

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



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# Tonight's Agenda

- **Sign-in and handouts**
- **Presentation**
  - Overview of the parks
  - CAMP
  - Sticky note process
  - Questions on process
- **Get your ideas**
- **Next steps**
- **Adjourn**
- **Staff introductions**



Lyon Ferry State Park

# Agency Overview



- Over 100 years old
- 7 Member Governor appointed Commission
- Approximately 400 full-time staff and 400 seasonal employees
- State divided into three regions
  - Management areas
  - Blue Mountain Area

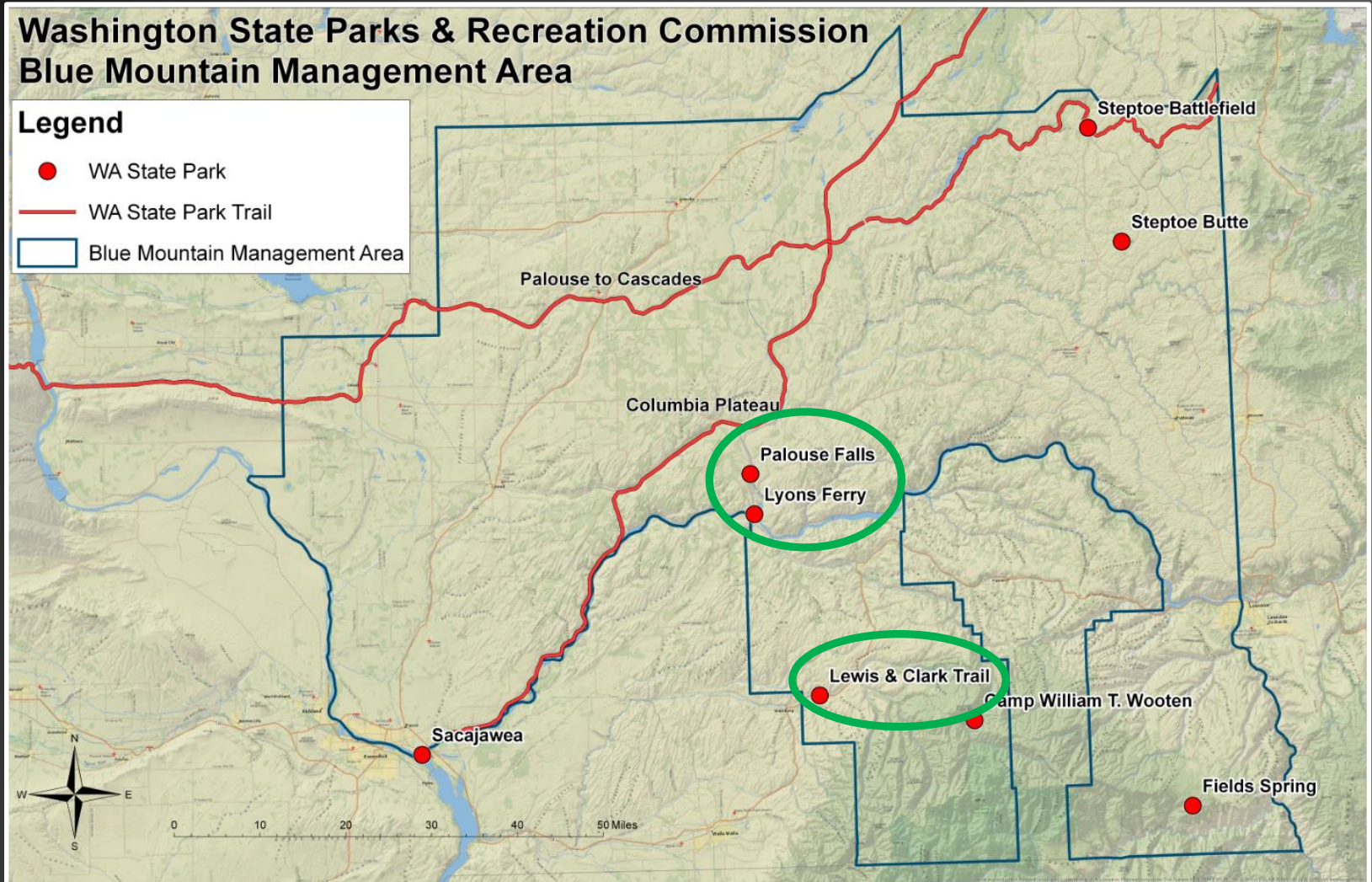
## Mission

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission cares for Washington's most treasured lands, waters, and historic places. State parks connect all Washingtonians to their diverse natural and cultural heritage and provide memorable recreational and educational experiences that enhance their lives.





