg/pg activities at Mt Spokane be assessed to determine if they are viable. Properly assessed - where both hg/pg pilots and State Park personnel get to share information and ideas. Then make a highly detailed proposal as to how hg/pg flying would, or might, be conducted. And, per my own personal input, I'd like to see any plan that was approved be adopted on a trial basis initially. I love everything about State Parks, and other public lands, as much as I love to fly. I'm 73 and have been flying hang gliders since I was 23. It's hard to quit! I just got back home from flying Woodrat Mountain in Oregon on Tuesday. Great launch sites on BLM land with landings on private land (one LZ being a cattle ranch and the other being a winery's property). Mount Spokane could become quite a good flying site. But, not first without putting in a bit of work/planning then flying it to learn more about how best to administer the flying through the development of site protocols and by obtaining adequate landing areas outside of the park*. *Where landing areas are located is conditional on where we launch from.

What I'd like to see is that a "viability study" for hang gliding and paragliding operations from Mt Spokane be approved in the Mount Spokane State Park Master Plan.

5. MS 2000 BOD had the following comments on the draft being circulated.
In Project Description-Phase 1-3

Move- Parking from Phase 2 to Phase 1-coincides with State Parks Linder Ridge Road improvements. Design could be incorporated into planning phase and pre-approved.

Phase 2-Change-Remove Non-Summer from Parkway Express and Beginners Luck. When chairs are replaced, Parkway Express and Beginners Luck would be used to support "Summer Camps" not "public." Summers Camps could be more focused in concession area, reducing traffic on parks roads and trails. We would propose one intermediate bike trail from Top of Parkway Express to Lodge 2 to support Summer Camps.

In Appendix:

Reword- Expanded Lift Capacity (why is this one bold)

- Replace Vista Cruiser-Summer Operations-Remove already in Phase 1
- Replace Parkway Express, Beginners Luck-Summer Camp Operation (Campers Only)
- Replace Hidden Treasure-No summer Operations

Remove Summit to Base Cat Track/Fire Road. Or Add in our priorities/phases access road to Parkway Express/Hidden Treasure-Currently 20% plus grade not feasible to service mid mountain. As well this road would be necessary to install water system. No concrete vehicle can make it to mid mountain with existing road infrastructure.

The Mt Spokane 2000 Staff and BOD have been discussing the possibilities of using Bear Creek Lodge to expand operations and create a year-round platform with multiple user groups at the gateway to Mt. Spokane State Park the past 5 years. The State Parks acquisition of Bear Creek Lodge and property put that prospect one step closer to reality. That said our stipulation from the onset of the conversation with State Parks Staff was that the lodge needed to be updated prior to any agreement: structural, kitchen, bedrooms, heating ect. Knowing that the State Parks budget cannot support renovations for the short term due to limited funding, limits what the Bear Creek Lodge facilities can currently facilitate. If resources were allocated to update the lodge, Mt. Spokane 2000 would entertain an additional agreement to operate Food and Beverage, Events, Snow sports-tubing/sledding, and possibly use the bedroom floors for seasonal employee housing, leaving office/ranger space on the lower floor.

Our understanding is that State Parks currently lacks the funds to repair or replace the structure. We also understand maintaining the existing building until funds are available is costly and presents liability risks. If there are no plans to update, then maintaining the shell of the structure for 5-10 years to wait for funding is pointless and adds an unnecessary manpower and financial burden for the State. There is no clear/straight path forward without a funding source for renovations or new construction.

The physical assessment prepared by JUB Engineers indicates additional analysis is necessary to determine the extent of structural repairs/upgrades needed for the

building to be usable. If the survey results show a broad support for preserving this iconic building it may justify the additional investigation of what it will take to make the structure safe for use. With that information perhaps a citizen effort could raise the necessary funds to make the building usable in a shorter time frame. If that happens we would be advocates (not funders) for that fund raising effort.

6. I see no reason to build and maintain a new bike trail that parallels the paved road just because a few bikers don't want to push their bikes up a few steep hills. We already have two good trails (110/100 and 120) that go from the park entrance to the Lower Selkirk lot, so there is no need for a third. Once the rerouting is done on 100E, the steepest sections in that route will be removed. Including this new trail in Phase 1, before other much higher priority and long standing projects are addressed just adds insult to injury, especially since we have accommodated mountain bikers in many ways already that have led to increased trail erosion, added expense, and conflict with other users.

I would also very much like to see a detailed deficiency report published on the Bear Creek Lodge with estimates on mitigation efforts. We definitely need to take advantage of Sam Deal's knowledge of the building, as well as those with experience restoring old buildings, such as Brad McQuarrie and George Bryant.

There is one more trail project that needs to be on the list and has actually been approved for many years. That is rerouting the junction of Trail 130 and the KC Loop Road below the CCC cabin. It is currently very steep, badly eroded, and difficult to negotiate.

I've attached my alternative Selkirk Lodge expansion proposal since it seems to have been lost. It's a proposal that has very broad support among Nordic Club members. It also has a number of separate parts that could be done as individual smaller projects, the highest priority of which is the equipment garage and woodshed. I would encourage you to work with the Friends Group and Nordic Club and make this a joint project with them. It could be initiated immediately.

And finally, I would encourage you to review Chapter 2 in my MSSP guidebook on the history of our master planning project. It covers over 20 years and will give you a better perspective on how long it takes to get things done at Parks.

Thanks for a good meeting!

7. WTA Feedback on Draft Preferred Alternative – 10/31/25

- ***Modify** - Bi-directional, MTB only. Would advocate for this project to become multi-use.
- Horse Mountain Trail Realignment – include description of brushing and tread work down to Junction 5. Works as a hiker-only trail.
- Clarifying CCC heritage area (*Note: This is already included*).
- Higher priority trail projects – Lower 140, Upper 140, Revision of 130 at CCC heritage area, Trail 100 east revision. Can we move 100 East up to Phase 1?
- Prioritize Selkirk Lodge earlier (i.e. move from Phase 2 to Phase 1)
- Updating naming convention for trails – what is this naming convention? Trail naming process should occur for the naming when the time comes.
- Reconfiguration of Upper Kit Carson – in Phase 3? Can we move it up? ADA trail up to Cooks Cabin? Can we incorporate that into this project? Scott Hupp may already be moving forward with this project, so it could be a Phase 1...
- ***Remove** - Develop “Round the Mountain” trail – 5,000 elevation trail. Proposed by BCH and Ken Carmichael many years ago. Don’t see it being all that popular. Significant project that doesn’t add much benefit to the trail system as a whole.
- ***Remove** - Bald Knob to Summit – Trail concept is no longer feasible given Upper 290 and constrained space to work within.

8. Snowmobiling comments – follow-up meeting October 27, 2025

Bear Creek Works part of the time. Beginning and end of season it doesn’t work. Sledding and snowmobiling historically used Lower Selkirk – snowshoers have really taken over Lower Selkirk Trailhead. What’s there now has been consumed by snowshoe crowd. Leaves no room for trailers. Where to park is the big issue.

Maintaining access to the loop we have – to chair 4, down to the loop.

Shared-use corridor going up to the summit. It’s a shared resource. It’s great. Paved Road

Ride up on Kit Carson.

Around CCC Warming Hut.

Rangers could survey – how many people are parking at Lower Selkirk? Lower lot required snowpark pass. Can we survey this year to help determine how much capacity we need to reserve in Lower Selkirk for XC.

The loop is great – when there’s snow.

Development of a higher elevation loop would be great because the Bear Creek Lodge loop.

