

Lake Chelan License Implementation
Recreation Resources Management Plan Outline
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Section 1 Introduction:

1.1 Purpose and Scope of Plan

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a new license for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project No. 637, on November 6, 2006. In that license, a number of measures related to recreational enhancements on and around Lake Chelan are required, as described in the Lake Chelan Comprehensive Agreement dated October 8, 2003. One of the measures of the new license was further development of the Recreation Resources Management Plan to include more details on the implementation of each recreational measure.

Article 407 Recreation Resources Management Plan

Within one year of the issuance date of the license, the licensee shall file for Commission approval, a Recreation Resources Management Plan. The plan shall include the enhancements set forth in Article 11 (a) through (g); (h)(l) – (9); (i);(j);(k);(m) and (p) of the Lake Chelan Settlement Agreement (included in Appendix A); and the elements set forth below.

(a) *Sidewalk, Handrail, and Landscaping under the Dan Gordon Bridge.* The plan shall contain detailed descriptions of proposed measures to stabilize the sidewalk and replace the handrail along the north shore of the Chelan River, under the Dan Gordon Bridge. The plan shall contain a schedule for completing these measures. Beginning within one year of the issuance date of the license, the licensee shall assume responsibility for annual maintenance associated with the sidewalk and landscaping along the north shore of the Chelan River, beneath the Dan Gordon Bridge.

(b) *Micro Park Feasibility Study.* The plan shall contain the results of a feasibility assessment for developing a micro park at the following licensee-owned parcels near Water Street near the City of Chelan: parcel #272214662242, #272214662229, and #272214662440. The purpose of the feasibility assessment is to determine if and how a micro park can be developed and whether the lands are needed for project purposes. The feasibility assessment shall include a description of the site topography and any constraints to site development; a description of adjacent land uses; detailed recommendations for developing the site, including costs for developing the site and anticipated benefits and use of the developed site; and an implementation schedule for any development recommendations.

(c) *Modifications for Future Trails.* The licensee shall notify the Commission within 30 days of completing the modifications to the entrances and exits of the Old Mill Park, Manson Bay Park, and Riverwalk Park to accommodate the integration of future trails. Revised exhibit drawings shall be filed, as appropriate, in accordance with Article 301. The 90-day deadline for filing the revised exhibits stipulated in Article 301 shall be referenced to the completion date of the measures.

The Recreation Resources Management Plan shall be developed in consultation with the U.S. National Park Service (Park Service), U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service), Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Washington Interagency

Committee for Outdoor Recreation, City of Chelan, Manson Parks and Recreation Department, the Lake Chelan Recreation Association, American Whitewater, and the landowners adjacent to the licensee-owned parcels identified in paragraph (b) above. The licensee shall include with the Recreation Resource Management Plan, an implementation schedule, documentation of consultation, copies of recommendations on the completed plan after it has been prepared and provided to the entities above, and specific descriptions of how the entities' comments are accommodated by the plan. The licensee shall allow a minimum of 30 days for the entities to comment and to make recommendations before filing the plan with the Commission. If the licensee does not adopt a recommendation, the filing shall include the licensee's reasons, based on project specific reasons.

The Commission reserves the right to require changes to the plan. Upon Commission approval the licensee shall implement the plan, including any changes required by the Commission.

Section 2: Communication and Coordination

Many government agencies and numerous private owners manage and maintain the recreational facilities within the Project Area and have provided input through the Lake Chelan Recreation Forum to the development of the revised Recreation Resources Management Plan as outlined in the new license.

2.1 Forum Members, Roles, and Responsibilities: (to be completed by Kris)

The City of Chelan, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, Lake Chelan Recreation Association, Manson Parks and Recreation, American Whitewater, US Forest Service, National Park Service, Lake Chelan Tourism and Promotion Group, community members and the Licensing, Parks, Real Estate, and Engineering Departments of Chelan County PUD.

2.2 Forum Meetings: (to be completed by Kris)

Section 3: Existing Conditions

3.1 Existing Recreation Development and Use

3.2 Recreation Demand, Facility Needs and Resource Capacity

NOTE: This section is currently summarized by activity type for ease of Forum discussion. In the future, this section will be drafted according to license article number.

Section 4: Implementation Management Strategies

(these items require design, feasibility studies, and/or implementation schedules)

Sidewalk, Handrail, and Landscaping under the Dan Gordon Bridge

- Development of detailed descriptions of proposed measures to stabilize the sidewalk and replace the handrail along the north shore of the Chelan River, under the Dan Gordon Bridge.
- Plan will include a schedule for completion of the work
- Beginning within one year of the issuance date of the license, Chelan PUD will assume responsibility for annual maintenance
- Chelan PUD Parks and Engineering Department have already begun outlining what needs to be done in this area.

