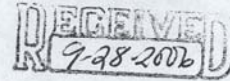


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September 27, 2006

Olympic National Park General Management Plan
National Park Service
600 E. Park Avenue
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Attention: Superintendent Bill Laitner

Regarding: Alternative Plan D

We are lifetime residents of Clallam County, Washington and lifetime users of Olympic National Park. We were brought up on Lake Crescent and have been property owners there for over 30 years. Our parents were previous landowners on the lake. That being said, we would like to offer the following comments concerning the proposed Olympic National Park General Management Plan:

Heart of the Hills: We would like to see the campgrounds remain as an overnight campground rather than day use only. This is used by out of town visitors as well as being a popular campground with local residents. The Boy Scouts enjoy a local camping experience there on an annual basis.

Lake Ozette: We are AGAINST any addition to this area of the park. Keep the boundaries as they presently exist. Residents should continue to have access to their land, be it by motorized boat or road.

For the safety and recreation of visitors as well as residents we think motorized boats should NOT be banned from the lake.

Furthermore, we definitely think all camping opportunities should remain at the lake and not be 'encouraged to locate outside the park boundary'. Rayonier Landing should remain

Wilderness status should never be the classification for this area.

Lake Crescent: We are AGAINST any changes to the park boundary. The National Park system cannot take care of the lands they already have so let us not add anymore to an overburdened system.

Please don't allocate any funding for a wilderness designation in this area. The land north of the Spruce Railroad Trail in no way qualifies for wilderness designation. There are roads, private homes and a resort in addition to recreational activities north of the Spruce Railroad Trail in the Lyre River area cove. The Piedmont Road to Joyce follows

through the proposed addition to the park which wouldn't be allowed in a wilderness area.

Please make no adjustments to the shoreline of Log Cabin Resort as related to the "modifications may be undertaken to enhance shoreline protection". We haven't observed any deterioration of that waterfront in the 50 years we have been on the lake. We would encourage a longer lodging season at both Log Cabin and Lake Crescent Lodge if profitable for each. Many local and out of town people enjoy "getting away" during the off season and this provides them with a good opportunity to do so.

#6 on page M16 refers to a "universally accessible front country trail". Does this refer to the Spruce Railroad Trail or does this indicate an additional trail? We question whether another front country trail would be beneficial at Lake Crescent.

The language throughout this plan is very vague with a lot of 'could be's', 'mights', possibly's', etc. It is hard to comment on parts of this plan when you really don't know what the plan of action or non action might be. The explanation for some of this is that there will be more discussion about this as these issues arise. This seems to leave the door wide open when it comes to the actions that may or may not be taken. Surely we aren't going to have public meetings and discussions on every one of these issues.

We are supporting the Plan D with the above recommendations. However, we would be very happy with Plan A. "If it ain't broken, don't fix it".

Sincerely,

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