

# **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

**KALALOCH FIRING RANGE  
OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK  
KALALOCH, WA**

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The Olympic National Park (ONP)  
Community Involvement Program is committed  
to promoting communication between citizens and the Park.

Active public involvement is crucial to the success of any public project.

ONP's community Involvement activities at the  
Kalaloch Firing Range  
are designed to:

Inform the public of the nature of the environmental issues associated with the site,

Involve the public in the decision-making process that will affect them,

Involve the public in the responses under consideration to remedy these issues, and

Inform the public of the progress being made to implement the remedy.

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## **1.0 Overview of the Community Involvement Plan**

Olympic National Park (ONP) is exercising its authority as lead agency under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to undertake response activities as set forth herein at Kalaloch Firing Range (Site) within Olympic National Park. The response activities will address the nature and extent of contamination, human health and ecological risk, applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs), community involvement and other requirements consistent with CERCLA and the National Oil Pollution and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP).

ONP developed this Community Involvement Plan (CIP) to facilitate two-way communication between the community surrounding the Kalaloch Firing Range and ONP and to encourage community involvement in Site activities. ONP will utilize the community involvement activities outlined in this plan to ensure that the community is informed and provided opportunities to be involved.

This Community Involvement Plan addresses Kalaloch Firing Range's relationship with the community and ONP (Section 2.0), provides a background of the community (Section 3.0), presents ONP's Community Involvement Program (Section 4.0), and provides a listing of resources available (Appendices). ONP drew upon several information sources to develop this plan, including community interviews and Site files.

## **2.0 Capsule Site Description**

This Section presents general information about the Site.

### **2.1 Site History**

- The Site is owned by the National Park Service and is within Olympic National Park. The Site was used by ONP Law Enforcement Rangers from 1975 until 2001. Various types of small arms were believed to have been used at the range.
- The Contaminant of Concern (COC) at the Site is lead derived from non-industrial firing range activities. No visible signs of spent bullets or lead were noted during the site visit documented in the Technical Review Report (Baker, 2007).
- ONP is evaluating the Site to address lead impacts related to firing range based lead impacts based on soil sampling conducted in 2007 and documented in the Technical Review Report (Baker, 2007).

- There has been no documented community reaction to the Site.

## **2.2 Site Description/Location**

- The Site is located within Olympic National Park in the vicinity of the unincorporated community of Kalaloch, Jefferson County, Washington. A Site Location Map is presented in Figure 2-1.
- The former Kalaloch Firing Range is located approximately 0.25 miles east of Highway 101 in Jefferson County, Washington. A Site Location Map is presented in Figure 2-1.
- The elevation of the Site is approximately fifty feet above mean sea level (Baker, 2007).
- The Site is located in the Kalaloch Creek watershed.

## **2.3 Site Inspections and Cleanup Activities**

One previous Site investigation was conducted and is documented in the Technical Review Report (Baker, 2007). During the Site investigation seven soil samples were collected with reported (Baker, 2007) lead concentrations ranging from of 12 to 5,200 parts per million (ppm). Sample locations are presented in Figure 1-2. Sample results are presented in Appendix A. The concentrations were compared to the USEPA Action Level of 400 ppm for lead in residential settings (Baker, 2007). Four of the samples exceed the USEPA Action Level for residential settings. In addition, the data were also compared to USEPA Ecological Soil Screening Levels (Eco-SSLs, USEPA OSWER Directive #9285.7-70, 2005). Eco-SSLs are concentrations of contaminants in soil that are protective of ecological receptors that commonly come into contact with soil or ingest biota that live on or in soil. Total lead concentrations were compared to Eco-SSLs for birds and mammals, of which several of the samples exceed the screening criteria for the following species:

- Avian Herbivore, Dove (46 ppm)
- Avian Ground Insectivore, Woodcock (11 ppm)
- Avian Carnivore, Hawk (510 ppm)
- Mammalian Herbivore, Vole (1,200 ppm)
- Mammalian Ground Insectivore, Shrew (56 ppm)
- Mammalian Carnivore, Weasel (460 ppm).

Three samples were analyzed using the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) to determine if they would be characterized as “hazardous waste” if disposed off-Site. Two of the three samples had TCLP lead concentrations above the regulatory level of 5 ppm which requires

the waste to be treated or disposed of as hazardous waste. The ONP is the lead agency for the cleanup.