# Blue Mountain Management Area



# Friends Groups

## Area Friends Groups

- Friends of Mt. Spokane
- Friends of Sacajawea
- Riverside Foundation



2018 Friends Group Conference, Cama Beach State Park

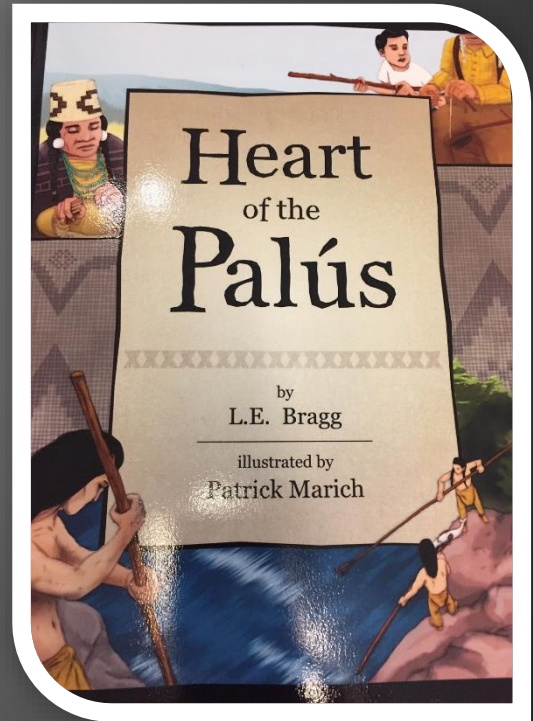


# Tribal Significance

## Significant Landscape



1959 Palouse Falls State Park



# Palouse Falls History



2014 State Waterfall Dedication-  
Governor and Washtucna School students

- 1951 became a state park
- 2010 kayaker world record
- 1,500,000 views on YouTube
- 2014- named official state waterfall



# Palouse Falls Facilities

- Approx. 110 acre park
- Pathways to viewpoints in the developed area
- Picnic shelter and tables
- 11 primitive tent campsites
- Interpretive panels





