

# Cascade Chapter

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Attn: Wayne Hill

National Park Service - Columbia Cascades Lands Resources Program Center 168 South Jackson Street Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Boundary Revision Proposed for Olympic National Park at Umbrella Creek

Dear Mr. Hill:

On behalf of the 25,000-member Cascade Chapter (Washington State), I would like to thank you for allowing us to provide comments on the above proposal.

We are very pleased to support this proposed expansion of the boundary of Olympic National Park to incorporate approximately 240 acres of land near the north shore of Lake Ozette. This parcel will add Park protection to significant aquatic and terrestrial habitat, including elk habitat, Lake Ozette sockeye salmon (a federally threatened species), and other sensitive and candidate species habitat. Protection of this parcel also provides a much needed expansion of the protective buffer around Lake Ozette, which currently is just a few hundred feet wide.

Including this parcel in Olympic National Park will prevent it from being subdivided into many small private lots, which was its likely fate under the past owner. The potential attendant development would have built numerous roads, increased runoff from impermeable surfaces such as pavement and roofs, added pollution sources such as septic system leakage, pesticides, and herbicides, and removed large areas of forest canopy. Putting this parcel under Park protection prevents all of these likely impacts and also allows the Park Service to do any necessary restoration of habitat, such as planting native trees and shrubs, and restoring watershed function where needed.

This parcel is within the Park expansion area of interest denoted in the 2008 Olympic National Park General Management Plan and thus, this transfer is consistent with the Park's current management plan. The current owner of the property, Cascades Lands Conservancy is a willing-seller and has an interest in transferring the parcel in question to the Park.

Please keep the undersigned on the mailing list for this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sierra Club Cascade Chapter

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April 15, 2010

Mr. Wayne Hill National Park Service Land Acquisitions Seattle, WA

Re: Umbella Creek addition to Olympic National Park

Dear Mr. Hill,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness local Washington state chapter, the Polly Dyer/Cascadia Broadband. We appreciate having the opportunity to provide support for the proposed addition to the Olympic National Park (ONP) of critical Ozette sockeye salmon habitat in Umbrella Creek at Lake Ozette. As you are undoubtedly aware, the 240 acres being proposed for inclusion in the ONP are part of the 12,000 acres of potential willing-seller park additions identified in the ONP General Management Plan. It is wonderful to have a "willing seller," which makes this addition possible, and the ONP should take advantage of the opportunity.

Lake Ozette is a gem of the Olympic Peninsula and should receive the highest level of protection possible. The Olympic Peninsula is likely going to provide critically important habitat for salmonids facing the pending disruptions associated with climate change. Because the Peninsula is relatively remote and undeveloped, hopefully it will escape many of the other stressors that salmonids in Puget Sound face – urban development, stormwater runoff, bank armoring, dams, etc. Umbrella Creek is an important tributary stream to the lake and is home to many of the aquatic species found in the watershed, including the endemic Lake Ozette sockeve.

Umbrella Creek was identified as a top-priority stream for the Endangered Species Act-listed Ozette sockeye in the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan released by NOAA. Furthermore, Ozette Lake and associated tributaries contain the highest fish diversity in the Olympic National Park. As with all federal agencies, the Park has a mandated responsibility to conserve and recover listed threatened and endangered species within its jurisdiction. Additions such as this are key to the Park fulfilling its mandate.

Thank you for your consideration of our enthusiastic support for the addition of Umberlla Creek salmon habitat to the Olympic National Park. This is an extraordinary opportunity and we hope that the National Park Service will "seize the moment."

Broad Regards,

Shelley Spalding saschar44@gmail 330 W Satsop Bridge Road Elma, Washington 98541

# NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

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April 12, 2010

National Park Service Attn: Wayne Hill Columbia Cascades Lands Resources Program Center 168 South Jackson Street Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Mr. Hill,

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and our more than 14,000 members in the Northwest, we respectfully submit these additional comments (following our submission dated March 5, 2010) on the Umbrella Bay Boundary Revision proposed for Olympic National Park.

I was able to attend the public meeting on April 1, 2010, in Port Angeles and heard the concerns of some about the possible impact of the proposed boundary revision. NPCA remains steadfast in its support of the boundary revision and we urge the Park Service to continue moving forward in its process to buy the land. Clearly, expanding the park boundary to include Umbrella Bay is very important to the preservation and well-being of significant and unique natural resources, such as the outstanding sockeye salmon habitat found near Lake Ozette. Should this proposal be derailed, it would be a huge missed opportunity and could lead to a significant impact on park resources. This addition of 240 acres, while relatively small, is a key component in carrying out Olympic National Park's General Management Plan (GMP).