### **3.0 Community Background**

This Section presents background information on the local community and potential concerns.

#### **3.1 Community Profile**

The unincorporated community of Kalaloch consists of a lodge and campground. Residences in Kalaloch are limited to lodge and ONP employees. There are less than 25 permanent residents.

The population of Jefferson County based on a 2009 estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau is 29,676. The population change from 2000 through 2009 is 12.8%. The U.S. Census Bureau does not track population data for unincorporated communities. The population consist of 92.7 white persons, 2.4 % American Indian, 0.8 % Black persons and 2.9 % Persons of Latino or Hispanic origins (<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53/53031.html>).

The Quinault Indian Reservation is located 5 miles south and the Hoh Indian Reservation is approximately 5 miles north of the Site.

There are no schools within five miles of the Site.

#### **3.2 History of Community Involvement**

There has been no documented history of community actions to address problems at the Site.

The ONP is the only active Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) associated with Site.

#### **3.3 Key Community Concerns**

As of the date of this CIP, there have been no community concerns.

#### **3.4 Response to Community Concerns**

There were no community concerns expressed prior to this CIP, and ONP did not undertake any community involvement activities prior to the CIP.

### 3.5 Summary of Communication Needs

- No communication needs were expressed by the community. ONP will follow the guidance in the Superfund Community Involvement Handbook and the Superfund Community Involvement Toolkit.

### 4.0 ONP's Community Involvement Program

The overall goal of ONP's Community Involvement Program is to promote two-way communication between citizens and the ONP and to provide opportunities for meaningful and active involvement by the community in the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis Process. ONP will implement the community involvement activities described below.

#### 4.1 The Plan

##### **Issue 1: Keeping the public informed and up to date.**

Activity 1A: Designate an ONP Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC).

- Objective: To provide a primary liaison between the community and the ONP, and to ensure prompt, accurate, and consistent responses and information dissemination about the Site. In those instances where ONP's CIC may be unable to provide adequate information (such as on technical issues), inquiries will be directed to the appropriate ONP contact.
- Method: ONP will designate an ONP CIC to handle Site inquiries and serve as a point of contact for community members. The CIC is appointed by Olympic National Park Superintendent. Mike Sorenson is the ONP CIC assigned to the Site. He is also ONP's Project Manager for the site.
- Timing: The CIC was designated on June 22, 2011.

Activity 1B: Prepare and distribute site fact sheet and technical summary.

- Objective: To provide citizens with current, accurate, easy-to-read, easy-to-understand information about Kalaloch Firing Range.
- Method: Fact sheets will be mailed to all parties on the Site mailing list. In addition, copies will be available at the information repository.
- Timing: ONP will prepare and distribute fact sheets prior to the implementation of the Removal Action.

Activity 1C: Provide a phone number for the community to contact ONP.

- Objective: To enable citizens to get the latest information available when they want it, rather than having to wait for a meeting or a fact sheet, and without incurring any cost.
- Method: ONP has designated 360-565-3011 as the community contact phone number.
- Timing: The line is currently operational (360-565-3011).

Activity 1D: Maintain a mailing list for the Site.

- Objective: To facilitate the distribution of site-specific information to everyone who needs or wants to be kept informed about the site.
- Method: ONP will create a mailing list that includes the Quinault Indian Nation and Hoh Tribe and potentially interested organizations, individuals, and regulators.
- Timing: ONP will begin working on this mailing list immediately and will review/revise it periodically to keep it current.

Activity 1E: Establish and maintain Information Repository.

- Objective: To provide a convenient location where residents can go to read and copy official documents and other pertinent information about the site and ONP activities.
- Method: A repository will be established at the Olympic National Park Headquarters located at 600 East Park Avenue, Port Angeles Washington. The repository is a reference collection of Site information containing the Administrative Record file, other site-specific information and the Community Involvement Plan. This repository will be accessible to the physically challenged, will have copier facilities, and will be available during normal business hours and by appointment for times outside regular business hours.
- Timing: ONP established the local repository on July 1, 2011 located at 600 East Park Avenue, Port Angeles Washington. ONP adds new documents as they become available.

Activity 1F: Provide Site information on the Internet.

