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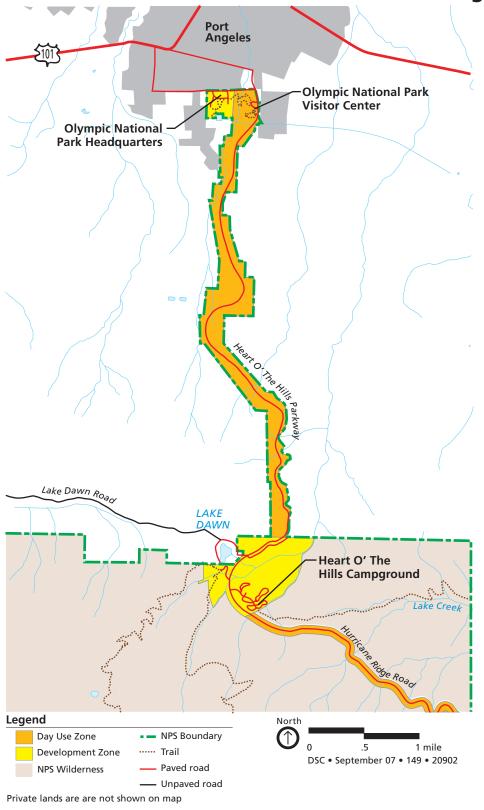
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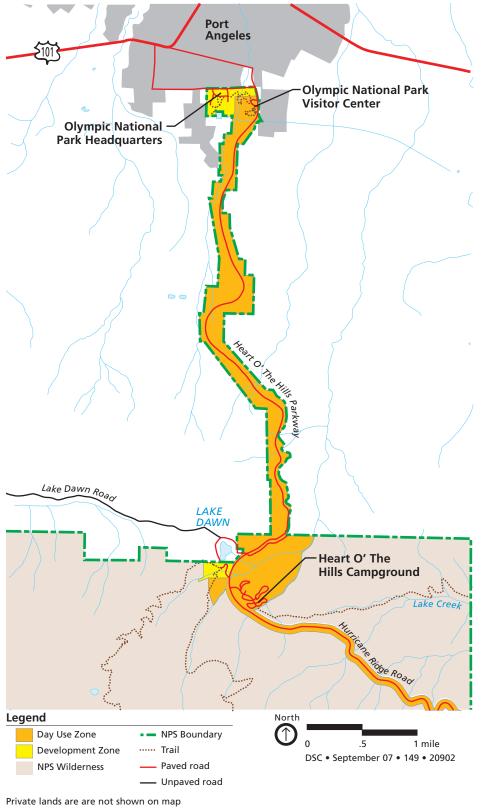
Headquarters, Olympic National Park Visitor Center and Heart O' The Hills Alternative A - Current Management



- **1.** Centralized administrative facilities and operations functions would be retained in the park at this location.
- **2.** The principal visitor center would be at its existing site with others located at existing locations around the park. The visitor contact area would be improved and combined with the Wilderness Information Center.
- **3.** Parking at the visitor center and Wilderness Information Center would be retained.
- **4.** A transit stop at the visitor center would be developed in cooperation with the city transit agency.
- **5.** Existing frontcountry trails would be retained.
- **6.** Heart O' the Hills Campground would be retained.