The initial sale of this land offered the 240 acres split into 6 separate parcels with the intent that each would be separately developed. This land borders Ozette Lake and is easily accessible by Hoko-Ozette Road, making it prime real estate. The Cascade Land Conservancy purchased the land to prevent development with the idea of transferring it to the NPS.

If the NPS purchases this land from the Cascade Land Conservancy, the NPS will be able to protect the resources of this area. This land contains one of only two sockeye spawning areas on the entire Olympic Peninsula. Development of this land into 6 parcels would likely seriously impact and degrade this important habitat. Ownership by the NPS would protect this spawning area and in turn the sockeye salmon. By protecting the sockeye, the NPS would also be protecting the treaty rights of the tribe to fish in this area, which would not be possible if it was sold to private individuals.

Finally, the Cascade Land Conservancy cannot hold this land indefinitely and will be forced to sell it eventually. If the NPS decides not to purchase this land, it will be likely sold for real estate development. This move would impact the natural resources and the tribe far more than ownership by the NPS. Also, NPCA believes this small parcel of land managed by the NPS will have minimal impacts to the tribe's desire to hunt and gather cedar bark, as discussed at the public meeting.



Expansion of Olympic National Park to include environmentally important areas, such as Umbrella Bay, consistent with responsible resource protection as envisioned in the park's GMP, is something in which NPCA has a strong and abiding interest. We hope additions, such as Umbrella Bay, can be replicated in other crucial areas.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to comment in favor of the Umbrella Bay Revision proposal, and we would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

David G. Graves

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Northwest Field Representative

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Wayne Hill NPS Seattle Lands officer

Re: Acquisition of Umbrella Creek lands

Olympic Forest Coalition (OFCO) <u>supports</u> Olympic National Park's opportunity to purchase 240 acres of vital Ozette sockeye salmon habitat. This potential acquisition is a good example of the intention of the Park's GMP to purchase such important lands from willing sellers.

Umbrella Creek has been noted by NOAA as a top priority stream for sockeye recovery. The Cascade Land Conservancy has acquired this acreage to enable the Park to fulfill its mission to enhance the ecosystem surrounding Lake Ozette.

Thank you,

John Woolley, president Olympic Forest Coalition 360-683-0724

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Tim McNulty <mcmorgan@olypen.com> 04/15/2010 01:44 PM

To wayne\_hill@nps.gov

CC Pete Modaff for Representative Norm Dicks
<Pete.Modaff@mail.house.gov>, Karen Gustin
<Karen\_Gustin@nps.gov>

Subject Olympic National Park Umbrella Creek Acquisition

Olympic Park Associates 168 Lost Mountain Lane Sequim, WA 98382

April 14, 2010

Wayne Hill
National Park Service
Columbia Cascades Lands Resources Program Center
168 South Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Comment on Umbrella Creek Land Acquisition

Olympic Park Associates encourage the National Park Service to proceed with this important land acquisition. As you know, this is the first opportunity for a willing-seller acquisition within the areas identified in Olympic National Park's 2008 General Management Plan FEIS (GMP), which received full NEPA review and extensive public comment. In fact, many aspects of this 240-acre parcel make it an exemplary willing-seller acquisition.

The parcel was originally offered for sale for private residential or recreational

development. It was purchased in good faith by the Cascade Lands Conservancy with the expectation that it would be acquired by the NPS as funds became available. And it meets the qualifications outlined in the GMP for willing-seller acquisition.

The parcel is strategically important for protecting a federally threatened national park resource, the Ozette sockeye. NOAA's Ozette sockeye recovery plan identified Umbrella Creek as a priority one habitat for sockeye spawning. Umbrella Creek also offers the best chance in the Ozette watershed for a sockeye stream restoration, which could eventually lead to restored habitat for delta spawning. Other fish species would benefit from this acquisition as well. It's worth noting that Lake Ozette and the Ozette River host the greatest fish diversity of any watershed in Olympic National Park, and all salmon stocks there are currently in decline, primarily due to incompatible land uses in the surrounding watershed.

I attended the April 1 public meeting in Port Angeles on the proposed acquisition and listened to concerns raised by members of Quileute Tribe and local landowners. While prohibiting hunting, Olympic National Park in fact enhances hunting opportunities for tribal and non-tribal hunters by providing sanctuary for Roosevelt elk calving and rearing. It may be that the low-elevation area along Umbrella Creek and its associated wetlands would enhance protected habitat and thus increase hunting opportunities on adjoining lands for all hunters.

