

I understand there is now planning to update the local parks in the Columbia and Franklin County. My concern is directed at Lyn's Ferry namely the old Ferry repair and the dike cleaning. reasons are to spell it out is quite simple, The dike and the Old Ferry have a history of being able to fish of them. The old Ferry needs serious repairs but is a historical item which when access was able handicapped person were able to go on the old Ferry and fish. The Dike system is full over grown weeds, bushes and spiders. so as it stands now there is no fishing for most anyone unless you have a boat and most people use the Lyn's Ferry Marina. From past times i can well remember many people used the state park for just about everything but as time went by the access to the old Ferry was lost to time. it is also my understanding that the dike and ferry have caused debates as to who owns the rights, be it the Corp or the State. We have been dealing with a lady at the corp who continues to fight to get funds to do the clean up and repair work on those 2 items.

Paving the road into the park is recommended. The dirt road is too dusty. Also, make the road a minimum of 20 feet wide at the top (10 foot lanes). Include pull-outs along the road so people can stop along the way if they want. Get rid of the cattle guards if they are no longer needed. Otherwise, rebuild the cattle guards so one can drive over them without getting bumped around. Do like Mount Rainier National Park did along the main road to Paradise; they installed underground conduit under the road before paving it to bury overhead power and communication lines. On the roadside install modern guardrail wherever steep slopes are next to the road

Keeping people a safe distance at Palouse Falls is a constant battle because most will try to find a way to hike to the bottom even if its private land or dangerous. Has there ever been though of creating a trail to the bottom or is this likely to never happen because of liability reasons. I notice they have blocked the ability to hike to the base of Snoqualmie Falls but years ago we use to walk up there. Just a though but maybe increase the amount of camping spots at Palouse Falls. Have been there twice and all the spots were full.

Please include facilities for overnight horse camping, watering horses, easy turn around horse trailer parking and trail riding in your planning.

I would love to see equestrian facilities such as: corrals or highline poles, trails, and trailer parking added to this project. I visit this area regularly to recreate and it would be incredible to share it with the equestrian community. There are fewer and fewer opportunities for equestrian activities on public lands and this would help support the future of equestrian recreation for the whole state.

When designing and designating uses and trails, trail riding, horseback riding, and horse camping is needed. To facilitate the most extensive natural use of the public lands, horseback riding activities and camps for extended visits need to be included in the planned use of these areas. We need to see well established, properly marked

and developed trails, camping, corrals, high-lines, sanitary stations, potable water, and maps for the thousands of riders and there families that enjoy these very unique areas of our State of Washington. A land use future of these areas need to include extensive horseback riding access and well maintained trails and campsites.

I live too far away to come to the planning meetings, but am glad to have the opportunity to comment. We have been to all three of the parks mentioned and enjoy them all. My comments will be directed primarily towards Lyons Ferry State Park. We were very sad when Lyons State Park closed. It is nice to have it back as a day facility, but we really miss being able to camp there which we did every year. We didn't mind it being less developed than other parks. The tent pads were nice and water was available. We understand the no fire policy and had "cold" foods for meals. Our kids loved it when the train passed over the trestle, the Osprey nesting on the bridge, the wild turkeys running through camp, and hiking. Our request is to open Lyons Ferry State Park for camping once again. And also preserve the ferry. A second request would be to retain Palouse and Lewis and Clark Trails for camping  
Thank you

Please consider adding Equestrian Trails and camping to your plans for this Park system 🍷🐾

More horse trails and dog friendly camping is needed.