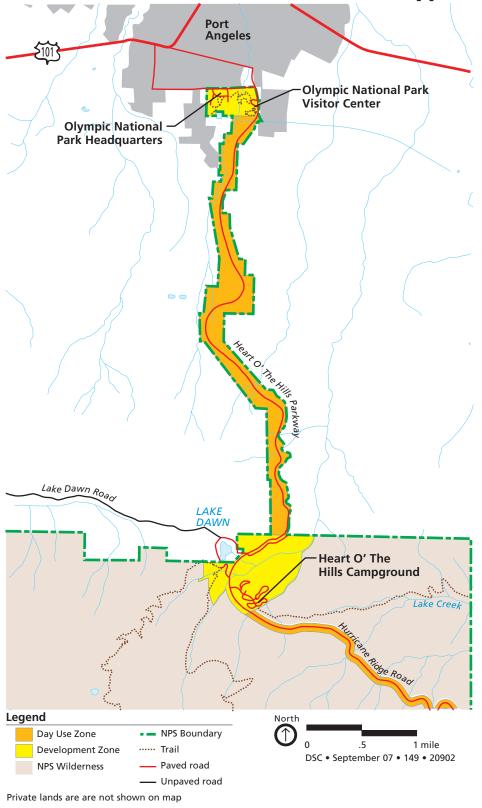
Headquarters, Olympic National Park Visitor Center and Heart O' The Hills Alternative B - Resource Protection Emphasis



- **1.** Centralized administrative facilities and operations functions would be reduced by locating some functions outside the park in or near Port Angeles.
- **2.** The principal visitor center would be located at its existing site. The visitor contact area would be improved and combined with the Wilderness Information Center.
- **3.** Parking at the visitor center and Wilderness Information Center would be retained and redesigned to accommodate mass transit.
- **4.** Connections with regional multimodal transit providers would be coordinated to improve access.
- **5.** Existing frontcountry trails would be retained.
- **6.** Heart O' the Hills Campground would be converted to day use.



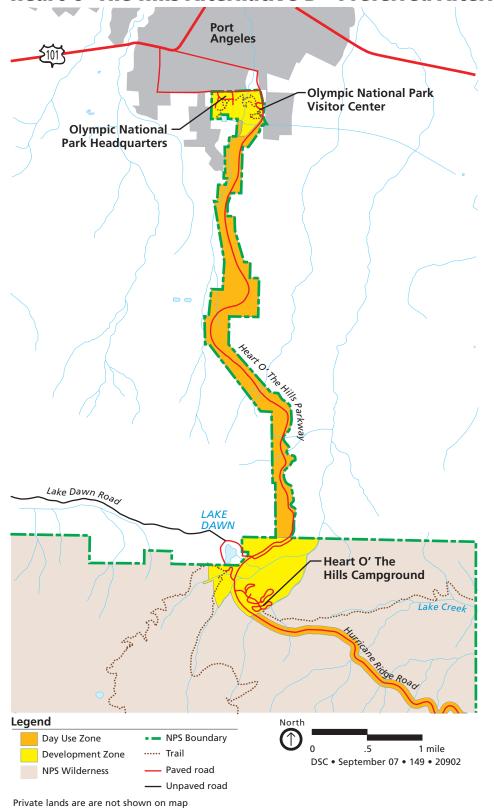
Headquarters, Olympic National Park Visitor Center and Heart O' The Hills Alternative C - Visitor Opportunities Emphasis



- **1.** Centralized administrative facilities and operations functions would be retained and expanded to meet the need.
- **2.** The visitor center near headquarters would be one of several located throughout the park. A Port Angeles regional visitor and transit center would be further explored in cooperation with local agencies. The visitor contact area at the existing location, would be improved, expanded, and combined with the Wilderness Information Center.
- **3.** Parking at the visitor center and Wilderness Information Center would be improved to increase efficiency and accommodate alternative transit.
- **4.** Connections with regional multimodal transit providers would be coordinated to improve access.
- **5.** Existing frontcountry trails would be improved, expanded, and connected to regional trail networks and the local community.
- **6.** Heart O' the Hills Campground would be retained.