Olympic National Park has turned its attention to ecosystem restoration in the twenty-first century, and rightfully so. The Elwha River watershed restoration will place Olympic in the national spotlight. It is just as important for park managers to tend to other critical species restoration opportunities as they become available. The Lake Ozette watershed presents just such an opportunity. And the Umbrella Creek acquisition is the first all-important step. OPA and the Northwest conservation community are behind you in this acquisition. Please take the long view -- for salmon and the future ecological integrity of Olympic National Park.

Sincerely,

Tim McNulty
Trustee, Olympic Park Associates

cc: Superintendent Karen Gustin Representative Norm Dicks

# NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION<sup>®</sup>

Protecting Parks for Future Generations

March 5, 2010

National Park Service Attn: Wayne Hill Columbia Cascades Lands Resources Program Center 168 South Jackson Street Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Mr. Hill.

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and our more than 14,000 members in the Northwest, we respectfully submit the following comments on the Umbrella Bay Boundary Revision proposed for Olympic National Park.

NPCA strongly supports this proposed boundary revision. Clearly, expanding the park boundary to include Umbrella Bay is very important to the preservation and well-being of significant and unique natural resources, such as the outstanding sockeye salmon habitat found near Lake Ozette. This addition of 240 acres, while relatively small, is a key component in carrying out Olympic National Park's General Management Plan (GMP).

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04/16/2010 11:05 AM

To wayne\_hill@nps.gov

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Subject Please purchase the Umbrella Bay sockeye salmon habitat for the Olympic NationalPark

Dear Mr. Hill (National Park Service),

Please take advantage of the current opportunity to expand the Olympic National Park and to increase sockeye salmon habitat by adding to the Park the Umbrella Bay habitat near Lake Ozette.

This prime wildlife habitat and critical sockeye salmon spawing ground will benefit this federally listed species and others. The Cascade Land Conservancy, which owns the property, would like to transfer these lands to the National Park Service.

Money spent to expand the Olympic National Park and to maintain the survival of one of the salmon species so integral to Washington's character, is money very well spent.

Thank you,

04/16/2010 10:06 AM

To Colin Smith/OLYM/NPS

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Subject

Wayne Hill National Park Service Land Resources 168 South Jackson Street Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 220-4091

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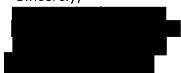
To <wayne\_hill@nps.gov>

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Subject

Hello,

I am emailing you today to ask that you consider the purchase of Umbrella Creek property from the Cascade Land Conservancy. I am excited that the National Park has the opportunity to increase protection of our endangered salmon runs. Certainly increasing the amount of protected lands is beneficial to salmon and our future. Please take this occasion to expand our amazing National Park. Sincerely,



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04/16/2010 09:19 AM

To Colin Smith/OLYM/NPS

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Subject Fw: [Fwd: Support Umbrella Creek Park Addition]

Wayne Hill National Park Service Land Resources 168 South Jackson Street Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 220-4091

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To wayne\_hill@nps.gov

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Subject [Fwd: Support Umbrella Creek Park Addition]

------ Original Message

Subject: Support Umbrella Creek Park Addition

From: Date:

Thu, April 15, 2010 11:47 am

To:

I support the Olympic National Park in acquiring the 240 acres of critical Ozette sockeye salmon habitat on Umbrella Creek at Lake Ozette.

If we are not committed to solutions for our problems today it will cost us tremendously more tomorrow. Thank you for joining me in the commitment to protection of endangered species and conservation of our most critical habitat areas. Thank you for your commitment to our wild legacies and a healthy environment for all species for future generations.

04/12/2010 10:22 AM

To Colin Smith/OLYM/NPS

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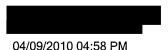
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Subject Fw: Message in support of Umbrella Creek addition to ONP

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To <wayne\_hill@nps.gov>

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Subject Message in support of Umbrella Creek addtion to ONP

Dear Mr. Hill,

As a native-born resident of Washington State, former national park employee (Glacier NP, '65, '66), and ONP volunteer ('06) I write to strongly support incorporation of the Umbrella Creek parcel into the Olympic National Park. As this is the first of approximately 12,000 acres of potential willing-seller park additions identified in ONP's 2008 General Management Plan -- as well as critical habitat for one of the park's most threatened fish stocks -- it's important that the agency makes the right decision.

As you know the Umbrella Creek parcel was purchased by the Cascade Land Conservancy to save it from residential/recreational development with the understanding that it would be transferred to Olympic National Park when funds became available. Additionally Umbrella Creek was identified as a top priority stream for Endangered Species Act-listed Ozette sockeye in NOAA's Lake Ozette Sockeye Recover Plan.

