Rehabilitate Seven Bays Marina Newsletter #1

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> Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area



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Civic Engagement



Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area invites you to participate in the planning and development of the Seven Bays Marina improvement project. The current facilities at the Seven Bays Marina are at the end of their life cycle. This project will focus on needed improvements to site including replacing amenities. the existing dock system, improving traffic flow (pedestrian and vehicles) and parking,

improving the boat fueling systems at the marina, and creating safer and more accessible lake access. As one of the busiest marinas and boat launches on the lake, these improvements are critical to public safety and will address some of the park's deferred maintenance. A major goal of this project is to maintain the health and safety of visitors at the park and improve their visitor experience.

You're Invited!

We invite you to attend a public meeting to learn more about the project and provide comments. Scan the code or enter the address below to join the meeting and submit comments!

Virtual Public Meeting

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 6 p.m. PT Join meeting on Microsoft Teams



Please see the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) project page (http://parkplanning.nps.gov/sevenbaysmarina) for meeting link and project updates.

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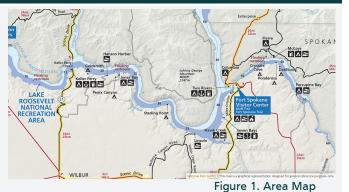
Learn About the Project and Join the Conversation

This virtual public meeting is our opportunity to present project details and allow the community an opportunity to provide input, ask questions, and voice concerns. When you register at the meeting, questions will be collected and organized so our National Park Service (NPS) staff can address as many as possible in the time allotted. This meeting will include a presentation, providing the purpose and need for the marina updates, describe the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and Environmental Assessment (EA) preparation, describe the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) process, and present the preliminary construction time frame. Following the presentation and formal question and answer session, NPS staff will be available for additional questions. Scan for meeting link and to submit comments!



Project Overview: Rehabilitate Seven Bays Marina

Seven Bays Marina is located on the eastern shore of Lake Roosevelt where the Columbia River makes its big turn west towards the Grand Coulee Dam. The lake extends approximately 133 miles up the Columbia River from Grand Coulee Dam and was formed when the waters of the upper Columbia River were impounded behind the Grand Coulee Dam in 1942. Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area includes portions of the Spokane, Kettle, Sanpoil, and Colville Rivers, comprising the main working storage reservoir on the Columbia River for the United States.



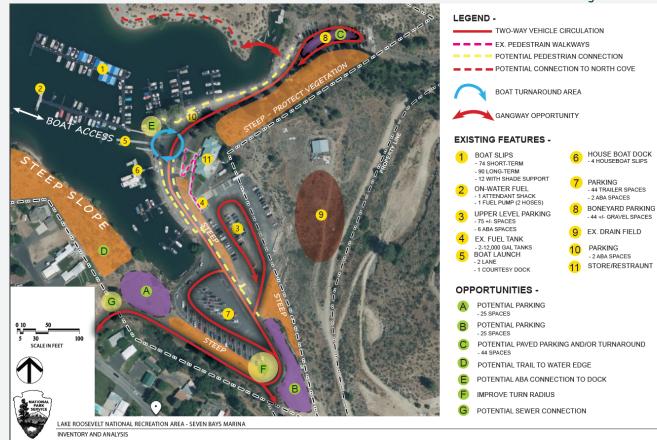


Figure 2. Site Analysis Diagram

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Purpose and Need of the Project

Purposes of the proposed project include improving site amenities, parking, the boat fueling system and vehicular and pedestrian circulation, and replacing the existing dock.

Proposed project elements include:



Figure 3. Gangway leading to the houseboat dock.

Parking

- Increase total number of parking stalls
- Improve traffic patterns within lots
- Add golf cart parking
- Accommodate fuel deliveries
- Consider and design for truck and trailer parking/access
- Provide accessible routes from all the parking areas

Boat Ramp Area

- Move pedestrian traffic away from vehicular concentrated areas
- Improve access to ramp by increasing surface area approaching boat launch
- Move gangway away from ramp
- Divert houseboat traffic away from ramp

Marina

- Provide all new dock system, floats and decking material
- Decrease anchoring maintenance with SeaFloat system, or approved equal
- Separate houseboat and traditional boat traffic

Planning Process

NEPA requires all federal agencies to consider and document the potential impacts of management actions on the human environment. The NPS Organic Act of 1916 directs NPS to both conserve park resources and provide for their use and enjoyment. Both Acts are used by NPS to plan and make informed decisions that help protect park resources and values.

During the NEPA planning process, members of the public and agencies have the opportunity to provide input on issues, concerns, or opportunities related to the proposed project. Following the civic engagement period, this input, along with data gathering and facilities assessments, will be used to inform the design of infrastructure improvements and documented in the Environmental Assessment (EA).

An EA is a NEPA document that evaluates the likely environmental consequences resulting from a proposed action. The EA will address the project background, the purpose and need for the proposed project, and the alternatives considered. The EA will also document the existing environmental conditions and potential impacts of implementing those actions carried forward for further review. The draft design plans and the EA will be presented for public review and comment. The EA is anticipated to be available for review by early spring 2024.



Figure 4. Seven Bays Marina Boat Ramp

Civic Engagement Public Comment Period

The public comment period for this project is open through September 20, 2023. This comment period is an information gathering process through which the public is invited to express views on the information, issues, and alternatives that need to be addressed in the EA.

We invite you to attend the virtual public meeting to learn more about the project and provide comments; please see our PEPC website for the most up to date information on specific dates. Comments on the project may be submitted electronically at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ sevenbaysmarina.

Written comments may be mailed to: Superintendent

Attn: Rehabilitate Seven Bays Marina Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area 1008 Crest Drive, Coulee Dam, WA 99116

Mailed comments must be postmarked by September 20, 2023.

If you would like more information or have questions related to this project, please contact Nathan Krohn at 509-754-7828 or nathan_krohn@nps.gov

Thank you for your interest in the project to Rehabilitate Seven Bays Marina!



Figure 5. Seven Bays Marina floating docks

Next Steps and Schedule

The following schedule highlights the next steps for the project:

Milestone	Targeted Schedule	Opportunities for Public Input
Civic engagement	August 21 – September 20, 2023	Review newsletter, attend a public meeting, and provide your comments at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ sevenbaysmarina
NPS analyzes public comments and begins infrastructure rehabilitation designs	Fall 2023	
NPS prepares design alternatives and initiates environmental compliance	Fall/ Winter 2023	
Public review of draft design plans/EA	Winter/ Spring 2024	Review draft design plans /EA and provide your comments at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/sevenbaysmarina
Decision document	Spring 2024	See final designs and decision document at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/sevenbaysmarina

Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other personally identifiable information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personally identifiable information) may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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