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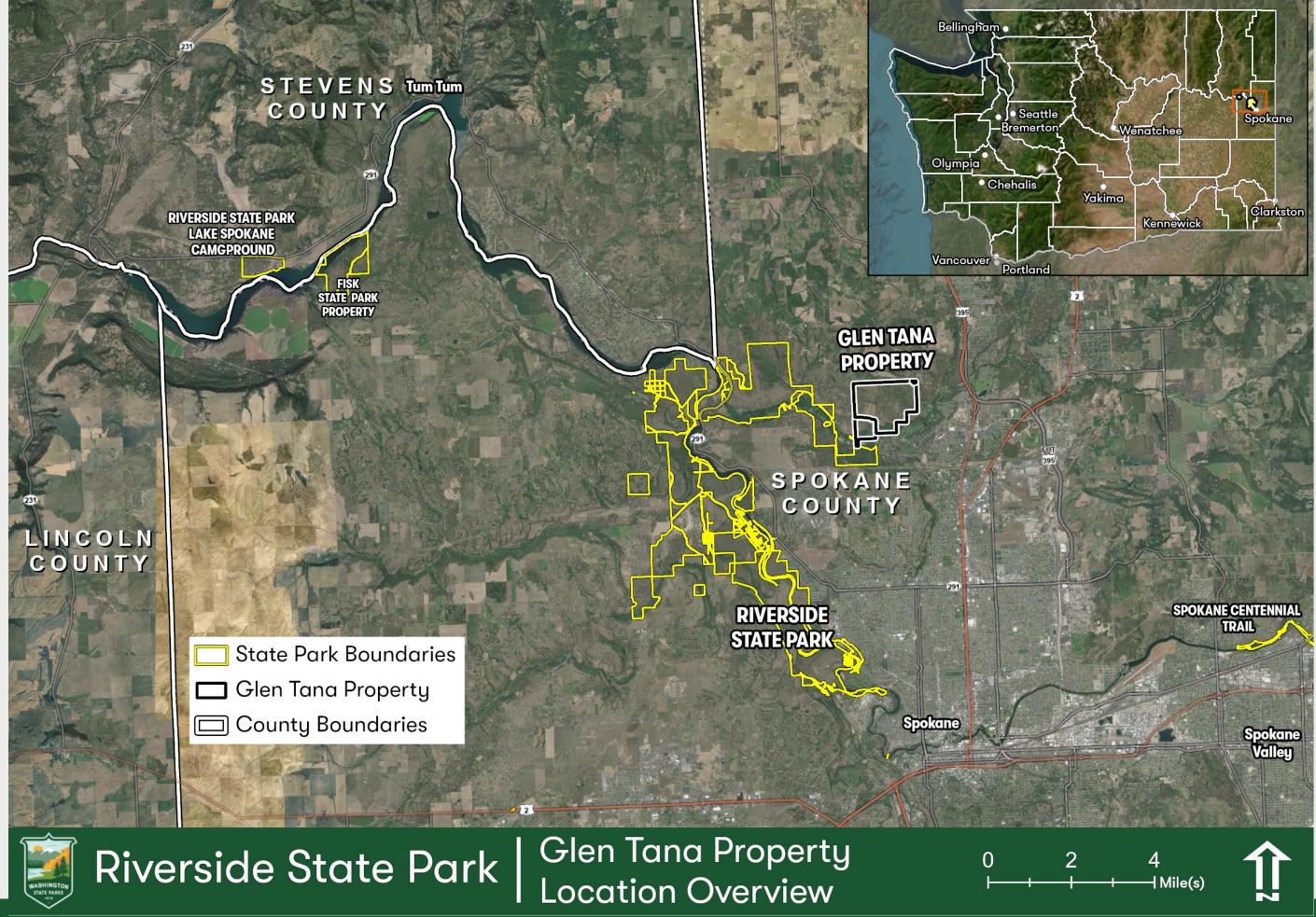
We Want to Hear From You!

Review Preliminary Land Use Recommendation

Share your preferences



### **Project** Location



# Meet our Partners

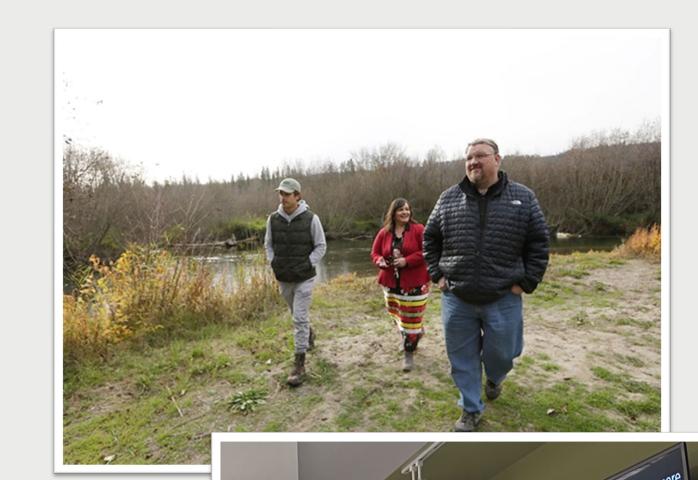
This project is the result of a partnership between Inland Northwest Land Conservancy, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, The Kalispel Tribe of Indians, WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the WA State Parks and Recreation Commission.







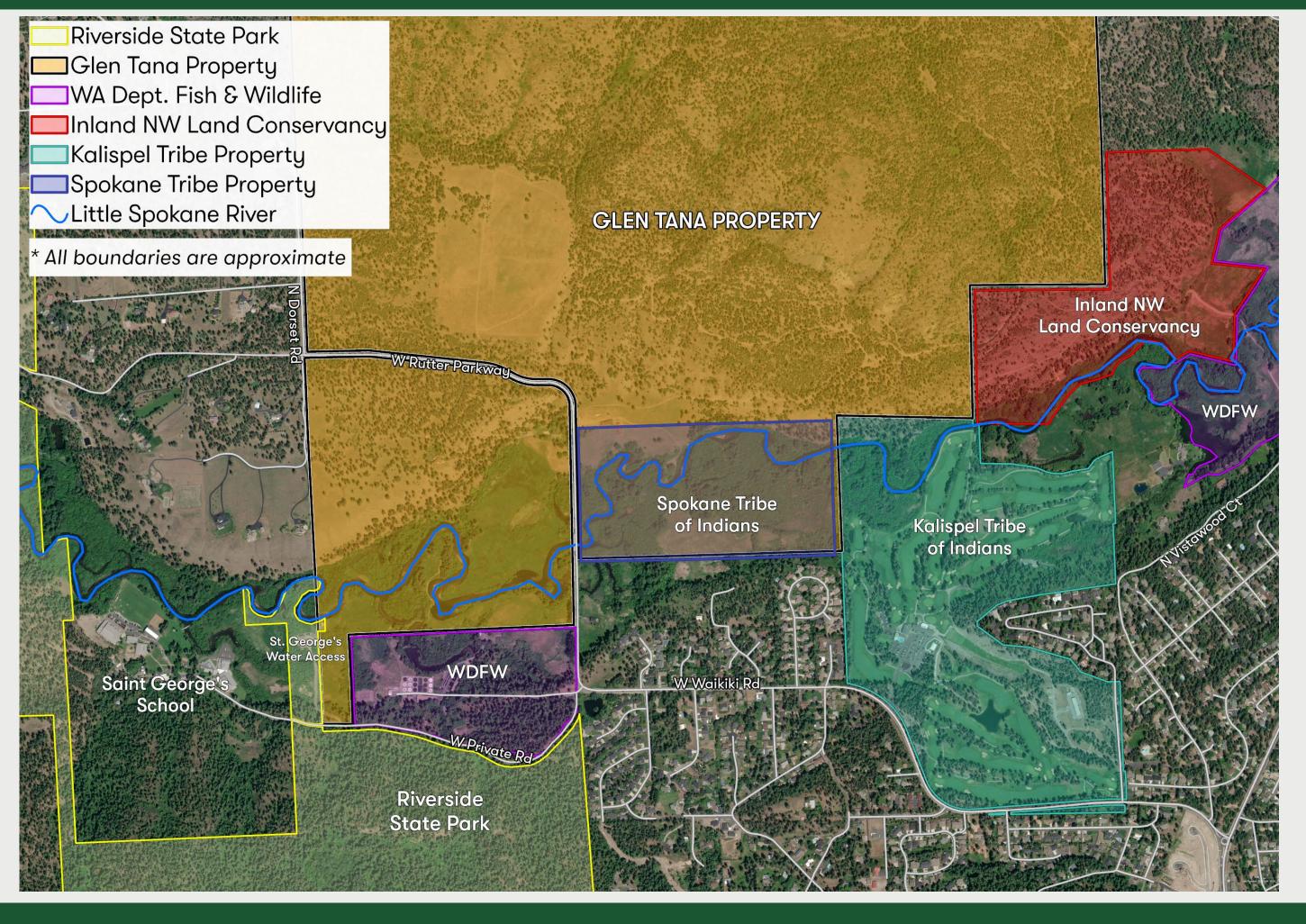








# Project Partners & Neighbors



# Agency Overview

- Over 100 years old
- 7 Member
   Governor-appointed
   Commission
  - 120+ parks



# State Park's Mission



- Care for Washington's most treasured lands, waters, and historic places.
- Connect all Washingtonians to their diverse natural and cultural heritage.
- Provide memorable recreational and educational experiences that enhance their lives.

# Agency Mission Aligned

#### Memorable Recreation:

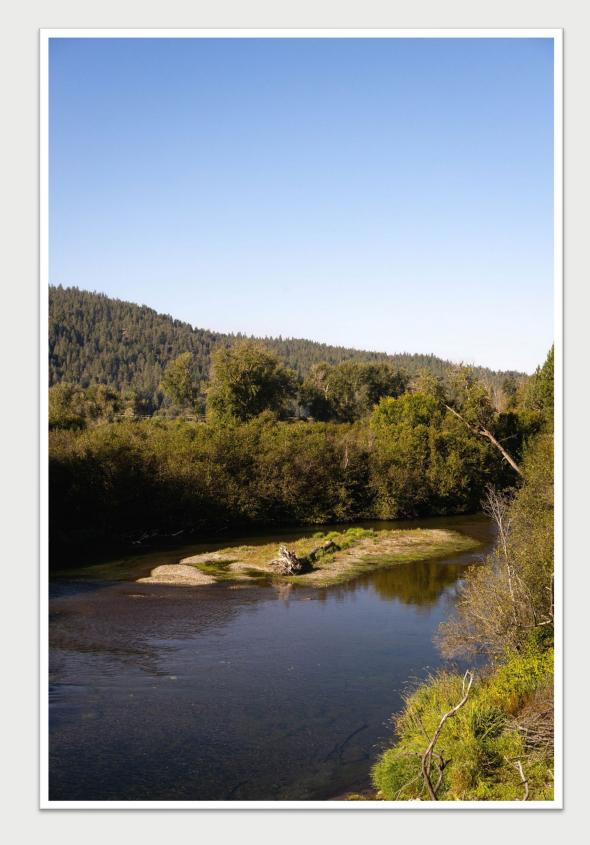
 Adds ~1,000 acres and 2 miles of the Little Spokane River, increasing recreational opportunities and public access.

#### Care for Treasured Land & Water:

- Promotes native species diversity in riparian areas, wetlands, open spaces & upland forest.
- Protects climate resilient vegetation, benefiting wildlife & improving water quality and fish health.

