

# Riverside State Park Glen Tana CAMP Update

Final Recommendation October 10, 2024

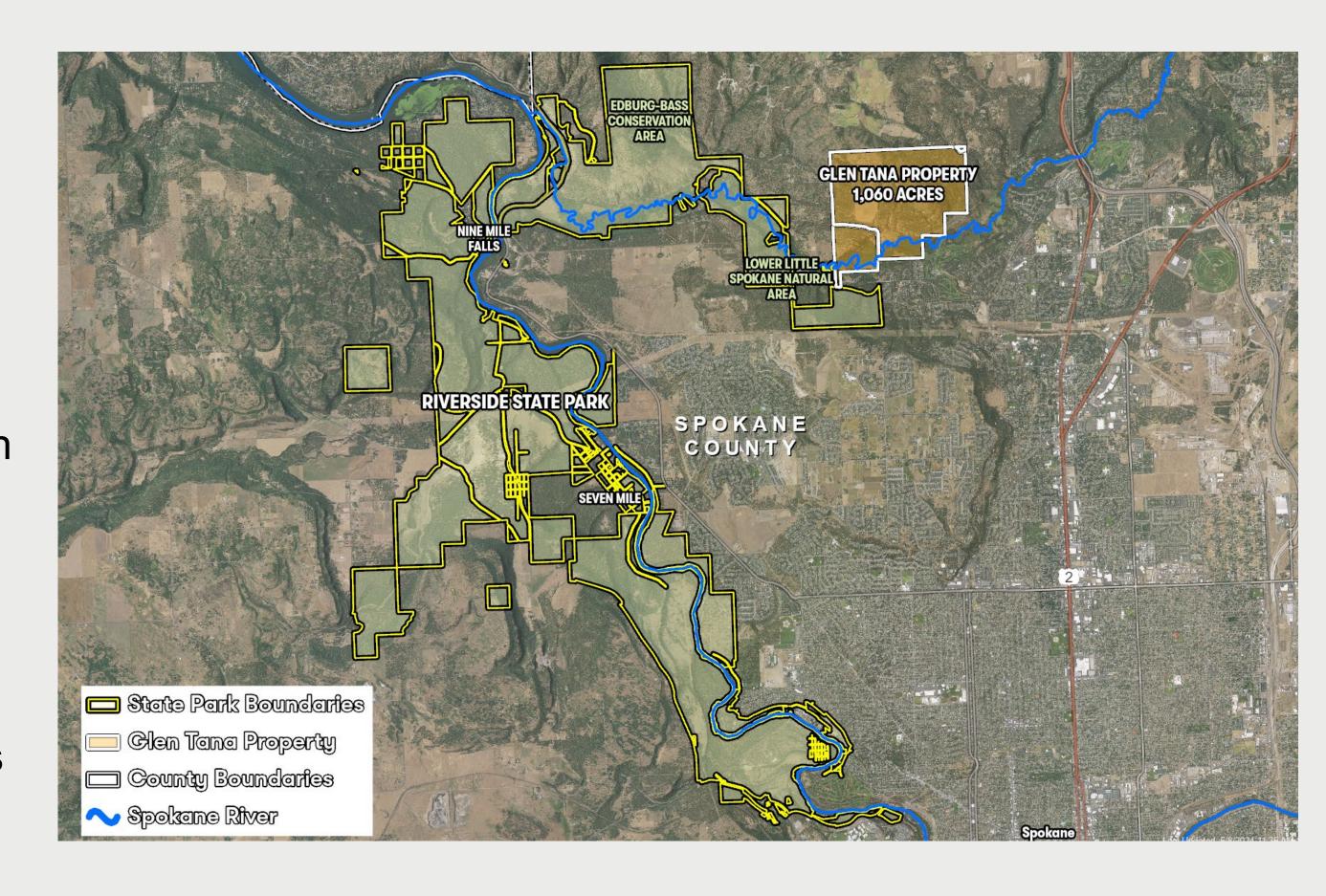
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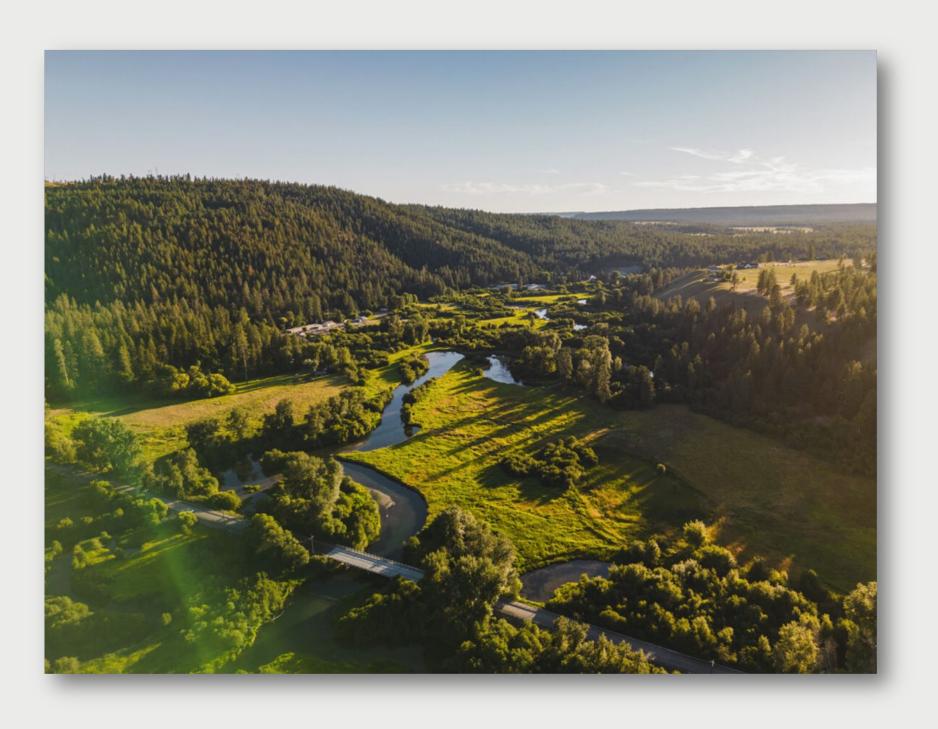
# New Expansion Opportunity