Timber management – part of the solution for northside. Could create a road system for a higher elevation loop.

A lot of conversation with IEP when they were pulling back. Really hard to work around the mountain.

Can we expand LTB to include properties suitable for snowmobiles?

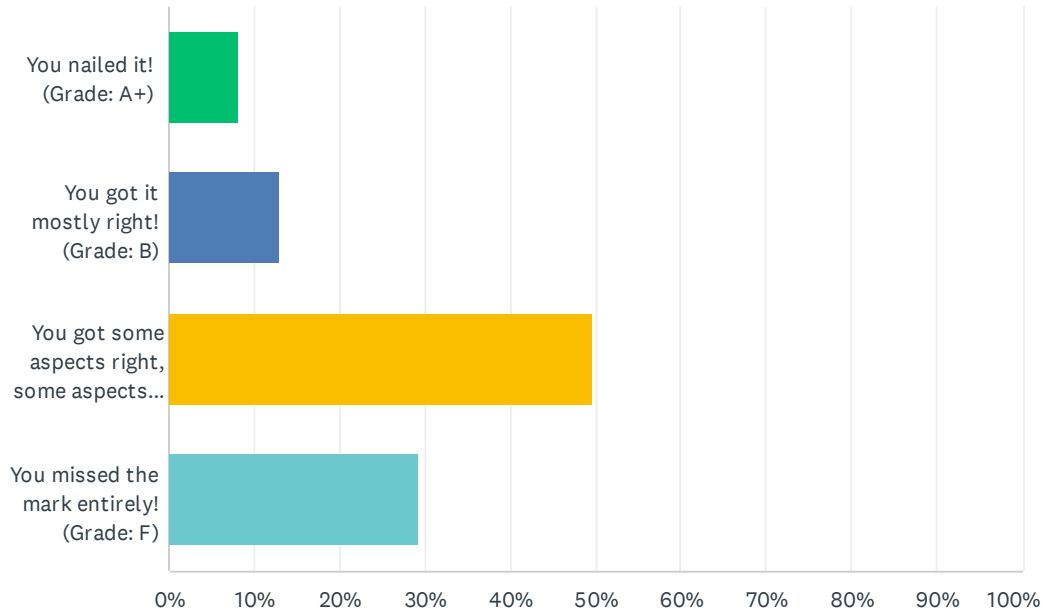
Talk to Jim V. about running a full loop by Lodge 2, etc.

Quick day out.

Online Survey Results (see next page)

Q1 How does the draft Preferred Alternative align with your vision for the future of Mount Spokane State Park? In other words, did we get it right?

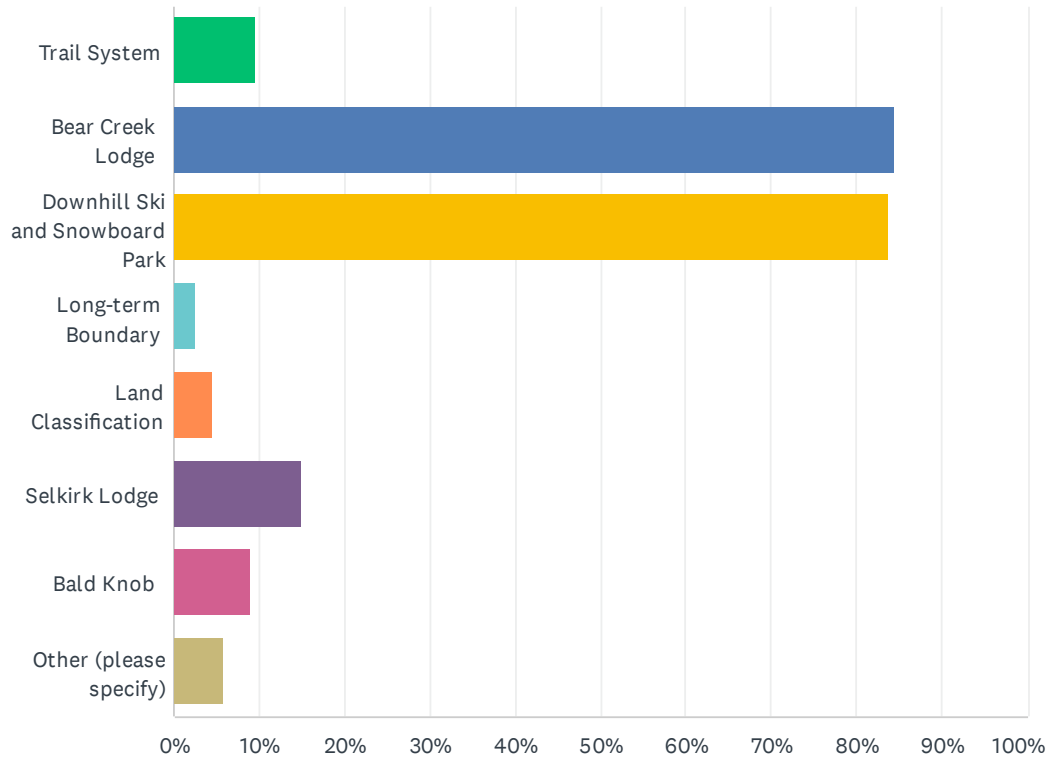
Answered: 209 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
You nailed it! (Grade: A+)	8.13%	17
You got it mostly right! (Grade: B)	12.92%	27
You got some aspects right, some aspects wrong, but I can live with it. (Grade: C-)	49.76%	104
You missed the mark entirely! (Grade: F)	29.19%	61
TOTAL		209

Q2 Which future aspect or aspects of the park did we get wrong? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 155 Skipped: 54



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Trail System	9.68%	15
Bear Creek Lodge	84.52%	131
Downhill Ski and Snowboard Park	83.87%	130
Long-term Boundary	2.58%	4
Land Classification	4.52%	7
Selkirk Lodge	14.84%	23
Bald Knob	9.03%	14
Other (please specify)	5.81%	9
Total Respondents: 155		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	F	11/1/2025 8:40 PM
2	It is unclear how much you collaborated with the tribes.	10/28/2025 2:04 PM
3	REPAIR/RESURFACE the road from the condo "Y" to the ski area parking lot at lodge 2	10/28/2025 12:46 PM

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4	Chair-1 "Vista-Cruiser"...The People's Chairlift of Mt Spokane should be preserved. NO HIGH SPEED QUAD!!! If MS2000 wants to install a new chairlift it should run up the South side of Hour Glass. Please read the January 13, 1958 Edition of Sports Illustrated!	10/25/2025 1:21 PM
5	Kit Carson Loop	10/24/2025 9:17 PM
6	Do Not let mt. Spokane 2000 replace vista cruiser	10/24/2025 8:43 PM
7	Make sure MS2000 pays for all ski area improvements	10/24/2025 11:05 AM
8	maintenance building demolition	10/21/2025 12:21 PM
9	Summit Road improvement & improved access to include repaving & guard rail. It is the only way for people who do not hike or bike to enjoy a treuaure	10/20/2025 10:17 AM

Q3 So we got the following aspect or aspects of Mount Spokane State Park wrong? What specifically did we get wrong about each of these aspects?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 91

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Trail System	7.63%	9
Bear Creek Lodge	83.05%	98
Downhill Ski and Snowboard Park	82.20%	97
Long-term Boundary	2.54%	3
Land Classification	2.54%	3
Selkirk Lodge	13.56%	16
Bald Knob	8.47%	10
[Insert text from Other]	5.08%	6