#### Connect to Cultural Heritage:

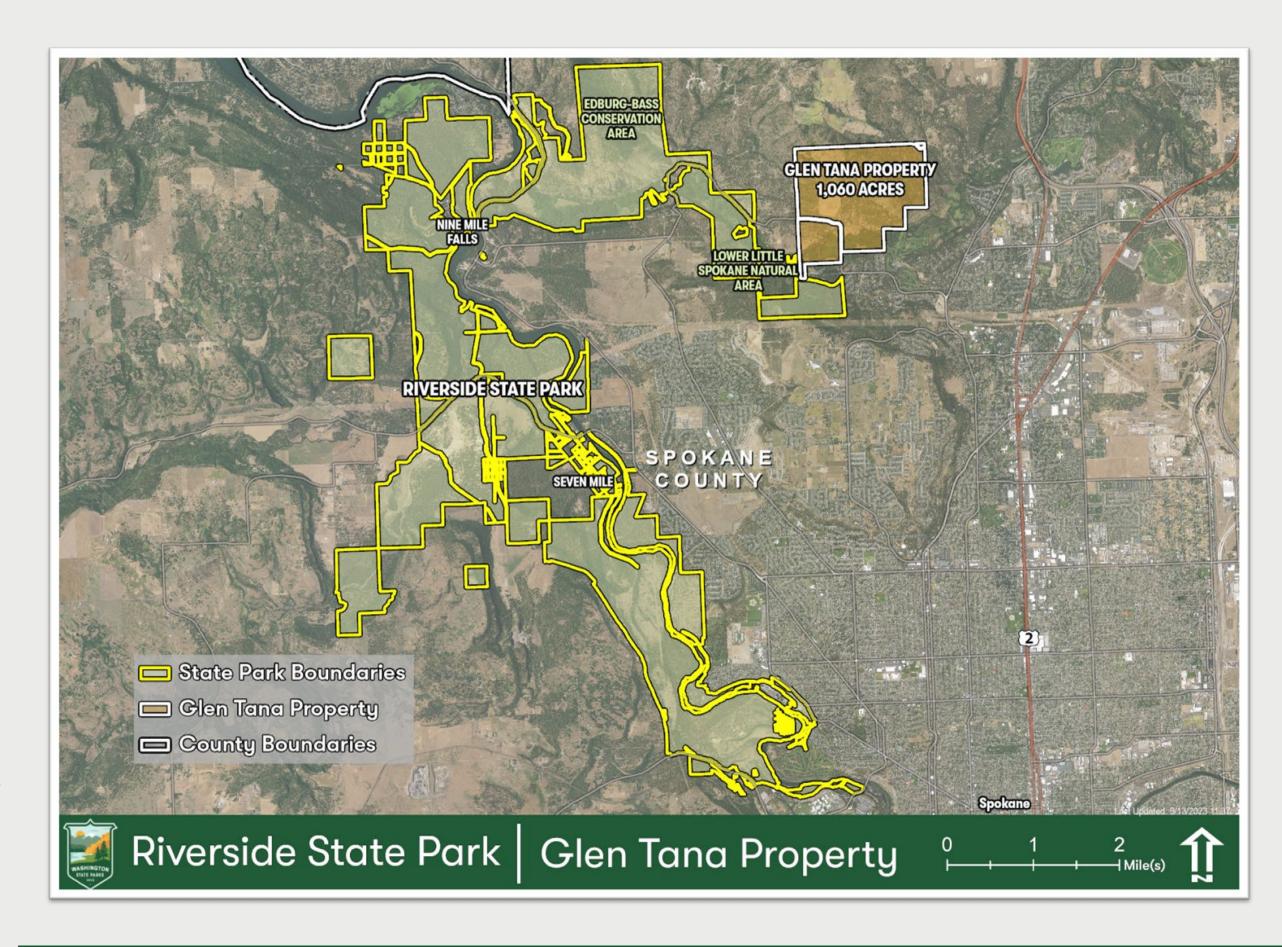
- Project site is ancestral land of the Spokane Tribe of Indians.
- Supports tribal efforts to reconnect with the Little Spokane River, reintroduce salmon, and develop a cultural center to educate the public on first foods and the cultural significance of the area.



# New Expansion Opportunity

"This is likely the last opportunity for us to protect a piece of land this large, this close to an urban center, ever again in the State of Washington."

-Washington State Parks Staff



# Glen Tana Property

Site has been in the same family since the late 1890s, with limited use since the 1990s

Includes riparian, meadow, forest and rocky outcroppings, ponderosa pines, Douglas fir, wetlands

Habitat for eagles, moose, migratory birds, coyote, cougar, beaver & more

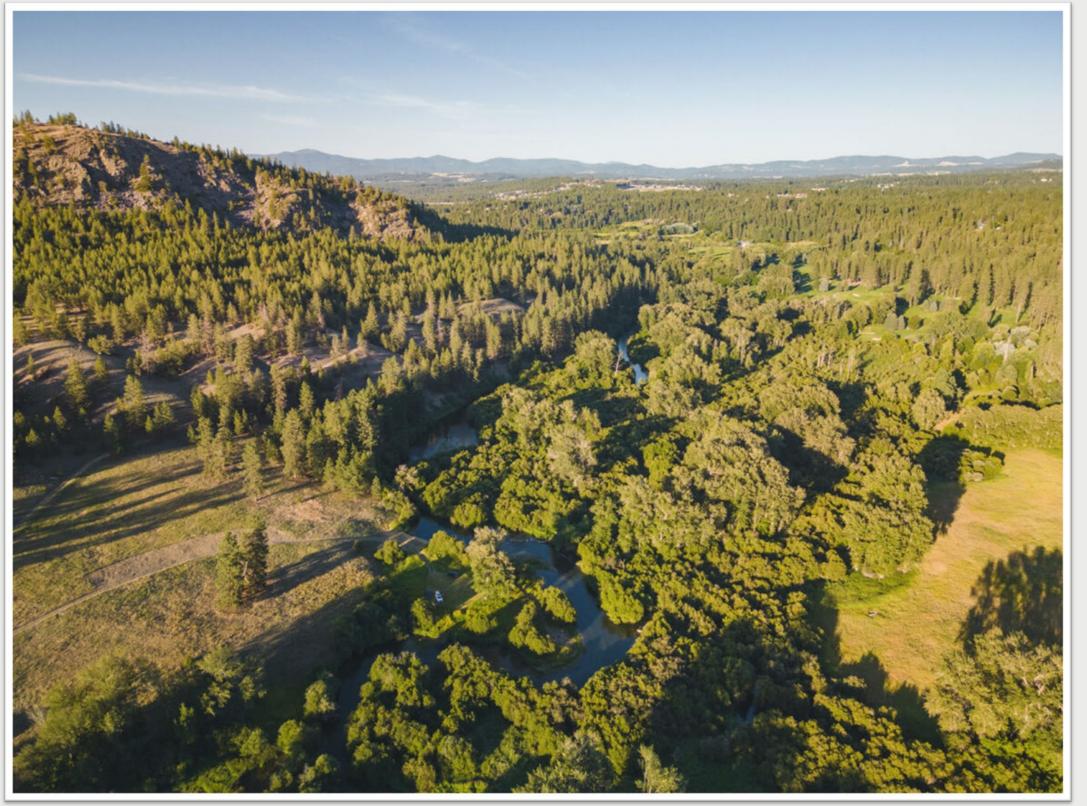
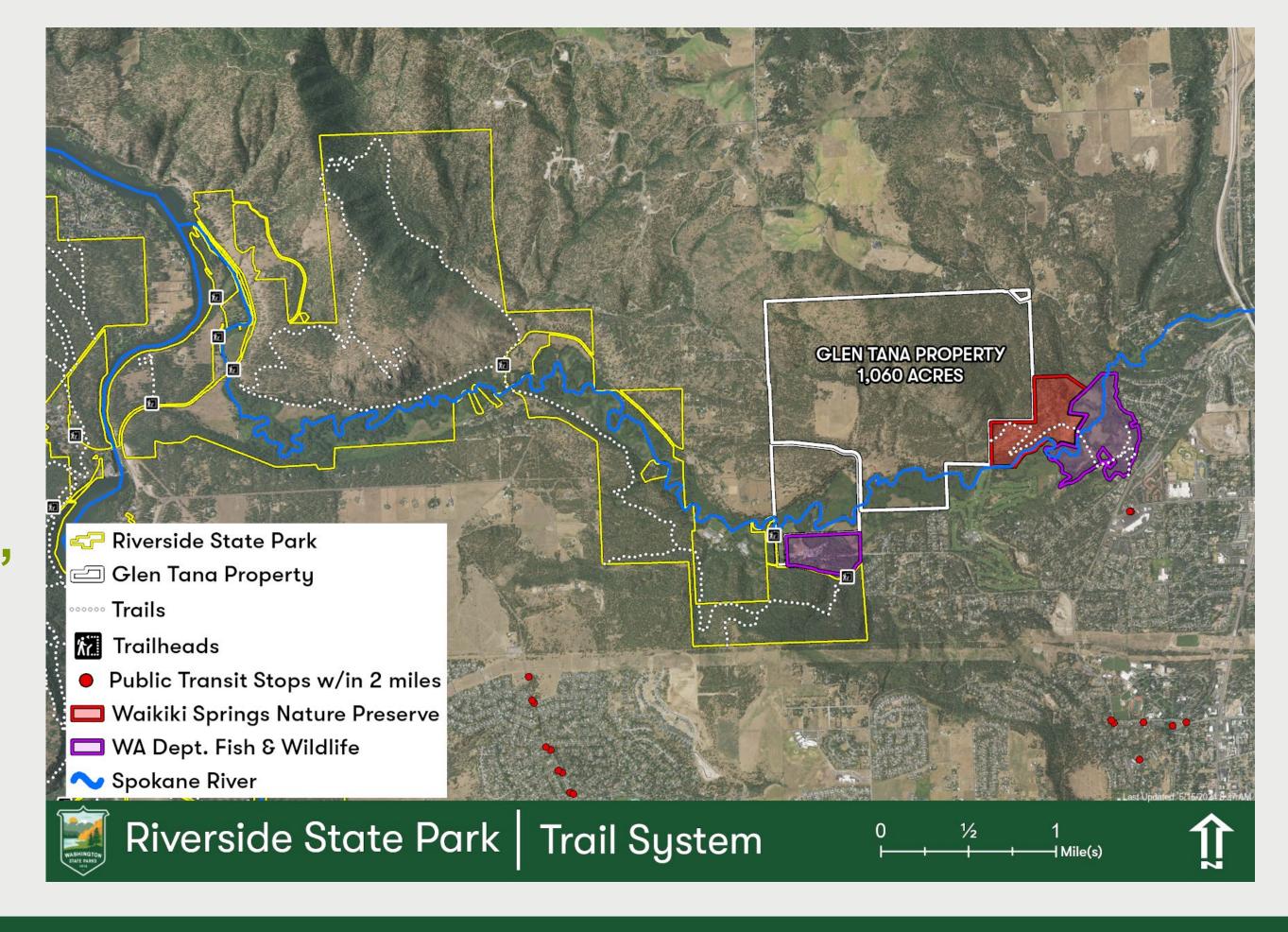


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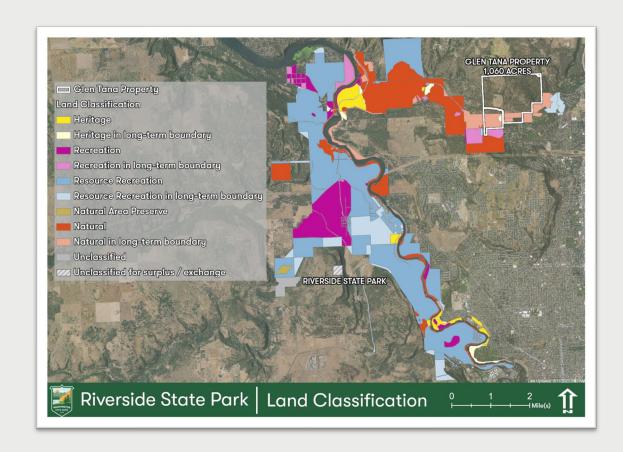
# Trail and Habitat Connectivity:

between Glen Tana,
INLC and WDFW
Waikiki Springs
property

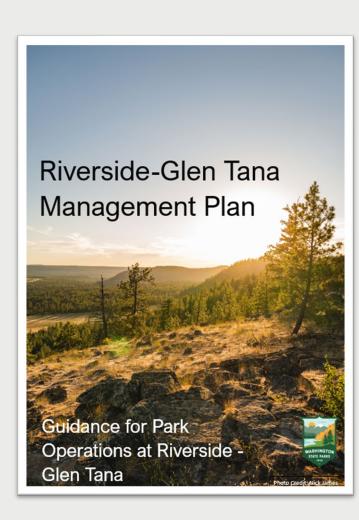


### The CAMP Process

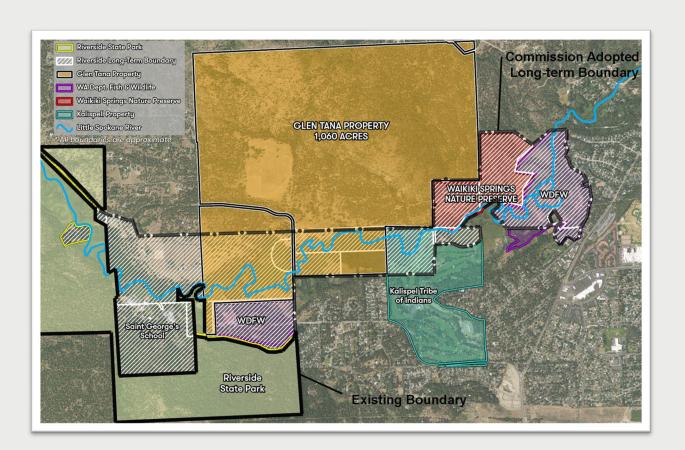
#### Classification and Management Plan (CAMP)