# Palouse Falls Natural Resources

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



Palouse Falls



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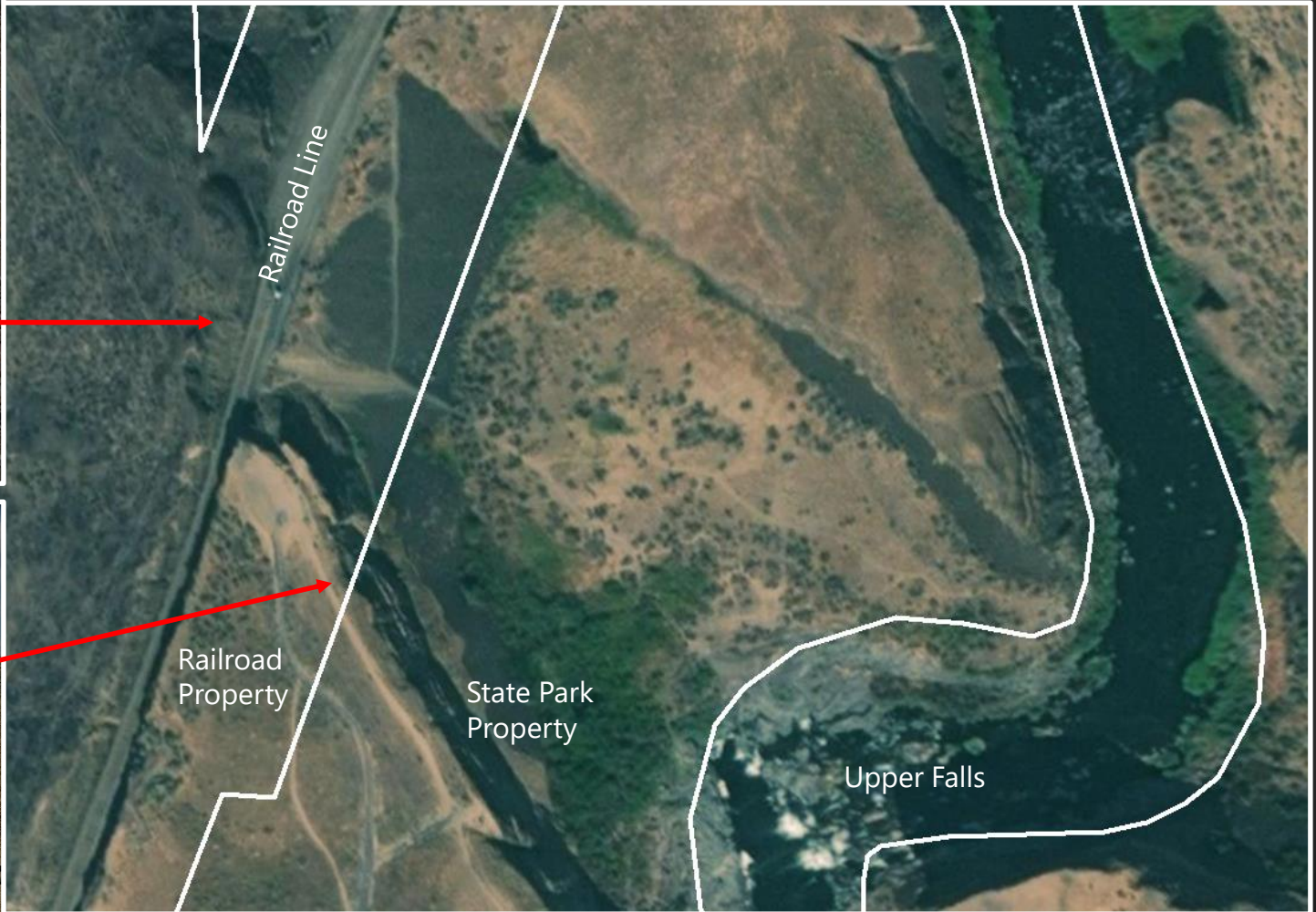


# Palouse Falls Challenges





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# Palouse Falls Camping



# Palouse Falls-Messaging Fencing Project





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# Lyons Ferry History

- Original site of Mullan Road ferry crossing – 1860-1968
- Owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers
- State Parks operated in 1971-2002
- State Parks-2015





# Lyons Ferry Facilities

- 168 acre day-use park
- 5,200 feet of shoreline
- Boat launch
- Picnic tables
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Grass open space





# Lyons Ferry- Camping?





# Lewis and Clark Trail History

- 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 Facilities

- 37 acre camping park
- 24 camp sites, 2 group camps and 2 teepees
- 1300 feet of river shoreline
- 50 picnic tables





# Lewis and Clark Trail Facilities



# How State Parks' Plans

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## Classification and Management Planning (CAMP)



