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Mr. Bill Laitner
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Dear Superintendent Laitner,

RE: Draft General Management Plan

If it is necessary to adopt an alternative outlined in the Draft General Management Plan my strong recommendation and choice would be Alternative A.

A preferred alternative would be a modified Alternative A: providing for more day use facilities; allowing improved and more permanent ski facilities at Hurricane Ridge; refraining from any land acquisition; measuring the economic impact on Jefferson and Clallam Counties by removing land from the counties' tax base; measuring the adverse economic impact on the Olympic Peninsula by removing land from managed timber growth and production.

Nowhere in the DGMP is there any attempt to identify or quantify the tax cost to the counties upon removal of lands from private ownership to federal or state ownership.

Nowhere in the DGMP is there any attempt to identify or quantify the adverse impact on the local economies by removing thousands of acres from future timber harvest or development.

Boating restrictions should not be imposed on those lakes served by roads, i.e. Lake Crescent and Lake Ozette. Boaters are people too---entitled to the use and enjoyment of the park. Only if it can be demonstrated that such use somehow interferes with preservation for the "benefit" use and enjoyment of the "people" should restrictions be imposed. The enabling legislation also identifies a purpose of the park "to conserve and render available to the people, for recreational use,...This is explicit direction to allow" use".

Adopt plan A or go back to another alternative that is in keeping with reality and comments that have been made.

If you can't force a sale of land and you have been told it is not for sale why put it in your plan?

With the enormous back log of needed work on existing roads and facilities how can the addition of thousands of acres be justified?

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours, /

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