#	TRAIL SYSTEM	DATE
1	Keep it local loved	11/2/2025 11:06 PM
2	Many widen the trails for more mtn bike access	11/1/2025 2:55 PM
3	Long-time realignment and restoration needs should be prioritized over new trail development, for the most part (especially trail 140 and trail 100 east, which have deteriorated to the point that they are barely functioning, as well as the connector near the heritage area on trail 130/Upper KC Loop Road, which has long needed a fairly minor realignment in order to address an overly steep trail/erosion damage). All of these needs are long-standing and should be addressed in phase 1. Additionally, the proposed bi-directional trail to parallel the park road from the Entrance TH to the Lower Selkirk TH should be multi-use, not mountain bike-only. Since it is proposed as bi-directional, it will be laid out at a moderate grade with good sightlines, and I see no reason why it could not be multi-use, creating new loop route options at lower elevation. Development of this new trail should be phase 2, or after the realignment needs of the above trails are addressed. I agree that the realignment of the trail at Horse Mountain is lower priority, but the proposal misses the opportunity to incorporate the historic pack trail in the area in order to create another loop route option. The phase 3 plan to expand and reconfigure the Upper KC Loop Rd. TH should be considered higher priority, and misses the opportunity to add an ADA accessible trail to the historic Cook's Cabin Woodshed area (trail has been scoped in the past and is likely a feasible addition to the trail plan). A trail that is likely unfeasible is the proposed hiker-only trail between Bald Knob and the summit; the layout constraints are likely too high (avoid crossing the summit road and also trail 290 while keeping the trail at a sustainable grade to prevent erosion), especially in an area that is additionally being proposed to move into a Natural Area designation (negative impacts to the fragile meadows outweigh any recreation gains). The proposed 5000' round-the-mountain trail also seems far lower priority/less attractive as a new recreational trail than something like a new multi-use trail that runs parallel to the road (a 5000' level trail would have a short summer season due to lingering snow and would not be usable in the winter since it crosses the ski concession, whereas a new multi-use trail that is parallel to the road could be utilized by snowshoers in the winter and would be accessible by hikers/bikers/equestrians earlier in the summer season since it would all be below 5000' elevation).	11/1/2025 11:46 AM
4	Need updates to the trail maps	10/31/2025 6:29 PM
5	No new trails	10/31/2025 6:24 PM

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6	Need to let mtn bikes use all the trails	10/31/2025 4:01 PM
7	Add a snack station on the trail	10/31/2025 3:29 PM
8	Don't cut more trees down	10/31/2025 3:12 PM
9	Leave the park alone	10/31/2025 3:08 PM
#	BEAR CREEK LODGE	DATE
1	Renovation of current lodge needs to happen	11/2/2025 3:39 PM
2	Do not demolish	11/2/2025 1:25 PM
3	Open up the tube hill	11/1/2025 3:28 PM
4	I am from Germany and love visiting this old lodge I think it needs to stay	11/1/2025 3:26 PM
5	Reopening of the current lodge	11/1/2025 3:05 PM
6	Don't erase history keep the original lodge	11/1/2025 2:55 PM
7	Keep the original lodge! Visitor center sounds stupid who comes up with this bs?	11/1/2025 2:51 PM
8	Keep the lodge	11/1/2025 11:30 AM
9	Repair and keep the lodge.	11/1/2025 5:14 AM
10	Repair and keep the lodge please	10/31/2025 8:07 PM
11	I love the current lodge	10/31/2025 6:46 PM
12	Keep the old historic lodge	10/31/2025 6:38 PM
13	Turn current lodge into a hotel	10/31/2025 6:24 PM
14	Maintained the same lodge	10/31/2025 6:19 PM
15	Renovation of the lodge	10/31/2025 6:16 PM
16	Save the lodge	10/31/2025 6:11 PM
17	Restore the lodge	10/31/2025 5:37 PM
18	Reopening the current lodge is best plan	10/31/2025 5:34 PM
19	Keep lodge	10/31/2025 5:30 PM
20	Save the lodge and invest	10/31/2025 5:27 PM
21	Repair and preserve the lodge for use	10/31/2025 4:08 PM
22	Reopen the current building	10/31/2025 4:01 PM
23	Seems like everyone at the public meeting wants to keep the lodge hopefully the will of the people stays in place	10/31/2025 3:48 PM
24	You can't tear it down. Restore it and rent out rooms!!!!	10/31/2025 3:46 PM
25	Do weddings and events	10/31/2025 3:33 PM
26	Invest in the current lodge and sell beers/food	10/31/2025 3:29 PM
27	Don't demolish the lodge	10/31/2025 3:25 PM
28	Renovation of the lodge is the best option	10/31/2025 3:12 PM
29	Keep the lodge	10/31/2025 3:08 PM
30	Let a private company run the current lodge	10/31/2025 3:03 PM
31	Fix and Open the lodge rent out rooms	10/31/2025 2:59 PM
32	Restore current lodge	10/31/2025 2:43 PM
33	Repair and keep lodge.	10/31/2025 2:12 PM

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34	Repair	10/31/2025 1:47 PM
35	Repair and keep lodge	10/31/2025 1:21 PM
36	Save the bear creek lodge	10/31/2025 12:14 PM
37	Do not demolish/invest in current lodge	10/31/2025 12:18 AM
38	I wanna see bear creek lodge become something special where you can atay and enjoy a weekend at mt spokane	10/30/2025 11:06 PM
39	Stop focusing on this lodge area as the "Gateway to the Park". It is geographically, historically, and currently, no such thing. Tear it down, but rethink what to do with the space.	10/30/2025 9:45 PM
40	Renovation and maintain the current loddge. Do not demolish	10/30/2025 7:32 PM
41	Do not demolish! Invest in current lodge	10/30/2025 5:40 PM
42	Open for food, coffee, lodging and biking and snowmobiles	10/30/2025 5:16 PM
43	Repair and keep the lodge.	10/30/2025 8:56 AM
44	Keep and repair the lodge	10/30/2025 8:49 AM
45	Do not demolish/invest in current lodge	10/29/2025 7:19 PM
46	Do not demolish/invest in current lodge	10/29/2025 6:25 PM
47	Repair and keep the current lodge	10/29/2025 4:55 PM
48	repair and keep the lodge	10/29/2025 3:08 PM
49	Restore the lodge please	10/29/2025 2:57 PM
50	Do not demolish! Invest in current lodge	10/29/2025 2:09 PM
51	Do Not Demolish Invest in this beautiful place	10/29/2025 10:30 AM
52	Do not demolish/Invest in current lodge	10/29/2025 9:34 AM
53	Please do not dismantle or invest in the current lodge.	10/29/2025 8:42 AM
54	Invest in current lodge/ do not demolish	10/29/2025 8:09 AM
55	Do not demolish, invest in the lodge!	10/29/2025 7:33 AM
56	Don't tear it down. Revamp it.	10/29/2025 6:26 AM
57	Don't demolish renovate!	10/28/2025 11:30 PM
58	Do nor demolish, renovate	10/28/2025 11:27 PM
59	do not demolish/invest in current lodge	10/28/2025 11:07 PM
60	Do not demolish/invest in current	10/28/2025 10:49 PM
61	Don't tear down such a beautiful place	10/28/2025 9:23 PM
62	Do not demolish/invest in current lodge	10/28/2025 9:00 PM
63	Do not demolish/invest in current lodge	10/28/2025 8:31 PM
64	Do not demolish	10/28/2025 8:17 PM
65	Repair and keep the lodge.	10/28/2025 7:42 PM
66	Leave standing, upgrades to current	10/28/2025 6:52 PM
67	Do not demolish/Invest in current lodge	10/28/2025 6:41 PM
68	Do not demolish	10/28/2025 6:37 PM
69	Bear Creek Lodge is historic piece of Mt. Spokane history and tearing it down sounds like a horrible plan. I love the idea of having a more prominent entrance to the park like so many of our other state parks, but there needs to be a way restore/renovate the lodge that is currently	10/28/2025 5:11 PM

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there. I was really excited when I heard the news that the park had purchased this land, and was hopeful for what the park would do with this land, but now that I have seen these plans, I am less optimistic. We need a central locations that is welcoming to the public, that provides bathrooms, information, food and souvenirs and would be even more amazing if it also provided lodging. Our state park has so much beauty to offer, but at times is not always accessible to the public (unless you already know the area). Tearing this lodge down, just doesn't feel right, nor is it in line with preserving history. I would love to see a better plan developed to keep the lodge and develop the surrounding area. That could mean additional new structures but keep what we have!