"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's Diverse Landscape

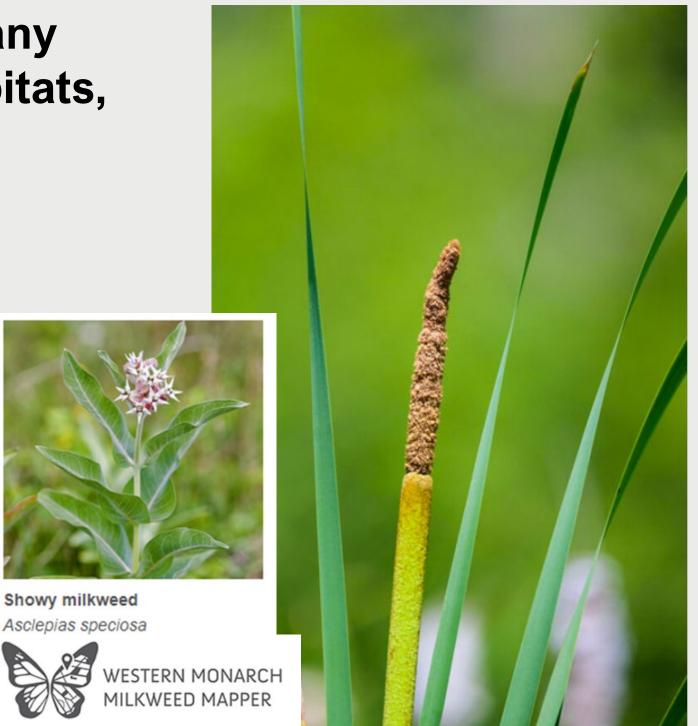




### **Ecological Characteristics**

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

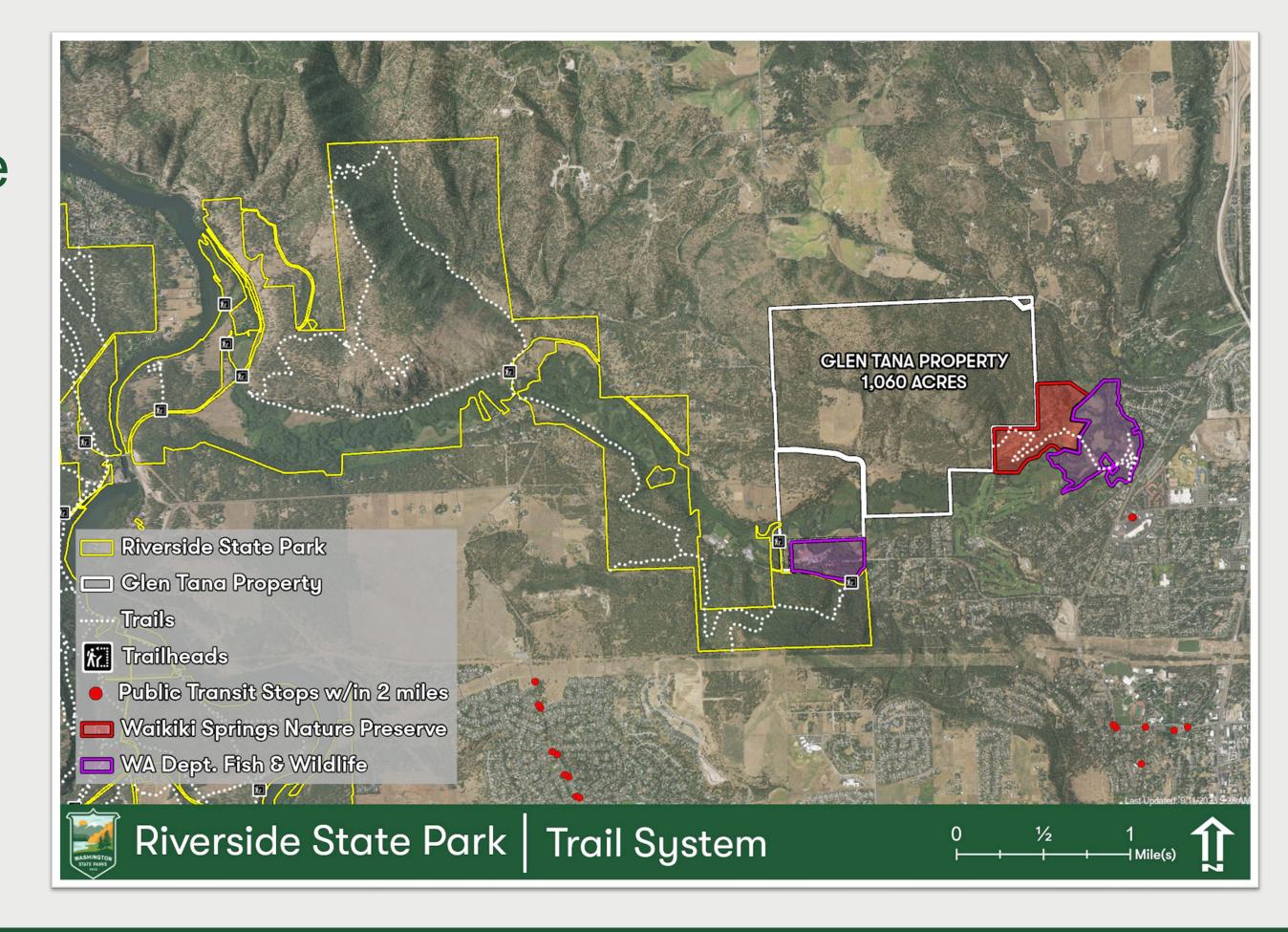
- Moose
- Milkweed
- White-tailed deer
- Gray Wolf
- Rainbow Trout
- Wetlands
- Shrubsteppe
- Riaprian Ecosystems
- Several species of bat
- Bald Eagle
- Western Toad
- Pollinator Habitat
- Salmon Habitat





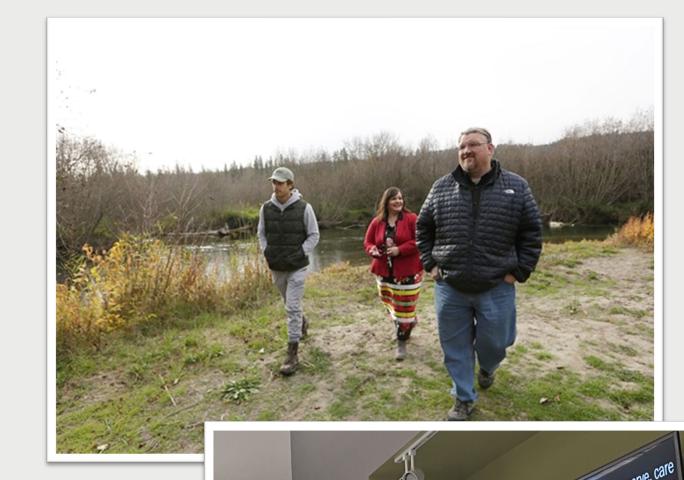


Glen Tana
connects Riverside
State Park with
neighboring
recreation and
conservation
properties



