

Classification and Management Planning (CAMP)

Palouse Falls, Lyons Ferry, and Lewis and Clark Trail
State Parks



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Tonight's Agenda

- Sign-in and handouts
- Presentation
- Get your ideas
- Next steps
- Adjourn
- Staff introductions



Lyon Ferry State Park

Agency Overview

- Over 100 years old
- Overseen by seven member Governor appointed Commission
- Approximately 400 full-time staff and 400 seasonal employees
- State divided into three regions
- Regions divided into management areas
- These parks are located in the Blue Mountain Area



Planning Area

Blue Mountain Management Area

- Sacajawea
- Fields Spring
- Iron Horse Trail
- Columbia Plateau Trail
- Steptoe Butte
- Steptoe Battlefield
- Camp Wooten
- Palouse Falls
- Lyons Ferry
- Lewis & Clark Trail



Friends Groups

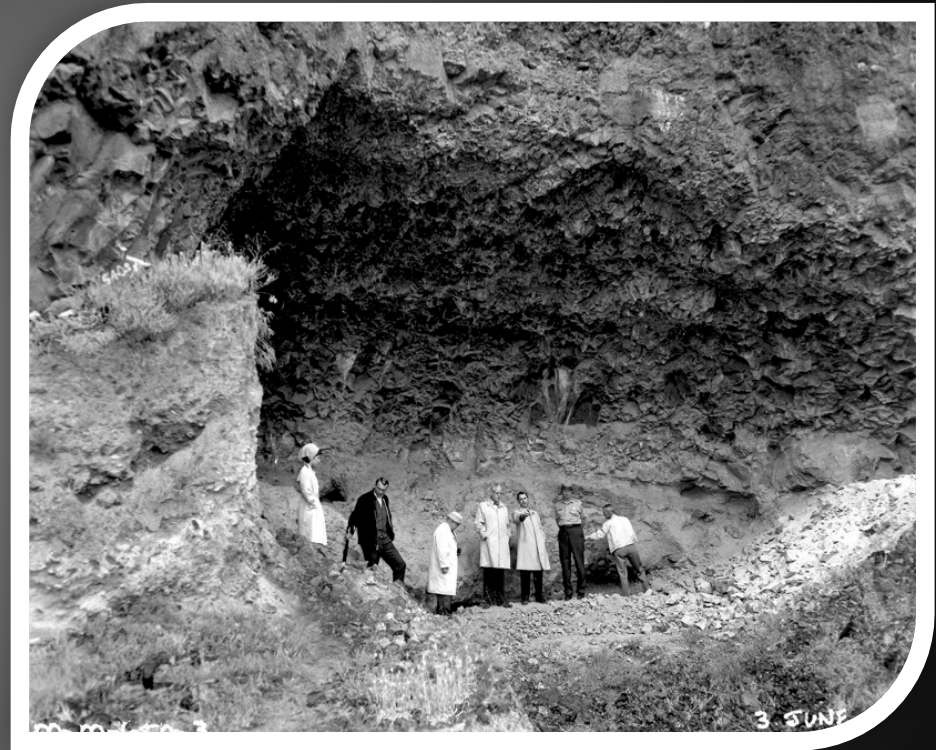
- Over 20 formal Friend Groups statewide
- Non-profit organizations
- Hold park events
- Coordinate volunteers for projects
- Encourage community interest
- Area groups include:
 - Friends of Sacajawea
 - Friends of Mount Spokane
 - Riverside Foundation



2016 Friends Group Conference,
Cama Beach State Park

Tribal Significance

- Both cultural and natural resource interest
- 1966 Marmes Rock Shelter
- Traditional fishing site for the Palus Tribe
- Village of Palus at confluence of Snake and Palouse rivers



Marmes Rock Shelter near Lyons Ferry

Palouse Falls History

- 1940 to 1950 park lands acquired
- 1951 became a state park
- 2010 kayaker world record
- 1,500,000 views on YouTube
- 2014 named official state waterfall
- 2010 85,000 annual visitors
- 2016 145,000 annual visitors



2014 State Waterfall Dedication
Governor and Washtucna School students

Palouse Falls Challenges

- Addressing increased visitation
- Challenging parking and access due to terrain and railroad
- Evolving recreational expectations



Palouse Falls Facilities

- 105 acre camping park
- Short hiking trail
- Picnic shelter and tables
- 11 primitive tent campsites
- Interpretive panels



1959 Palouse Falls air photo

Palouse Falls Natural Resources

- Unique and much studied geology
- Channeled scabland/shrub-steppe vegetation
- 2008 rare plant and vegetation survey



Palouse Falls

Lyons Ferry History

- Original site of Mullan Road ferry crossing
- Owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers
- First operated by State Parks in 1971
- 25 year lease



Lyons Ferry Facilities

- 1,000 acre day-use park
- 5,200 feet of shoreline
- Boat launch
- Picnic tables
- Boating and fishing
- Swimming and hiking
- Grass open space



Lewis and Clark Trail History

- Located along the Touchet River
- Lewis and Clark passed through the area in 1806
- Originally homesteaded in 1864
- Day-use area kitchen shelter and restroom constructed in 1934
- 1996 catastrophic flooding



Lewis and Clark Trail Kiosk

Lewis and Clark Trail Facilities

- 37 acre camping park
- 24 camp sites
- 1300 feet of river shoreline
- 50 picnic tables

