Olympic National Park conducted public scoping for the Spruce Railroad Trail Expansion and Improvement project from July 2, 2010 to August 6, 2010. Project information was posted on the park website and on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website. A news release and letter soliciting public comments and describing the proposed action was sent to individuals, interest groups, government agencies, and area tribes on the park's planning mailing list.

Scoping

Scoping is an effort to involve American Indian Tribes; federal, state and local agencies; adjacent landowners and the general public in identifying issues to be analyzed in depth in the environmental assessment (EA). Scoping is also used to identify and eliminate from detailed study the issues that are not significant or which have been covered by prior environmental review, to allocate assignments for preparation of the EA, and to identify other environmental review and consultation requirements related to the EA which should be prepared concurrently with, and integrated with, the EA.

NPS staff began conducting internal scoping for the project in 2009 in response to a proposal for trail development that was submitted by Clallam County. This included defining the draft purpose and need and project objectives, identifying potential actions to address the need, and determining what park resources would potentially be affected.

A 30-day public scoping for the Spruce Railroad Trail EA was initiated July 2, 2010. A press release and letter soliciting public comments and describing the proposed action was sent to approximately 150 individuals, interest groups, government agencies, and area tribes on the park's mailing list. A news release was published in the July 8, 2010 Peninsula Daily News. Respondents had the opportunity to provide written comments, fax comments, or input comments into the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website.

A public scoping meeting was held on July 20, 2010 at the Clallam County Courthouse in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Public comments were taken during the workshop.

A public site visit was conducted on July 24, 2010 at the existing Spruce Railroad Trail. Park staff was on site to meet with park visitors to discuss the proposed trail development and answer questions.

The public scoping period ended on August 6, 2010. The park received over 140 responses from individuals, representatives of recreation organizations, and local agencies. Comments received during the scoping period are available for review on the park's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/olym.

An additional public meeting was held on October 4, 2010 to present the range of preliminary alternatives that were developed in response to feedback provided during public scoping. Park staff shared key details of each alternative, including proposed trail alignment, width, surface materials, access points, and associated visitor services. All comments were considered in the development of this environmental assessment.

Agencies and organizations contacted to assist in identifying issues and provide an opportunity to review or comment on this environmental assessment include, but are not limited to, the following:

- U.S. Congressman Norm Dicks
- U.S. Senator James Hargrove
- U.S. Senator Patty Murray
- U.S. Senator Tim Sheldon

Federal Agencies

Department of Agriculture
U.S. Forest Service
Olympic National Forest
Forest Supervisor
Recreation Manager
Department of Interior
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Western Washington Office
Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge
Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge
National Park Service
Seattle Office
Office of Public Affairs
Depart Of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
Department of Transportation
Federal Highways Administration, Western Federal Lands Highway Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

State Agencies

State of Washington Representatives Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation Department of Ecology Department of Fish and Wildlife Department of Natural Resources Department of Parks and Recreation

Local Agencies

City of Forks City of Port Angeles Clallam Bay and Sekiu Chamber of Commerce Clallam County Commissioners Clallam County Economic Development Council Forks Chamber of Commerce Jefferson County Commissioners Kitsap County Commissioners Olympic Region Clean Air Agency Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce Port Angeles Department of Community Development Port Angeles, Victoria Visitor Bureau Port of Port Angeles Port Townsend City Council Seattle Parks and Recreation Sequim Chamber of Commerce

American Indian Tribes

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Quileute Indian Nation Olympic Peninsula Intertribal Cultural Advisory Committee

Organizations and Businesses

Adventure Cycling Association Adventure Treks, Inc. All Points Charters and Tours Americas Adventure, Inc. Apogee Outdoor Adventures **ARAMARK** Parks and Destinations Backcountry Horseman of Washington, Peninsula Chapter Bicycle Alliance of Washington Camp Tawonga Camp Thunderbird Cascade Bicycle Club Clallam County Economic Development Council Clallam County Historical Society Clallam Transit System Country Walkers, Inc. **Conservation Northwest Evergreen Escapes** Fairholme Store Forks Forum Friends of Lake Crescent

Organizations and Businesses, cont.

Friends of Miller Peninsula State Park Friends of Olympic National Park Friends of Port Townsend Trails Grav Wolf Outfitters Green Crow Timber LLC Hurricane Ridge Winter Sports Club Institute for Policy Research **Integrative Health Systems** Klahhane Club Live Productions **KNOP** Radio Log Cabin Resort Mike's Bikes Monday Hikers Mountain Hiking Holidays National Audubon Society National Coast Trail Association National Parks Conservation Association National Wildlife Federation New England Hiking Holidays North Olympic Peninsula Visitor and Convention Bureau Off the Beaten Path **Olympians Hiking Club Olympic Forest Coalition** Olympic Park Associates & North Cascades Conservation Council **Olympic Park Institute** Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society **Olympic Peninsula Explorers** Olympic Raft and Kayak Olympic Region Clean Air Agency Overland Travel. Inc. Pacific Coast Treks Pacific Northwest Trail Association **Passages Northwest** Peninsula Daily News Peninsula News Network Peninsula Trails Coalition Peninsula Wilderness Club Port Townsend Leader Protect the Peninsula's Future **Quilcene Conservation District** Rainier Evergreen, Inc. **Rainshadow Natural Science** Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) Travel and Trip Planning Seattle Post Intelligencer

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