# 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.







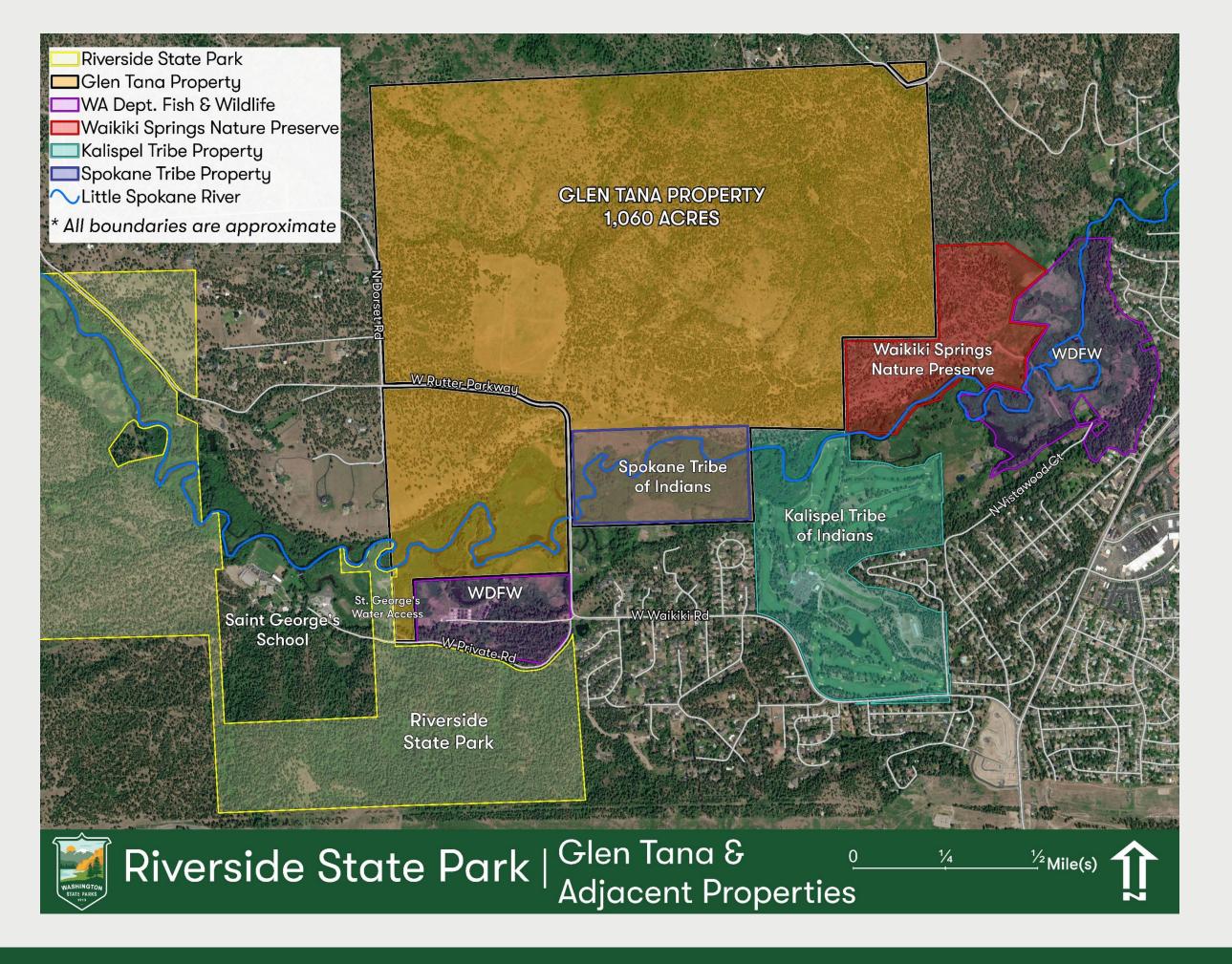






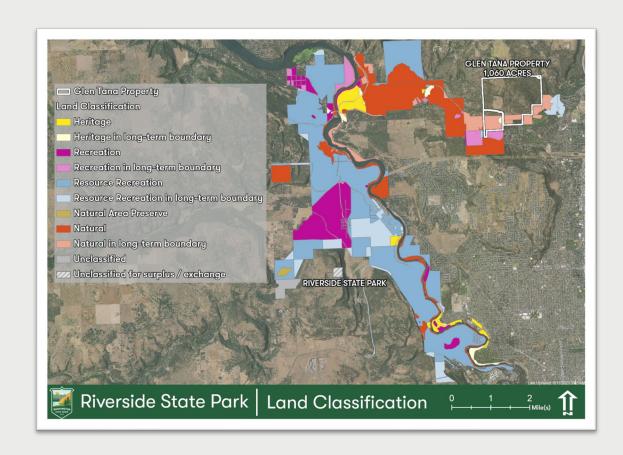


# Partners and Neighbors

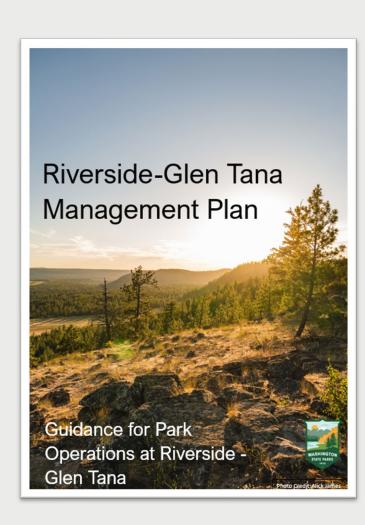


### The CAMP Process

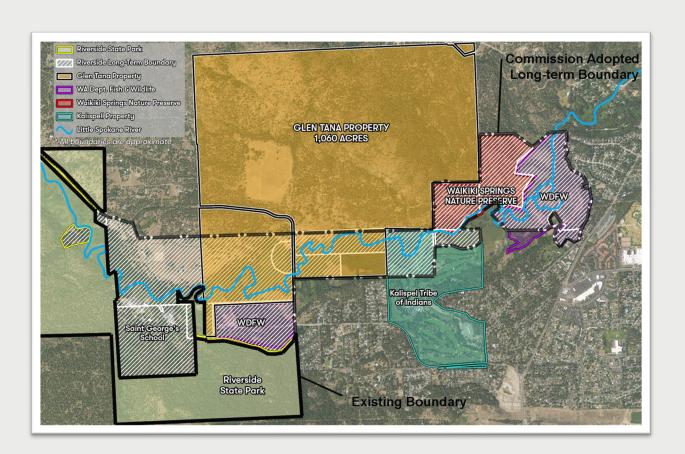
#### Classification and Management Plan (CAMP)