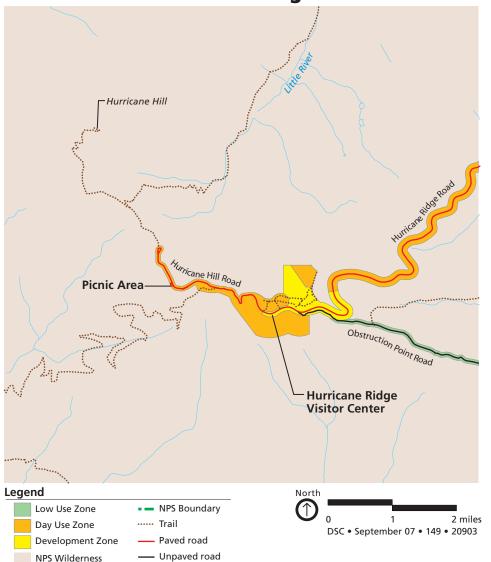
Headquarters, Olympic National Park Visitor Center and Heart O' The Hills Alternative D - Preferred Alternative



- **1.** Centralized administrative facilities and operations functions would be retained and expanded to meet the need.
- 2. The visitor center near headquarters would be one of several located throughout the park. A Port Angeles regional visitor and transit center would be further explored in cooperation with local agencies. The visitor contact area at the existing location, would be improved, expanded, and combined with the Wilderness Information Center.
- **3.** Parking at the visitor center and Wilderness Information Center would be improved to increase efficiency and accommodate alternative transit.
- **4.** Connections with regional multimodal transit providers would be coordinated to improve access.
- **5.** Existing frontcountry trails would be improved, expanded, and connected to regional trail networks and the local community.
- **6.** Heart O' the Hills Campground would be retained.



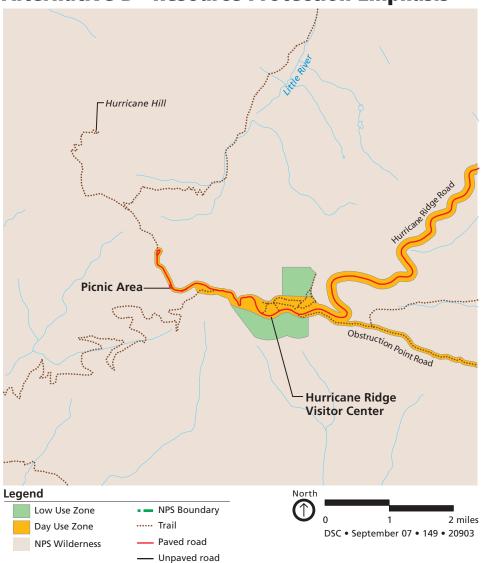
Hurricane Ridge and Obstruction Point Alternative A - Current Management



- 1. Road access to Hurricane
 Ridge and Heart O' the Hills would
 continue to be provided year-round.
 The winter operations schedule
 would remain in place to allow
 road access for private vehicles on
 weekends, (late fall to early
 spring depending upon the
 weather conditions).
- **2.** Weekend and holiday alternative transit would be encouraged.
- **3.** Parking would be retained at Hurricane Ridge.
- **4.** Current park operations and visitor facilities would be retained. The lodge would remain at its current location.
- **5.** Existing frontcountry trails would be retained.
- **6.** The unpaved road to Obstruction Point would be maintained seasonally (opening in the summer and closed in fall depending upon weather conditions).
- **7.** Limited downhill skiing support facilities would be retained (e.g., only rope tows and poma lifts allowed).
- **8.** Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing would be encouraged; some groomed trails would be provided.



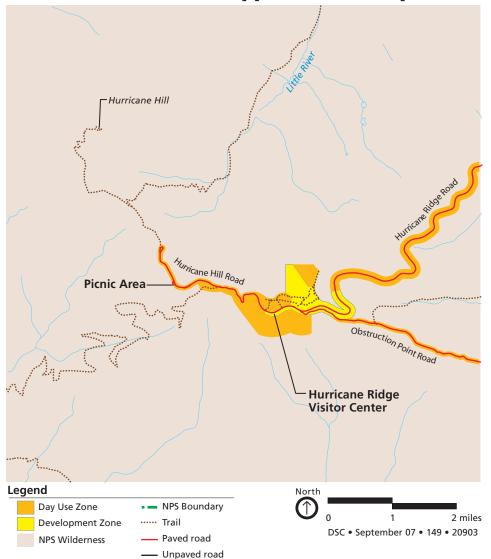
Hurricane Ridge and Obstruction Point Alternative B - Resource Protection Emphasis



