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Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area Visitor Site Use Management Plan Comment Period Opens May 1st

COULEE DAM, Wash. - Beginning May 1, 2020, the National Park Service (NPS) at Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area will formally begin a Visitor Site Use Management Plan and Environmental Analysis. This process will examine the nine major visitor use areas of the park, including Evans, Marcus Island, Kettle Falls, Gifford, Hunters, Porcupine Bay, Fort Spokane, Keller Ferry, and Spring Canyon.

Management strategies and supporting improvements are needed at these nine heavily used sites to address a wider range of visitor interests and needs related to camping, boating, day use, and other activities. Because recreation uses are changing and visitors are using a variety of camping vehicles, many of them larger than in past decades, there is a need to improve and update campgrounds. The NPS is considering diversifying and enhancing overnight camping experiences and recreation opportunities as well as improving visitor safety through traffic circulation and access improvements at the nine locations. By directing and concentrating visitor use in appropriate areas, it is expected that there would be less congestion and conflicts in use, resulting in an enhanced visitor experience. The NPS also would update facilities to meet federal accessibility standards, increase the sustainability of facilities and resources, and improve the efficiency of maintenance and care of the nine sites.

The NPS is planning two virtual public meetings on May 7 and 13, 2020 to provide input on these nine priority sites. These will be live, virtual meetings, and participants will be able to ask questions via the chat function online.

May 7, 2020: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Link to Online Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/92408711991> Meeting ID: 924 0871 1991


May 13, 2020: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Link to Online Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/94822606534> Meeting ID: 948 2260 6534

Participants may also call in by phone to either meeting at (669) 900-6833, or find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abEMIQ1Sdj>.

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Your input is important and will help shape potential management strategies and improvements at these sites at Lake Roosevelt. No decisions have been made yet.

Please submit comments by May 31, 2020, at the NPS planning website online: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/parks> (Search by park, and click on Lake Roosevelt NRA to find “Visitor Use Site Management Planning”), or you may submit comments in writing to:

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For more information, check the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area website at: www.nps.gov/laro.

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