Land Use Classification

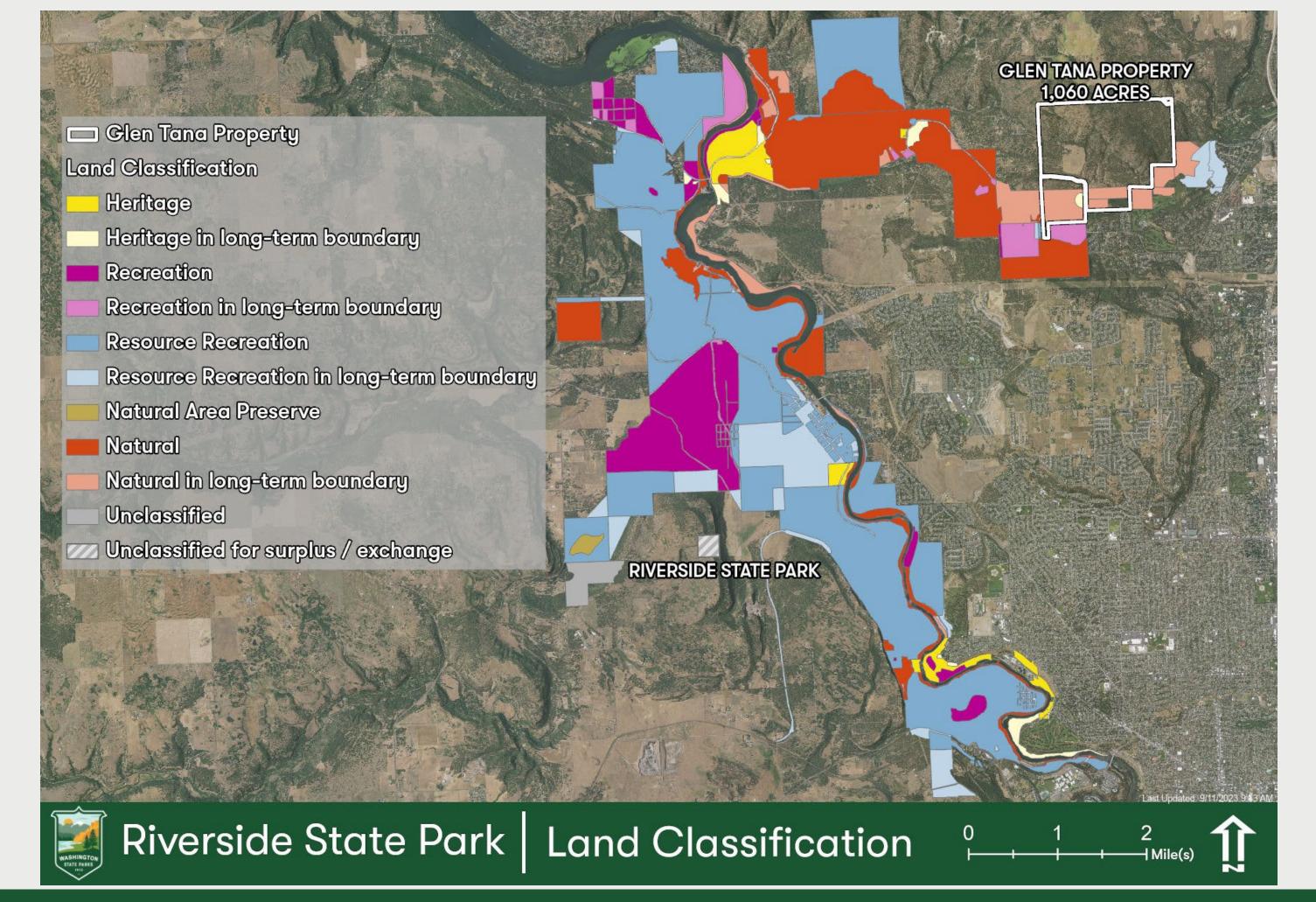


Park Management Plan



Long-term Park Boundary

2018
Riverside
CAMP
Land Use
Classification



# The 4 Public Planning Stages of CAMP



Stage 1. Visioning



Completed Sept. 2023

Stage 2. Alternatives



Completed April 2024

Stage 3.
Preliminary
Recs



Completed July 2024

Stage 4. Final Recs for Adoption

Commission Meeting Oct 10, 2024

### Public Engagement Summary

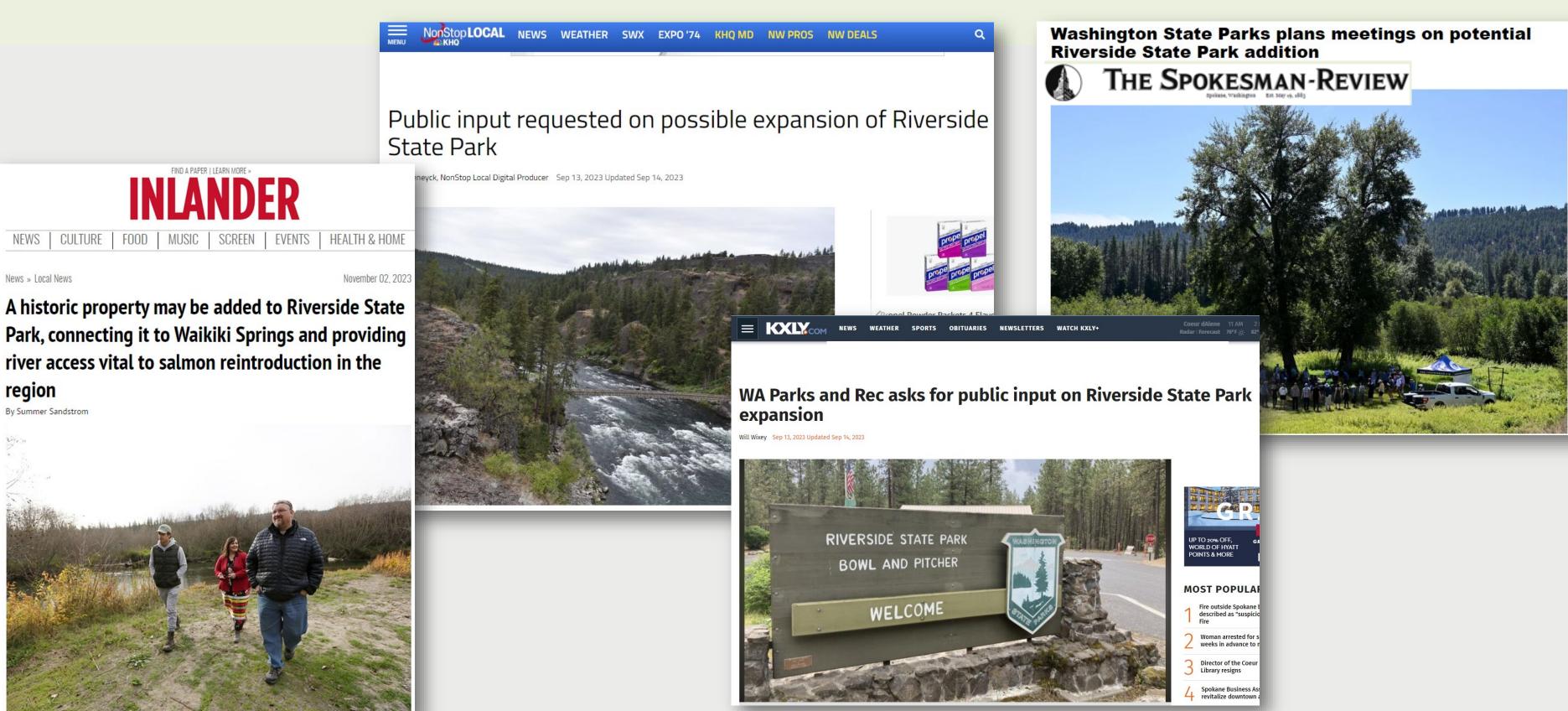
#### **Outreach Effort Summary and Methods**

- Online Survey
- In-person & Virtual Public Workshops
- Web-based Public Comment Form
- News Releases & Media Coverage
- Direct Outreach: Email & Phone Interviews
- Attendance at local events

3,000+ organizations and individuals contacted. 1,500+ responses received



## Media Campaign



WWRP- State Parks #24-1417 12

### Planning and Community Support

#### Glen Tana has Broad Stakeholder and Partner Support

#### 15 Letters of Support:

- Friends groups
- Local, State and Federal Government Agencies
- Non-profits/Environmental and **Recreation Organizations**
- Elected officials
- Spokane Tribe
- Kalispel Tribe



#### Spokane Tribe of Indians

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Mr. Karl Jacobs, Outdoor Grants Manager Recreation and Conservation Office PO Box 40917 Olympia WA 98504-0917

RE: Riverside State Park Expansion - Glen Tana Property

Dear Mr. Jacobs.

The Spokane Tribe of Indians have lived and gathered in n immemorial. Generation after generation thrived from the and river. Over a hundred years ago, the Little Spokane Riv native salmon. Tribes from all over the region would come of thousands of fish, returning to their home waters. They animals, and returned important nutrients to the soil from construction of dams and the theft of aboriginal lands, all from homes they had cultivated for generations. The salm waters and the tribes lost part of their spirit.

This expansion of Riverside State Park, with enthusiastic st Indians, seeks to restore to public use, some of what was I

Located along the Little Spokane River corridor the proper with the Washington Department of Recreation and Consi Land Conservancy, will become part of a larger complex or Preserve and Riverside State Park, a popular area for hike fishermen. The cold, clear, aguifer water that flows out of ensured that this stretch of the Little Spokane River is a ur change by providing cold-water habitats and refugia neces salmon, a priority for the Spokane Tribe. The project will a community resilience by ensuring that this riparian forest turn protects the cold water refugia withing the Little Spol preservation of the site will benefit at-risk species (Redbai



#### **Washington Trails Association**

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April 1, 2024

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RE: Riverside State Park Expansion - Glen Tana property Urban Wildlife Category grant #24-1779A State Parks Category grant #24-1417A

I am writing on behalf of Washington Trails Association (WTA) to express our support of State Parks' grant request for acquisition of the Glen Tana property to expand Riverside This acquisition would protect one of the last tracts of undeveloped land in the Little St Basin and connect it to local trail networks, increasing outdoor opportunities for a variety

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking com WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington State by empowering a diverse and grow community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the ni largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with m 25,000 member households and an online community of more than 180,000. Each year n 3,500 WTA volunteers perform over 130,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

