

# Rocky Reach Recreation Forum Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2009  
9:30 – 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:** **Tony Eldred**, WDFW  
Pat Irle, Department of Ecology  
**Steve Lewis**, USFWS  
Christine Parsons, Washington State Parks  
Susan Rosebrough, NPS  
Tim Weaver, Yakama Nation  
Bob Huber, Alcoa  
Keith Vradenburg, City of Entiat  
**Bob Whitehall**, Entiat Coalition  
Mike Wyant, Entiat School District  
Ray Heit, Chelan PUD

**Participants:** Ryan Baker, Chelan PUD  
Karen Kelleher, BLM  
**Jim Harris**, Washington State Parks  
Sgt. Doug Ward, WDFW  
Jim Eychaner, RCO  
Patrick Verhey, WDFW  
Diane Priebe, BLM  
Ken Finicle, PSE  
**Bill Fraser**, Washington State Parks

## Attendees in Bold

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

After introductions, Kris Pomianek reviewed the agenda.

### Recreation Resources Management Plan

Kris reviewed the draft of the Recreation Resources Management Plan with the Rocky Reach Recreation Forum (RRRF). Kris noted that the group's comments would be incorporated into the final draft. Those comments are as follows:

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Second to the last paragraph, the last sentence will be changed to read, *For example, according to Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), formerly Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC), there is an increase in demand for camping and walking activities, fishing remains the same and hunting is down in demand. Current trends are available on the RCO website*

[http://www.rco.wa.gov/rcfb/rec\\_trends.htm](http://www.rco.wa.gov/rcfb/rec_trends.htm).

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#### 4.2.2 Rocky Reach Trail

First sentence will read *Chelan PUD will work in cooperation with Washington State Parks who will construct a 1-mile long non-motorized trail from Lincoln Rock State Park to an overlook above the fish bypass located (approximately 300 feet will be eliminated) downstream from Rocky Reach Dam.*

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#### 4.2.2 Daroga State Park (number will be changed to 4.2.3)

In the last line in this section, *improvements to/ replacement of the vault toilets* will be eliminated and a new sentence at the end of this section will read. The replacement of the vault toilets listed as a requirement of the New License for Rocky Reach Dam dated February 19, 2009 are being replaced by Washington State Parks prior to the 2010 camping season.

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#### 4.4 Orondo Park

Prior to the last sentence in this section, the following sentence will be added: *On November 10, 2009 per phone conversation from FERC's Environmental Protection Specialist, concurred with Chelan PUD's request.* Then the last sentence in this paragraph will read: *This work was done as authorized in the New License and as agreed upon in the Comprehensive Settlement Agreement dated February 3, 2006.*

#### *Action item:*

- ✓ Kris will finalize the Recreation Resources Management Plan and send it for internal review by December 15
- ✓ Following internal review, Kris will send the plan to the Rocky Reach Recreation and Wildlife Forums for comments before the end of December 2009.
- ✓ Kris plans to submit Recreation Resources Management Plan to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by February 1, 2010. (The final deadline for submission of the plan is February 19, 2010.)

#### **Progress update of Lincoln Rock State Park**

Since the last Forum meeting, Chelan PUD and Washington State Parks have met to identify those improvements for the park. Jim Harris and Bill Fraser from Washington State Parks reviewed the Lincoln Rock proposed improvement list with the group. It was discussed that Washington State Parks has prioritized the list to include projects that are the responsibility of Chelan PUD, those that will be the responsibility of Washington State Parks and those that will be done in partnership between the two agencies. Kris indicated that Chelan PUD would be reviewing State Park's project list the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November and will meet with State Parks the first week in December to finalize the list and develop an implementation timeline.

Steve Lewis and Tony Eldred provided input into the proposed plans. In respect of fish and wildlife, they both indicated that they would be willing to work with Chelan PUD and Washington State Parks as Lincoln Rock plans develop.

Kris asked about the status of the "Files lawsuit" that impacts the building the of the Rocky Reach Trail. Bill Fraser indicated that the court decision regarding the latest appeal should be received sometime in December and he would let us know the outcome.

#### *Action item:*

- ✓ During the review of the Lincoln Rock concept map, Bill Fraser asked if fishing access will still be allowed above the dam. Kris agreed to find out and inform the forum.

### **Progress update of Daroga State Park**

Bill Fraser reviewed the proposed improvements at Daroga Park with the group. Again Kris explained the process that Chelan PUD is going through with State Parks. Like Lincoln Rock improvements, Chelan PUD plans to meet with State Parks to finalize the improvement list and the implementation timeline in the first week in December.

The original plans for Daroga Park included nitrate treatments at the current well site. Kris indicated that Chelan PUD was discussing this issue internally and more information will be available for State Parks when Chelan PUD and State Parks meet in December.

Kris asked about the status of the vault toilets that were part of the settlement agreement. Jim Harris indicated that as far as he knew, the vault toilets would be replaced by Washington State Parks and they would not be part of this recreation plan. Bill Fraser called Kris on the 20<sup>th</sup> and confirmed Jim's comments.

#### *Action item:*

- ✓ Kris will set-up a meeting during the first week of December to meet with State Parks to review final improvement plans and an implementation schedule for both Lincoln Rock and Daroga State Parks.

### **Progress update of Entiat Park**

Bob Whitehall reviewed the proposed plans for improvements to Entiat Park. These improvements were developed in meetings between Chelan PUD and the Entiat Park Board, Entiat Tree Board, Entiat City Council and the Entiat Community.

### **Progress update of Entiat River Trail**

Bob Whitehall and Kris Pomianek reviewed the proposed Entiatqua Trail with the group. It has yet to be determined exactly how this trail will be built. It traverses steep bank in some places and will require some engineering to accomplish. It travels from the south end of Entiat Park under the railroad bridge, under the highway bridge and ends at the Entiatqua Learning Center that will be developed by the City of Entiat at the mouth of the Entiat River. Bob indicated that he knows the person who built a similar trail in Pateros. He will work with PUD engineers on this project.