Micro Park Feasibility Study

- Conduct a feasibility assessment for development of a micro park at the base of Water Street along Terrace Avenue
- Determine whether the lands are needed in the future for project purposes
- Study should include the following:
 - i. Description of the site topography
 - ii. Constraints to site development
 - iii. A description of adjacent land uses
 - iv. Detailed recommendations for developing the site
 - v. Costs for site development
 - vi. Anticipated benefits of the developed site
 - vii. Anticipated use of the developed site
 - viii. Implementation schedule for development recommendations
- Feasibility and evaluation to be done in cooperation with the landowners along Water Street and Terrace Avenue
- The first meeting with landowners/residents along Water Street/Terrace Avenue is Friday, January 26.

Whitewater Boating

- A 3-year whitewater boating monitoring study will be developed and submitted to FERC as part of this Recreation Resources Management Plan and will include the following
 - Water release amounts
 - Eligibility requirements
 - Schedule
 - “Must meet criteria”
 - Rules for the event
 - Liability waiver

- Other items identified by Chelan PUD and American Whitewater that will be important to the safety and success of the event.
- Development of the plan will be conducted by Chelan PUD in consultation with American Whitewater.
- Details of each aspect of the 3-year whitewater boating monitoring study conducted in the Chelan River will be in accordance with section 4.2.3 of chapter 11 of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Chelan PUD met with Tom O’Keefe from American Whitewater on January 24 to begin discussion on plan development.

Reach 1 Access Trail

- This non-paved, multi-use trail will be designed with the assistance of consultant Tom Atkins from JT Atkins and Associates
- Updated Exhibit Drawings will be submitted
- It is located below the Lake Chelan Dam in Reach 1
- The trail will provide managed access to the Chelan River and connect to the Riverwalk Loop Trail
- Adjacent landowners and the Lake Chelan Trails Committee will be consulted
- Public meetings will be held for review and input of trail concepts.
- Cost will not exceed \$250,000
- Annual Chelan PUD operation and maintenance is anticipated to cost about \$4,500
- The first meeting with Tom Atkins is scheduled on January 31. Following that meeting, a schedule for each aspect of development and design of this trail will be formulated.

Riverwalk Loop Trail Extension

- A link between Chelan PUD’s existing Riverwalk Loop Trail and the Reach 1 Access trail will be designed with the assistance of consultant Tom Atkins from JT Atkins and Associates.
- Updated Exhibit Drawings will be submitted
- Adjacent landowners and the Lake Chelan Trails Committee will be consulted
- Public meetings will be held for review/input of trail concept.
- The first meeting with Tom Atkins is scheduled on January 31. Following that meeting, a schedule for each aspect of development and design of this trail will be formulated.

Section 4: Development Plan and Implementation Schedule

(This section contains those items that require written agreements between Chelan PUD and the agencies including implementation schedules. Initial meetings have been held with both the Forest Service and National Parks Service and schedules for completion of the agreements are being developed)

Docks of the USDA Forest Service

- Within 180 days of the effective date of the New License, Chelan PUD will make available to the Forest Service \$700,000 for the purpose of repairing and replacing the Forest Service docks listed in Table 11-13 of Chapter 11 of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Within 180 days of the effective date of the New License, and by January 31st of each subsequent year of the New License, Chelan PUD shall make available to the Forest Service an additional \$39,000 for operations and maintenance of the docks.
- Implementation, repair, replacement will be the responsibility of the Forest Service
- After the 30th anniversary of the New License, Chelan PUD will consider any requests made by the Forest Service for additional funds to repair and replace these docks.
- Formal agreements are being developed between Chelan PUD and the USDA Forest Service outlining the details.
- Copies of the agreement and an implementation plan, budget, and schedule will be included within the Recreation Plan.

In-Kind Engineering Services for the USDA Forest Service

- Beginning no later than 180 days of the effective date of the new license, Chelan PUD will make available to the Forest Service \$100,000 to pay for consulting engineering services related to standardizing the design of the docks outlined in section 4.2.1 of Chapter 11 of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Formal agreements are being developed between Chelan PUD and the USDA Forest Service outlining the details.
- Copies of the agreement and an implementation plan, budget, and schedule will be included within the Recreation Plan.