70	Do not demolish/ invest in current lodge	10/28/2025 5:00 PM
71	Lodge needs to stay	10/28/2025 4:47 PM
72	Invest in current lodge/ Do not demolish!..	10/28/2025 4:39 PM
73	do not demolish - invest in current lodge.	10/28/2025 4:33 PM
74	Maintain the Lodge!	10/28/2025 4:21 PM
75	Save the lodge from demolition	10/28/2025 3:57 PM
76	Do not destroy	10/28/2025 3:21 PM
77	Keep and upgrade	10/28/2025 3:13 PM
78	Do not demolish	10/28/2025 3:09 PM
79	Do not demolish/ invest in current lodge	10/28/2025 3:09 PM
80	Don't demo the lift	10/28/2025 2:39 PM
81	Do not demolish/invest in current lodge	10/28/2025 10:41 AM
82	Keep and renovate the lodge	10/27/2025 1:27 PM
83	Should not be demolishing! Figure out a way to utilize and save the \$4M. The community doesnt need the proposed visitor center.	10/25/2025 5:43 PM
84	Invest in the lodge keep tube hill open	10/25/2025 4:38 PM
85	Keep the lodge for future generations to enjoy.	10/25/2025 2:21 PM
86	Restore Bear Creek aka Kirk's aka Linders Lodge. The State spent \$3.2 million to purchase it so they need to Restore it!	10/25/2025 1:30 PM
87	Keep	10/24/2025 10:52 PM
88	Tearing it down	10/24/2025 9:45 PM
89	Preserve the lodge - it is an integral component of the park history	10/24/2025 9:27 PM
90	You want to tear it down. Fix it up and rent out rooms.	10/24/2025 9:26 PM
91	Keep and maintain bear creek lodge do not demolish	10/24/2025 8:47 PM
92	We need snow tubing to move back down to Bear Creek. It takes so much pressure off of the Downhill Concession parking. Additionally, the lodge is a really cool building. It has internal and external features unlike other buildings in the area. It should be preserved and used for a concession, tubing, and trailhead parking.	10/24/2025 8:37 PM
93	Demo in phase I, keep the existing park office. Rebuild in phase II	10/24/2025 5:58 PM
94	Need more amenities	10/24/2025 11:33 AM
95	Spending millions of dollars on a new building does not seem necessary	10/24/2025 11:08 AM
96	You can trump it and rip it down. I say remodel and save it's a great building	10/23/2025 4:21 PM
97	Seems like the new entry could happen without tearing down Bear Creek Lodge and modifying it into a visitors and a place to book lodging, eat, and have a beer after hiking or recreating in the snow. Erasing History, a vintage log lodge that epitomizes Americana in a State Park just feels extremely wrong. I think hindsight might cause the Parks Commission to regret doing this	10/17/2025 7:28 AM

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down the road, since the proposed new entry area would seem very sterile in comparison. Bear Creek Lodge, kith and kin to the Grand Lodges in our National Parks, could remain a relaxing, historical, and rustic getaway for people seeking to escape the sterility of contemporary urban life.

98	I feel like taking the lodge down is a big mistake. The historic building is representative of the history Mt Spokane, and the opportunities to use it as a visitor center, and also with a vendor to operate the restaurant and lodging, would actually bring in some money to help with renovation. People who know the lodge , that may not be aware of the planning process are going to be upset, and its loss will also be a blow for future generations. It has been landmark for decades, and always a great place to stop in both winter or after a summer hike or huckleberry picking session.	10/16/2025 11:47 AM
#	DOWNHILL SKI AND SNOWBOARD PARK	DATE
1	Don't get rid of chair 1	11/2/2025 11:06 PM
2	Keep chair 1	11/2/2025 3:39 PM
3	Keep chair 1	11/2/2025 1:25 PM
4	Repair the road fix lodge 2 and keep the vista cruiser (chair 1).	11/1/2025 3:28 PM
5	Also keep chair 1	11/1/2025 3:26 PM
6	Keep chair 1	11/1/2025 3:12 PM
7	Don't let a guy from California decide the fate of chair 1	11/1/2025 3:05 PM
8	Free skiing for low income families	11/1/2025 3:01 PM
9	Add a snack/bar at the bottom of chair 6 do not replace chair 1	11/1/2025 2:55 PM
10	Chair 1 needs to stay we don't need higher lift tickets it's already kinda a rip off	11/1/2025 2:51 PM
11	Save the vista cruiser	11/1/2025 11:30 AM
12	Keep chair 1 (historic vista cruiser)	11/1/2025 5:14 AM
13	Keep chair 1 (historic vista cruiser)	10/31/2025 8:07 PM
14	I visit every year from Japan and I like the old chairlifts makes me feel right at home. I hear they want to replace them? Not a good pran I'd rely like to see them remain in place	10/31/2025 6:46 PM
15	Update chair 1 don't replace	10/31/2025 6:41 PM
16	Investigate mt. Spokane 2000 for trying to have a monopoly on mtn biking	10/31/2025 6:38 PM
17	Replace current gm of mt. Spokane 2000 with someone that's fun	10/31/2025 6:34 PM
18	Iam concerned about the replacement of chair 1 it needs to be placed on the historic register	10/31/2025 6:32 PM
19	Leave chair 1 alone!!!!	10/31/2025 6:29 PM
20	Keep chair 1	10/31/2025 6:24 PM
21	I would like to see chair 1 remaining in place for future generations	10/31/2025 6:21 PM
22	Fix lodge 2 keep chair 1	10/31/2025 6:19 PM
23	Keep and update chair 1	10/31/2025 6:16 PM
24	Fix parking	10/31/2025 6:14 PM
25	Fix parking problem and keep chair 1	10/31/2025 5:37 PM
26	Keep the current chairlifts	10/31/2025 5:34 PM
27	Do not replace vista cruiser	10/31/2025 5:30 PM
28	Keep chair 1-5	10/31/2025 5:27 PM
29	More ada parking. Keep chair 1	10/31/2025 5:18 PM

