COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THE OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK DRAFT GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

We request that all trails that are currently in the Olympic Park Wilderness that are open to horses should remain open to horses in the ONP General Management Plan and not be zoned as either Primitive Wilderness Zone or Primeval Wilderness Zone. All such trails should be classified in the Wilderness Trail Zone and remain accessible to stock use.

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Comment 530–Citizens of Clearwater Community–Petition–17 Signatures

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September 30, 2006

National Park Service
Denver Service Center – Cliff Hawkes, DSC-P
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Dear Sir:

We, the citizens of the Clearwater community, are writing in response to the Olympic National Park General Management Plan (ID:10233), specifically the plans covering the Kalaloch and Queets areas. We have discussed alternatives A though D as a community and recommend the following actions be taken:

Kalaloch

1. Retain Highway 101 in its current location.
   Reasoning:
   a. Allows more access to the resources in the Kalaloch area of the Olympic National Park including beach access and harvesting of traditional food sources.
   b. Retains access to a unique area of the coastal senic highway in Washington State. The rocky cliffs and senic overlooks cannot be accessed anywhere else on the Washington coast.
   c. Provides the least amount of environmental impact to the coastal park strip.
   d. Is the only fiscally responsible alternative.
2. Return beach access to the original suite of trails, including Beach 1 through 7 and Ruby Beach.
   a. Allows more access to the beaches in the Kalaloch area of the Olympic National Park.
3. Expand camping facilities.
   a. Creates more camping opportunities in the area including both beach and forest access.
4. Reopen all park beaches to the traditional resource harvest areas including the gathering of fish and shellfish.
   a. Spreads the impact of resource harvesting over a larger area and allows for more available food resources.
5. Enlarge visitor's center with room for local culture and vistor center exhibits.
   a. Retains the local history and culture for future generations.

Queets

1. No further expansion of the park boundary.
    a. Retains the tax base needed to support local public resources, such as schools, healthcare and fire protection.
    b. Reserves the existing areas for the traditional harvesting of food resources by the local community, including hunting, fishing, mushroom gathering, berry picking and etc.
    c. Inclusion of this land within the park boundary would not significantly create more protection for salmon habitat or wild life resources.
2. Install a pedestrian bridge across the Queets River trail and improve the existing boat ramps.
    a. Allows further access to the Queets River hiking trail and fishing resources. This will specifically improve the capabilities for the elderly and very young not able to withstand the raging river crossing.
3. Restablish the geographical and cultural signage including; locations of the homesteads and graves, names of streams, and indentification of the Olympic Mountain View.
4. Retains the local history and culture for future generations.

5. Restablish road maintenance to the standards of Jefferson County prior to the land becoming park owned. This includes the campground/trailhead area.
    a. Maintains full access to the Queets Corridor at all times.
6. Reopen and maintain traditional trails, for example the Telechy creek trail.
    a. Retains access to the original areas including; homesteads and graves.

These points represent the recommendation of the local community and are complete. If any point in the Olympic National Park General Management Plan has not been mentioned it can be assumed that we feel there should be no changes from what exists today. Please consider these recommendations carefully as the impact of these decisions will weigh most heavily on our local community.

Sincerely,

The undersigned members of the local community.

Comment 325–Conservation Northwest–Form Letter–154 Received

Conservation Northwest Form letter sample

PEPC 190802-325

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Please respond to [redacted]

To: olym_gmp@nps.gov
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Subject: Comments on Olympic General Management Plan DEIS

Re: Olympic National Park General Management Plan DEIS

Carla McConnell
Olympic National Park GMP
NPS Denver Service Center, Planning
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Dear Ms. McConnell:

My family and I care very much about the future of the Olympic National Park. We urge the Park in its general management plan to pursue a fully restored ecosystem with its original components, processes, and habitat functions intact. Use should be managed to insure visitor enjoyment with the primary focus on protecting the health of the park's ecosystems into the future.

Significant changes have taken place since the last management plan in 1976. Roads, logging, and residential development of forest lands now characterize much of the park boundary. Increased recreational use of all types places demands on resources. Cumulative impacts on lower rivers and salmon streams and illegal hunting pressures have harmed park wildlife, fragmented habitats, and impaired ecosystem functions. Visitation to the park has increased dramatically, doubling since 1976.