Recreational Enhancements of the USDA Forest Service (Years 1-30) of the License

- Within 180 days of the effective date of the New License, Chelan PUD will make available to the Forest Service \$980,000 for use by the Forest Service during the first 30 years of the New License for recreational enhancements within the Lake Chelan basin as described in 4.2.1 of Chapter 11 of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Within 180 days of the effective date of the New License, and by January 31st of each subsequent year of the New License, Chelan PUD will also make

available to the Forest Service an additional \$6,000 for the operation and maintenance of these enhancements.

- Implementation of these recreational enhancements and their operation and maintenance will be the sole responsibility of the Forest Service.
- Formal agreements are being developed between Chelan PUD and the USDA Forest Service outlining the details.
- Copies of the agreement and an implementation plan, budget, and schedule will be included within the Recreation Plan.

Recreational Enhancements of the USDA Forest Service (Years 30 to the end of the License)

- Chelan PUD will make available to the Forest Service a maximum of \$340,000 beginning on the 30th anniversary of the new license and ending on the date the new license expires, for the purpose of implementing recreational enhancements within or adjacent to the Lake Chelan basin for Forest Service recreational sites.
- These recommendations will be consistent with the recommendations of the recreational use and needs assessment study conducted by Chelan PUD beginning in year 20 of the new license.

NPS Docks and Recreation Facilities

- Within 180 days of the effective date of the New License, Chelan PUD will make available to the National Park Service \$149,000 for repairing, replacing and maintaining their docks at sites within the Project Area in accordance with Table 11-15 of Chapter 11 of the Lake Chelan Comprehensive Plan
- Chelan PUD will also make available to the National Parks Service a total amount of \$871,000 to enhance and stabilize National Parks Service recreation sites within the Project Area and for administrative costs associated with recreation projects in accordance with section 4.2.2 of Chapter 11 of the Comprehensive Plan at the locations identified in the table below.

NPS Recreation Sites Identified for Stabilization Projects

Site Number	Location
71	Weaver Point Dock
72	Stehekin Road
73	Stehekin Landing
75	Stehekin Access Road
76	Lakeshore Trail
82	Lakeshore Trail
83	Flick Creek Dock
113	Lakeshore Trail
210	Stehekin Landing

- Formal agreements are being developed between Chelan PUD and the National Parks Service outlining the details.
- Copies of the agreement and an implementation plan, budget, and schedule will be included within the Recreation Plan.

NPS Recreational Enhancements (Years 30 to the end of the License)

- Chelan PUD will make available to National Park Service a maximum of \$130,000 beginning on the 30th anniversary of the New License and ending on the date the New License expires for the purpose of implementing recreational enhancements within the Lake Chelan basin for National Park Service recreation sites, consistent with the recommendations of the recreational use and needs assessment study funded by Chelan PUD and conducted beginning in the 20th year of the new license.
- Formal agreements are being developed between Chelan PUD and the National Parks Service outlining the details.

Section 4: Development Plan and Implementation Schedule

(The items in this section are related to activities to be conducted in the future and although they will be mentioned in the Recreation Resources Management Plan, only details as outlined below will be included – there is no need for additional work on them at this time.)

Modifications for Future Trails

- Chelan PUD will notify the Commission within 30 days of completing the modifications to the entrances and exits of the following parks:
 - Old Mill Park
 - Manson Bay Park
 - Riverwalk Park
- These modifications are to be done in cooperation with the Manson Parks and Recreation District and the City of Chelan and should accommodate the integration of future trail development.
- Revised exhibit drawings will be filed

Recreation Use Study

- Beginning in the 20th year of the New License and finishing in the 23rd year, Chelan PUD will conduct a study assessing recreational use and needs within the Lake Chelan basin at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.
- The scope and purpose are described in section 4.3 of Chapter 11.

Operation and Maintenance of Riverwalk, Old Mill, Manson Bay Parks

- For the term of the New License, Chelan PUD will continue to own and operate the Riverwalk Park and Loop Trail and to maintain the shore access site, located in the City of Chelan in accordance with section 4.2.4 of Chapter 11 of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Chelan PUD will continue to own Old Mill Park and Manson Bay Park and will be responsible for oversight of related operation and maintenance agreements with Manson Parks Recreation District

Reservation of Lands

- Chelan PUD will reserve by not selling or otherwise disposing of land located in Reach 1 of the Chelan River Bypassed Reach
- This land will be reserved for future recreational development while continuing to protect and maintain project purposes.
- Development and maintenance of such future facilities will not be the responsibility of Chelan PUD
- FERC regulation will not allow permanent structures within 200 linear feet of the Chelan Project penstock's centerline.