



# ORONDO RIVER PARK

## SURVEY AND OPERATIONS BRIEFING

October 15, 2018



# Today's Briefing

- ❖ Report on action items from June meeting
  - *Public Input*
  - *Feedback about shutting down camping at Orondo River Park*
  - *Feedback from campers that have been displaced to other parks*
  - *Park usage for the 2018 season (local vs out of town)*
- ❖ Status on Port of Douglas County progress with Recreation and Conservation Office to lower capital obligations
- ❖ Inform Board of next steps; 2019 and future operation



# Outreach Results

## Residence:

37% Local  
32% Other WA State  
31% Out of state

## Purpose of Visit:

62% Rest Stop  
28% Boat Launch  
10% Day Use Activities

## Vehicles/Boat Trailer Count

2017: 16,470

2018: 7,481

\*2017 included camping activities

### Mailer

**Changes at Orondo River Park**  
You may have noticed some changes at Orondo River Park this year. Douglas County Port District and Chelan County Public Utility District are evaluating ways to operate the park cost effectively. For the remainder of this year while we complete this effort, **here is what you can expect:**

- Orondo River Park is open for day-use only — no overnight camping
- The swimming beach remains open
- The boat launch remains open
- The dock remains open for day-use only
- The restrooms are open

If you have concerns, questions, or input, we are interested in your thoughts. Send us a note at [OrondoRiverPark\\_future@chelanpud.org](mailto:OrondoRiverPark_future@chelanpud.org) by **June 20**.  
**Thank you.**

**Cambios en Orondo River Park**  
Usted puede haber notado algunos cambios al Orondo River Park este año. El Puerto del Condado de Douglas y Chelan PUD están evaluando maneras de operar el parque de manera eficiente económicamente. Por el resto de este año mientras completamos este esfuerzo, **aquí esta lo que usted puede esperar:**

- El Parque Orondo River está abierto para uso de día solamente. No se ofrecen servicios para acampar
- La playa apta para nadar permanece abierta
- El embarcadero permanece abierto
- El muelle permanece abierto solo para uso de día
- Los baños permanecen abiertos

Si usted tiene preocupaciones o preguntas envíenos una nota a [OrondoRiverPark\\_future@chelanpud.org](mailto:OrondoRiverPark_future@chelanpud.org) antes del **20 de junio**.  
**Gracias.**

CHELAN COUNTY P.U.D. Douglas County

### On-site Interviews

Q.1 What is your zip code?

Q.2 Why did you stop at this park today?  
 Swimming  
 Picnicking  
 Restroom  
 Boating  
 Other:

Q.3 What day-use park features would improve your experience here?

*Port and Chelan PUD goal is sustainable, lowest cost operation with boating and day-use access by transitioning to passive recreation natural area.*

## Next Steps - 2019

1. Park operation same as 2018, day-use only
2. Port continues discussions with the Recreation and Conservation Office to reduce its facility obligation to a minimum
3. Develop conceptual design options for passive recreation natural area
4. Public process for input on design options
5. PUD provides 50% of O&M (up to \$25k, budgeted)



- ▲ Passive recreation area example: Grant PUD Rattlesnake Cove
- ▼ Passive recreation area example: Grant PUD Buckshot Recreation and Wildlife Area