Land Use Classification



Park Management Plan

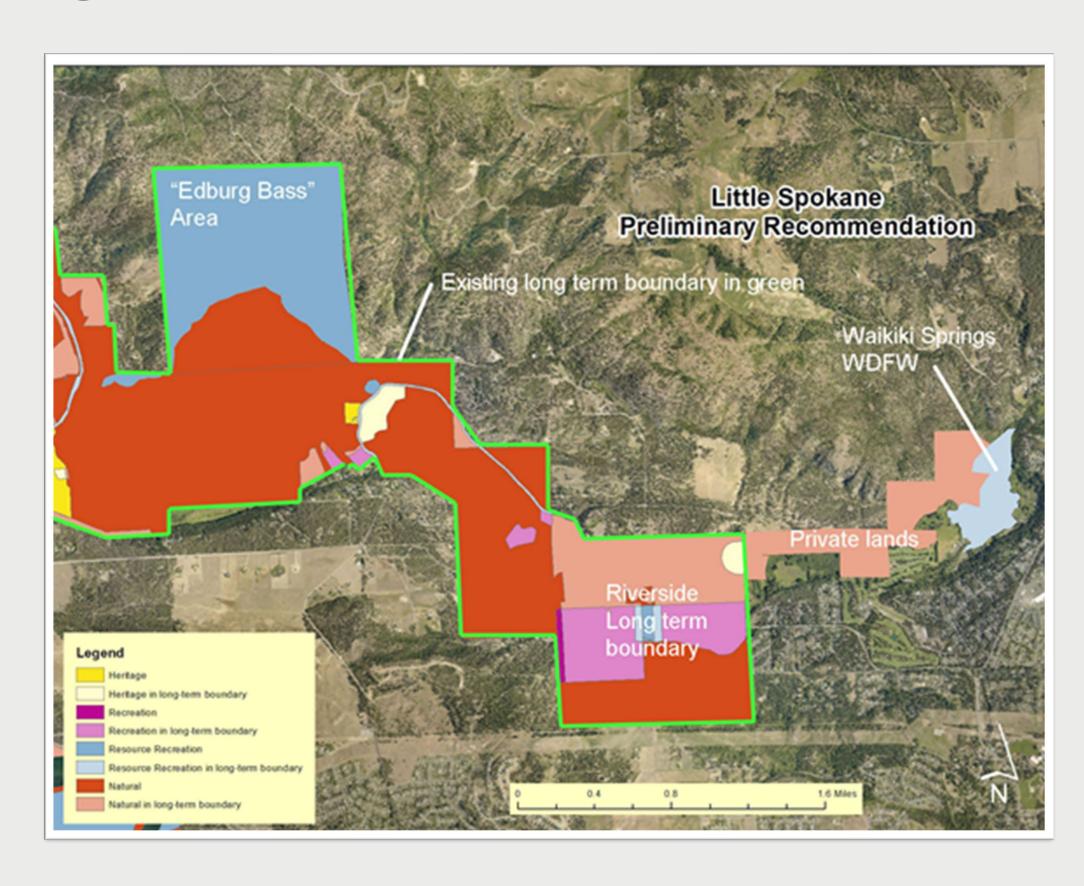


Long-term Park Boundary

# Riverside Long-term Vision

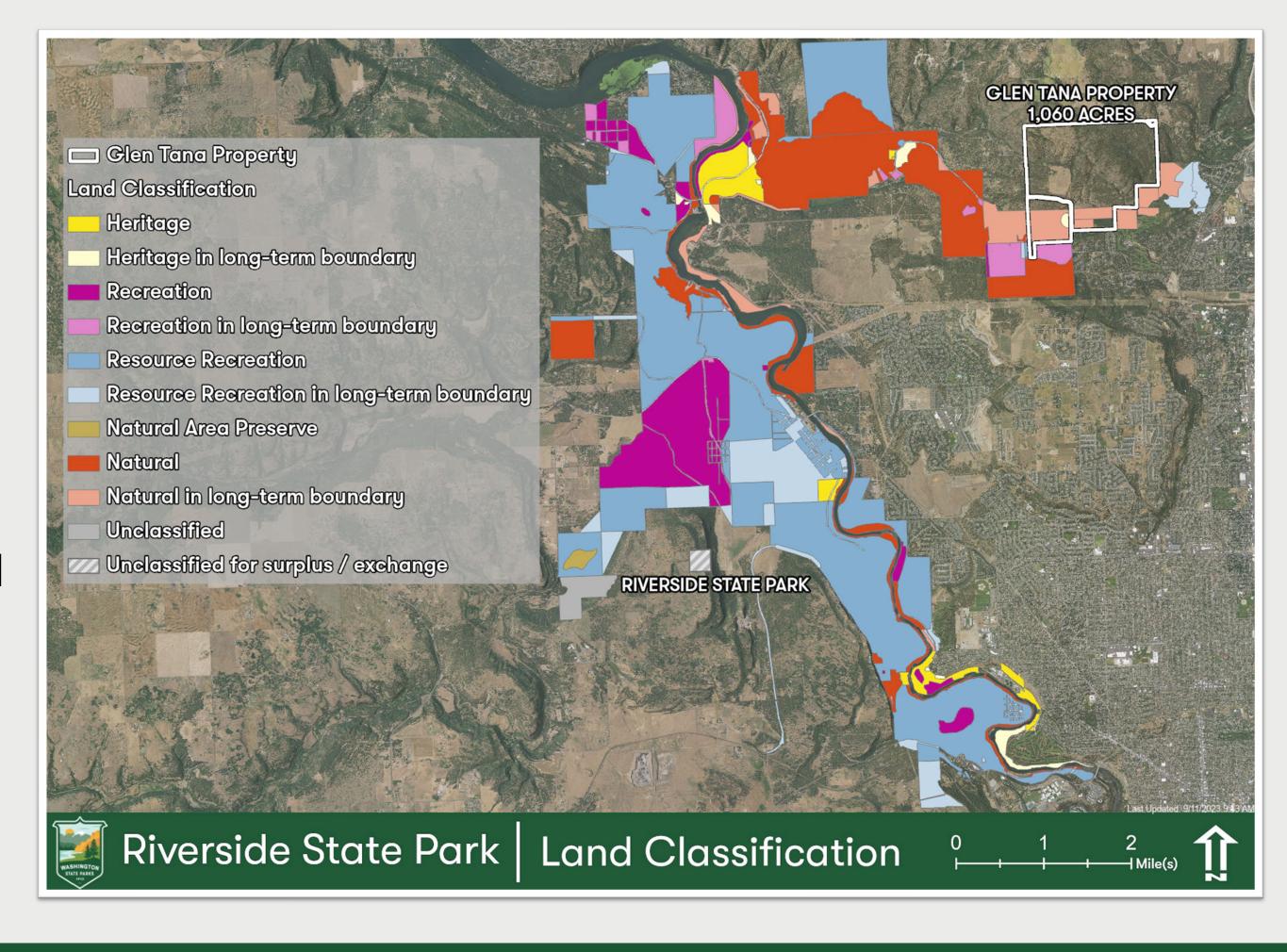
# 2018 Riverside CAMP Update included:

- Waikiki Springs Property
- 188 acres between Waikiki
   Springs and eastern boundary of Riverside State Park



Riverside's predominate land uses are Natural and Resource Recreation

Natural land classification is the predominant use around Glen Tana.



# State Parks uses 6 land classification categories

Classifications identify land most suitable for recreation and preservation and determine the most appropriate uses considering natural features and the historical and cultural significance of the site.

## Land Classifications

**Recreation Area** 

Resource Recreation Area

Heritage Area

Natural Area

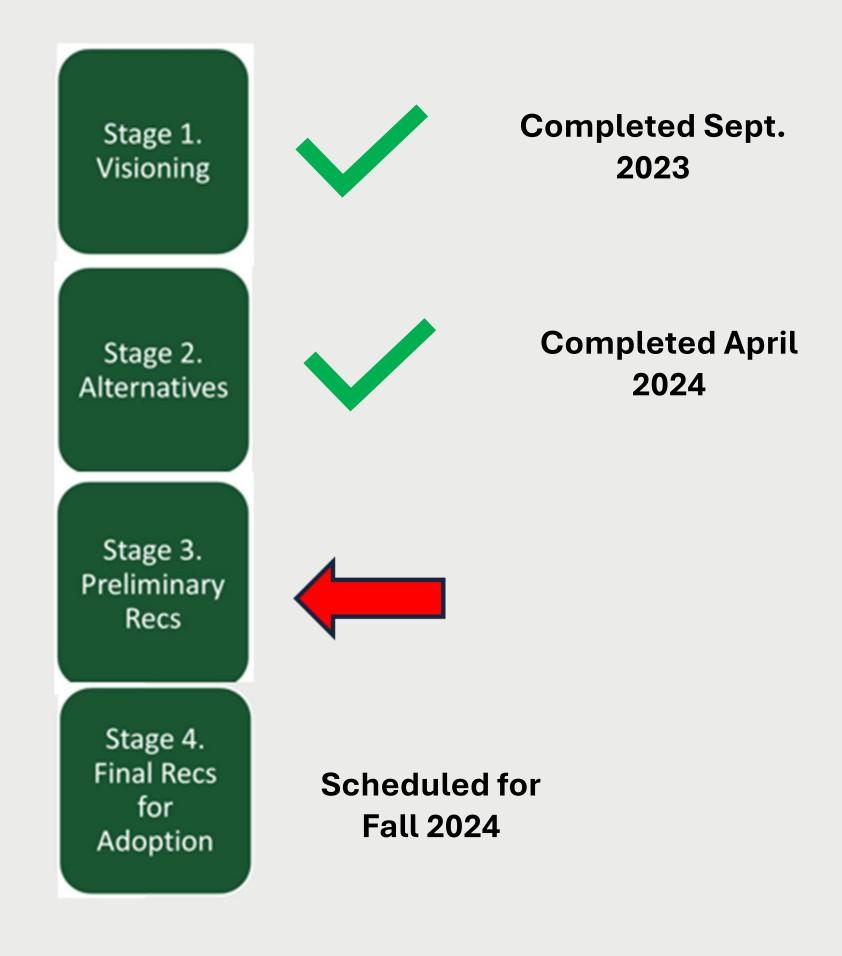
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# The 4 Public Planning Stages of CAMP