# CAMP End Products

- Land classification
- Long-term park boundary
- Park management plan



Lewis and Clark Trill State Park

# Land Classification

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Recreation Area

Resource Recreation Area

Heritage Area

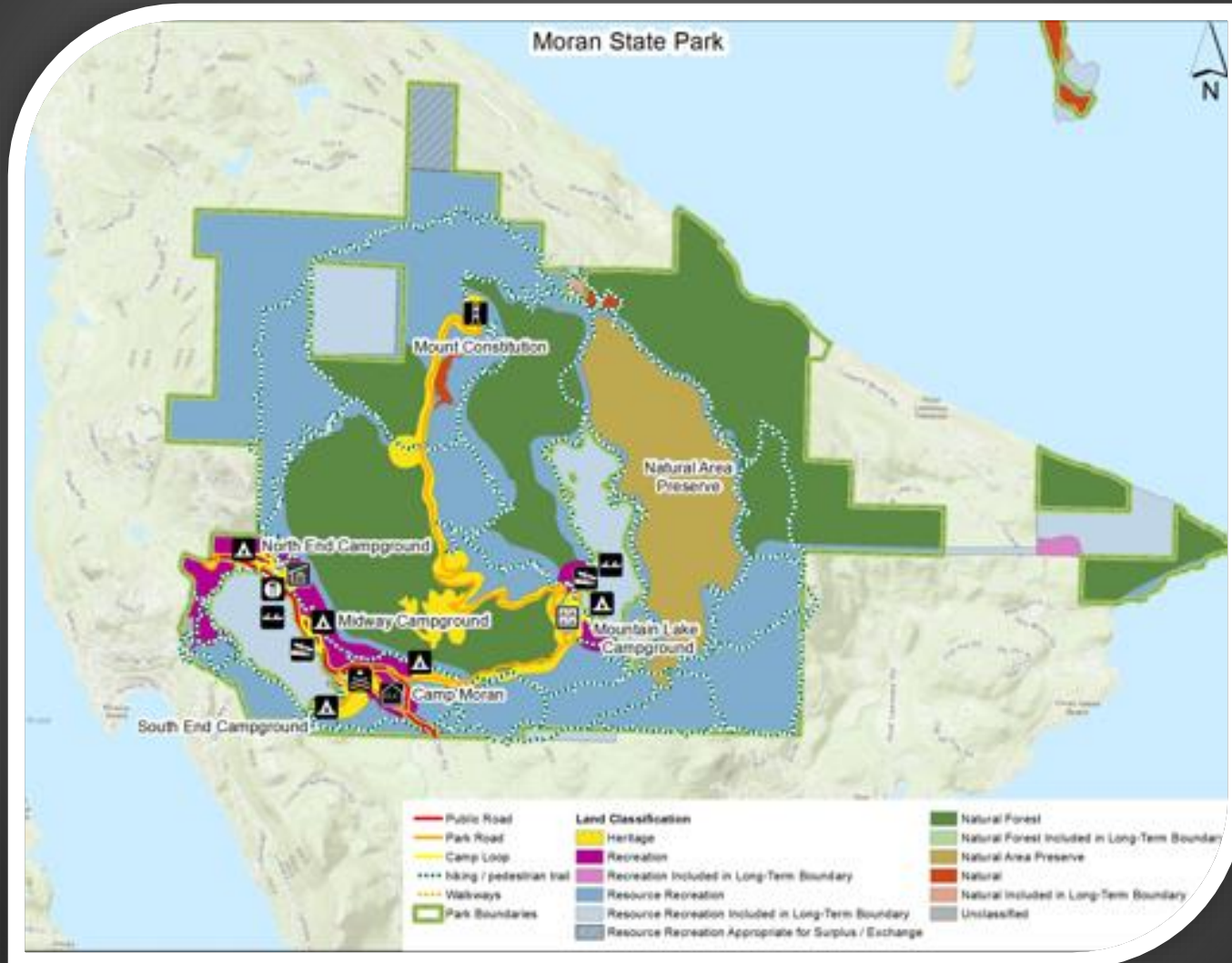
Natural Area

Natural Forest Area

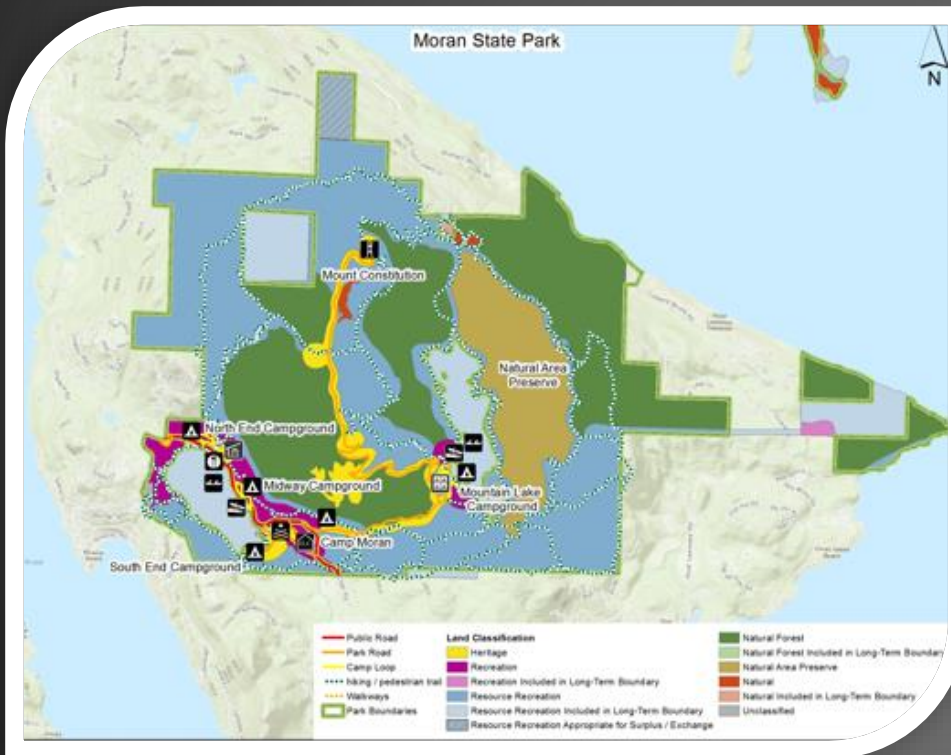