WTA supports this project that would bring physical and mental health benefits to Washii residents by strengthening a regional trail network. The acquisition of Glen Tana to expan State Park would realize the park's previously articulated planning goals and further Wash State Parks' commitment to serve a diversity of users. Located near Spokane County's Url Area and within a quarter mile of public transit, Glen Tana would serve an urban and dive users. This acquisition would strengthen the area's trail networks, providing users with co to popular trails within the Little Spokane River Natural Area and trails within Waikiki Spri

WTA is excited about this project's potential to further our mission of trails for everyone Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should I be of any

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It's Your River ♦ We Protect It

onal Wildlife Refuge near Cheney, Washington

lders to expand and enhance protected lands for the For the past 20 years, Turnbull National Wildlife

the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy (INLC) to

refuge lands. In recent years, this partnership has

April 24, 2024

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RE: Riverside State Park Expansion - Glen Tana Property

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Inland Northwest National Wildlife Refuge Complex Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge

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I am writing on behalf of the Spokane Riverkeeper to support the purchase of the Glen Tana property by Washington State Parks. The Spokane Riverkeeper is a non-profit, advocacy organization that works to protect the Spokane River Watershed. The mission of the organization is to protect and restore the health of the Spokane River watershed, defend access to clean water, and provide the opportunity for all communities to enjoy the benefits of a clean and healthy Spokane River watershed. The purchase of Glen Tana by Washington State Park wil ensure that the unique properties that the Glen Tana property has are protected

The acquisition of the Glen Tana property is of utmost importance to the Riverkeeper, as it boasts numerous springs that provide clean, cold water vital for salmon reintroduction efforts. Securing this property will not only preserve water quality in the Little Spokane River but also protect the surrounding land from development, ensuring the conservation of a unique riparian area. Given its size and significance, acquiring the Glen Tana property should be a top priority.

# Public Workshop Results Sept 2023 – July 2024



# Stage 1 Workshop Results: Sept. 2023

#### Stage 1 outreach:

638

TOTAL RESPONSES

302

50

86

survey responses

in-person attendees + 250 comments online comment forms



# Stage 1 Workshop Results: Sept. 2023







#### **Priorities identified:**

- Preservation
- Recreational Opportunities & Access to Nature

Cultural Value

## Additional Considerations

#### Partner Collaboration











#### Stakeholder Groups









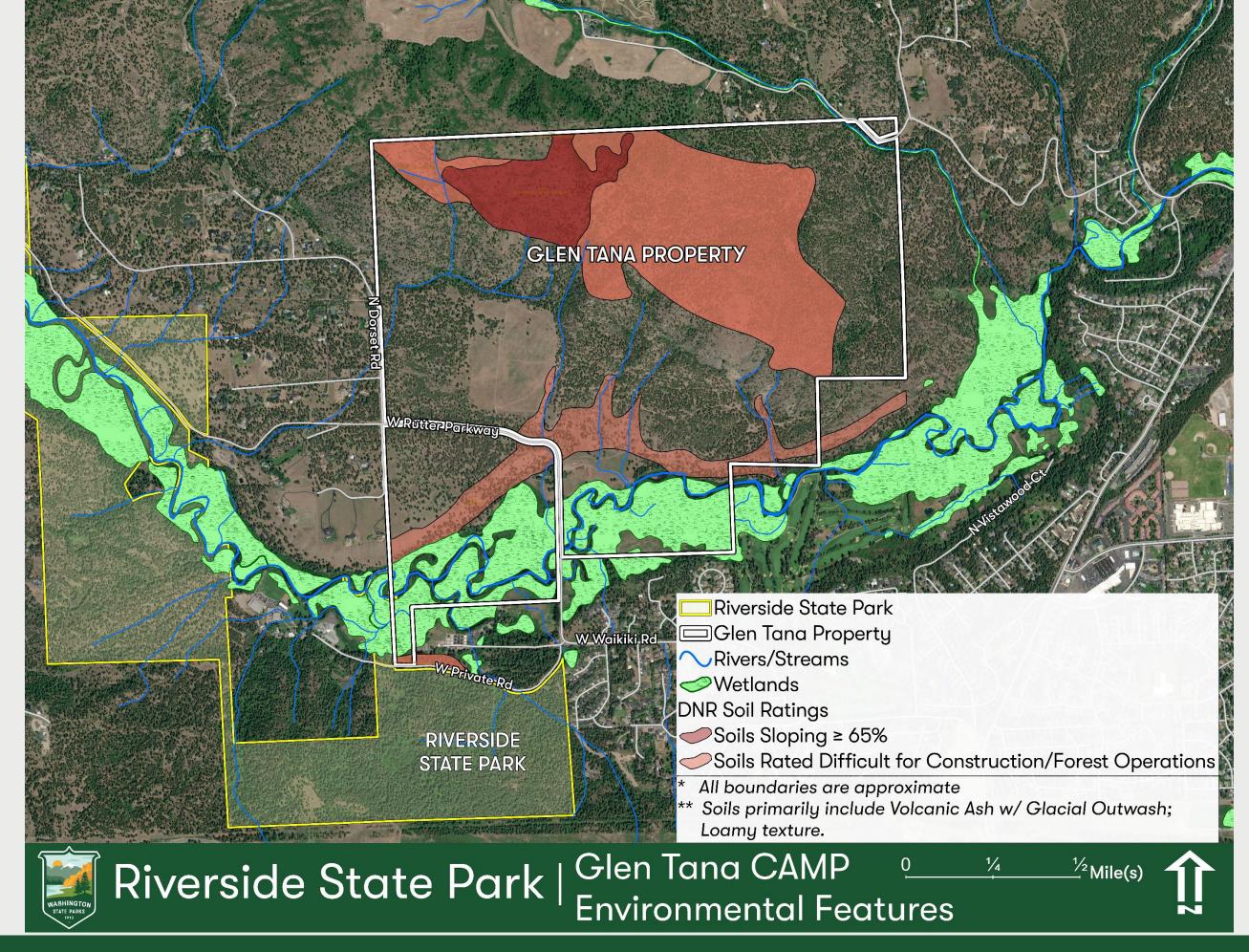
#### Agency Input



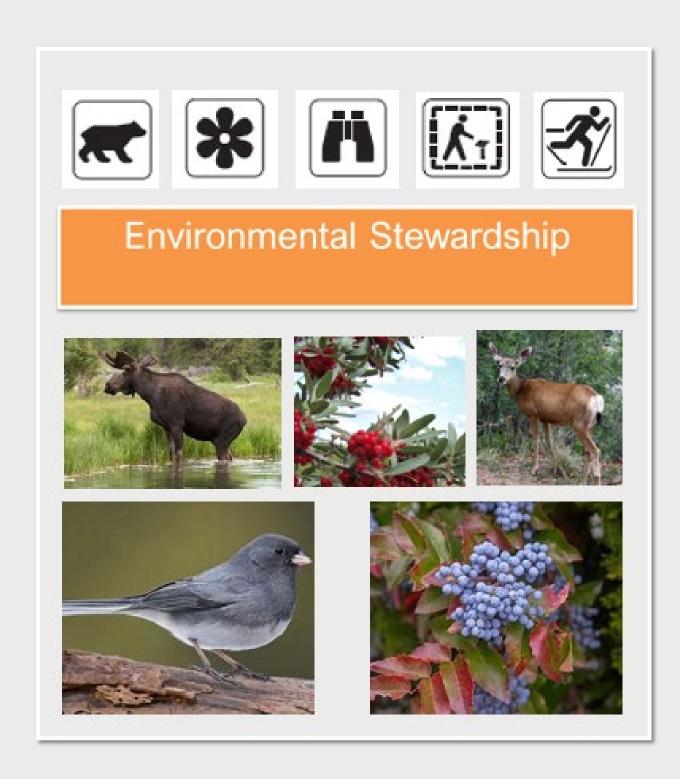
**Commission Presentation April 2024 Internal Staff Planning Workgroup** 