- **1.** Road access via private vehicle to Hurricane Ridge and Heart O' the Hills would be provided on a seasonal basis.
- **2.** Winter transit to Hurricane Ridge would be provided via mandatory snow coach.
- **3.** Parking at Hurricane Ridge would be retained and better defined to prevent adjacent resource damage.
- **4.** Current development at Hurricane Ridge would be reduced. The lodge would remain at its current location.
- **5.** Some frontcountry trails might be eliminated.
- **6.** The Obstruction Point road would be converted to a trail.
- **7.** Downhill ski support facilities would be closed and removed. Resources would be restored.
- **8.** Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing would be encouraged.



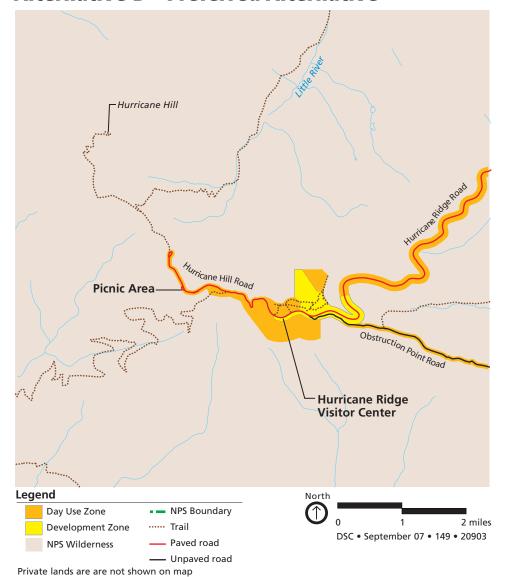
Hurricane Ridge and Obstruction Point Alternative C - Visitor Opportunities Emphasis



- **1.** Road access to Hurricane Ridge and Heart O' the Hills would continue to be provided year-round. The winter operations schedule would be used to allow road access for private vehicles on weekends, (late fall to early spring depending upon the weather conditions).
- **2.** Regional and private transit partnerships would provide and coordinate alternative transportation access.
- **3.** Parking would be expanded and improved at Hurricane Ridge.
- **4.** Park operations and visitor facilities would be redesigned and improved to accommodate alternative transit, improve circulation, and eliminate use conflicts. The lodge would remain at its current location.
- **5.** Frontcountry trails would be retained to park standards, including developing and maintaining a universally accessible trail.
- **6.** The Obstruction Point road would be paved and would be closed fall through spring depending on weather conditions.
- **7.** Limited downhill ski support facilities would be improved (e.g., rope tows, poma lifts, and chair lifts) with no area expansion.
- **8.** Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing would be encouraged and expanded; some groomed trails would be provided.



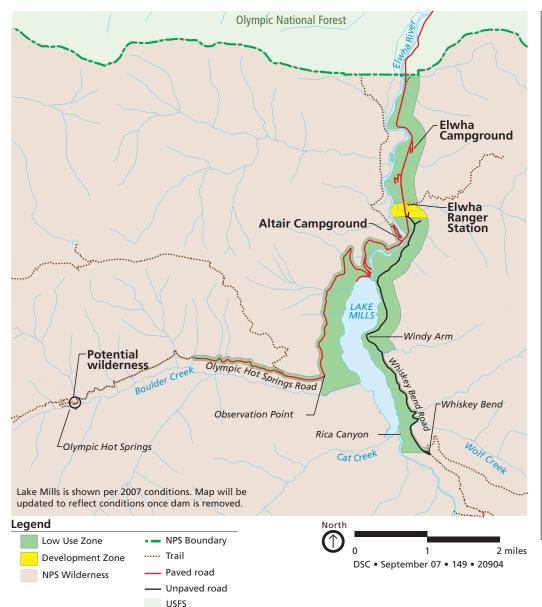
Hurricane Ridge and Obstruction Point Alternative D - Preferred Alternative