Natural Area Preserve



# Land Classification



# Long-Term Park Boundary

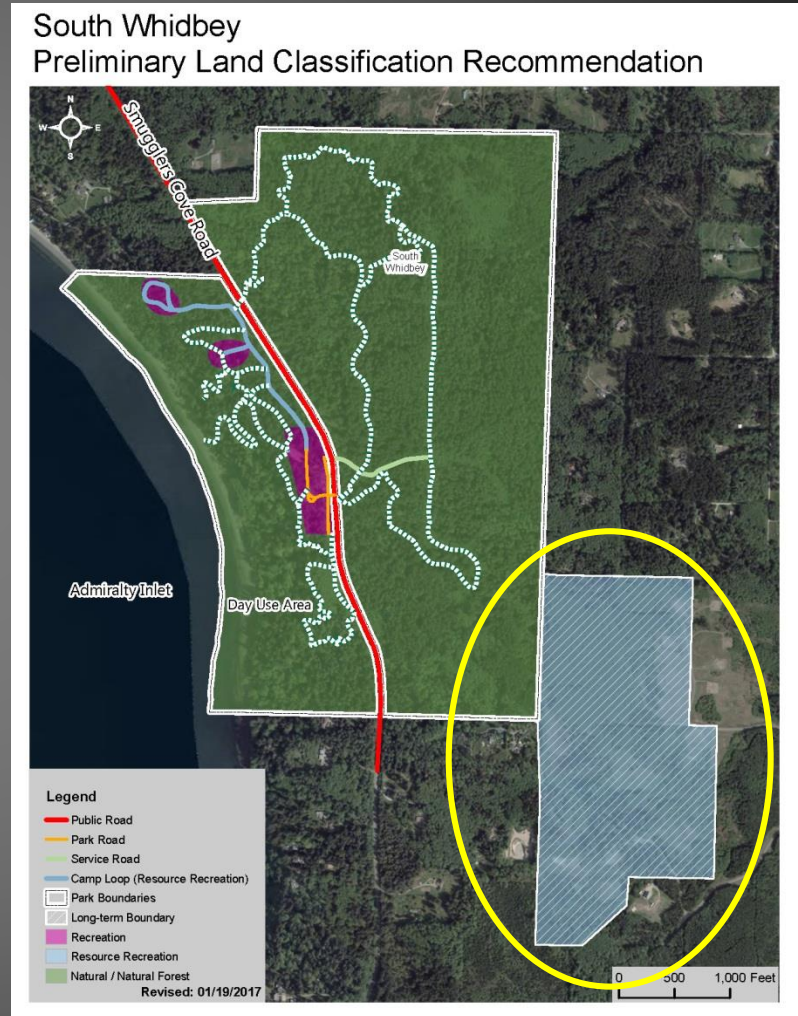


- Properties that further agency's recreation and conservation mission
- Identifies agency-owned properties not essential to park mission



# Long-Term Park Boundary

- Management Agreements
- Conservation Easements
- Donations
- Exchanges
- Purchase
- Surplus