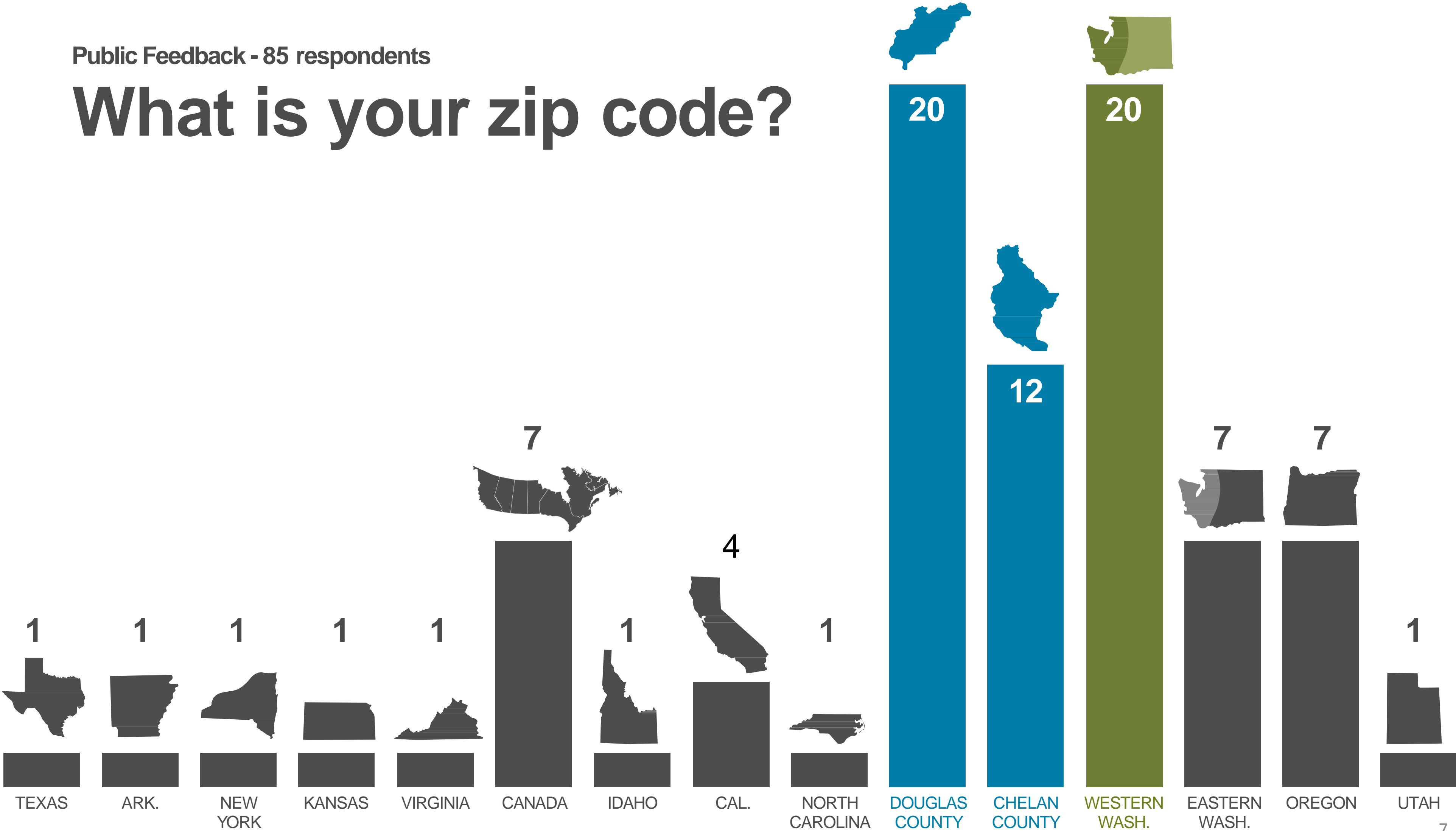
# Comments/Questions



**Appendix:**  
**Detailed Survey Information**  
**Summary of Legal Obligations**

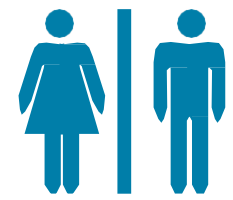
Public Feedback - 85 respondents

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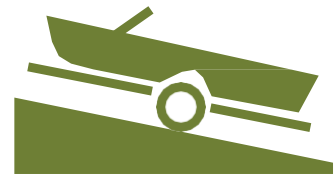


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# Why did you stop at this park today?



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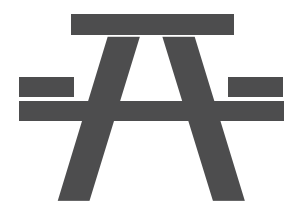


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OTHER  
OPTIONS

(walking dog, adjust trailer, look around, stretching, pit stop)

