

Rocky Reach Recreation Forum Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 23, 2009
9:00 – 11:30 am
Chelan County PUD
Utility Services Conference Room
Service Building
(behind headquarters building
across parking lot)

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Facilitator: Kris Pomianek **Type of meeting:** Rocky Reach Recreation Forum

Representatives:
Dennis Beich, WDFW
Jim Eychaner, RCO
Pat Irle, Department of Ecology
Karen Kelleher, BLM
Steve Lewis, USFWS
Christine Parsons, Washington State Parks
Susan Rosebrough, NPS
Patrick Verhey, WDFW
Tim Weaver, Yakama Nation
Bob Huber, Alcoa
Keith Vradenburg, City of Entiat
Bob Whitehall, City of Entiat
Mike Wyant, Entiat School District
Ray Heit, Chelan PUD

Participants:
Ryan Baker
Tony Eldred, WDFW
Ken Finicle, Puget Sound Energy
Jim Harris, Washington State Parks

Attendees in Bold

Meeting Purpose: Second meeting of the Rocky Reach Recreation Forum to provide updates on Rocky Reach license implementation.

Minutes

After introductions, Kris reviewed the April 23, 2009, meeting minutes.

Kris reviewed and highlighted a few points of the Lake Chelan Recreation Forum process and ground rules for Rocky Reach Recreation Forum (RRRF).

- decision-making body
- decisions through consensus
- one vote per agency
- meetings are open to the public
- agendas will be distributed 7 business days before meetings
- meeting minutes will be distributed 10 business days before meetings (*note: error in meeting handout)

Kris discussed the Recreation Resources Management Plan and conceptual plans, updated schedule and timeline for the development of the Plan.

Action item:

- ✓ Kris will send the first draft of the Recreation Plan to forum members for their review and comments before the next RRRF meeting.
- ✓ Forum members will be ready to discuss the Recreation Resource Management Plan at the next RRRF meeting.

RH2 Engineering of East Wenatchee in partnership ESA Adolfson of Seattle will be developing the plans for Entiat, Lincoln Rock and Daroga Parks. All plans are to be completed and ready for approval by the stakeholders and the Forum before the end of the year.

Action item:

- ✓ Over the next several weeks, Kris will be providing updates to Forum members as the plans for Entiat, Lincoln Rock and Daroga Parks are developed.

Bob Whitehall informed the Forum of the plans that are being developed for the renovation of Entiat Park. He explained that the City of Entiat is working with the PUD to provide the basic infrastructure within the park on which they will be able to build in the future.

Entiatqua Trail development will be done in conjunction with the Entiat Park renovations. Kris noted that the PUD's permitting staff has been up to the area to help determine the best way to build this trail to minimize impacts on the environment/fish. It was noted that the Entiatqua Trail is within the project boundary.

Chris Parsons reported that the Rocky Reach Trail litigation (which includes the Lincoln Rock Trail specified for development in the license by Washington State Parks with funds from Chelan PUD) has been reassigned to the court of appeals. At this time, no court date has been set. Chris also noted that permits and plans have been completed and have been approved.

Kris explained that FERC recommended that Chelan PUD wait to begin construction on its part of the trail until the litigation issues have been settled.

Jim Harris outlined the work to be done on Lincoln Rock and Daroga State Parks. He indicated that through the relicensing process it was determined that renovation of the current parks is going to be the first place to start. Then discussions will occur around new facilities.

Jim explained that at Lincoln Rock State Park the addition of a group camping loop on the south end of the park just above the hatchery is being looked at. In addition, the removal of some of the grassy areas and a replacement of rocks and native vegetation is also being evaluated. This would save money not only in O & M, but would be an energy conservation measure as well.

Jim went on to talk about Daroga State Park. He explained that there is an option of the addition of some convenience camping cabins up on the bench above the park – possibly 4 to 8 cabins. There has also been discussion of some improvements on the island.

Action item:

- ✓ As plans develop in Entiat, Lincoln Rock and Daroga, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will be consulted for potential impacts on the environment/fish.

Kris noted that Chelan PUD is required to conduct and submit to FERC a Recreational Needs and Use Analysis Report in the 21st – 23rd years of the License (2030-2032). In addition, every 6 years Chelan PUD is required to submit to FERC a “form 80” which is an inventory of each park owned by the District. The last report was submitted to FERC in 2009 for the year 2008. The next report will be due in 2015 for the year 2014.

The next Rocky Reach Recreation Forum meeting is September 23, 2009.