# Park Management Plan

## Larrabee State Park Management Plan



### SECTION 5: PARK ISSUES AND MANAGEMENT APPROACHES

This section of the document outlines the principle natural, cultural, and recreation/facility resource issues identified by the public and staff during the CAMP process, and suggested management approaches to address them. As in any real world situation, some issues do not neatly fit into any one of these three categories, while others may span more than one. Some license has been taken for the sake of consistent presentation. Addressing these issues will, in almost all cases, involve park staff working with Regional Stewardship, Environmental, and Planning staff. Additional stakeholder involvement is anticipated. All management actions will be consistent with the laws and policies governing the agency, in addition to all federal, state, and local regulations. As the issues and their management approaches are addressed in the future, associated materials (e.g., inventories, plans, monitoring records) will be added as appendices to this document.

*Readers should note that the issues presented below represent a significant staff workload and may also create very high expectations among agency staff and park stakeholders. Clearly, completing or even beginning all the suggested management approaches in the short term is not realistic. This is a long-range planning document; therefore, the following issue responses should be seen as a "to do" list where items will be prioritized as staff and financial resources permit.*

Natural Resource Issues	
Issue	Management Approach
Protection of natural plant and animal communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manage park resources consistent with Natural Resources Management Policy 73-04-1: <i>Protecting Washington State Parks Natural Resources</i>.</li><li>• Classify sensitive areas, specifically the existing rocky balds within the park, as Natural Areas to provide increased protection.</li><li>• Prevent unnecessary fragmentation of contiguous habitat blocks to preserve habitat connectivity and wildlife corridors.</li><li>• Participate with regional workgroups and adjacent land owners to maintain habitat connectivity.</li><li>• Work with the Whatcom County Noxious Weed Board, the local native plant society, and volunteers to develop and implement an integrated invasive species and pest management plan.</li><li>• Before development, conduct plant inventories to verify the absence of sensitive and rare plant species in areas planned for development, and to inventory for invasive species. Remove invasive species as part of development projects.</li></ul>
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• With the Department of Ecology, Whatcom County Health Department, the Surfrider Foundation and other partners, investigate and if possible, eliminate the source of bacterial contamination that is impacting Wildcat Cove and associated marine areas. As of 2014, raccoon and dog feces are the primary source of contamination and management to control this impact is occurring.</li></ul>
Protection of Lakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Classify Lost Lake and Fragrance Lake as Resource Recreation to prohibit intensive recreational development.</li></ul>

Larrabee State Park Management Plan

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- Responds to issues and concerns expressed by you and agency staff
- How the agency intends to manage the park's natural, cultural and recreational resources



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Washington State Parks  
Classification and Management Planning Project





# CAMPs Four Stages

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Stage 1. Identification of the issues 

Stage 2. Development of alternatives to address issues

Stage 3. Preliminary recommendation

Stage 4. Final recommendations to the Commission  
Land Classification  
Long-Term Park Boundary

# Stage 1 – Hopes and Dreams

We want to hear from you.

- Anything you think is important for us to consider in our plans
- Anything the interested tribes think is important to consider in our plans
- Anything agency staff think is important and want to communicate to you



South Whidbey State Park Public Meeting



# Let Us know

- Write down your issues, concerns, questions and ideas
  - Sticky note
  - Comment box
  - Tell a staff person and we'll write it down
- One comment per sticky note please
- Reconvene



# Questions





# What else?

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- Are there new facilities you'd like to see?
- Are there natural resources we need to better protect?
- What are you doing for recreation at the site?
- Are their neighboring properties with shared conservation or recreation objectives?

# Next Steps

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- **Continue submitting comments**
  - Website
  - Email
- **Stage 2 Alternatives**
  - Public Work Shops – Spring 2019
- **Stage 3 Preliminary Recommendations**
  - Public Work Shops – potentially Summer 2019
- **Stage 4 Commission Approval**
  - As early as Fall/Winter 2019



# Adjourn

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- Email additional comments to Laura Moxham, Parks Planner, at [laura.moxham@parks.wa.gov](mailto:laura.moxham@parks.wa.gov)
- Visit the project website at [bit.ly/Palouse Plan](http://bit.ly/PalousePlan) or search on "Palouse Falls park planning"