Follow-through on the concept of willing-seller acquisition as defined in the park's general management plan, especially after extensive public review, is critical maintaining and building on the positive momentum generated by this plan. Conversely, making the wrong decision, would be a major step backward in ecosystem protection and would threaten the future integrity of Olympic National Park.

Making the right decision in this case is especially important given the park's responsibility to recover listed threatened and endangered species within its jurisdiction. The Ozette Lake watershed has the highest fish diversity in Olympic National Park. All fish populations in the watershed are currently in decline.

I urge the park to move quickly and decisively to acquire this important parcel. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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To Colin Smith/OLYM/NPS

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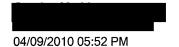
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Subject Fw: ONP addition - Lake Ozette

U-Bay --Wayne Hill National Park Service Land Resources 168 South Jackson Street Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 220-4091

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To wayne\_hill@nps.gov

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Subject ONP addition - Lake Ozette

Mr. Hill and National Park Service Staff,

I strongly support the proposed addition to Olympic National Park of 240 acres of Ozette sockeye salmon habitat on Umbrella Creek.

This area, identified as a potential for expansion in the parks 2008

General Management Plan, is critical in terms of its significant fish diversity (with populations that are, I understand, declining for lack of habitat). The involvement of a willing seller, the Cascade Land Conservancy, makes it a good match for the kind of plan that has been approved by the interested public, and an opportunity that it would be appalling to ignore.

Saving wild lands and habitats is extremely important in a time when our fragile ecosystems have been hard hit by development and climate disruption. I have fine memories of hikes in the Ozette area, and while I am less able to use the park for active recreation these days, I find it is increasingly important to me to know that the national park system is also preserving habit and ecosystems. Please continue with efforts to add this property to the Olympic National Park.

Best regards,

To Colin Smith/OLYM/NPS

04/19/2010 09:22 AM

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Subject Fw: Umbrella Bay to Olympic National Park

Wayne Hill National Park Service Land Resources 168 South Jackson Street Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 220-4091

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To <wayne\_hill@nps.gov>

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Subject Umbrella Bay to Olympic National Park

Hello. My name is Steven Serbousek from Bremerton, Washington. I am writing to voice my support for the transfer of the Umbrella Bay parcels to Olympic National Park.

- This transfer is done entirely by a" willing seller." Much of the property identified for transfer to ONP is wetlands and riparian in nature, with little commercial timber value. The former owner had decided the property did not fit within its long-term timberland objectives as it was isolated and had environmental constraints. They listed it for sale in 6 parcels. To avert conversion of these properties to residential development, a nonprofit borrowed funds to purchase and temporarily hold the land between the lake and the Hoko-Ozette Highway.
- The property has no viable timber on it. The property makes sense as an addition to the ONP, whereas other properties with quality timberland may not. This piece is an obvious habitat conservation addition to the park.
- This expansion is critical for sockeye salmon recovery. The property identified for transfer supports critical habitat along Umbrella Creek and spawning and rearing ground for Sockeye, a species that is fighting for survival due to habitat loss and stock depletion. Addition to the park for permanent protection is beneficial to this federally listed species.

# **Background**

The property is currently owned by the Cascade Land Conservancy, which is interested in transferring these lands to the National Park Service, dependent on NPS funding and the further due diligence process. The Conservancy purchased the property when it was advertised on the open market in March 2008, with the idea of adding it to Olympic National Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

March 1, 2010

To: National Park Service

We am writing in regard to the article in the Peninsula Daily News about the proposed addition of 240 acres of land in the Lake Ozette area. The price was quoted as \$663,000.00.

We strongly object to federal or state monies going toward this kind of an expenditure. This is not a priority at all, and as taxpayers we are only more frustrated that this would even be considered. The federal and state governments need to focus on priority spending only and striving for economic stability.

It's as simple as that. We object to property being purchased no matter where the money is coming from. There are better ways to spend \$663,000.00.

Sincerely.

04/09/2010 03:14 PM

To Colin Smith/OLYM/NPS

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Subject Fw: Umbrella Creek

FY records..
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Land Resources
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04/09/2010 02:09 PM

To wayne\_hill@nps.gov

CC

Subject Umbrella Creek

Dear Mr Hill,
Regarding Umbrella Creek:
Please support this acquisition/addition to the Olympic National Forest.
Here are some good reasons...(okay, ....copied and pasted but still valid)

Umbrella Creek was identified as a top-priority stream for Endangered Species Act-listed Ozette sockeye in the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan released by NOAA.