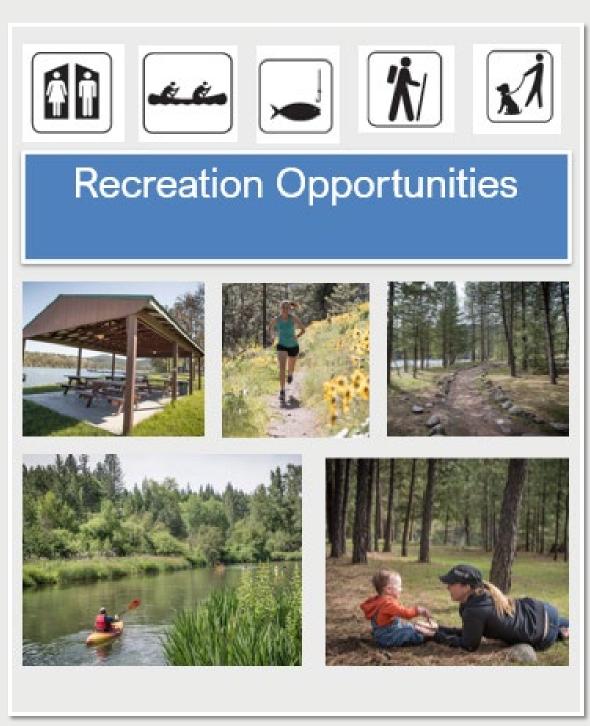
# **Environmental Considerations**

What does the Landscape tell us?



# Theme Considerations







## Stage 2 Workshop Results: April 2024



Stage 2 outreach:

893

**TOTAL RESPONSES** 

15

**75** 

324

online comment forms

in-person attendees + 346 comments

survey responses + 133 narrative responses

PROTECTION + RECREATION

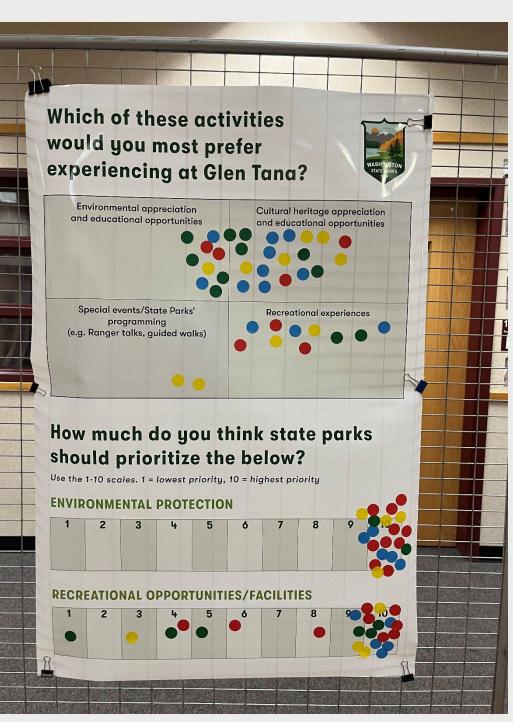
AND ENVIRONMENT OVER IMPACT

# Stage 2 Workshop Results: April 2024

Access for recreational hiking was the #1 preference

Data showed that the primary interest was in low-impact recreation for hiking. Wildlife viewing and nature appreciation ranked higher than physical exercise among respondents.



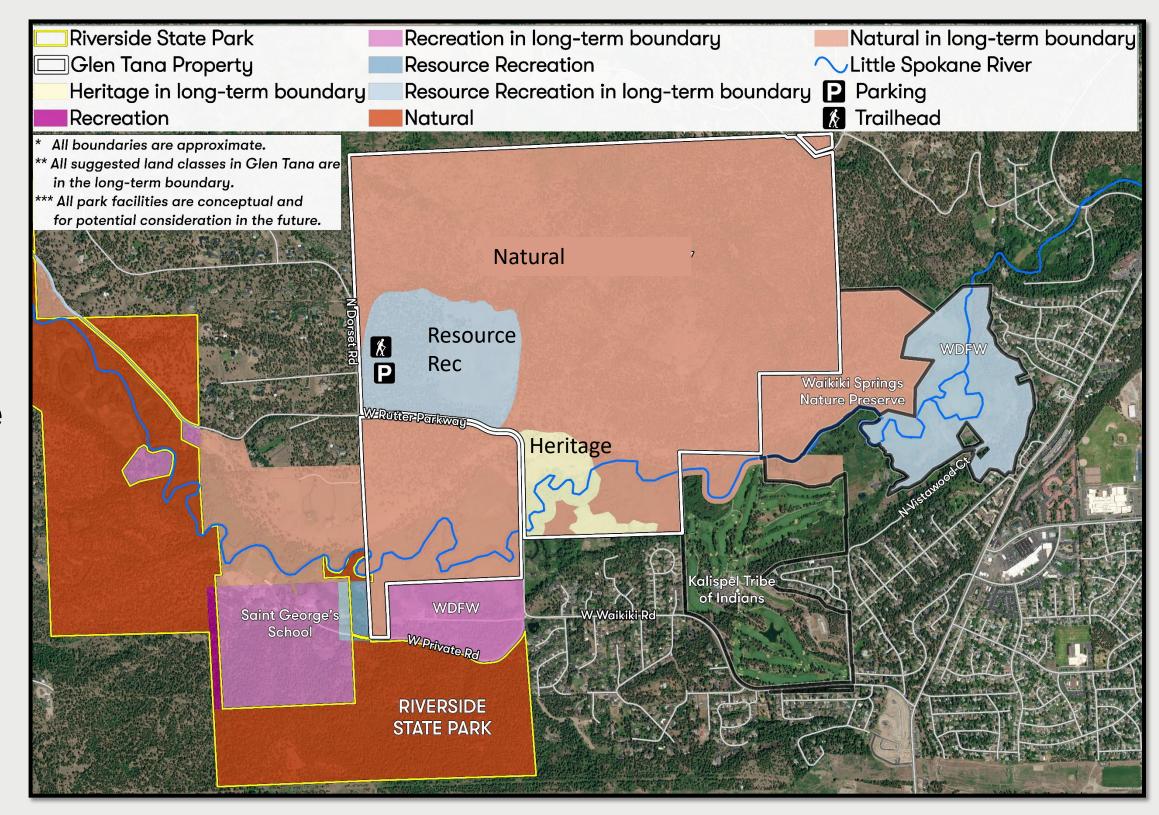


A STEWARDSHIP MINDSET

# Stage 3 Preliminary Recommendation

#### **Land Classifications:**

- Resource Recreation, accommodates public access point, trail head parking and interpretive information
- Heritage, represents Spokane Tribe future site plans
- Natural, consistent with neighboring Riverside State Park and Little Spokane River Natural Area



# Stage 3 Open House: July 2024



#### Partners hosted tables with programmatic info:

- WTA
- Spokane Riverkeeper
- Riverside Foundation
- WDFW
- Friends of the Little Spokane River Valley

#### **Open House Goal:**

Engage with the public and stakeholders on Preliminary Recommendation

# Stage 3 Feedback

"Good to make most of Glen Tana as natural classification with low impact recreation"

"I'm thrilled by the cooperation and interplay between agencies and Spokane Tribe."

"We are pleased with the focus on wildlife and hiking."

"More places to hike and be in nature. Designate areas within the area to identify wildlife."