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30	Fix the parking lot. Keep the peoples chair aka vista cruiser aka chair 1	10/31/2025 4:48 PM
31	There's no need to summer chairlift operations. Visitors can drive to the top or access through the trail system. Once you have summer chairlifts, MT Spokane 2000 will be pushing for allowing moutain bikes on the lifts and turn the park into just another bike park. The ski area already dominates most of the mountain from Nov to April, should it take control over the rest of the year too?	10/31/2025 4:22 PM
32	Maintain the vista cruiser	10/31/2025 4:08 PM
33	No need to replace chair 1	10/31/2025 3:48 PM
34	Chair 1 is the best chair on the mtn hands down. Super smooth, and quiet. Def the heart and soul of the mtn	10/31/2025 3:46 PM
35	Retain the original chairlift equipment/ fix the dam road!	10/31/2025 3:33 PM
36	Replace chair 6 with a riblet chair so the whole mountain is old chairs	10/31/2025 3:29 PM
37	Keep chair 1 going	10/31/2025 3:25 PM
38	Keep chair 1	10/31/2025 3:16 PM
39	Historical signs for the vista cruiser chair 1	10/31/2025 3:12 PM
40	Keep all the chairs	10/31/2025 3:08 PM
41	Put the vista cruiser chair 1 on the historic register. Do not let mt. Spokane 2000 ruin the mountain	10/31/2025 3:05 PM
42	Restore and cherish the chair 1	10/31/2025 3:03 PM
43	Do not replace any of the riblet chairlifts	10/31/2025 2:59 PM
44	Do not replace chair 1	10/31/2025 2:43 PM
45	Keep chair 1	10/31/2025 1:47 PM
46	Keep historic chair 1	10/31/2025 1:21 PM
47	Keep the chair 1 cruiser	10/31/2025 12:14 PM
48	Keep and maintain chair 1 (vista cruiser)	10/31/2025 12:18 AM
49	Keep and maintain chair 1	10/30/2025 7:32 PM
50	Keep and maintain chair 1 (vista cruiser!)	10/30/2025 5:40 PM
51	Fix our parking lot bog	10/30/2025 5:16 PM
52	Keep chair 1 (historic vista cruiser)	10/30/2025 8:56 AM
53	Keep the historic chair 1	10/30/2025 8:49 AM
54	Keep and maintain chair 1 (vista cruiser)	10/29/2025 7:19 PM
55	Keep and maintain chair 1 (vista cruiser)	10/29/2025 6:25 PM
56	Keep chair 1 (Historic Vista Cruiser)	10/29/2025 4:55 PM
57	keep Chair 1!	10/29/2025 3:08 PM
58	Vista Cruiser needs to stay	10/29/2025 2:57 PM
59	Maintain and keep chair 1, vista cruiser!	10/29/2025 2:09 PM
60	Keep and Maintain	10/29/2025 10:30 AM
61	Keep and maintain chair 1 (vista cruiser)	10/29/2025 9:34 AM
62	Please let chair 1 (Vista Cruiser) remain and stay maintained	10/29/2025 8:42 AM
63	keep and maintain chair 1 (vista cruiser)	10/29/2025 8:09 AM
64	Keep and maintain chair1 vista cruiser	10/29/2025 7:33 AM

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65	Keep and maintain the Vista Cruiser (chair 1)	10/29/2025 6:26 AM
66	Keep and maintain chair one Vista Cruiser!	10/28/2025 11:30 PM
67	Keep and maintain chair one/ Vista Cruiser	10/28/2025 11:27 PM
68	keep and maintain chair 1	10/28/2025 11:07 PM
69	Keep and maintain chair 1	10/28/2025 10:49 PM
70	Such a cool park would hate to see it go	10/28/2025 9:23 PM
71	Keep and maintain chair 1 (vista cruiser)	10/28/2025 9:00 PM
72	Keep and maintain chair one (vista cruiser)	10/28/2025 8:31 PM
73	Do not demolish	10/28/2025 8:17 PM
74	Keep chair 1 (historic vista cruiser)	10/28/2025 7:42 PM
75	Vista cruiser can't leave us yet :(	10/28/2025 6:52 PM
76	Keep and maintain chair 1 (vista cruiser)	10/28/2025 6:41 PM
77	Keep and maintain chair 1/vista cruiser	10/28/2025 6:37 PM
78	Chair 1 is historic and we need to preserve our roots and history! I love the idea of them developing a summer plan for mtb and hiking, but replacing this chair is not it. We have something special at Mt. Spokane with our classic riblet chair lifts and I know a lot of people will be sad and disappointed to lose that. The focus should be on maintaining this piece of history, while also finding ways to give more access. Maybe that does mean a new chair, but find a different location that doesn't interfere with Chair 1.	10/28/2025 5:11 PM
79	Keep and maintain chair 1 (Vista Cruiser)	10/28/2025 5:00 PM
80	Do NOT replace vista cruiser	10/28/2025 4:47 PM
81	Keep and maintain chair 1! (Vista Cruiser)	10/28/2025 4:39 PM
82	keep and maintain chair 1 (vista cruiser)	10/28/2025 4:33 PM
83	Maintain Vista Cruiser!	10/28/2025 4:21 PM
84	Save chair 1 from demolition	10/28/2025 3:57 PM
85	Do not destroy my childhood lift	10/28/2025 3:21 PM
86	Keep and maintain and keep chair 1	10/28/2025 3:13 PM
87	Do not demolish / maintain 1 ski lift	10/28/2025 3:09 PM
88	Keep and maintain chair 1 vista cruiser	10/28/2025 3:09 PM
89	Keep and maintain chair 1 (vista cruiser)	10/28/2025 10:41 AM
90	Keep and restore chair 1	10/27/2025 1:27 PM
91	The expansion proposals for the downhill ski area are atrocious. This should not be funded / permitted.	10/25/2025 5:43 PM
92	Keep and Restore the vista cruiser	10/25/2025 4:38 PM
93	Keep the vista cruiser. Investigate mt. Spokane 2000 for corruption	10/25/2025 2:21 PM
94	Preserve Historically Relevant Chair-1 Vista Cruiser. If MS2000 wants to install a new lift then put it on Hout Glass. The Lodge-2 Parking is a cesspool of pot holes, mud, water and is in dire need of replacing! Restore the infrastructure of the parking lot! REPAVE IT & put better drainage in!	10/25/2025 1:30 PM
95	The vista cruiser doesn't need to be replaced. It's perfect as is.	10/24/2025 9:26 PM
96	Keep/maintain all riblet chairlifts and do not replace vista cruiser. Put chair 1 vista cruiser on the history register. Build a new lift going up hourglass for the ski team and mtn biking	10/24/2025 8:47 PM

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97 Mt. Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park should consider attaining their chairlift goals at lodge 1 by installing a modern lift up the Hourglass/Ski Race Course to be used for peak days, race days, and summer operations. The historic riblet, chair 1, should remain and showcase the work of a hometown business whose lifts have been in service across the globe. We really enjoy riding that simple and historic lift :)

10/24/2025 8:37 PM

#	LONG-TERM BOUNDARY	DATE
1	Expand the park	10/31/2025 6:32 PM
2	Leave it alone	10/31/2025 3:08 PM
3	Not a clear plan	10/30/2025 5:16 PM

#	LAND CLASSIFICATION	DATE
1	Why did you drop the reclassification of natural forest and the conservation buffer? There needs to be more lands designated for habitat protection not less.	10/31/2025 4:22 PM
2	How so?	10/30/2025 5:16 PM
3	More recreation land - there is no natural forest anymore - it's a fire trap!	10/24/2025 9:27 PM

