

## ERRATA

### For the Environmental Assessment for the Hoh River Valley Road, West Twin Creek Bridge

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Olympic National Park

The West Twin Creek Bridge project EA was released for public review on May 30, 2007. An electronic version was available via the internet, and printed copies were sent to 55 individuals, organizations, governments, and interest groups on the project mailing list. An additional 130 interested parties and media outlets were notified of the opportunity for public review by email; and press publicity was provided by three area newspapers, *Peninsula Daily News* (June 1); the *Daily World* (June 2); and the *Port Townsend and Jefferson County Leader* (June 8). Four comment letters were received; one from an individual, two from interest groups, and one from a local governmental entity. Each comment was considered and reviewed by park staff; the responses did not provide any additional, new, or substantive information. The selected alternative was not substantively modified due to public or agency comment. However, several minor clarifications were made in response to the comments received.

One respondent noticed the EA stated that work would be conducted during the low-flow period from September to mid-January. The park intended to state that the in-channel work in West Twin Creek for removal of the washed-out culverts, and for bridge construction, will be conducted during September to October when flows are low, and that work can be extended if low flow conditions continue to exist, to minimize impacts to fish. The entire project construction period will extend into January but no in-stream work will occur after flows increase and fish are present. This is clarified as noted below.

In addition to the public review, coordination and consultation throughout the conservation planning-environmental impact analysis process was undertaken with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Washington State Department of Environment (DOE), State Archeologist/Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (SHPO), and the Hoh Tribe. These efforts were initiated beginning with emergency repairs following the November 2006 storm and during the installation of the temporary bridge and reopening the road for administrative access. Agency and tribal contacts continued during conservation planning for the permanent repair, including an on-site meeting on April 12, 2007 with the FWS, COE, and Hoh Tribe to consider alternatives and discuss potential issues.

Consultation with the Hoh Tribal Business Council was formally initiated in April (per letter to the Tribal Chair). Representatives of the Hoh Tribe also participated in the on-site review noted above, and were involved in crafting mitigation measures. Although the Hoh Tribe supports the project (letter dated June 25), several suggested changes to the EA are incorporated-by-reference into the document as shown below (and they asked for clarifications on trust resources, which is an issue outside the scope of the EA).

#### Changes to the Environmental Assessment:

On page 5, second paragraph, after first sentence, insert new sentence: "*Park roads should enhance the visitor experience while providing safe and efficient accommodation of park visitors and to serve essential management access needs.*"

On page 12, first paragraph, after second sentence, insert new sentence: *“The VA design was conducted in July 2002 and the study team included a mix of people from natural resources, design, operations and maintenance disciplines from the National Park Service, Federal Highway Administration, Hoh Tribe, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Washington Department of Transportation.”*

On page 13, second paragraph, change second sentence to read: *“Project work would be scheduled to occur from September 1 through mid-January 2008, with in-channel work conducted in September and October during low-flow periods.”*

On page 44, second paragraph, first sentence, change to read: *“Project work would be scheduled to occur from September 1 through mid-January, with in-channel work conducted in September and October during low-flow periods to minimize erosive stream action.”*