To deal with these threats to the future ecological integrity of the park, the general management plan must be bold, farsighted, and embrace a broad view of the Park Service's role in maintaining the larger Olympic Peninsula ecosystem. Your 1976 master plan provided this kind of guidance for most of the past few decades, but I feel the preferred alternative in the current draft falls short of those goals.

I appreciate and support those recommendations in the preferred alternative D that drive the plan towards long-term protection. In particular, I support the following:

- Establishing marine intertidal reserves along sensitive areas of the coast.
- Recommending Wild and Scenic River designation for the Elwha River.
- Relocating the highway and other use facilities out of coastal erosion and flood-plain zones, decreasing risks to public.
- Expanding educational and interpretive programs.
- Encouraging mass transit in heavily used developed areas.

In contrast, several other recommendations in the preferred alternative D threaten the park's ecological integrity by emphasizing developed recreation and motorized access over natural resource protection and species restoration. I therefore urge you to:

- Expand park boundaries through land purchase in five areas (Ozette Lake, Lake Crescent, and Hoh, Queets, and Quinault watersheds) to protect critical habitats for salmon and wildlife as proposed in alternative B.
- Establish river protection zones to ensure that critical salmon habitats and natural river processes are preserved as proposed in alternative B. In addition, I recommend all 13 eligible rivers for federal Wild and Scenic River

designation.
• Recommend the recovery for threatened, endangered, and sensitive species and their habitat, and control of invasive and non-native plants and animals.
• Keep developed areas at their current size as described in alternative A. New recreational developments are best located outside the national park.
• Defer all decisions relating to wilderness until a comprehensive wilderness management plan is completed and available for public review.

This plan is a great first step in addressing the many issues within our national park, and I look forward to the next step in your planning process to provide further comment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Comment 210, 215–Friends of Lake Ozette–Petition–731 Signatures

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September 14, 2006

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RE: National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Olympic National Park
Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement
May, 2006

ATTACHMENTS:

1) Copies of petitions with 670 signatures from your constituents in Clallam Bay and Sekiu, in Clallam County, Washington, joined by the signatures of visiting tourists to this area.

2) A copy of the article from the Forks Forum newspaper, dated August 23, 2006, in which staff from Olympic National Park state "Don't send us a form letter or petition".

3) A copy of the letter previously sent to your offices, dated August 3, 2006 from the Clallam Bay – Sekiu Chamber of Commerce, opposing any recommended changes to the present Management Plan at Lake Ozette.

Due to the stance on the part of Olympic National Park administration to negate these petitions as citizen input for the public record, we are sending them on to those who do listen to the people. We believe a required public input period should not be tampered with to eliminate opposing opinions. In addition, please note local citizens have reported that the information gathering process conducted by some ONP administrative staff has been intimidating and hostile at times. By accepting these petitions, please become aware of serious problems between the administration of Olympic National Park and private land owners within and near the Lake Ozette area. Please also note the citizens of Clallam Bay, Sekiu and Ozette, Washington are not in support of any of the recommended changes at Lake Ozette. ONP Staff have been quoted as saying "We are here to fit the plan to the community".

In this draft General Management Plan four alternatives were presented for Lake Ozette.

Alternative A – Current Management Plan
Alternative B – Resource Protection Emphasis
Alternative C – Visitor Opportunities Emphasis
Alternative D – Preferred Alternative – Developed by Park Staff

With these petitions, please be aware that 670 citizens feel the best "fit" for these communities is Plan A (Current Management Plan), which includes these alternatives, with our added input.