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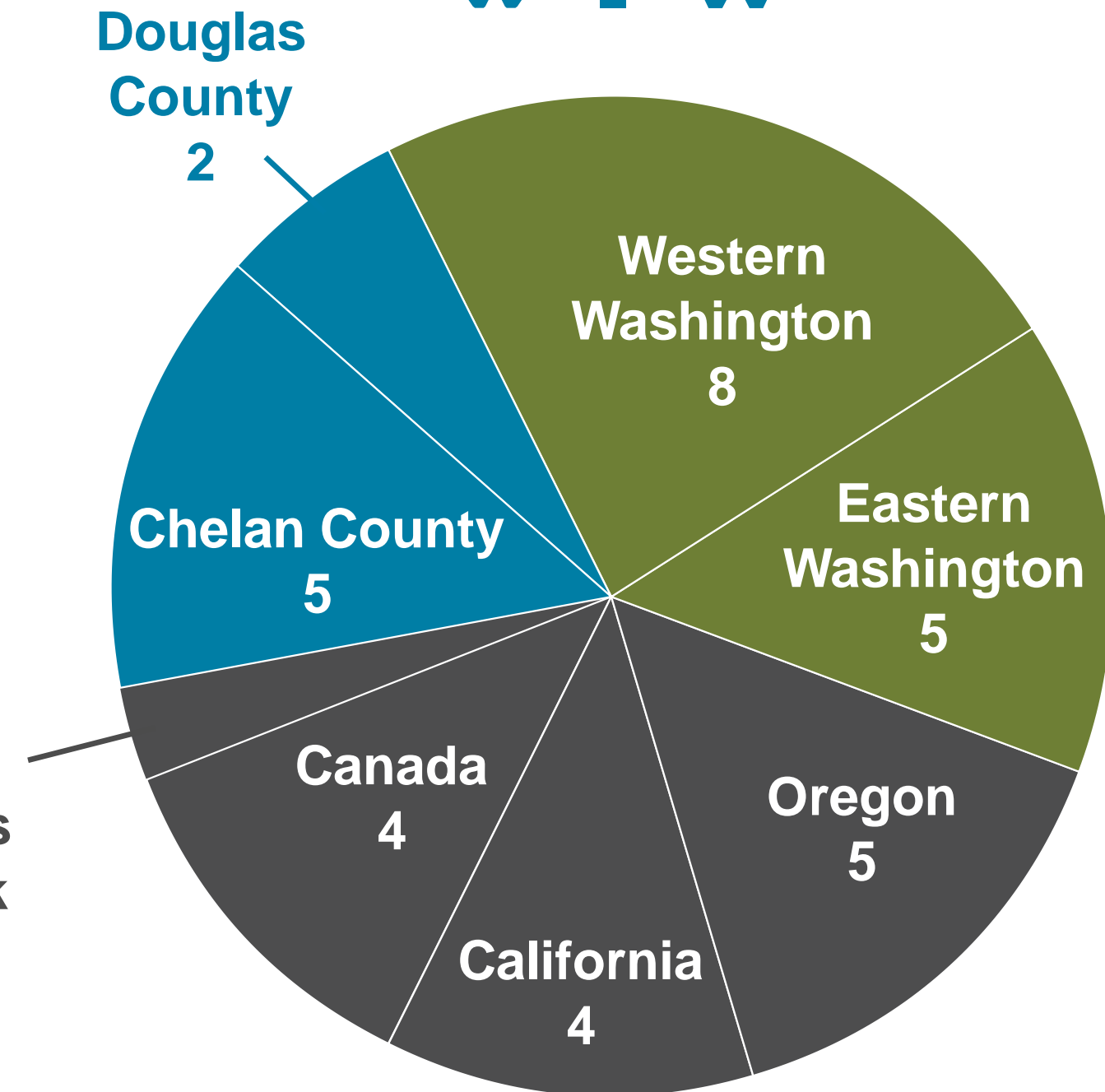
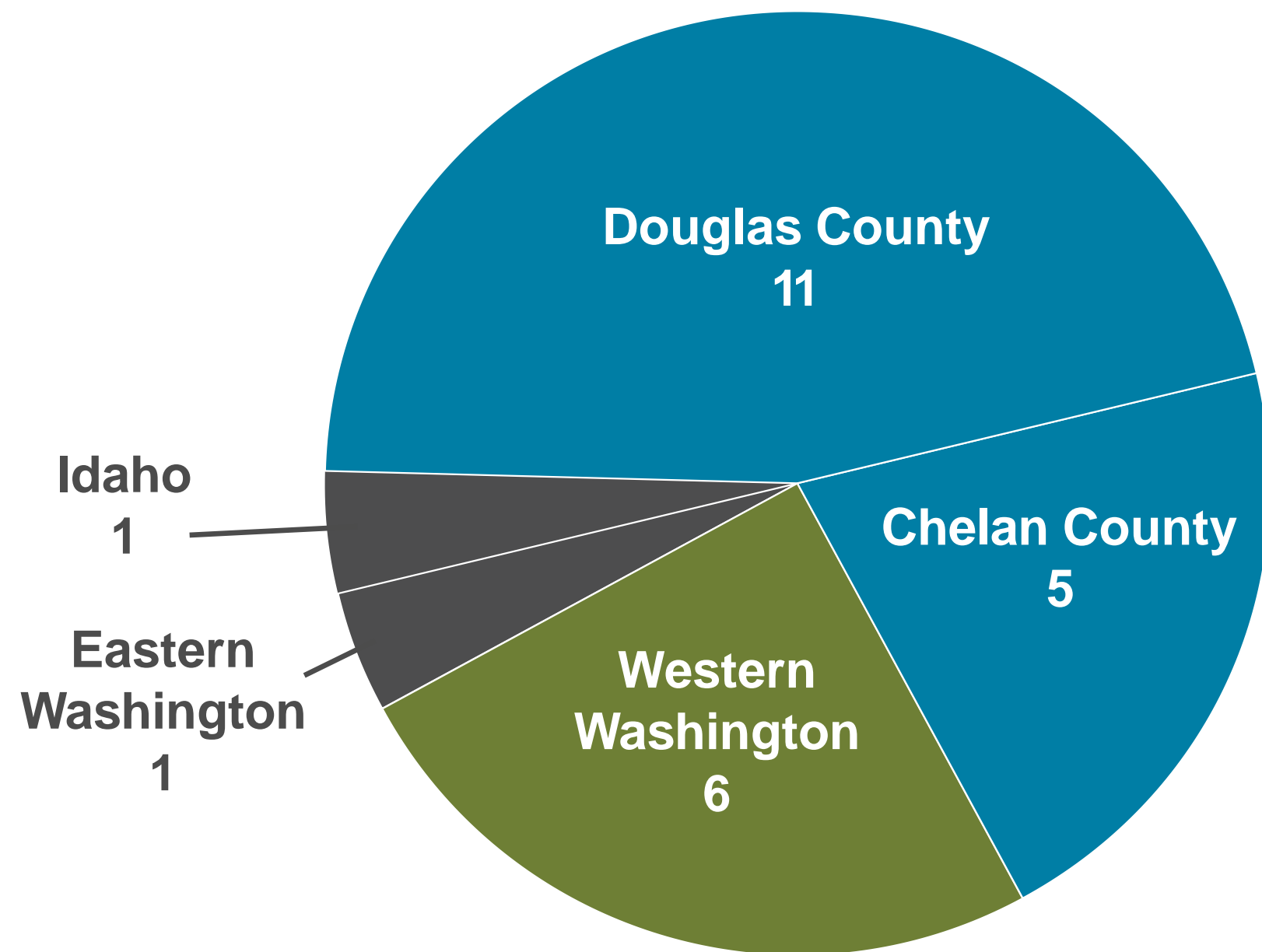