"No Mtn bikes or e-bikes. Hiking and snowshoes only." "This land is a gift to our Spokane area. Preservation of sensitive wetlands is vital for the ecosystem. Education of our natural spaces brings awareness, care, and funding." "Design trail system to avoid sensitive wildlife areas such as upland water sources and critical hiding cover and major game trails."

"Identify local flora/food sources and any special sites within the property."

# State Park Land Classifications

**Recreation Area LTB** 

**Resource Recreation Area LTB** 

**Heritage Area LTB** 

**Natural Area LTB** 

**Natural Forest Area LTB** 

**Natural Area Preserve LTB** 

# Long-Term Boundary Land Classifications

**Recreation Area LTB** 

**Resource Recreation Area LTB** 

**Heritage Area LTB** 

**Natural Area LTB** 

**Natural Forest Area LTB** 

**Natural Area Preserve LTB** 



# Final Recommendation

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

## Primary Land Classifications

**Recreation Area LTB** 

**Resource Recreation Area LTB** 

**Heritage Area LTB** 

**Natural Area LTB** 

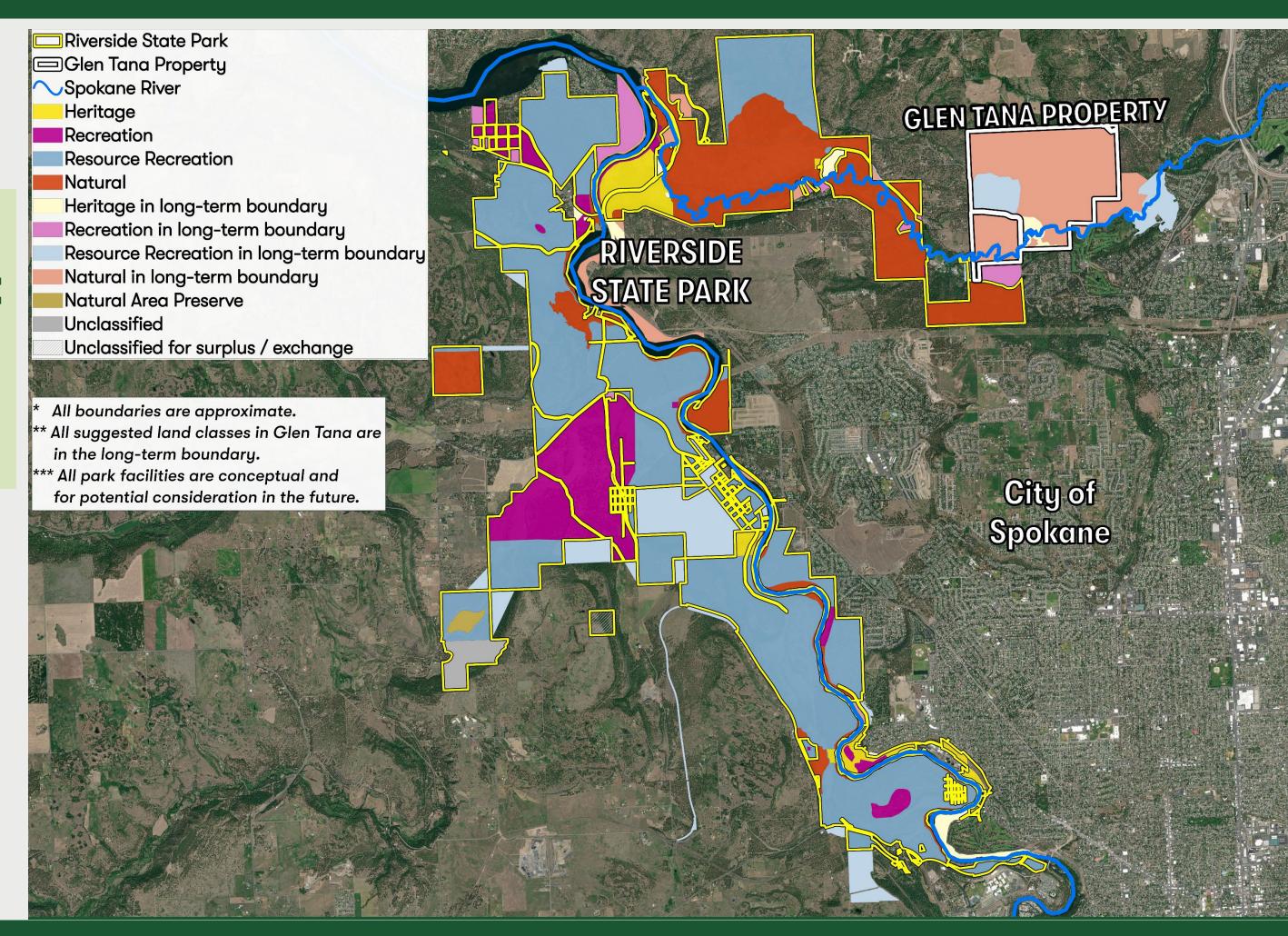
**Natural Forest Area LTB** 

**Natural Area Preserve LTB** 



# Final Recommendation:

Riverside State Park Land Classifications



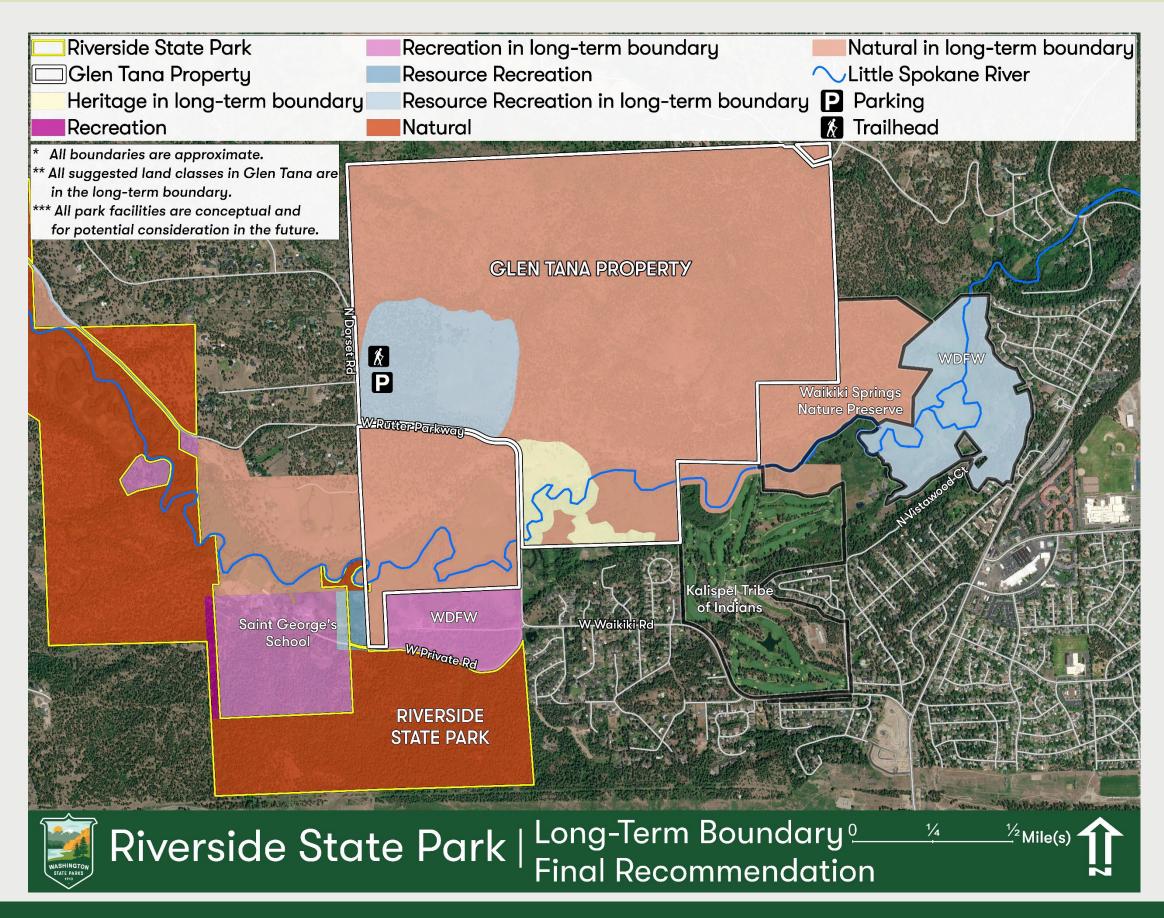
### Stage 4. Final Recommendation

Provides public access parking area, trailhead, interpretive signs & kiosk

A trail system for highest priority activities: hiking and wildlife viewing

Consistent land use with surrounding natural area

Offers the most environmental protection with recreational access



# Final Land Use Recommendation

#### **Activities and Facilities**

Cross country Skiing
Hiking
Nature Observation
Interpretive facilities
Cultural Exhibits
Parking and Trail head