1) We want the Parking Area retained right where it is (next to the $1,000,000 new dormitory built in the last two years).
2) We want motorized and non-motorized boating opportunities allowed as they have been for generations.
   - Descendants of the original pioneers of this area still recreate with motorboats on Lake Ozette. The ONP – GMP recommends removing motorboat use from the lake as a "conflict" with other uses. This conflict has not been documented. In reality, the local land owners have rescued kayakers and canoeists from the lake many times when lake conditions have worsened, when ONP rangers have not been able to respond.
3) We do not want a wilderness suitability study completed for Lake Ozette.
   - There is enough wilderness within the Park system we can't access now, besides how does one designate commercial timber lands, with roads, buildings, private land holdings and State waters a National wilderness?
   - We also believe the intended wilderness designations will allow Lake Ozette to become the playground for the 20 – 30 year old kayakers exclusively.
4) We would like Park visitor facilities improved.
   - What ever happened to the Interpretive Services once provided that no longer exist?
5) We support retaining and maintaining all lakeside camping opportunities as they exist today.
6) We strongly want to continue with the overnight use, day use, fishing and water access at Swan Bay and Rayonier Landing.
   - Access to private land holdings on the Lake must be provided.
   - In the winter, when the Ranger Station does not provide a launch, it becomes a water safety issue to retain launches at both Swan Bay and Rayonier Landing for the private land holders.
   - Rayonier Timber Company donated the land at Rayonier Landing for local citizens to use. This Draft GMP recommends closing this much needed boat launch and reversing the intentions for which this land had been given.
   - Toilet facilities are already in place at both of these locations.
   - Seasonal usage of these two areas has been a tradition in families from the local communities of Clallam Bay, Sekiu and Neah Bay for generations.
7) We would hope the Park would purchase properties, including boundary adjustments, only from willing sellers on the seller's initiation.
8) Lastly, we would like ONP to maintain in good condition, the trail system it already has in place.

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We feel the National Park Service will utilize this Draft General Management Plan process to dictate future policy with input, however without consideration. Land acquisitions proposed at Lake Ozette were never discussed with the local timber companies who own the private lands proposed to acquire. The timber companies were informed by reading the local newspapers. We question the authority of the NPS to implement changes without documenting reasons for the changes. Nothing more than a philosophical guideline to 'protect these resources' has dictated denying use of these lands by the very people for which they were established.

Lake Ozette is the third largest lake in the State of Washington. At present, 95% of Olympic National Park has been designated wilderness. The east shore of Lake Ozette is within the small 5% of accessible non-wilderness. This section of Olympic National Park is extremely popular with visiting tourists. Any restrictions in recreational uses at this Lake will have a serious detrimental affect on the tourism economy of these bordering rural communities.

At present, handicapped individuals, senior citizens, and children can experience Lake Ozette, but that will all change soon. While we support the basic premise of protecting these resources for future generations, we believe the present Preferred Alternative D, is intending to severely limit recreational uses – across all of Olympic National Park, and especially at Lake Ozette, such that the majority of future generations will not be able to enjoy these resources at all. Lake Ozette is headed in the direction of being protected too much, with serious economic consequences. This extreme level of protection, across all of Olympic National Park, has required Park Rangers to become law enforcers and has consequently forced the relationships between rangers and visitors into a typical, all too frequent, conflict situation.

In closing, in Plans B, C and D we find the General Management Plan recommendations ambiguous, as was intended. Due to the severe loss of recreational enjoyment for the tourists, pioneer descendants, local senior citizens, private land owners, handicapped individuals and families of this area……
"We, the undersigned, will only endorse Plan A of the 2006 Olympic National Parks General Management Plan, under which no changes in the current management strategies would occur. In addition, we oppose plans B, C and D and all they imply."

Respectfully Submitted,

By the FRIENDS OF LAKE OZETTE

c/o Lost Resort at Lake Ozette
20860 Hoko Ozette Road
Clallam Bay, WA. 98326

"We, the undersigned, will only endorse Plan A of the 2006 Olympic National Parks General Management Plan, under which no changes in the current management strategies would occur. In addition, we oppose plans B, C and D and all they imply. "

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Comment 42–National Parks and Conservation Association–Form Letter–233 Received

National Parks and Conservation Association Form Letter PEPC 188604-42

Superintendent Bill Laitner
c/o the Denver Service Center Cliff Hawkes, DSC-P
12795 West Alameda Parkway, PO Box 25287
Denver, CO 80225-9901

Dear Superintendent Laitner,

I fully support the National Parks Conservation Association's "Guarding park Resources and wildlife, Transportation, Gateway Communities and recreation Opportunities for our Descendants" (Greater Good) alternative to Olympic's draft general management plan. NPCA's "Greater Good" alternative better protects visitor enjoyment, gateway communities and park wildlife and resources, calling for the maintenance and full staffing of visitor centers, as well as needed boundary adjustments. The current alternatives do not provide the appropriate mix of visitor use with resource protection.