- 1. Road access to Hurricane Ridge and Heart O' the Hills would continue to be provided year-round. The winter operations schedule would be used to allow road access for private vehicles on weekends, (late fall to early spring depending upon the weather conditions).
- 2. Alternative methods of transportation would be provided.
- 3. Parking at Hurricane Ridge would be retained at existing levels.
- **4.** Park operations and visitor facilities would be redesigned and improved to improve visitor services, accommodate alternative transit, improve circulation, and eliminate use conflicts. The lodge would remain in its current location.
- 5. Frontcountry trails would be retained to park standards, including developing and maintaining a universally accessible trail.
- **6.** The unpaved road to Obstruction Point would be maintained seasonally (opening in the summer and closed in fall depending upon weather conditions).
- 7. Improvements to the downhill ski support facilities could be allowed. There would be no area expansion or increase in use above current use levels. Numbers of downhill skiers and snowboarders would not exceed levels of 2003/2004.
- 8. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing would be encouraged. Grooming would be allowed at current levels.



Elwha Alternative A - Current Management



- 1. Management authority of Elwha project lands outside the park boundary would be retained by the National Park Service or transferred to another land management entity in accord with the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act of October 24, 1992 (PL 102-495) to ensure the long-term protection of river and fisheries values.
- **2.** Road access would be retained to the Boulder Creek trailhead and to Whiskey Bend.

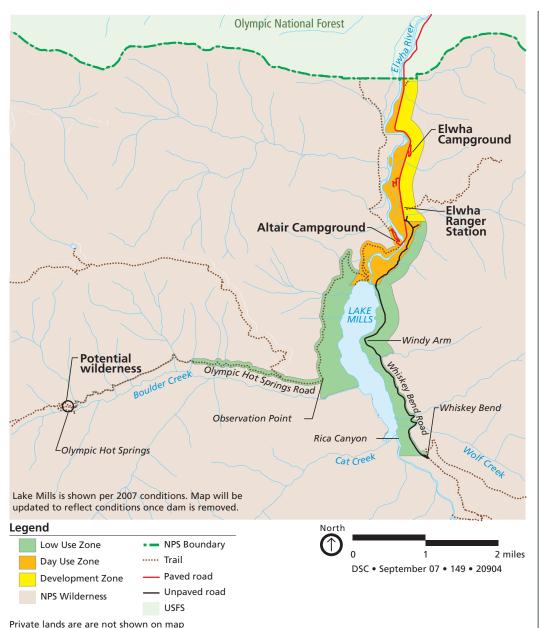
The Boulder Creek Trail would be rehabilitated to provide access for hikers and horseback riders.

- **3.** Altair and Elwha campgrounds would be retained.
- **4.** Rehabilitation of the historic CCC campground at Olympic Hot Springs would continue, and camping opportunities for backpackers would be provided.

The Olympic Hot Springs site would remain in its existing condition. No exhibits or waysides would be developed.



Elwha Alternative B - Resource Protection Emphasis



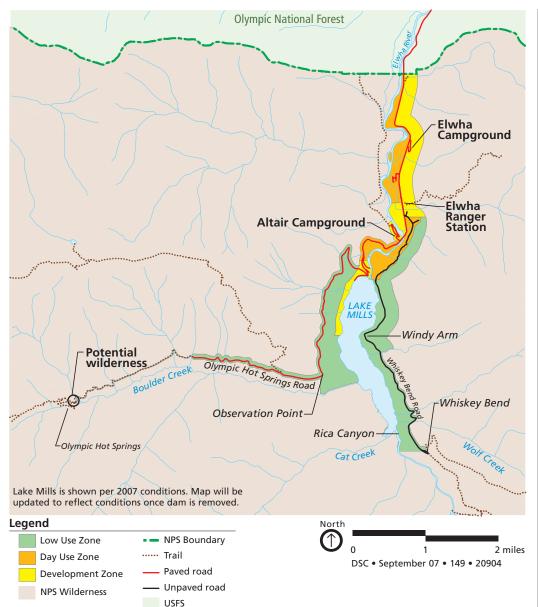
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- **2.** Road access would be provided only to Altair, and a trailhead would be developed at that site. Road access would be retained to Whiskey Bend.