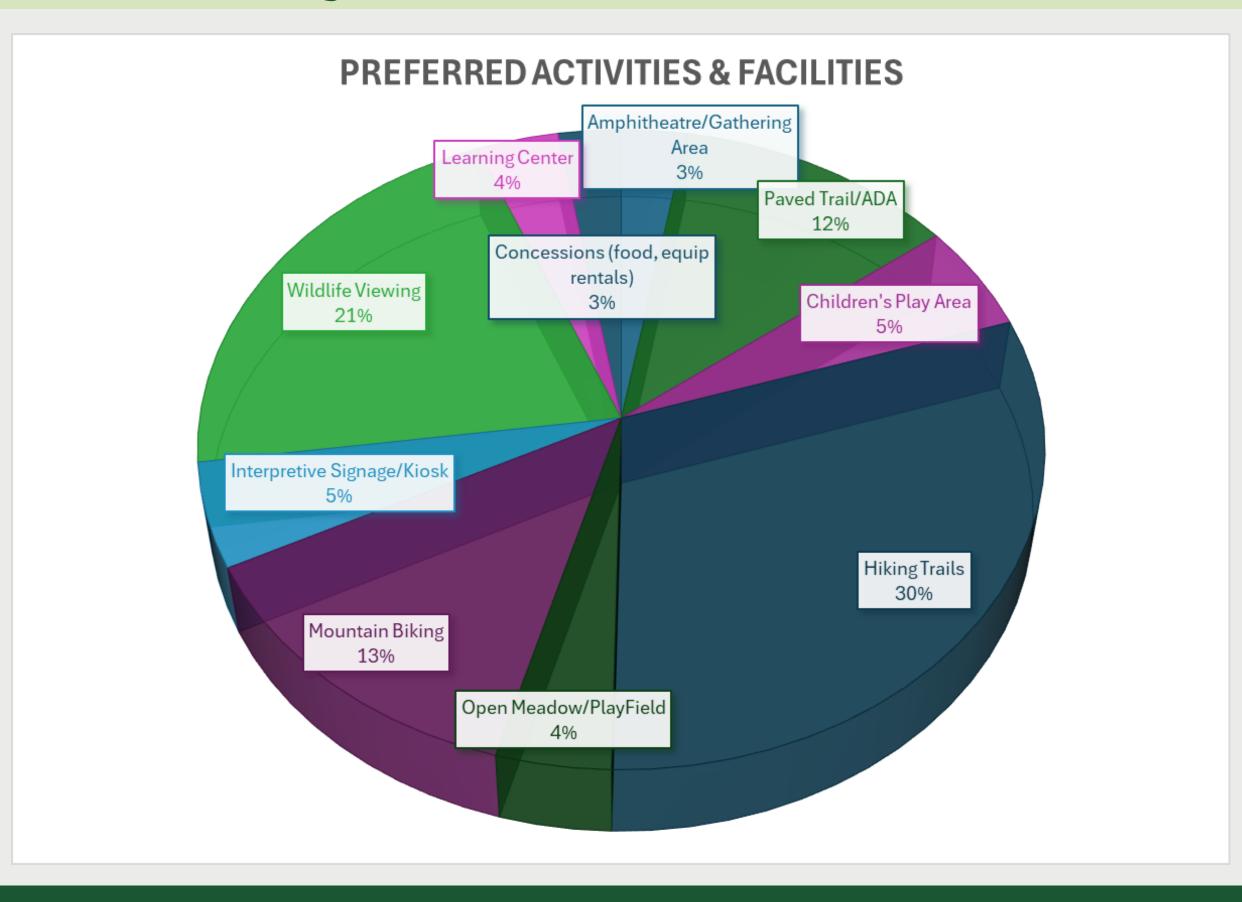




# Stage 3 Feedback



# Survey Results

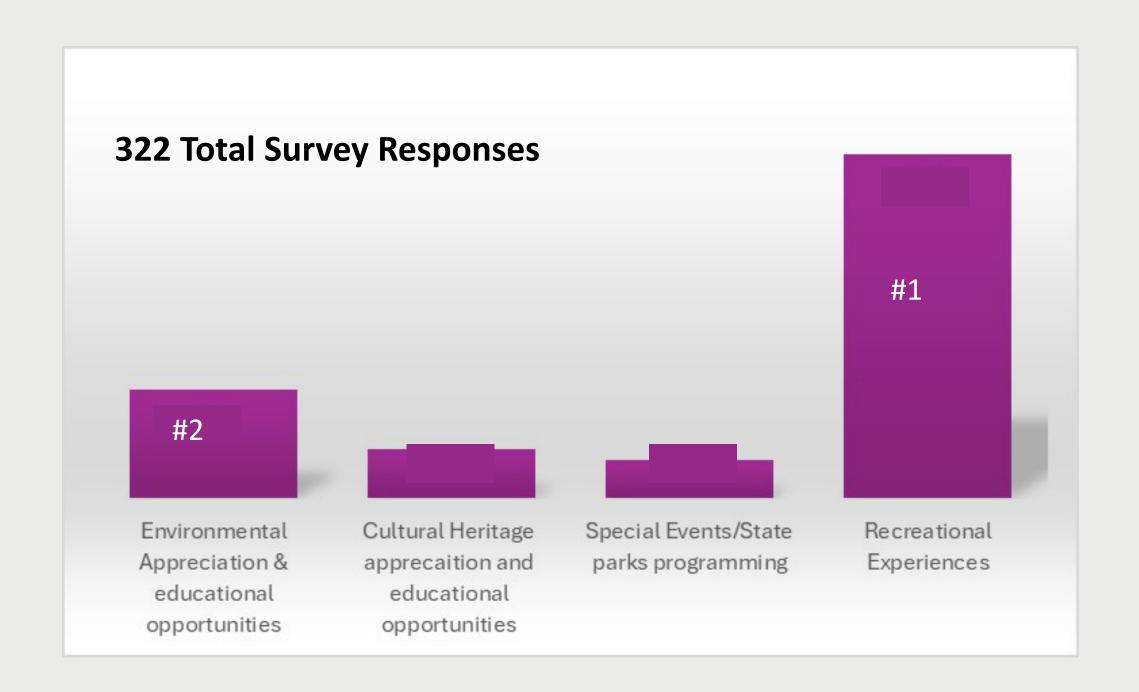


Q. Select the 3 Activities and Facilities you'd most like to see at Riverside – Glen Tana:

#### **Top 3:**

- 1) Hiking (30%)
- 2) Wildlife Viewing (21%)
- 3) Mountain Biking (13%)

# Survey Results

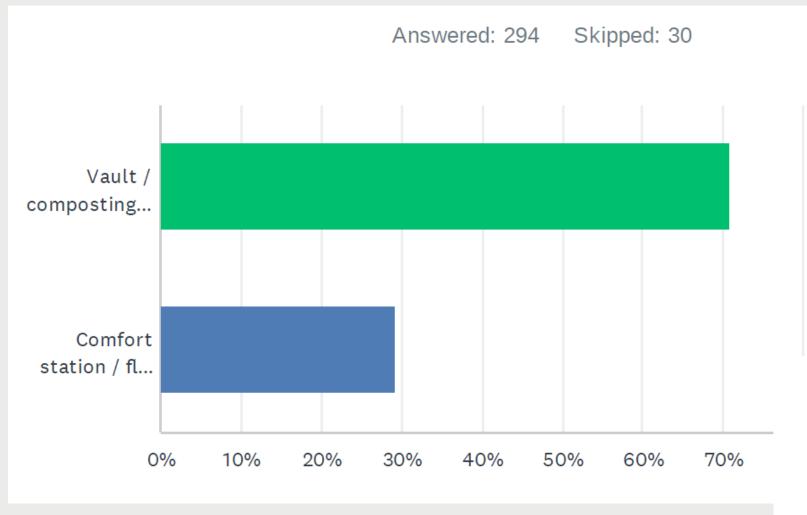


Q. Which of these activities would you most prefer to experience at Riverside – Glen Tana?

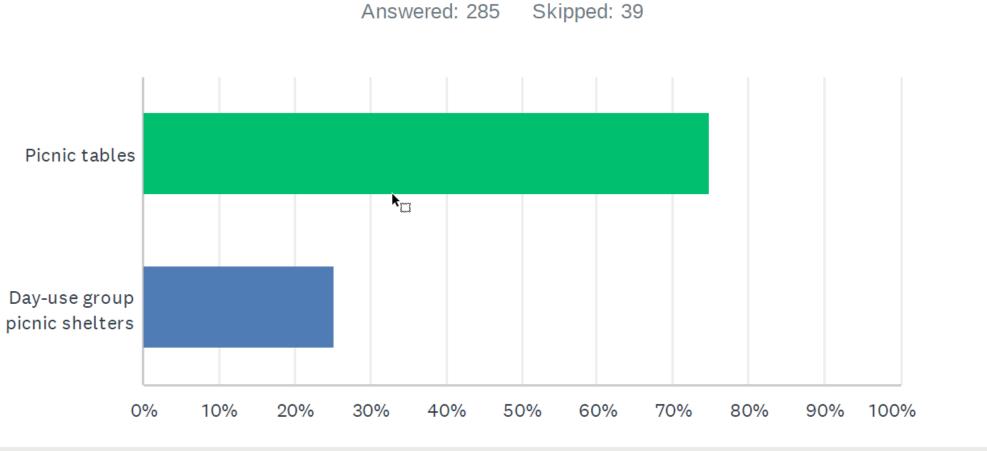
#### **Top 2 Activities:**

- 1) Recreational Experiences (64 %)
- 2) Environmental Appreciation& Educational Opportunities(20%)

# Survey Results

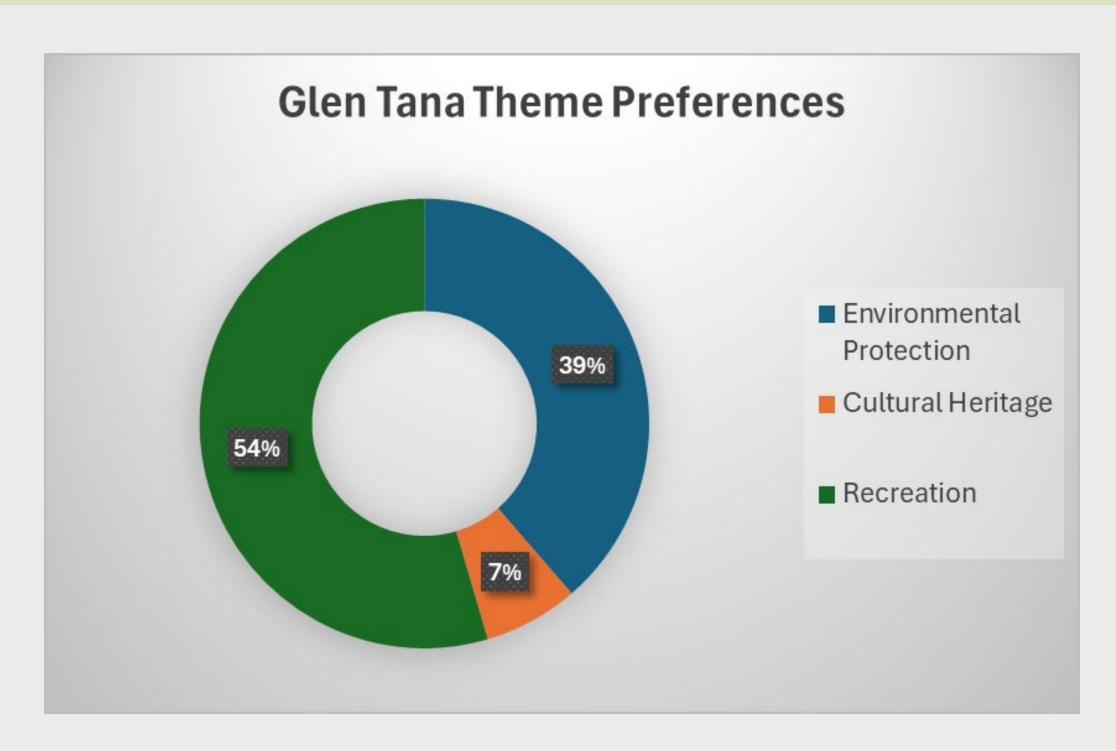


Q. Respondents were asked to weigh facility development with environmental impacts – they favored choices with the least impact.

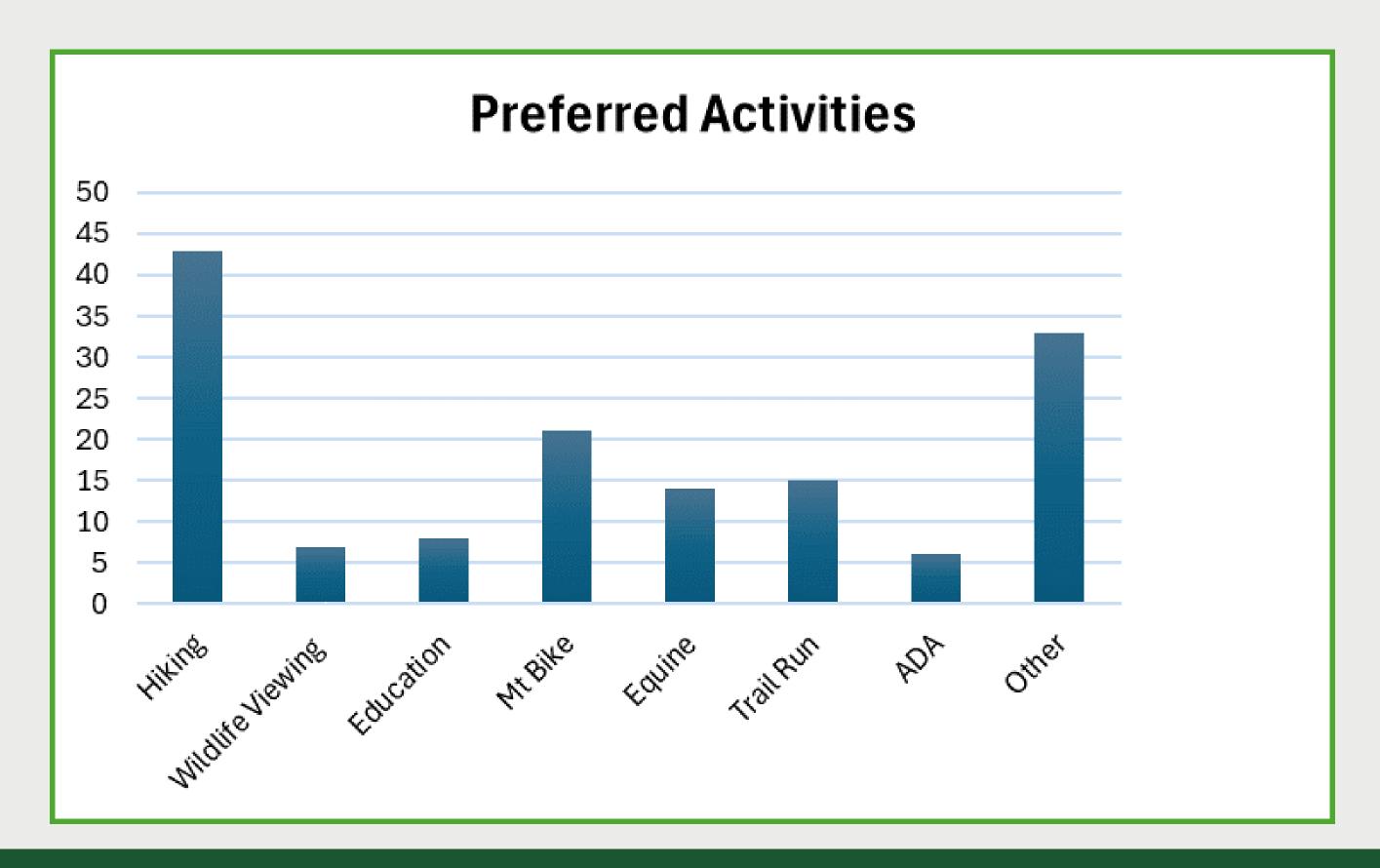


# Survey: Written Results

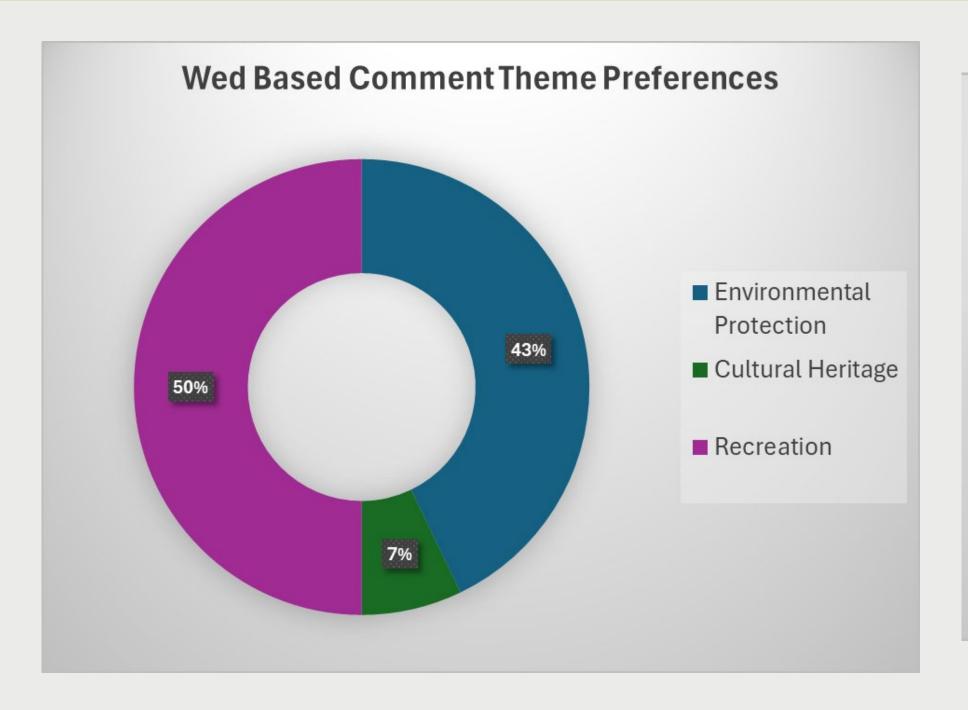
- 140 written responses received
- 54% of written comments preferred recreational opportunities:
  - Hiking, running, mountain biking and horse riding
- 39% of comments preferred Preservation, Conservation and Stewardship