Olympic National Park is one of the most cherished placed in the Pacific Northwest. I urge the National Park Service (NPS) to adopt NPCA's "Greater Good" alternative. We owe it to future generations to ensure the continued stewardship of this resource. Thank for considering my views.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Comment 169–Naturist Action Committee–Form Letter–19 Received

Naturist Action Committee Form Letter Sample PEPC 190448 - 169

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Correspondence Text

I want to thank the National Park Service for the opportunity to provide my comments on thoughts on this significant change to the Olympic National Park.

First, I specifically believe that none of the four alternatives adequately addresses the issues behind the problems at the Olympic Hot Springs.

I do strongly support the amendments proposed for consideration by the Naturist Society. For the record, they are restated as:
A. Retain the soaking pools at the Hot Springs site but reduce the overall number to three or four, located near the main source. This will improve cleanliness by offering less restriction to flow. It will help rehabilitate the runoff area, reduce the impact of
use and enhance the integrity of the environment.

B. Contract the maintenance of the resource to an experienced caretaker. This approach has been implemented with great success by other agencies responsible for managing hot spring resources in the Pacific Northwest.

C. Convert the road (Olympic Hot Springs Road) to a trail beyond the Altair site. This is similar to an item proposed in Alternative B
of the draft of the General Management Plan.

Additionally, as a long time naturist I would sincerely hope:
1. Clothing-optional use which is traditional at this site in the park is allowed to continue. Clothing optional use is an environmentally friendly, low impact use of the resource.
2. Naturists are responsible stewards of public lands.
3. "Rehabilitation" of Olympic Hot Springs does not require that the resource be made unusable for those seeking remote recreational experiences.

Other details of Alternative D, the NPS-preferred plan, accommodate traditional uses, and the traditional use at Olympic Hot Springs should be among those that are retained.

As a long time naturist and supporter of the National Park system I believe naturist and NPS efforts should work together to create a safe, healthy and enjoyable park environment that may be utilized by everyone, including naturists.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Comment 187–Naturist Action Committee–Form Letter–19 Received

Naturist Action Committee Form Letter PEPC 190531-187
Sample #2

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To: <olym_gmp@nps.gov>
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Subject: Please save Olympic Hot Springs!!!!

Carla McConnell
Olympic National Park — GMP

Dear Ms. McConnell,

My name is [redacted]. I have had the pleasure of knowing about Olympic Hot Springs since 1991. I it is one of the most special places in the Olympic National Park. When I here people talking about the "special place" they go to in their minds when they are stressed or upset, I think of Olympic Hot Springs. In 1991 I took a hike to Olympic Hot Springs in November. I was soaking in the upper pool totally enjoying the cold air when it started snowing. This is my "special place," please do not take it away. I use the hot springs as often as I can but especially in the off season.

I understand there are several proposed plans to change Olympic Hot Springs. As I understand them, NONE of the four proposed alternatives adequately addresses the special nature of Olympic Hot Springs. I whole heartedly endorse the Naturist Action Committee on the following issues:

A. Retain soaking at Olympic Hot Springs, but reduce the number of pools at the Springs site to three or four, located near the main source. This will improve cleanliness by offering less restriction to flow. It will help rehabilitate the runoff area, reduce the impact of use and enhance the integrity of the environment.

B. Contract the maintenance of the resource to an experienced caretaker. This approach has been implemented with great success by other agencies responsible for managing hot spring resources in the Pacific Northwest.

C. Convert the road (Olympic Hot Springs Road) to a trail beyond the Altair site. This is similar to an item proposed in Alternative B of the draft of the General Management Plan.

I believe:

1. Clothing-optional use at traditional sites in the park, like Olympic Hot Springs, is an environmentally friendly, low impact use of the resource.

2. Naturists are responsible stewards of public lands.

3. "Rehabilitation" of Olympic Hot Springs does not require that the resource be made unusable for those seeking remote recreational experiences. Other details of Alternative D, the NPS-preferred plan, accommodate traditional uses, and the traditional use at Olympic Hot

Springs should be among those that are retained.

Thank you for you time.

Respectfully,

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