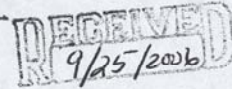


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COMMENTS: -----DRAFT GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.
HEADQUARTERS, VISITOR CENTER AND HEART O' THE HILLS.

I support alternative D.

The visitor center at the height of tourist season need some help and alternative D seems a good compromise.

HURRICANE AND OBSTRUCTION POINT

I support alternative D.

Clarification on items 6 and 7.

Six refers to an unpaved road and color code (red) on map indicates paving.

I am against paving this road (cost too high)

Seven refers to improvements to ski l

facilities. I am against a chair lift being installed.

ELWHA:

Alternative A

I think that the current management is correct except that the pools at the old Hot Springs should be removed and we don't need horse access to Boulder Creek

2. LAKE CRESCENT:

I support alternative D with these exceptions:

No: 2, shoreline protection. I would hope that be as benign as possible, so that if one chooses, they can get to the beach and walk along.

After a long time of trying, we have finally got DOT to stop cutting vegetation to the water and the otter haul-outs, beaver cuttings have reappeared, and terrestrial insects are again falling in the water. There are even some deer that spend days at a time in this belt.

DOT needs to be watched on this. I notice on the east end they are cutting down the vegetation nearly to the water. There are three well used otter haul-outs there and a bit farther west, a den in this area..

The protection of the down river cutthroat is very important! And the area to be added on the Lyre would help considerably.

50 to 75 % of the spawning area is outside the park and the amount of primary rearing area is probably greater. Nearly all of this is below the water with-drawl that probably taking more than their water right already.

The sediment and algal growth problem that his been affecting the Endemic Beardslee trout should be addressed if possible.

These problems have resulted in these trout having to abandon over half of their previous spawning

area.

SOLDUC

I support Alternative D with one exception.

Paragraph 3-----possible campground expansion

Care needs to be taken before this action is contemplated because:

The only true summer coho on the Olympic Peninsula matures and spawns in this area in the mainstem and Mink Lake Creek. They must be disturbed as little as possible.

OZZETTE

No comment.

MORA:

I support Alternative D

HOH:

I don't like any of the alternatives. The Hoh stands alone in the Park as the only major stream without hatchery influences. In spite of that most of the stocks are failing badly for the following reasons, some natural, some not.

1. Habitat destruction by the rapidly increasing rain on snow events, mostly in the last decade.
2. Habitat destruction by the extensive use of rip-rap, which always is destructive to fisheries and always becomes necessary to use even more rip-rap..
3. Large amounts of stray hatchery salmonids in the Hoh, to the detriment of the indigenous stocks. This has been going on for at least three decades. It is far past time that genetic sampling be done on these strays to determine origin.
4. Last and perhaps the most important, the emphasis on visitors on the Hoh ranks far higher than caring for the fishery. Remember, a stock that has adapted to the Hoh for eons cannot be replaced.

Once it is gone, it is gone forever, but tourists will always be there.

I suggest a creative alternative that treats the fish that live in the Hoh at least equal in importance with visitors.

KALALOCH

No Comment

QUEETS:

I believe that alternative D is a reasonable selection and D and I support it with these further comments.

1. Support facilities for fishermen are more than adequate and nothing more is needed.
- 2/. Cutting out log jams or single logs to facilitate boat passage should be stopped. The value of log jams to fisheries cannot be overstated.
3. Ideas should be explored to address the winter steelhead poaching problem that exists on the

Queets. As the trophy mentality advances large steelhead are worth a good deal of money.

STAIRCASE:
No Comment.

QUINAULT:

I support alternative B

Alternatives A, C, & D are all too much alike in as much of all of them are much more visitor oriented than protection.

I think that the Park should stop manipulating the East Fork (bank protection and building protection) and the Finley Creek gravel pit. The vast over fishing below the lake has severely affected all the up-river stocks.

DEER PARK:

I support alternative D which appears to be the same as alternative A. It would be foolish to spend much money on that road or campgrounds.

WILDERNESS:

I support Alternative D.