This willing-seller addition is part of the area identified in the ONP General Management Plan, which received extensive public review.

The parcel was purchased by the Cascade Land Conservancy to save it from residential/recreational development with the understanding that it would be transferred to Olympic National Park when funds became available.

The Ozette Lake watershed has the highest fish diversity in Olympic National Park. All fish populations in the watershed are in decline.

It is the park's responsibility to recover listed threatened and endangered species within its jurisdiction. This acquisition would be an important step toward recovery of Ozette sockeye.

This opportunity exemplifies a willing-seller acquisition as defined in the park's General Management Plan. Failure to follow through on this acquisition would be a major step backward in ecosystem protection and would threaten the future integrity of Olympic National Park.

Thank you....do the right thing please.

Sincerely,

04/12/2010 10:17 AM

To Colin Smith/OLYM/NPS

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Subject Fw: 240 acres of critical Ozette sockeye salmon habitat on Umbrella Creek at Lake Ozette

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To wayne hill <wayne hill@nps.gov>

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Subject 240 acres of critical Ozette sockeye salmon habitat on Umbrella Creek at Lake Ozette

# Wayne,

I have a request that I believe is of great importance. I urge the National Park Service to acquire 240 acres of critical Ozette sockeye salmon habitat on Umbrella Creek at Lake Ozette to help complete the first addition to Olympic National Park in more than 20 years. Oh this would be wonderful. As you know:

- \* Umbrella Creek was identified as a top priority stream for Endangered Species Act-listed Ozette sockeye in the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recover Plan released by NOAA.
- \* This willing-seller addition is part of the area identified in the ONP General Management Plan, which received extensive public review.
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would threaten the future integrity of Olympic National Park.

Thank you for considering my request.

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To Colin Smith/OLYM/NPS

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Subject Fw: Acquiring Umbrella Creek

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To wayne\_hill@nps.gov

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Subject Acquiring Umbrella Creek

<u>I support</u> the Olympic National Park acquiring 2Umbrella Creek at Lake Ozette.

I support this acquisition for the following reasons:

- Umbrella Creek was identified as a top-priority stream for Endangered Species Act-listed Ozette sockeye in the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan released by NOAA.
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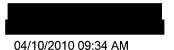
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To wayne\_hill@nps.gov

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Subject Umbrella Creek

Dr. Mr Hill -

We are writing to urge you to acquire the Umbrella Creek property. Here are our reasons:

- \* Umbrella Creek was identified as a top priority stream for Endangered Species Act-listed Ozette sockeye in the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recover Plan released by NOAA.
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04/10/2010 10:33 AM

To wayne\_hill@nps.gov

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Subject Umbrella creek

To Whom it may Concern,

I support adding Umbrella creek to Olympic National Park. Olympic park already preserves such a unique and important part of the coastal rain forest, but this addition will enhance both biological and preservation opportunities.

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Subject Fw: Umbrella Creek purchase

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---- Forwarded by Wayne Hill/Seattle/NPS on 04/12/2010 10:08 AM -----





To <wayne hill@nps.gov>

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04/10/2010 10:40 AM

Subject Umbrella Creek purchase

#### Dear Mr. Hill:

We encourage the NPS to purchase the acreage available in the Umbrella Creek area for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your consideration of this important purchase.

Sincerely,

04/12/2010 10:06 AM

To Colin Smith/OLYM/NPS

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Subject Fw: Umbrella Creek Addition to Olympic National Park

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Subject Umbrella Creek Addition to Olympic National Park

Wayne, I'm sending along my support of the Umbrella Creek addition to the Olympic National Park.

I understand that the following issues are reasons for supporting the addition:

- Umbrella Creek was identified as a top-priority stream for Endangered Species Act-listed Ozette sockeye in the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan released by NOAA.
- This willing-seller addition is part of the area identified in the ONP General Management Plan, which received extensive public review.
- The parcel was purchased by the Cascade Land Conservancy to save it from residential/recreational development with the understanding that it would be transferred to Olympic National Park when funds became available.
- The Ozette Lake watershed has the highest fish diversity in Olympic National Park. All fish populations in the watershed are in decline.
- It is the park's responsibility to recover listed threatened and endangered species within its jurisdiction. This acquisition would be an important step toward recovery of Ozette sockeye.
- This opportunity exemplifies a willing-seller acquisition as defined in the park's General
  Management Plan. Failure to follow through on this acquisition would be a major step backward in
  ecosystem protection and would threaten the future integrity of Olympic National Park.

I look forward to having this piece of property added to the Park.

Sincerely,