

Lake Chelan Implementation Meeting Recreation Forum		Date: May 9, 2008 Time: 9:00 to 11:00 Location: Chelan County PUD Conference Room Chelan	
Meeting called by:	Kris Pomianek	Type of meeting:	<i>Lake Chelan Recreation Forum</i>
Attendees:	Bill Fraser, Washington State Parks Ray Heit, Chelan PUD Tim Hollingsworth, Lake Chelan Recreation Development Foundation Charles Sablan, City of Chelan Scott McKeller, Lake Chelan Recreation Development Foundation Mike Steele, Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce Ryan Baker, Chelan PUD Steve Currit, Chelan PUD Ann Congdon, PUD Commissioner		
Unable to attend:	Tom O'Keefe, American Whitewater Annelise Lesmeister, National Park Service Bob Goedde, City of Chelan Dave Fonfara, City of Chelan Duane and Dixie Baker, Community Members Jim Eychaner, RCO Jim Harris, Washington State Parks Jim Urness, Lake Chelan Recreation Association Joe Kastenholz, US Forest Service Karyl Oules, Community Member Lanny Armbruster, Manson Parks and Recreation Richard Uhlhorn, Lake Chelan Recreation Association Roni Freund, Lake Chelan Tourism and Promotion Group Shaun Seaman, Chelan PUD Michelle Smith, Chelan PUD Dennis Bolz, PUD Commissioner		
Meeting Purpose:	To discuss next steps following the approval of the Recreation Resources Management Plan received from FERC on April 14, 2008.		
Meeting Minutes			
Kris welcomed the group and introduced those attending			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <u>License Order</u> approving the recreation resources management plan was discussed and Kris explained that the Recreation Resources Management and Implementation Plan was approved without any changes. Copies of the order were distributed and Kris indicated that any comments could be made by e-mailing her kris@chelanpud.org <u>Dan Gordon Bridge Project</u> - The Dan Gordon Bridge Project was completed in June, 2007. Because of safety concerns, PUD staff requested approval from FERC to move ahead with this project prior to submittal of the Recreation Resources Management Plan. Approval to proceed was granted in June, 2007. <u>Modifications for future trails</u> - This portion of the plan will be completed as future trails are developed. It will consist of providing modifications to entrances and exits to ensure a smooth transition between trails and PUD parks. Prior to any plans being developed and approved, consultation will occur with the Lake Chelan Recreation Forum. 			

- Whitewater Boating – Chelan PUD in cooperation with American Whitewater will be conducting a 3 year whitewater boating study on the Chelan River beginning in 2009. Because of the habitat restoration work being done in Reach 4, spills for whitewater boating on the scheduled 2 weekends in July and 2 weekends in September cannot occur until 2009. Plans for the first year of the whitewater boating study will be discussed with the Lake Chelan Recreation Forum in early 2009.
- Riverwalk Loop Trail Extension – Kris explained that the construction of the Riverwalk Loop Trail Extension will not begin until 2009. She further explained that this was due to the fact that those building the trail were going to be working closely with those who will be building the low level outlet at the dam. Material that will be removed to allow for the low level outlet to be built, will be used to reshape/further develop the area to be used for the Riverwalk Loop Trail Extension. This partnership between these two projects will allow for more efficiency and will provide a benefit to both as well. Construction is expected to begin in Spring, 2009.
- Reach One Trail - Construction drawings are being finalized for the Reach One Trail. Kris provided copies for the Forum to review. In accordance with the License Order from FERC, these drawings must be submitted to FERC for final approval before construction can begin. In addition a Quality Control and Inspection Program, Temporary Construction Emergency Action Plan and Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan as well as a Temporary Emergency Action Plan must be submitted for FERC review and approval before construction can begin as well. All of this documentation will be sent to FERC by May 15, 2008. Current scheduling indicates that construction will begin on this trail in September, 2008.

Ann asked Tim to explain where the Lake Chelan Recreation Development Foundation would like to build trails further down into the Gorge. Tim showed the Forum, off of the maps provided, where that trail might go. Tim asked Steve Currit if the door was closed with the PUD on further development down in the gorge. Steve indicated that from his perspective, he was very hesitate to allow any development in this area at all because of safety concerns. However he did say that if Tim and his group would like to pursue further, he would need to have a governmental agency ie city, county behind them. Tim and Scott McKeller indicated that they would work with Charles Sablan at the city to see if a plan could be developed and they would be back in touch with the PUD through Steve Currit. Ann indicated that an important part of that plan must include ongoing maintenance. Chelan PUD would not be interested in taking on maintenance of this trail.

Discussion also occurred regarding John McCreary's property in the middle of the Reach One Trail. The PUD is currently working with him to ensure that access roads into his property are provided. In exchange, discussions with him are including the possibility of developing a trail along the north side of his property. This would allow this Reach One Trail to become a complete "loop". As decisions are made, Kris will communicate with the forum.

- Micro Park – It was called to PUD staff's attention that there was a concern about language in the Recreation Resources Management and Implementation Plan and in the License Order approving the plan (dated April 14, 2008), which said, "Chelan PUD has determined that these parcels should remain undeveloped for future project purposes". At the Forum meeting on September 19, 2007, a discussion regarding this sentence occurred. The Forum asked if this sentence could be removed from the plan. Staff indicated that they would have to go back to the PUD for further discussion before a decision could be made to remove this statement. Following this discussion with PUD staff, it was determined that it was in the best interest of the community and the PUD to keep this language in the document. Steve Currit explained that if this statement was removed, the property owned by Chelan PUD could be susceptible to being sold and may not be held for further recreational development. For this reason Steve recommended that this statement stay within the document.

Steve showed a map of the Water Street and Terrace Avenue area to the Forum. He explained that through ongoing discussions with PUD Commissioners on the future use of docks on PUD owned lands, that land along Water Street and Terrace Avenue will not be affected by this decision until the City of Chelan determines what they might do on their land in this area.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Lake Chelan Recreation Forum will be held in September.