#	SELKIRK LODGE	DATE
1	Overnight sleeping should be allowed	11/1/2025 3:05 PM
2	The need for improvements at Selkirk Lodge are long-standing, and should be prioritized over new infrastructure elsewhere in the park. I support the project description, but disagree that this should be lower priority than the new park entrance plans.	11/1/2025 11:46 AM
3	Need more detailed maps	10/31/2025 6:19 PM
4	Build a new lodge	10/31/2025 5:34 PM
5	More storage for equipment	10/31/2025 3:48 PM
6	Needs a popcorn machine and better storage lockers	10/31/2025 3:33 PM
7	Give the cross country ski people money to repair their lodge	10/31/2025 3:08 PM
8	Start work on this lodge assp	10/31/2025 2:59 PM
9	This should be the top priority	10/31/2025 2:43 PM
10	Could be better	10/31/2025 1:22 PM
11	People actually use te Selkirk Lodge. We have a world class cross country ski area with an outdated shelter with a infested bathroom facilities that are an embarrassment. Put Bear Creek in Priority 2 and Selkirk in Priority 1. Use the Lodge 1 and Lodge 2 for events and dining.	10/30/2025 9:45 PM
12	This lodge is in desperate need of upgrades and should be the first priority; visitors come to the park to recreate:ski, hike bike etc not to spend hours at the entrance greeting point. The current Ranger station is just fine for now as a welcome center until phase 2.	10/24/2025 9:46 PM
13	You have a huge group of people who use the Selkirk lodge faithfully and that improvement is on the back burner. The cross country area has not enough parking the lodge needs improvements and enlarged and mostly we need the grooming to be more consistent. I think its diverse trails are one of the best in a tristate area. But the grooming can be hit or miss. It is a trash gem. The remodel of bear v=creek wont improve any of the existing features of the park or bring a new group of users to the park. We need to improve what exists before adding new features.	10/24/2025 9:18 PM
14	Remodel in phase I,	10/24/2025 5:58 PM
15	More parking, need more room for people, expand restrooms. Small connoisseur business to sell hot chocolate etc	10/24/2025 11:33 AM
16	Deferring necessary Selkirk Lodge-related improvements by more than another six years is unacceptable given the pressing needs to improve accessibility, parking, and usability of those already worn down, overburdened, and highly used public facilities. The Park is already at risk of accidents or an ADA case concerning those facilities, so that situation should not be deferred for more than another half-decade.	10/21/2025 12:29 PM

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#	BALD KNOB	DATE
1	Need more water pressure at the campground	11/1/2025 2:51 PM
2	Expand the camping	10/31/2025 6:41 PM
3	More camping	10/31/2025 6:19 PM
4	Close the campground	10/31/2025 5:37 PM
5	Bigger campgrounds	10/31/2025 5:27 PM
6	Soda/vending machine for late night snack	10/31/2025 3:29 PM
7	Campground needs a move projector	10/31/2025 3:25 PM
8	Close the campground keep the park natural	10/31/2025 3:08 PM
9	Add more camp sites remove campground host	10/31/2025 3:03 PM
10	Need to advertise!	10/30/2025 5:16 PM
#	[INSERT TEXT FROM OTHER]	DATE
1	I want to know how you collaborate with Native Tribes. The draft only mentions that the planning team has engaged with applicable tribes. To determine how this plan will affect Spokane, I want to know what the tribes want. Mount Spokane has a significant cultural meaning to Native peoples of this area, so going big with recreation might not be in their best interest. Continuing the focus on the park being a "trails park" and maintaining the recreation that is present is good, but how does that impact everyone? Phase 1 of changing Bear Creek Lodge is helpful to provide accessibility to those who want to learn more about the park, and the focus on lower elevation before going higher is a good start, but especially as you get higher and closer to potentially significant Native monuments, there needs to be care and consideration for the tribes.	10/28/2025 2:17 PM
2	Repair the L-2 Parking lot! Save Bear Creek Lodge. Save Chair-1. Put a HighSpeed quad up Hour Glass!	10/25/2025 1:30 PM
3	Restore camping along the loop	10/24/2025 9:27 PM
4	Get chair 1 vista cruiser on the historic register and invest to keep it going for future generations	10/24/2025 8:47 PM
5	When taxpayers bought MS2000 the new chair 6 I was very upset, especially after they destroyed that side of the mountain	10/24/2025 11:08 AM
6	Demolition of a recently unused staff service building should not be prioritied over addressing desperately needed improvements to the Selkirk Lodge and related parking.	10/21/2025 12:29 PM

Q4 Optional: If you have additional thoughts regarding the draft Preferred Alternative that you would like considered, please let us know here. Thank you!

Answered: 56 Skipped: 153

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Under "projects eliminated in preferred alternative," one item simply states "skijoring." I believe this means any potential expansion of skijoring? Although as written, it is very unclear exactly what was originally on the table and is no longer being considered. Given the popularity of skijoring, the scarcity of opportunities in the region, and the current constraints on days of the week/times of the day (versus the typical grooming schedule) when skijoring is permitted, I think this item deserves a deeper conversation that includes more stakeholders.	11/1/2025 11:53 AM
2	Increasing trails in the recreation zones and replacing Bear Creek lodge are good ideas.	10/31/2025 4:23 PM
3	Put up a chair somewhere else for the ski races.	10/31/2025 3:46 PM
4	Use the money to repair bear creek lodge open up the tube hill. Close the tube hill at lodge 1 to many people parking up there	10/31/2025 3:00 PM
5	It's great	10/31/2025 12:51 AM
6	Change is good but not for everything, some things are meant to stay the same like the lodge and the ski hill	10/31/2025 12:20 AM
7	Think about where people use the Park now and focus on those places.	10/30/2025 9:47 PM
8	The lodge and historic vista cruiser are icons at mt. Spokane Invest in keeping the lodge and chair 1 for future generations	10/30/2025 7:35 PM
9	I believe that the renovation and expansion of Selkirk Lodge with additional parking should be done sooner. It is too small for the number of users and while I don't have the actual numbers I believe it along with the xc trails are the major generators of sno-park funds. I know that Bear Creek Lodge and the park entrance need attention but don't think they are priority 1.	10/30/2025 12:12 PM
10	Listen to the people!	10/30/2025 11:41 AM
11	This place makes the community happy as it already is, invest into it so many more can enjoy it for many years.	10/29/2025 7:20 PM
12	Please do not demolish and invest we love this lodge and want to keep being able to use it	10/29/2025 6:25 PM
13	Please strongly consider keeping the history of this beautiful lodge and chairlift alive for future generations to enjoy. It means the world to my family and friends. Thank You.	10/29/2025 8:46 AM
14	I think the plan is well thought out. I like the idea of improving the functionality and accessibility of the trails along with creating a new visitor center and welcome gate. These additions will encourage new visitors and help them engage with the history of the area. Maintaining the remote and wild character is extremely important and cannot be compromised. Overall, This is a good plan and I believe it will improve Mount Spokane.	10/28/2025 11:36 PM
15	I appreciated seeing that the Washington State Park Tribal Relations Division had been consulted for "feedback and input" on the proposed project; however, I'm interested to hear specifics on their involvement with this project. The local indigenous communities have deep ancestral knowledge of the land, which would greatly benefit the future management of the Mount Spokane State Park. One area of management that they can offer insight on is fire mitigation and suppression. While it wasn't explicitly mentioned in the proposed draft, the new developments discussed have the potential to increase or decrease the fire risk in the state park and surrounding areas. With the guidance of both scientific and indigenous experts, these proposed advancements can be realized while also safeguarding the well-being of the ecosystems and the local communities from the increasing risk of uncharacteristically	10/28/2025 11:21 PM

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devastating wildfires. I'm also interested to hear how the state plans to handle the increase in human traffic in areas previously undisturbed and the resulting increase in interactions between humans and wildlife. The proposed increase in recreational activities would generate financial profit and increase the appreciation for this state park by attracting more visitors; however, this comes with the consequence of encroaching on wildlife habitats. Mount Spokane is home to diverse wildlife that has already experienced their habitat shrinking due to human development. Unfortunately, the further intrusion of people into these areas has the potential to impact migration patterns, grazing habits, and a variety of other animal behaviors that force local wildlife to accommodate human activity, often to their own detriment. The increased likelihood of interactions between wild animals and humans also poses a significant danger to hikers, hunters, and equestrians who venture further into the park and run the risk of encountering a large predator, such as a moose or bear, in a remote area far away from emergency rescue services. The proposed actions in this draft will greatly benefit the local communities by allowing greater accessibility to the park, but the preservation of the land and its diverse ecosystems must be prioritized over human enjoyment.