The Boulder Creek Trail would be rehabilitated to provide access for hikers and horseback riders.

- **3.** Altair campground would be converted to a day-use river access point. Elwha campground would be retained.
- **4.** The former historic CCC campground at Olympic Hot Springs would be removed and the area rehabilitated to provide wilderness camping opportunities.

The visitor-constructed hot springs pools at the Olympic Hot Springs site would be removed, and the area would be restored to a natural state. No exhibits or waysides would be developed.

Elwha Alternative C - Visitor Opportunities Emphasis

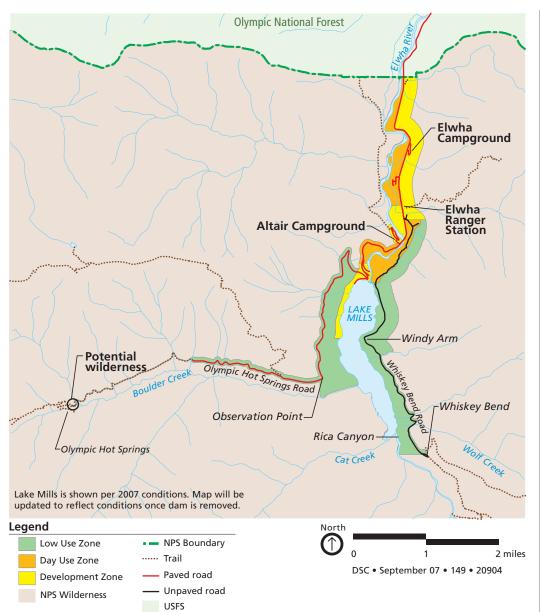


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- 2. Road access would be retained to existing Boulder Creek trailhead. The trail would provide access for hikers and horseback riders, and developed for universal accessibility as appropriate. Road access would be retained to Whiskey Bend.
- **3.** Altair and Elwha campgrounds would be expanded or improved.
- **4.** The former historic CCC campground at Olympic Hot Springs would provide camping opportunities for backpackers.

The visitor constructed hot springs pools at the Olympic Hot Springs site would be removed, and the area would be restored to a natural state.

Trailhead exhibits or waysides would be developed to provide visitors with a historical reference to the area.

Elwha Alternative D - Preferred Alternative



Private lands are are not shown on map



- 1. Disposition and management of the Elwha project lands outside the park boundary would be determined through a public process after completion of this general management plan and the dam removal phase of Elwha River in accord with the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act of October 24, 1992 (PL 102-495) to ensure the long-term protection of river and fisheries values and ecosystem restoration, and to allow continued NPS management through this phase.
- **2.** Road access would be retained to the Boulder Creek trailhead. Trailhead and parking would be improved and may be relocated nearby. Road access would be retained to Whiskey Bend.

The Boulder Creek Trail would be rehabilitated to provide access for hikers and horseback riders.

Trail access would be retained, using methods that minimize adverse effects on river processes and aquatic and riparian habitats, to the extent possible.

3. Altair and Elwha campground would be retained. Additional opportunities for primitive camping and additional hiking trails would be considered within the Elwha drainage (former Lake Mills).

Current park facilities would be retained and protected using methods that minimize adverse effects on river processes and aquatic and riparian habitats, to the extent possible.

4. The former historic CCC campground at Olympic Hot Springs would be rehabilitated, with some sites removed and restored to natural conditions, and other sites retained to allow continued camping opportunities for backpackers.

The visitor constructed hot springs pools at the Olympic Hot Springs site would be rehabilitated, and the area would be restored to a natural state.

Trailhead Exhibits or waysides would be developed to provide visitors with information on the area's natural and cultural resources.