- Objective: To reference availability of information.
- Method: Olympic National Park will post all relevant documents to the Park Planning website (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/olymp>). This site is also available to receive public comment at any time during the EE/CA process.



- Timing: Site Status Summaries are periodically updated.

Activity 1G: Establish and maintain the Administrative Record.

- Objective: To provide community members with a record of all documents, resources, etc. used by the Project Manager and Site Team in reaching all decisions about the site and its cleanup.
- Method: ONP will provide one set of the Administrative Record for the Site, located in the Olympic National Park Headquarters at 600 East Park Avenue, Port Angeles, Washington.
- Timing: The Administrative Record is opened as soon as Site investigation begins and remains open until the last ROD is signed.

## **Issue 2: Provide adequate and meaningful opportunities for community involvement.**

Activity 2A: Solicit comments during a Public Comment Period.

- Objective: To give community members an opportunity to review and comment on the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA). This provides the citizens with meaningful involvement in the process and also provides the Site Team with valuable information for use in making decisions.
- Method: ONP will announce the comment period. Announcements will appear in local newspapers and ONP fact sheets; they will include particulars on duration, how to make comments, where to submit comments, etc.
- Timing: The comment period will be announced as appropriate. A comment period will last a minimum of 30 days.

Activity 2B: Prepare and issue a Responsiveness Summary.

- Objective: To summarize comments received during comment periods, to document how the ONP has considered those comments during the decision-making process, and to provide responses to major comments.
- Method: ONP will prepare a Responsiveness Summary. The Responsiveness Summary will include four sections: 1. Overview; 2. Background on Community Involvement; 3. Summary of comments received and ONP responses; 4. EE/CA concerns. All information, both technical and nontechnical, will be conveyed in a manner that is easily understood.
- Timing: ONP will issue the Responsiveness Summary after comments are received.

Activity 2C: Revise the Community Involvement Plan (CIP).

- Objective: To identify and address community needs, issues, or concerns regarding the site or the cleanup remedy that are not currently addressed in this CIP.
- Method: The Revised CIP will update the information presented in the previous version of the CIP.
- Timing: ONP will revise the CIP as community concern warrants.

#### 4.2 Time Frame Summary for Community Involvement Activities

The following table summarizes the Time frame for community involvement tasks.

ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME
Designate an ONP Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC)	Completed
Prepare and distribute site fact sheets and technical summaries	Ongoing
Provide a phone number for the community to contact ONP	Currently in operation
Maintain a mailing list for the Site	Ongoing
Establish and maintain Information Repositories	Established, update as needed
Provide Site information on the Internet	Currently available; update as needed
Establish and maintain the Administrative Record	Established, update as needed
Solicit comments during a Public Comment Period	As needed and required
Prepare and issue a Responsiveness Summary	Following public comment periods
Revise the Community Response Plan (CIP)	As needed.

## **Appendix A ONP Regional Contacts**

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## **Appendix B Local Agencies**

**Jefferson County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health and Water Quality**  
615 Sheridan Street  
Port Townsend, WA 98368  
Environmental Health: (360) 385-9444

**Environmental Protection Agency - Region 10**  
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Seattle, WA 98101  
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Lacey, WA 98503

**Washington State Department of Natural Resources**

1111 Washington St. S.E.  
P.O. Box 47001  
Olympia, WA 98504-7001

**Quinault Indian Nation**

P.O. Box 189  
Taholah, WA. 98587  
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**Hoh Tribe**

2464 Lower Hoh Road  
Forks, WA 98331  
Phone 360-374-6090 (Acting Executive Director)

**Appendix C Environmental and Active Citizens Groups**

**Friends of Olympic National Park**

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**Appendix D Potentially Responsible Parties**

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600 East Park Avenue  
Port Angeles, WA 98362-6757

## Appendix E Media Contacts

### Newspapers:

#### **Peninsula Daily News**

Main Office, Printing Plant:

305 West First St. (P.O. Box 1330)

Port Angeles, WA 98362

Phone: (360) 452-2345 or (800) 826-7714

Fax: (360) 417-3521

Lobby hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon-Fri

#### **Forks Forum**

494 S. Forks Ave.,

Forks, WA 98331

Phone number is (360) 374-3311

The Forks Forum office is open Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## Appendix F Repository Location

### ONP Repository:

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