16	The Mount Spokane Master Plan generally aligns with my overall visions I had for the park. I enjoy the focus on recreation and trails. Hiking and biking Mt Spokane in the warm months is something I enjoy doing, so by continuing your focus as a day-use trails park paints a foreseeable future for those hobbies. Additionally, I like the emphasis on retaining a remote character. Despite having close proximity to a large urban center, your envisions to retain the remote and wild character is greatly cherished by the community, even while still embracing necessary modernizations. This characteristic is seen in partnership with Riverside State Park, which also holds similar values. Addressing climate change is a huge factor. The fact that you acknowledge the possibilities of shorter and unpredictable winter seasons creates more opportunities for increased use in lulls, which is exactly what I and many others would like to see so we can get the most out of the park. However, I believe that the demolition of the Bear Creek Lodge may remove some of the historical preservation visions you all originally intended for. While it does make way for a new visitor center and park entrance, it makes it more of a national park feel, which is not a type of prominence I would personally want to see in a state park. I understand it blends the concepts of community and recreation, but I still feel the need for representation of historic values. Additionally, I would like to see some sort of indigenous representation when the new visitor center is built.	10/28/2025 11:09 PM
17	keep mt spokane mt spokane	10/28/2025 11:08 PM
18	So many amazing memories would hate to note be able to make more.	10/28/2025 10:50 PM
19	Save Vista Cruiser!	10/28/2025 8:17 PM
20	My first time on the mountain leaves a big spot on the heart, much love!	10/28/2025 6:53 PM
21	The Lodge and Vista Cruiser Chairlift are the heart of Mt. Spokane. They provide access, comfort, and connection for visitors year-round. Removing them would erase part of the park's history and limit who can truly enjoy the mountain. Keep them—Mt. Spokane depends on them.	10/28/2025 6:44 PM
22	Parking and road improvements from the snowpark to Lodge 2 should be a priority. This has been needed for years as the mountain has seen an increase in traffic both in the summer and winter. During the winter the pot holes are horrendous and make for treacherous driving. Lack of parking also makes it difficult of public to have access to our state park, and discourages them from using the park.	10/28/2025 5:16 PM
23	Please?	10/28/2025 5:00 PM
24	Invest in the lodge and keep the vista cruiser	10/28/2025 4:47 PM
25	What a beautiful place, a place that creates a space to make lifelong memories.. Major change isn't always the answer!	10/28/2025 4:43 PM
26	Maintain the Heritage!	10/28/2025 4:22 PM
27	Just upgrade current thing dont demolish history	10/28/2025 3:13 PM
28	I am a current Gonzaga senior and have greatly enjoyed outdoor recreating at Mt. Spokane over these past 4 years, including downhill and cross country skiing, trail work with the WTA, hiking, and cycling. I am very excited about this master plan proposal and its benefits for community members. I think the updates to Bear Creek Lodge is especially exciting and the	10/28/2025 12:55 PM

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idea of a more “official” park entrance. The plan mentions that each phase will tentatively take 6 years, with overlap between the phases and their construction. The phases are not all occurring in the same area of the park, but I am wondering if this means there will be ongoing construction for a period of over 15 years. I am also wondering how the construction will impact recreation, including trail closure.

29	I support the balance the park is striving to make between conservation of wildlife and nature, and recreation. Preserving as much of the natural habitat is essential to protecting biodiversity in the Spokane area and beyond. I especially support the conservation buffer that will protect ecological keystone species and environments. While I believe that the Master Plan does a good job of detailing specific infrastructural changes that will be made, the importance of using sustainable materials and practices could have been emphasized more throughout the draft.	10/27/2025 8:44 PM
30	I am curious about the environmental impacts that the proposed parking expansions will have. I am a proponent of increasing access to these important natural spaces, but also would like there to be efforts to offset these negative impacts and emissions. Will the Master Plan be carbon neutral, or better yet, carbon positive? Thank you for the comprehensive approach taken with this proposal, this seems to be close to a win-win scenario for park improvements/accessibility and ecological preservation. Please additionally consider green energy sources for electricity and in general a minimally invasive approach to expansion.	10/27/2025 3:50 PM
31	I am curious if there is a plan to manage the increased number of people coming into the park as these new developments are implemented. How will the park remain well maintained, and a space for the public to engage with reflective spaces in nature?	10/27/2025 2:12 PM
32	I like the idea of the new park entrance and a more well established visitor center because it is hard to tell when you enter the park and this would provide more educational opportunities for people to learn about the land and develop a stronger sense of community and place. As mentioned, Mount Spokane is very close to the large city of Spokane and I think that it would serve as a good avenue for environmental education and getting the community to care for the vast nature surrounding the city. So making sure there is proper and safe infrastructure for this to occur is important. I like that there was mention of retaining much of the park in its primitive state to respect its ‘wild’ character loved by the community and adding in a conservation buffer along with other habitat restoration work. There could be more about how the park could be used to mitigate climate change, not only adapt, but it is making an effort. Including how things could shift because of climate change in a 20 year plan was good. Overall, I think this plan shows a good balance between recreation and preservation.	10/27/2025 11:31 AM
33	Please strongly consider moving updates to the Selkirk Lodge to phase one. This project scored very high on public feedback and there has been planning and effort put into it's needs for many years.	10/27/2025 8:36 AM
34	Bear creek lodge should be renamed Linder Lodge and be renovated to at first include park offices and interpretation with a future use as a hotel/event center (via a concession) for summer and winter users who do not want to camp but want to spend time in the park for a few days without driving to Spokane each day. The visitor center could then be built near by to include offices and interpretation. Love the ideas for better signage and new trails. Am not sure that having the only access to the mountain top be via of chairlift or hiking.	10/26/2025 6:27 PM
35	Personally, I don't use Mt. Spokane State Park for skiing, snowboarding, etc. and rarely use it for hiking and other recreation, however I have an interest in how the park manages its land in relation to conservation, and the protection of biodiversity and wildlife. I think this plan does a lot of things right but I also have concerns about some of the proposed projects. The plan includes the designation of a “conservation buffer” around the park to support conservation efforts, wildlife corridors, and biodiversity. This is a great step towards maintaining biodiversity, and habitat/wildlife protection! The plan also proposes changing certain areas from “Resource Recreation” to “Natural Area” or “Natural Forest Area” designations, which demonstrates a real commitment to preserving areas in the park with high ecological value and limiting recreation use in sensitive zones. This plan also acknowledges the potential impacts of climate change (particularly shorter winter seasons) and proposes limiting winter-only investments at lower elevations, which is a great forward-thinking approach that we often don't see in these kinds of plans! Additionally, the plan proposes the development of more sustainable trails, like the trail to Horse Mountain, with the aim of limiting the impact on meadow habitats – a commendable effort to balance recreation and preservation! For the project to demolish and remove the old maintenance shop, I was happy to see they included “and complete riparian and habitat restoration work.” I love the overall commitment to retaining the “remote and wild” character of the park, the efforts to keep areas wild and protected, and the significant efforts to restore	10/26/2025 3:54 PM