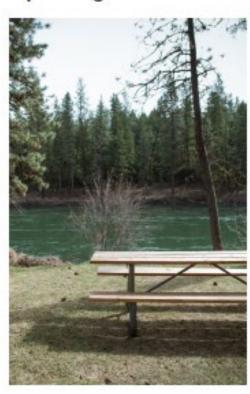
### Resource Recreation

#### Light Blue

Resource Recreation areas are suited and developed for natural resource based medium and low intensity recreational use.

#### How can the land be used?

Outdoor recreation in these areas include picnicking, trail running, cross country skiing, hiking, nature observation, metal detecting, snowshoeing, photography and orienteering. The agency can develop interpretive facilities, historic/cultural exhibits, vault restrooms, parking areas and trail head access points and host special events.







# Final Land Use Recommendation

#### **Activities and Facilities**

Trail Running
Photography
Minor interpretive exhibits
Snowshoeing

#### **Natural Areas**

#### **Light Orange**

Natural areas are designated for preservation, restoration and interpretation of natural processes and/or features of significant ecological, geological or paleontological value while providing for low-intensity outdoor recreation activities.

#### How can the land be used?

Visitors may recreate on designated trails for trail running, hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, nature observation photography, harvesting mushrooms and berries. The agency can develop trail structures and minor interpretive exhibits.







# Final Land Use Recommendation

Aligns with Spokane Tribe future facility planning

Support Tribal salmon reintroduction efforts

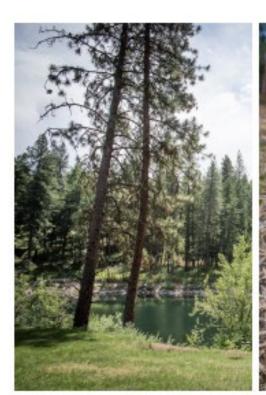
### Heritage Land Use

#### Light Yellow

Heritage areas are designated for preservation, restoration and interpretation of unique or unusual archaeological, historical, scientific and/or cultural features, and traditional cultural properties, which are of statewide or national significance.

#### How can the land be used?

Activities consistent with Spokane Tribe of Indians facilities and management plans. Heritage area is located within Spokane Tribe of Indians property with emphasis on environmental and cultural education.







# Acquisition Strategy Update 2024 RCO Grant Cycle



## RCO WWRP – Urban Wildlife Grant Ranking



Preliminary Ranking
Urban Wildlife Habitat Category

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program 2025-2027

			Project					
			Number			Grant	Applicant	
	Rank	Score	and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Request	Match	Total
	1	98.75	24-1779 A	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Riverside State Park Glen Tana Acquisition B	\$4,512,450	\$2,000,000	\$6,512,450
1	2	98.55	24-1554 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area	\$3,637,824		\$3,637,824
	3	97.17	24-1678 A	Great Peninsula Conservancy	Green Mountain Protection	\$2,988,500	\$2,988,500	\$5,977,000
	4	90.83	24-1978 A	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	Little Manzanita Four	\$1,500,000	\$1,638,510	\$3,138,510
	5	87.33	24-1868 A	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Trail Property Acquisition	\$858,125	\$858,125	\$1,716,250
	6	82.58	24-1909 A	Pierce County	Pacific Lutheran University Prairie Protection Site	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000
	7	81.25	24-1777 A	Kitsap County	Illahee Preserve Phase Three Heart of the Park	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000
	8	76.64	24-1340 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	West Wiser Lake	\$1,800,000		\$1,800,000
					Tot	al \$17,996,899	\$10,185,135	\$28,182,034

## RCO WWRP – State Parks Grant Ranking



Preliminary Ranking State Parks Category

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program 2025-2027



			Project						
			Number			Applicant			
	Rank	Score	and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	(	Grant Request	Match	Total
	1	74.28	24-1417 A	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Riverside State Park Glen Tana Acquisition A		\$1.700.685	\$840.000	\$2.540.685
	2	69.47	24-1788 A	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties		\$1,380,000	\$120,000	\$1,500,000
	3	65.01	24-1763 A	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Green River Gorge Icy Creek Ridge Phase Three		\$2,244,401		\$2,244,401
	4	62.73	24-1457 D	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Millersylvania Park Trail Improvements		\$1,076,100	\$10,000	\$1,086,100
	5	62.1	24-1823 A	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Pearrygin Lake State Park Yockey Property Acuisition		\$1,983,291		\$1,983,291
	6	61.91	24-1859 A	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Mount Spokane Riley Creek Properties Phase One		\$1,308,300		\$1,308,300
	7	61.2	24-1839 D	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Riverside Park Bowl and Pitcher Cabins Phase Two		\$648,000		\$648,000
	8	58.26	24-1334 D	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Beacon Rock-Hamilton Mountain Trail Reroute		\$175,138	\$56,700	\$231,838
	9	57.55	24-1355 D	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Willapa Hills Trail Bridge Forty-three Improvements		\$488,500		\$488,500
	10	56.13	24-1841 D	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Klickitat Trail State Park Pitt Trailhead		\$643,800		\$643,800
	11	55.69	24-1389 D	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Lake Sylvia Park Trail Improvements		\$633,400	\$50,600	\$684,000
	12	54.71	24-1840 D	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Palouse to Cascades Trail Rosalia Improvements		\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
	13	54.31	24-1480 D	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Battle Ground Lake Equestrian Parking Lot		\$802,731		\$802,731
					Total	\$15,084,346	\$1,077,300	\$16,161,646	

# Staff Recommendation for Commission Action





## **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Commission update:

- The Long-term boundary for Riverside State Park to include the adjacent property known as Glen Tana, resulting in an additional 887 acres for recreation and environmental and cultural heritage protection along the Little Spokane River and broader wildlife corridor buffering the northern edge of Spokane.
- The Land Classifications within the added parcels to align with those
  of the existing Riverside park property and support neighboring use
  on properties owned by the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, the Spokane
  Tribe of Indians, Inland NW Land Conservancy, and WA State
  Department of Fish and Wildlife.



### Requested Action of the Commission

- That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission: Adopt the revised land classifications and long-term park boundary shown in Appendix 2 and described in the Staff Recommendation.
- Affirm that land classification and long-term boundary decisions are for Commission policy direction only and should not affect private property values, be used as an indication of a property owner's willingness to sell, or be used as a basis for making state or local government regulatory, permitting, or zoning decisions on private land holdings.
- Affirm that any land acquisition or development of land management agreements within the adopted long-term park boundary are subject to staff capacity and agency priority.

# Questions or Comments?