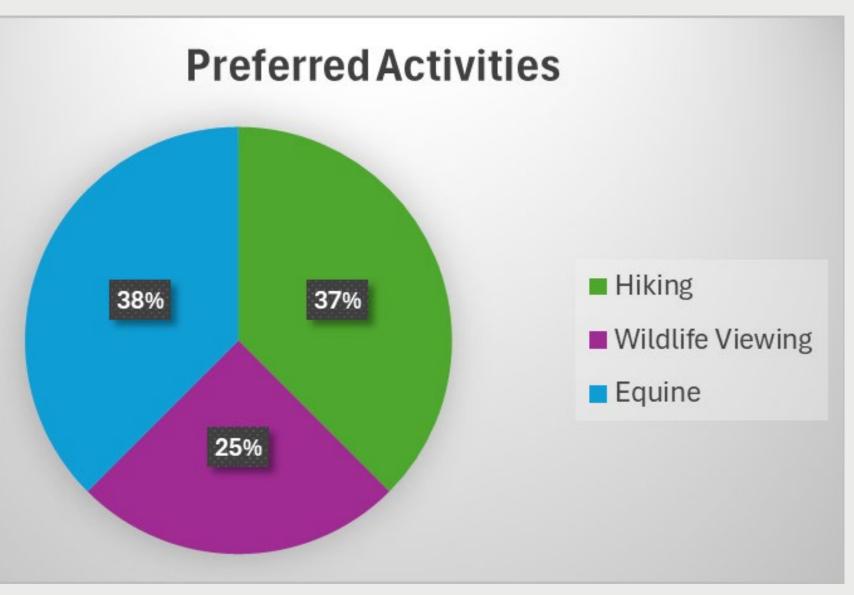


# Survey: Written Comment Results



## Web Based Comment Results



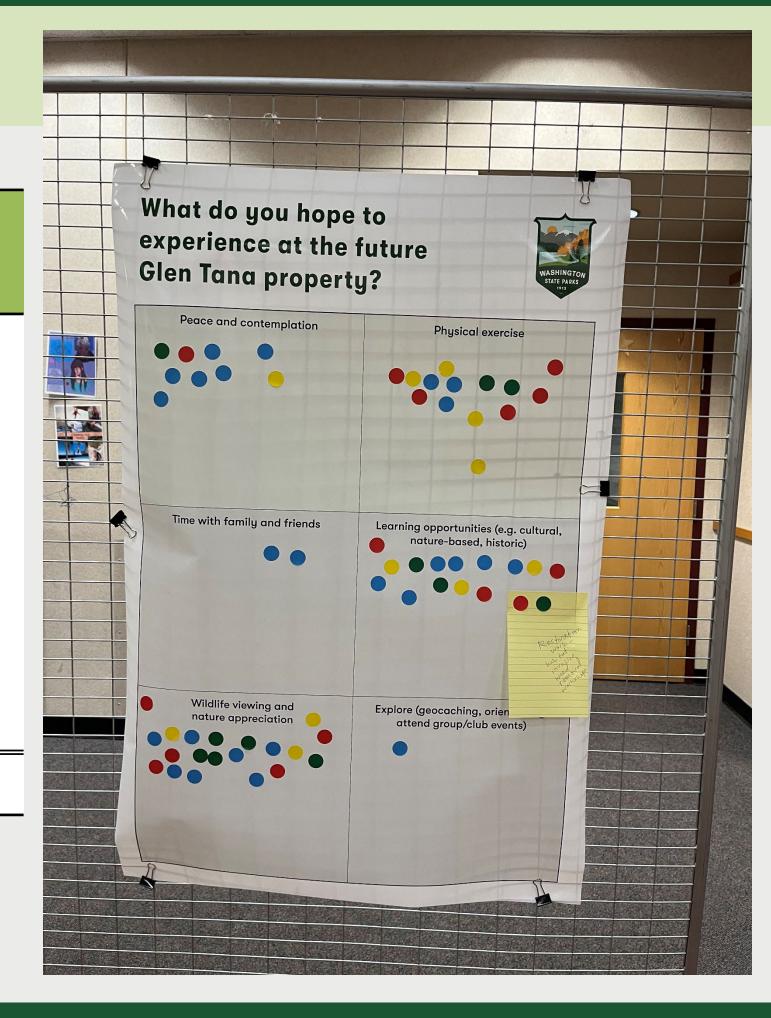


# Stage 2 Workshop Results

# Q. What would you most like to experience at the future Glen Tana property?

Peace & contemplation	9
Physical exercise	14
Time with family & friends	2
Learning opportunities	15
Wildlife Viewing & Nature appreciation	20
Explore (geocaching, orienteering, special events)	1

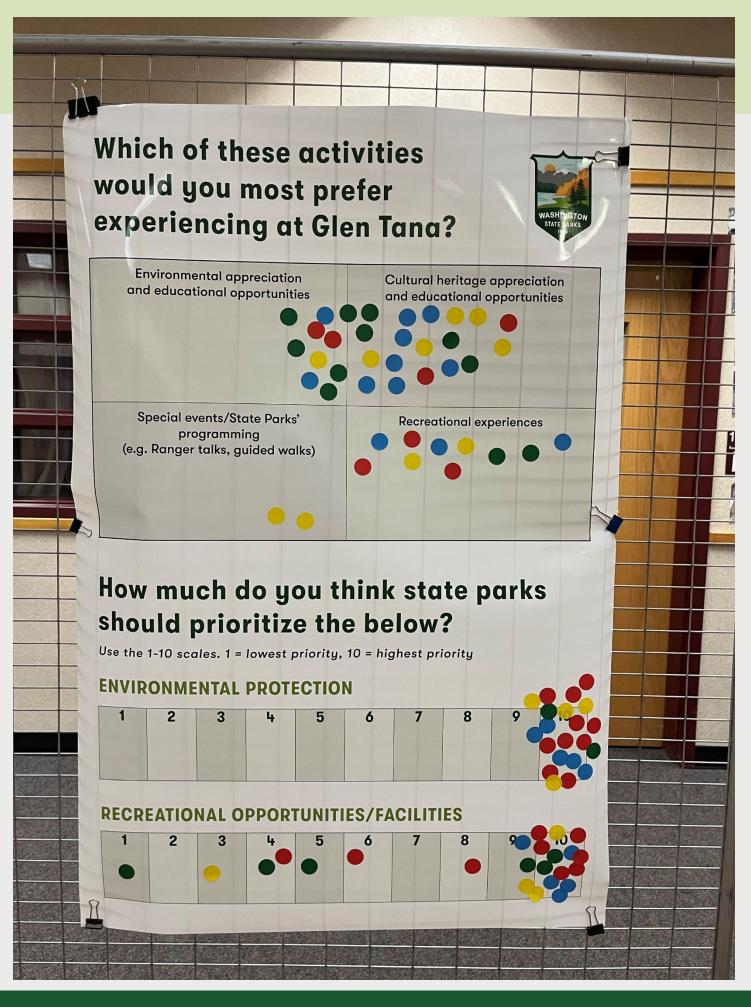
#1: Wildlife Viewing & Nature appreciation 20



# Stage 2 Workshop Results

Environmental and Cultural Heritage appreciation are of the highest importance over recreation and special events

Both environmental protection and recreational opportunities are of high importance to the public



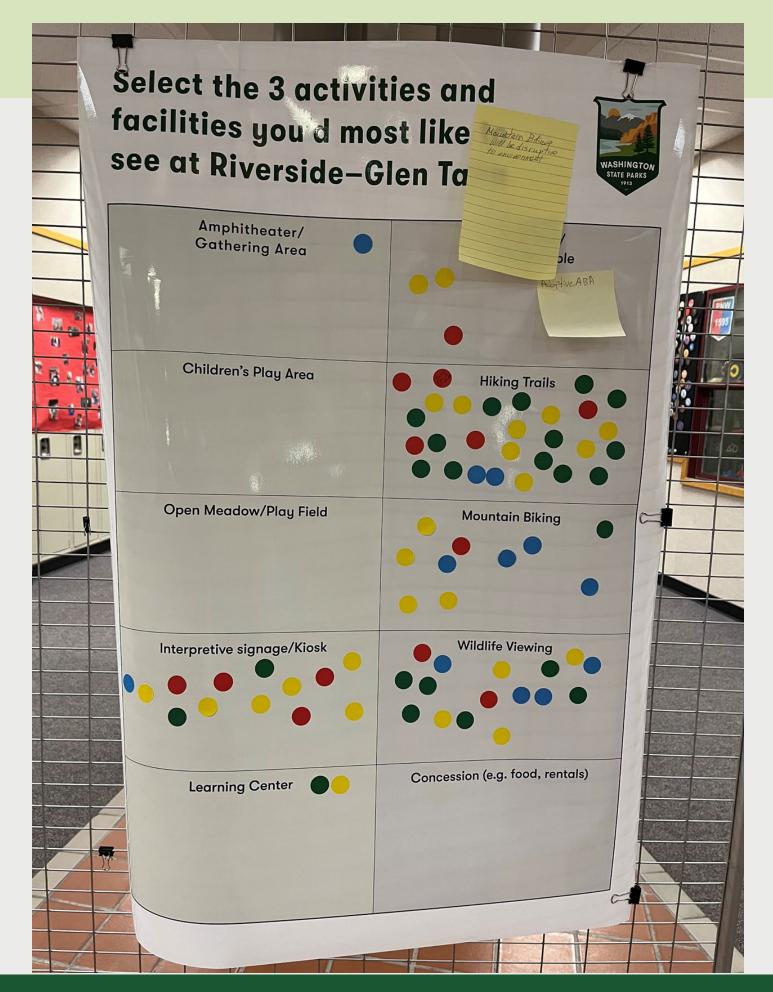
# Stage 2 Workshop Results

Top 3 activities and facilities:

1) Hiking trails

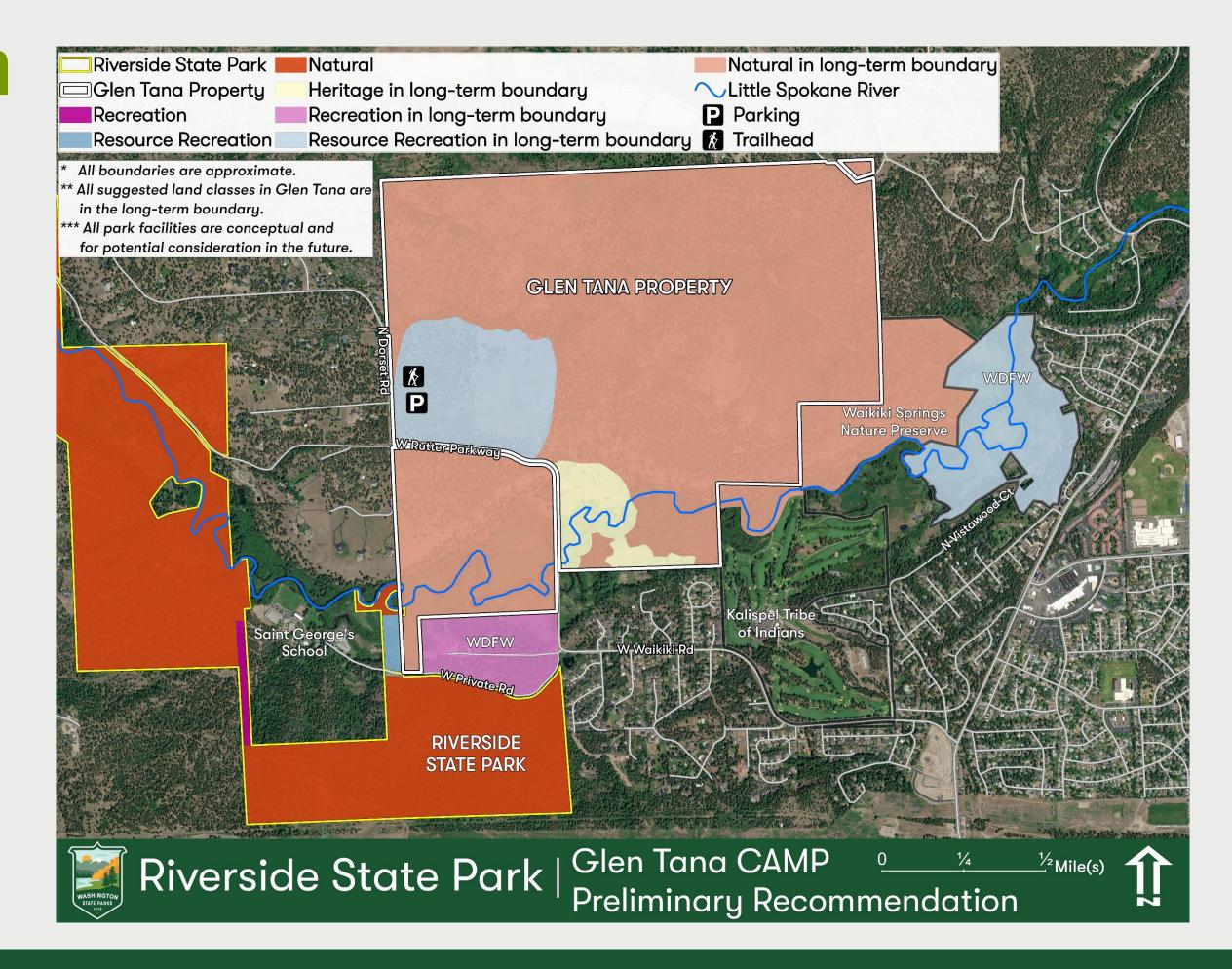
2) Wildlife viewing

3) Interpretive signage/kiosk



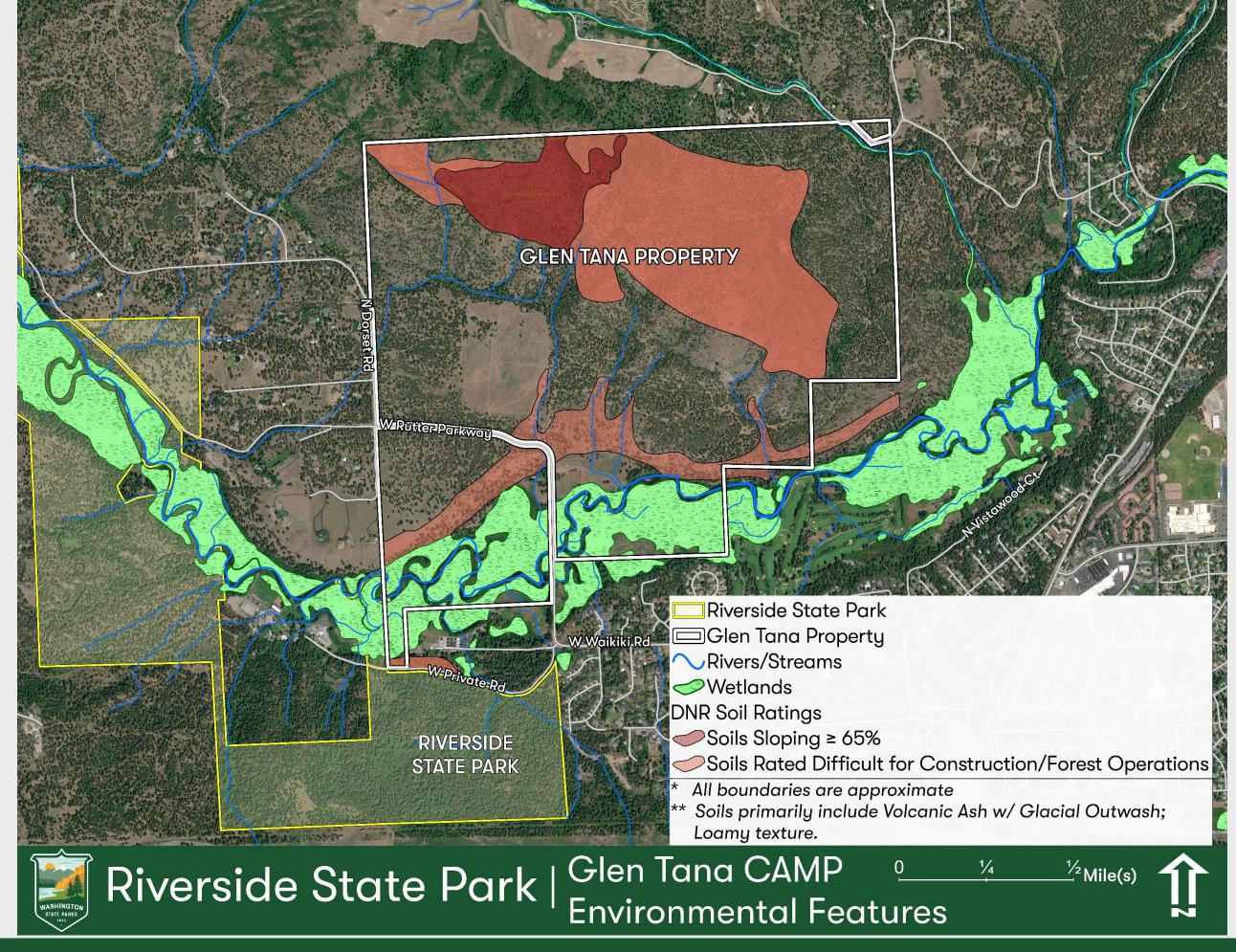
#### Recommendation

- Allows for public access parking area, trailhead, interpretive signs and kiosk
- Trail system allows for highest priority activities: hiking and wildlife viewing
- Consistent land use with surrounding natural area
- Offers the most environmental protection with recreational access



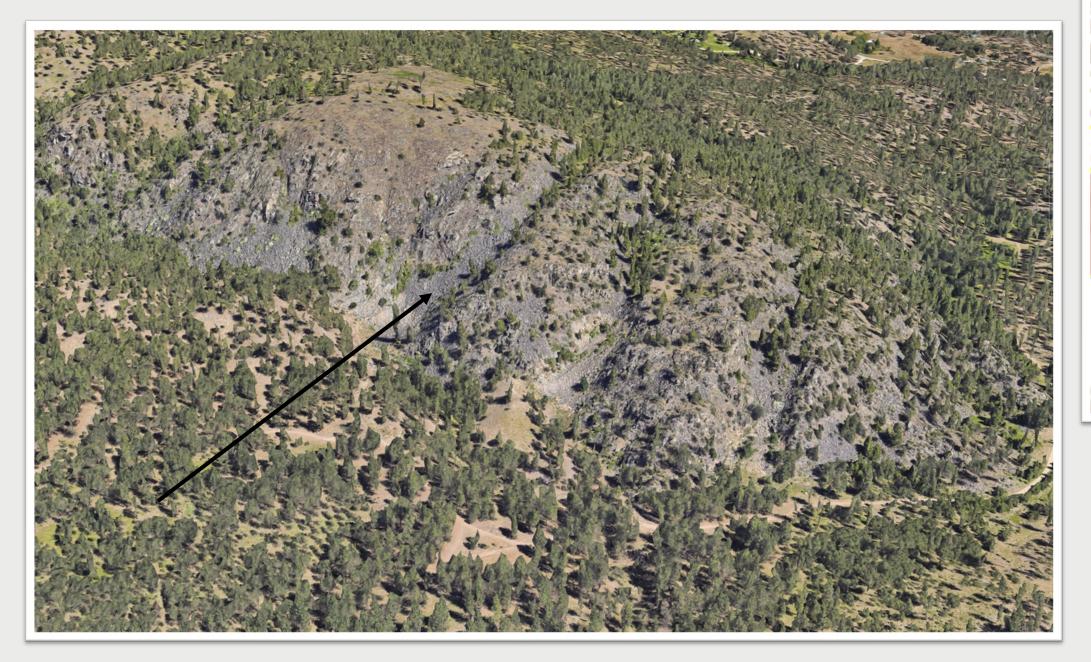
# **Environmental Considerations**

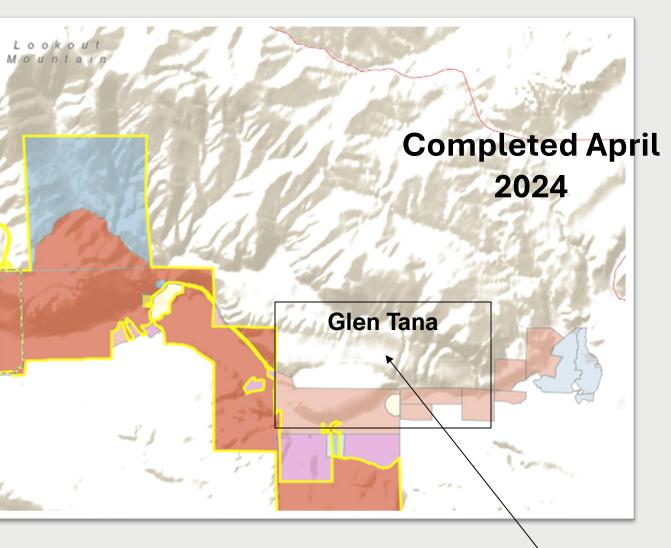
What does the Landscape tell us?



# What natural features are present?

Topography is steep in the uplands area, making multi-use trail construction difficult.





### 1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics

#### **Project Area Composition**

#### Glen Tana contains diverse habitats:

- Riparian & wetland habitat
- Meadow and Grasslands
- Aquifer fed river and oxbow lakes
- Overstory: Healthy ponderosa pine forest
- Understory: Elderberry, snowberry, currants, lupine, arrowleaf balsamroot





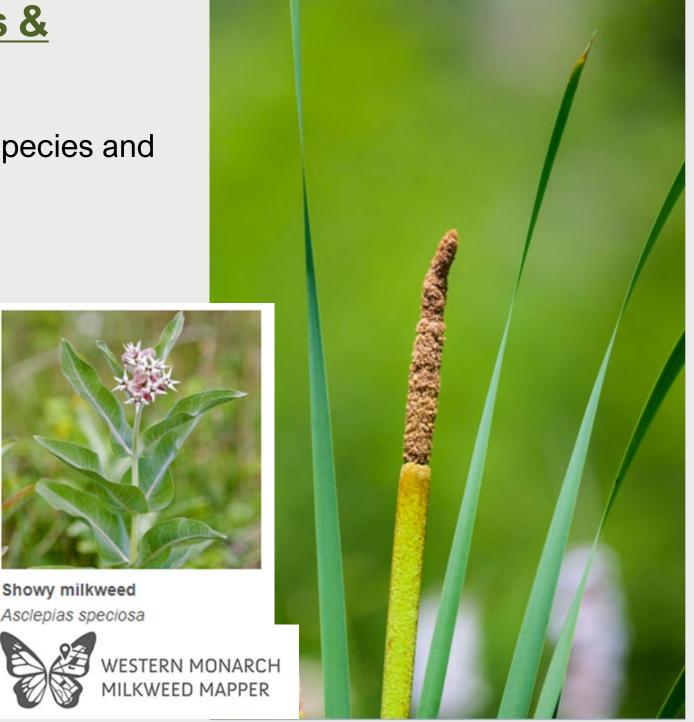


### 1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics

# **Species and Communities & Pollinator Habitat:**

Glen Tana is home to many priority species and habitats, including:

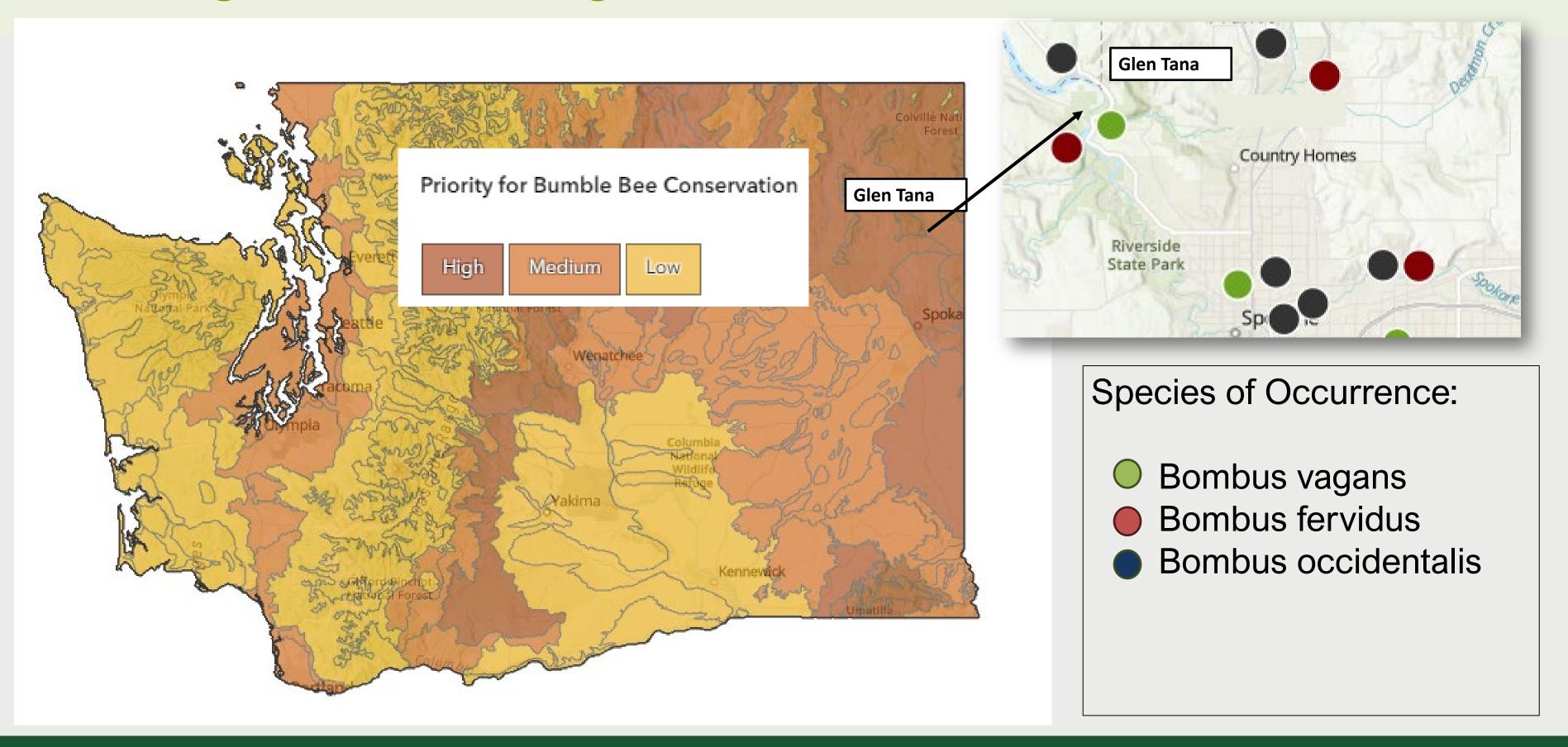
- Moose
- Milkweed
- White-tailed deer
- Gray Wolf
- Rainbow Trout
- Wetlands
- Shrubsteppe
- Riaprian Ecosystems
- Several species of bat
- Bald Eagle
- Western Toad
- Pollinator Habitat
- Salmon Habitat







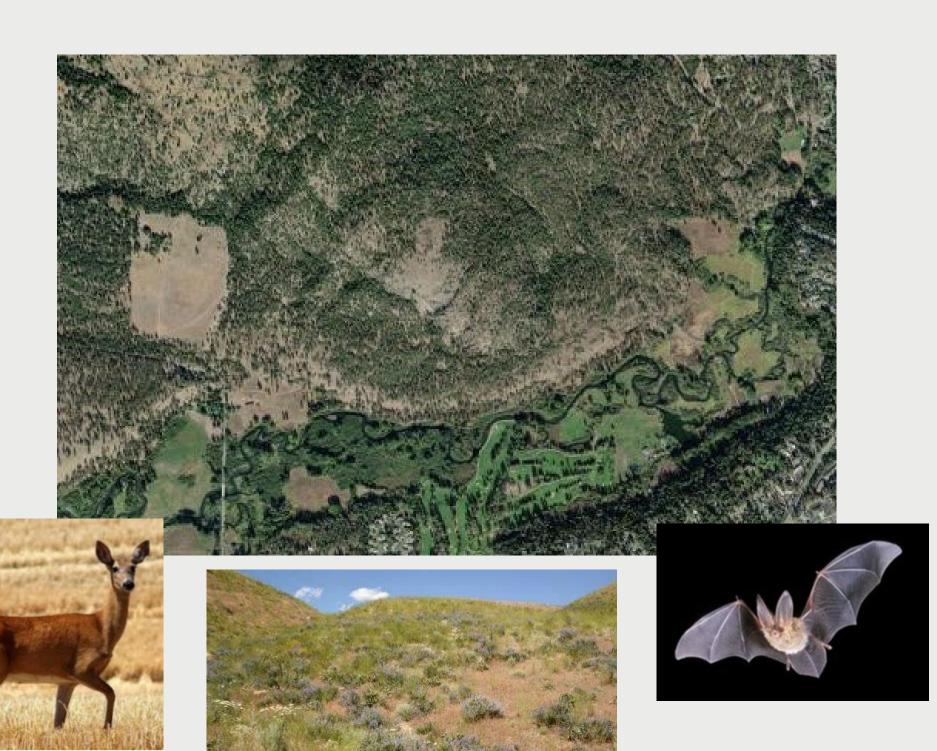
## 1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics



## What do we know about the wildlife and habitat?

Glen Tana and the surrounding area is home to several Priority Habitat Species:

- Shrubsteppe
- Moose
- Townsend's Big-eared bat
- Cavity nesting ducks
- Elk
- Aquatic and terrestrial habitats that support priority species





Riverside State Park consists of over 11,000 acres, 200,000 feet of shoreline with opportunities for a variety of recreational activities, including:

- **Equestrian trails and camping**
- Over 135 miles of trails
- Summer and winter recreation:
  - Watersports
  - Cross country skiing and snowshoeing
- Mountain biking, dirt double and singletrack (70 miles of trails) for a variety of skill levels
- Several natural areas, providing wildlife habitat along the Spokane and Little Spokane Rivers

## Additional Considerations

#### Partner Collaboration











#### Stakeholder Groups





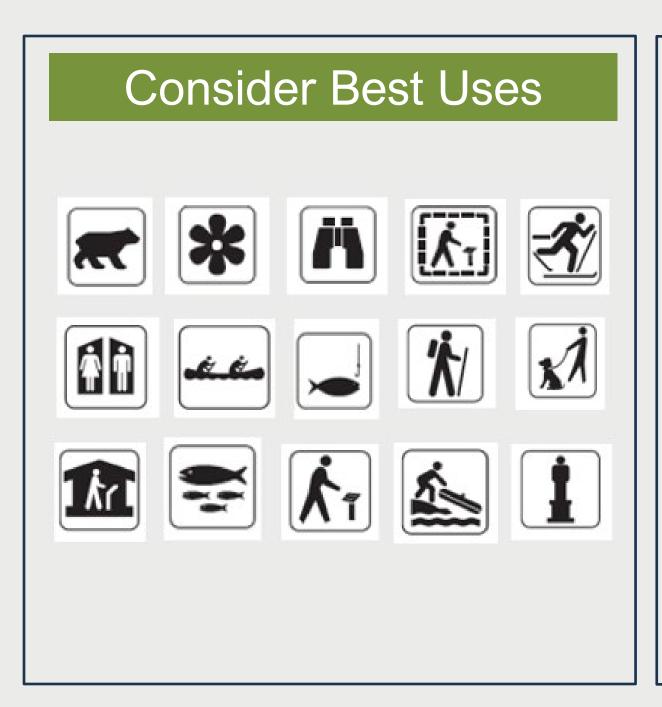




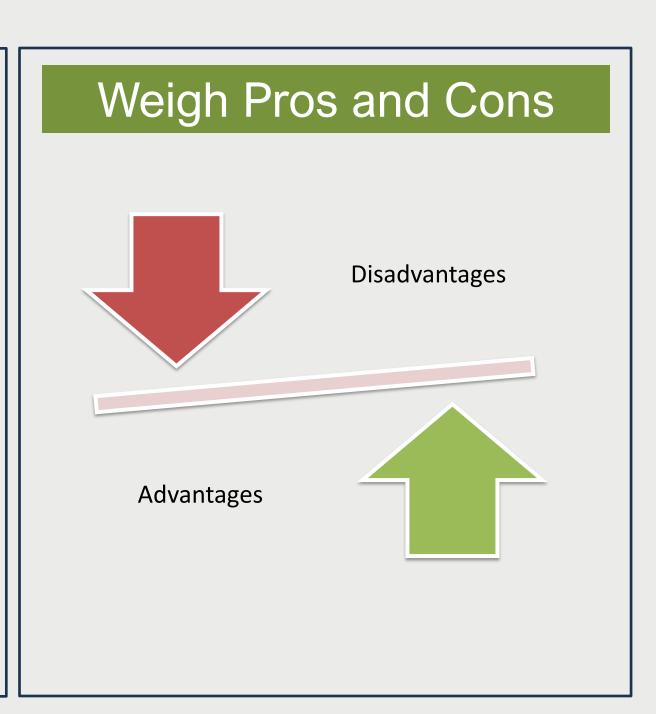
#### Agency Input



# How do we apply the results?

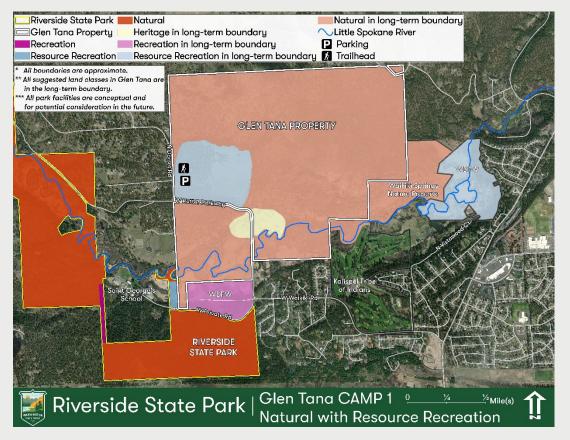




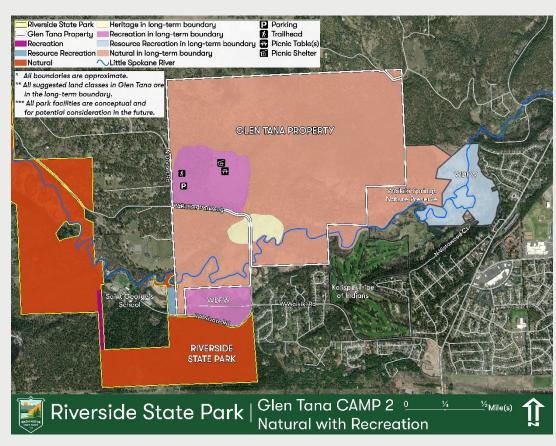


# Develop Alternatives

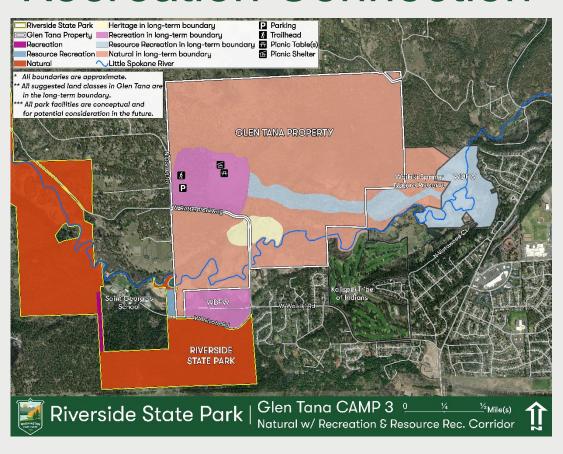
#### **Environmental Stewardship**



#### **Recreation Access**



#### **Recreation Connection**



# Alternative 1: Environmental Stewardship

# Theme Considerations

Less intensive recreation – focus on the natural environment, preservation, restoration, wildlife viewing

#### **Primary Land Classification**

**Recreation Area** 

Resource Recreation Area

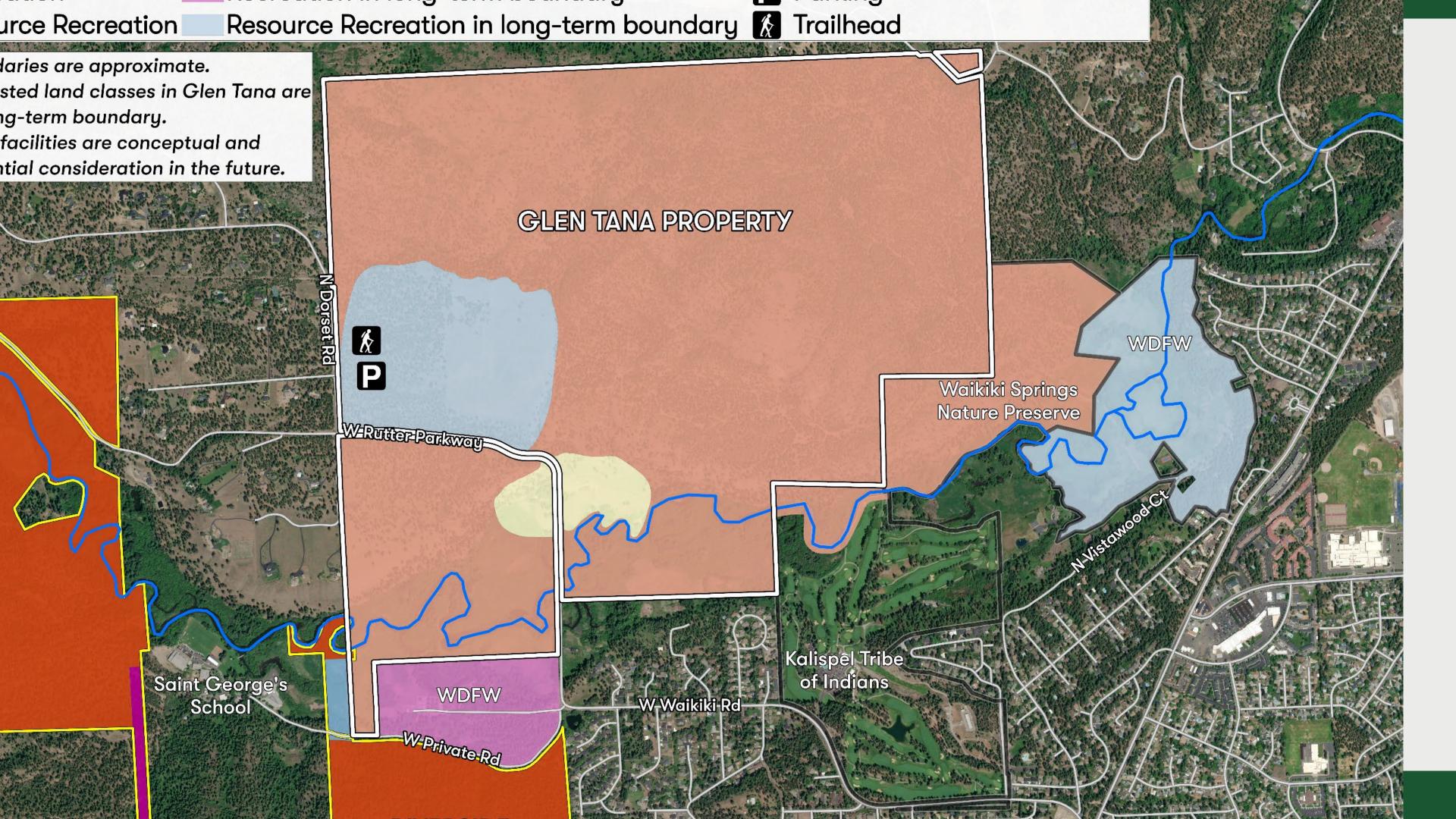
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# Alternative 2: Recreation Opportunities