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previous recreation areas to their “natural” state. However, I do have some concerns with the proposed expansion and development. The expansion of recreational areas and the development of new trails could potentially disrupt wildlife habitats and increase the human impact on sensitive ecosystems. For almost every proposed project, the plan mentions nothing about assessing the potential impacts on surrounding ecosystems. This is especially concerning in areas where completely new trails and recreation sites are being developed, since historically humans have had little presence/impact in these areas. Given Washington State Parks’ support for “regional conservation efforts” that “preserve the park’s connection to wildlife corridors to support the park’s significant biodiversity,” this plan should have included a concrete strategy for assessing the impact of all projects on wildlife corridors, biodiversity, conservation efforts, etc. I have several recommendations for improving this plan, and most of them revolve around better practices for conservation. Like I mentioned above, there needs to be concrete strategy that ensures all new trails and recreational areas go through environmental impact assessments to minimize disruption to wildlife and habitats (since this development doesn’t have to follow NEPA regulations). Additionally, the park should establish a monitoring program to actively assess the impact of park expansions and increased human activity on wildlife and biodiversity, and should use this data to make decisions about future projects. This would also be a great opportunity to collaborate with local conservation groups or local tribes to ensure that the park’s development actually aligns with community and regional conservation goals.

36	Agree with option 2 on bear creek lodge. A new visitor center in a modern building with a lot of windows would be nice improvement to the park. The park road needs significant improvements because it is severely underdesigned for the weekend traffic, which is likely to keep growing gradually. Building a major state park mountain access road with no shoulders was a bad decision by the original planners, who lacked the vision to imagine its use today. Widen the road and make shoulders, and more paved pullouts where possible, and cut down the mature or leaning trees that are too close to the road. Modernize Selkirk lodge.	10/26/2025 8:47 AM
37	Only thing you need to do is keep the lodge and the vista cruiser going	10/25/2025 2:21 PM
38	In a world where everything is high speed this and high speed that, there is something to be said about the 8 minute 20 second chair ride up Chair-1....please read the SpotTo Ski article on page-8 about Chair-1 Vista Cruiser. It's only because of Chair-1, that Mt Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park is what it is today!	10/25/2025 1:35 PM
39	The visitors center can absolutely wait until phase 2, please, pretty please upgrade Selkirk Lodge, for the children - they keep getting burned on the stove located in the middle of the lodge. Thank you	10/24/2025 9:48 PM
40	Selkirk lodge needs to be remodeled in phase 1, not 2.	10/24/2025 9:47 PM
41	It's a park - develop it as one	10/24/2025 9:28 PM
42	These should both be on the historic registry.	10/24/2025 9:27 PM
43	No demolition of bear creek lodge keep and maintain. no replacement of chair 1 (vista cruiser) there needs to be a separate public meeting about the visa cruiser. Most of the community wants to keep it	10/24/2025 8:50 PM
44	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please consider this and other comments carefully and with an open mind. I'm sure the final plan will have some pain for people of all persuasions. Can't please everybody...	10/24/2025 8:40 PM
45	I like that it includes climate change considerations because of less predictable now levels. I also appreciate that a forest health strategy is included in phase 1.	10/24/2025 8:27 PM
46	The plan emphasizes a Winter Forward focus for MSP. That means you should emphasize winter recreation in this plan. The Selkirk Lodge is used now, a lot, by many people. Parking is a mess for current winter recreation. Yes, having a beautiful gateway to the park would be great, and starting at the bottom of the park seems "logical" or "tidy." But, remodeling the Selkirk was the #4 top priority from your survey -- acknowledge that.	10/24/2025 6:05 PM
47	There are buildings that could be utilized and land to attract people who just want to enjoy the outdoors while maybe not a skier or snowboarder and just be in the elements.	10/24/2025 2:17 PM
48	Keeping the Park accessible to everyone, not just skiers and Mt. Bikers, is very important to me. A fancy entrance to the park is not a high priority to me, i would rather you spend less	10/24/2025 11:22 AM

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money on that and more on improving trails, bathrooms and other basic infrastructure. And make MS2000 pay for ALL of their improvements! I was very upset when they put in the new chair 6 which made it impossible for my family to enjoy backcountry skiing in the winter when the ski area is open. The mountain should be accessible to everyone year round. Not just a play ground for people who can afford a (expensive) lift ticket. Remember, it's a State Park first, not just a ski area! And MS2000 wants me to pay money to walk uphill in the winter? Not acceptable in a State Park

49	A lot of individual things come out in the meeting that focused on what just one person felt! 1. Please start at the bottom. Trail 110 for about 200 yards is too steep for most MTB riders to climb. 2. Please keep the snow area, used to be the Bear Creek Lodge tubing area, for family use. The snow making equipment was removed and taken up to the DH ski area. So, no ice! It was brought up that it is a liability issue. If it's natural snow how is it any different then the rest of the mountain. Post a sign that says use at you own risk! Families are desperate to find a place to sled. They try to use the Cross Country trails all the time.	10/23/2025 11:40 AM
50	If the snowmobile staging area is eliminated from the Bear Creek lodge there would need to be much more parking available at the lower Selkirk trail head area. This has been the main reason that a lot of snowmobilers launch from the lodge. I would really like to see that snowmobile trails included on your planning maps so we can easily see how the changes will effect the limited riding area that is available.	10/23/2025 8:32 AM
51	50,000 feet. Continue improving guest experience by user groups.	10/22/2025 4:17 PM
52	Just don't make our mountain over crowded it's nice and peaceful right now	10/21/2025 9:53 PM
53	I'm concerned about wildlife habitats and with adding in more people, more bicycling (any thru forest, big cats will chase faster moving people and they do live there, that wild Animals such as deer, moose, elk, bears, and mountain lions will be forced out of their homes and that more animals will be killed simply for being in the same area as people. I also do not think making it a huge tourist destination is a good idea because keeping it mostly natural and not very busy is what makes it nice and enjoyable for all. More hiking trails and the biking trail mostly along the roadside sounds good. A gift shop at entrance to Mountain could be a nice addition. The ski lift for summer use to view nature scenery is good idea. I think you could use existing ski areas for skiing and snowboarding, even tubing which would be nice! I'm worried this may ruin the natural beauty and wild animals' homes that are important and what makes Mt Spokane special in the first place. Worried other parties may buy land to build hotels etc contesting the mountain, ruining it for local people and animals who live there and or drive up there all the time.	10/21/2025 9:17 PM
54	Please clarify the interrelation of the proposed phase 2 trails with the existing Nordic trails system.	10/21/2025 12:30 PM
55	If summit road is improved repaved & added guard rails, the campground could have better & longer access. It seems as if a separate gate could be added right above the upper parking to ccc cabin to keep trail 140 open longer but prevent access to the top closed due to unsafe conditions. Never understood why there are not any guardrails esp since many visitors who drive to the top have never been there or are not attuned to mountain driving. Improve trail maps to match better signage. Please consider researching trail maps that are offered in Europe & Italy. They are similar ski trail maps. They can let hikers and bikers know the difficulty level by coding the trail (solid line = easy; dashed line = intermediate; crosses = difficult/cable cross, etc)	10/20/2025 10:27 AM
56	I do think the grounds of Bear Creek Lodge should change to accommodate more varied uses stated in the Master Plan, but should the Lodge be torn down, the Selkirk Lodge should remain open year-round for hikers/recreationalists to reflect and relax in a pub setting afterward.	10/17/2025 7:31 AM