# Theme Considerations

Emphasis on public access to the site with opportunities for outdoor activities in harmony with natural resources

#### **Primary Land Classification**

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Heritage Area

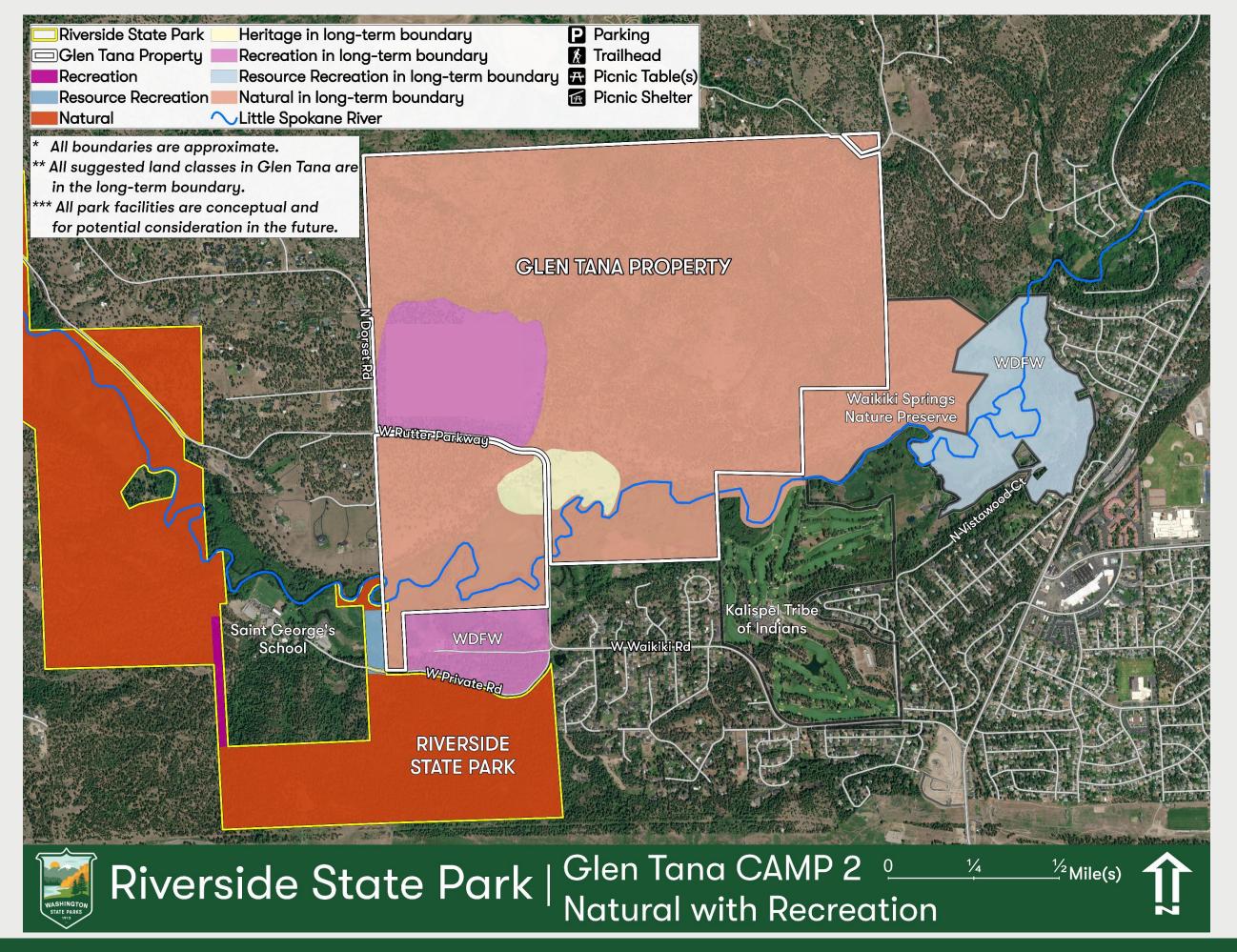
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### **Alternative 2**

Allows for more recreational amenities and facilities with park programing



# Alternative 3: Recreational Connectivity

# Theme Considerations

Acknowledges connectivity with existing recreation and conservation lands, offering a recreational corridor from the western edge to the eastern border with Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve.

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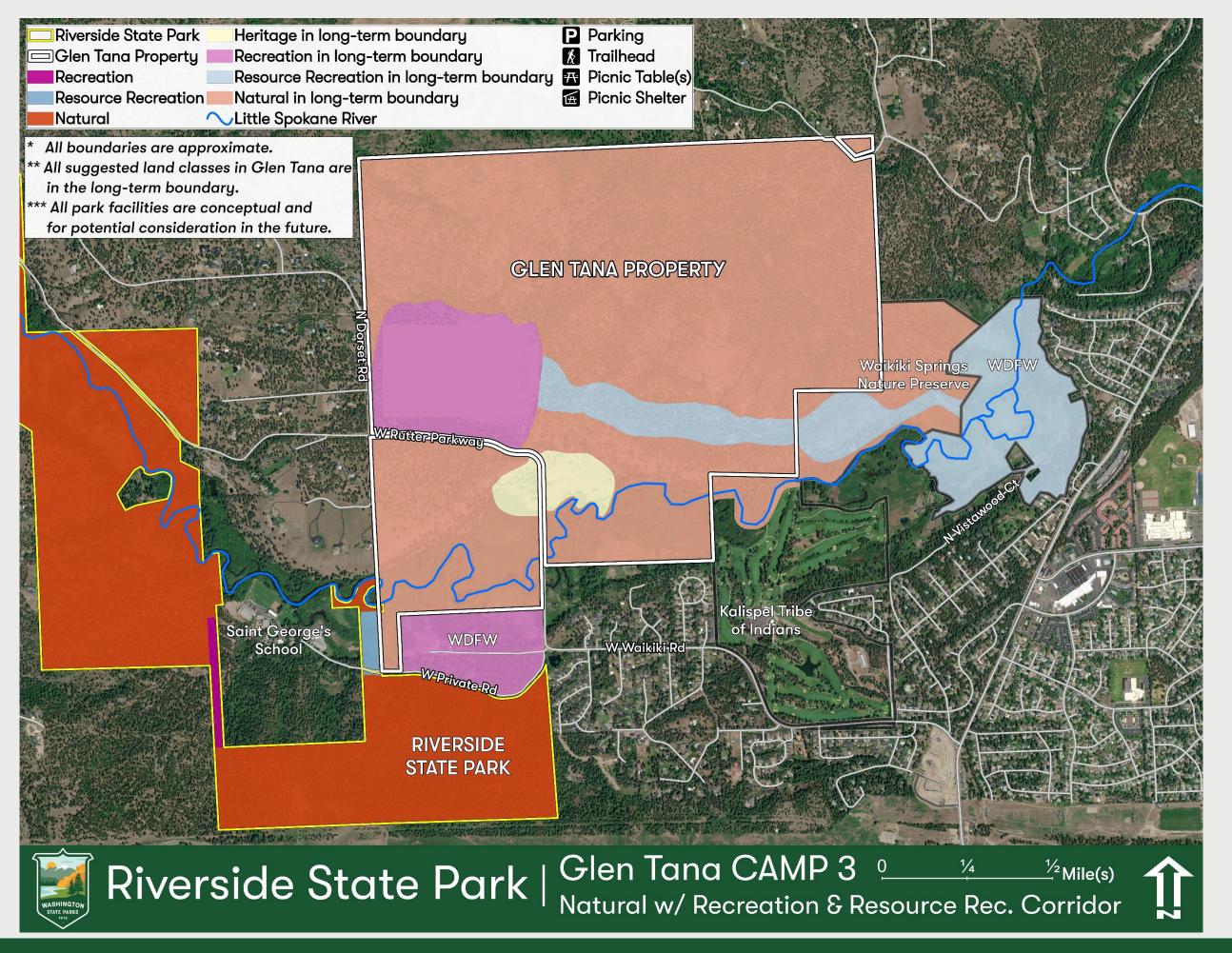
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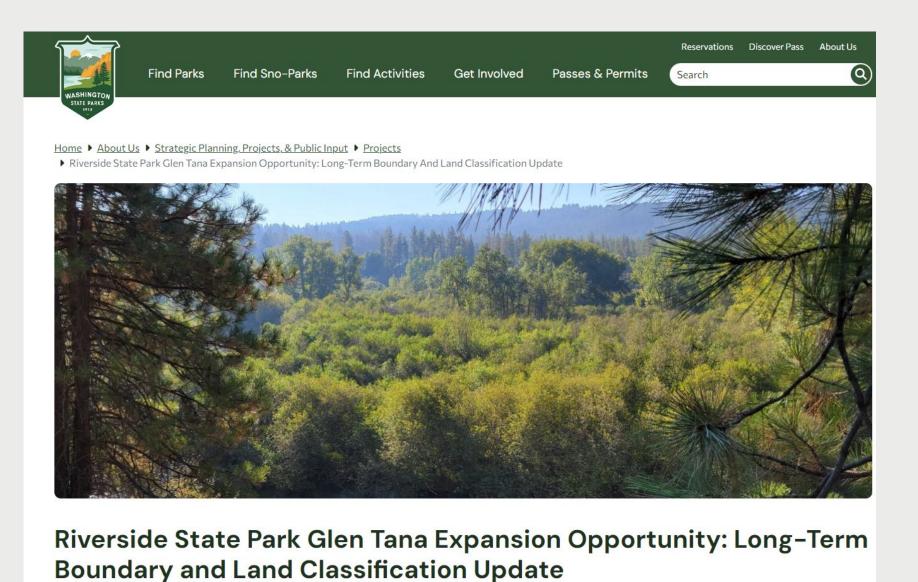


## **Alternative 3**

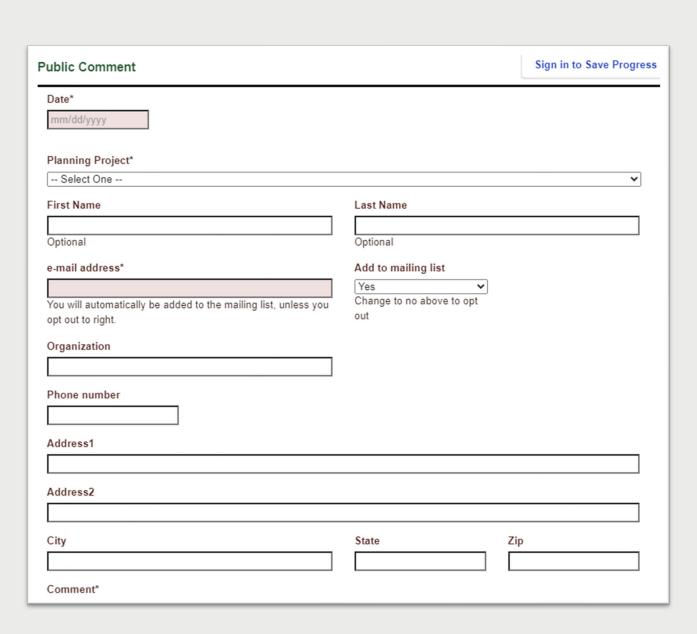
Adds recreational corridor through Glen Tana connecting to Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve



# Share Your Ideas



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# Next Steps

Stage 4. Stage 3. Final Recs Stage 1. Stage 2. Preliminary Alternatives Visioning for Recs Adoption Oct 2024 July 23, 2024 Sept. 26 & 28 April 18, 2024 2023

# Questions? Comments?

Email additional comments to: planning@parks.wa.gov

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