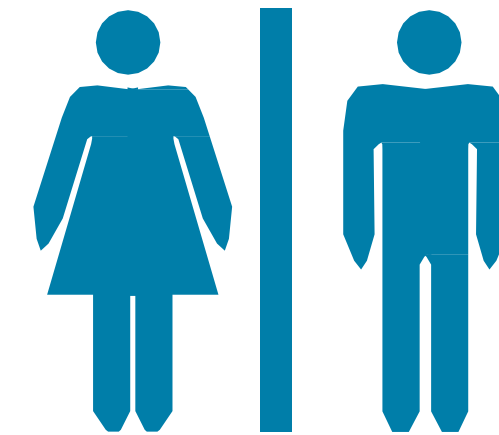
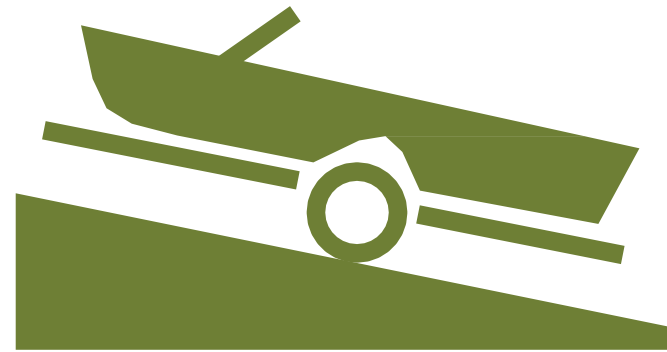
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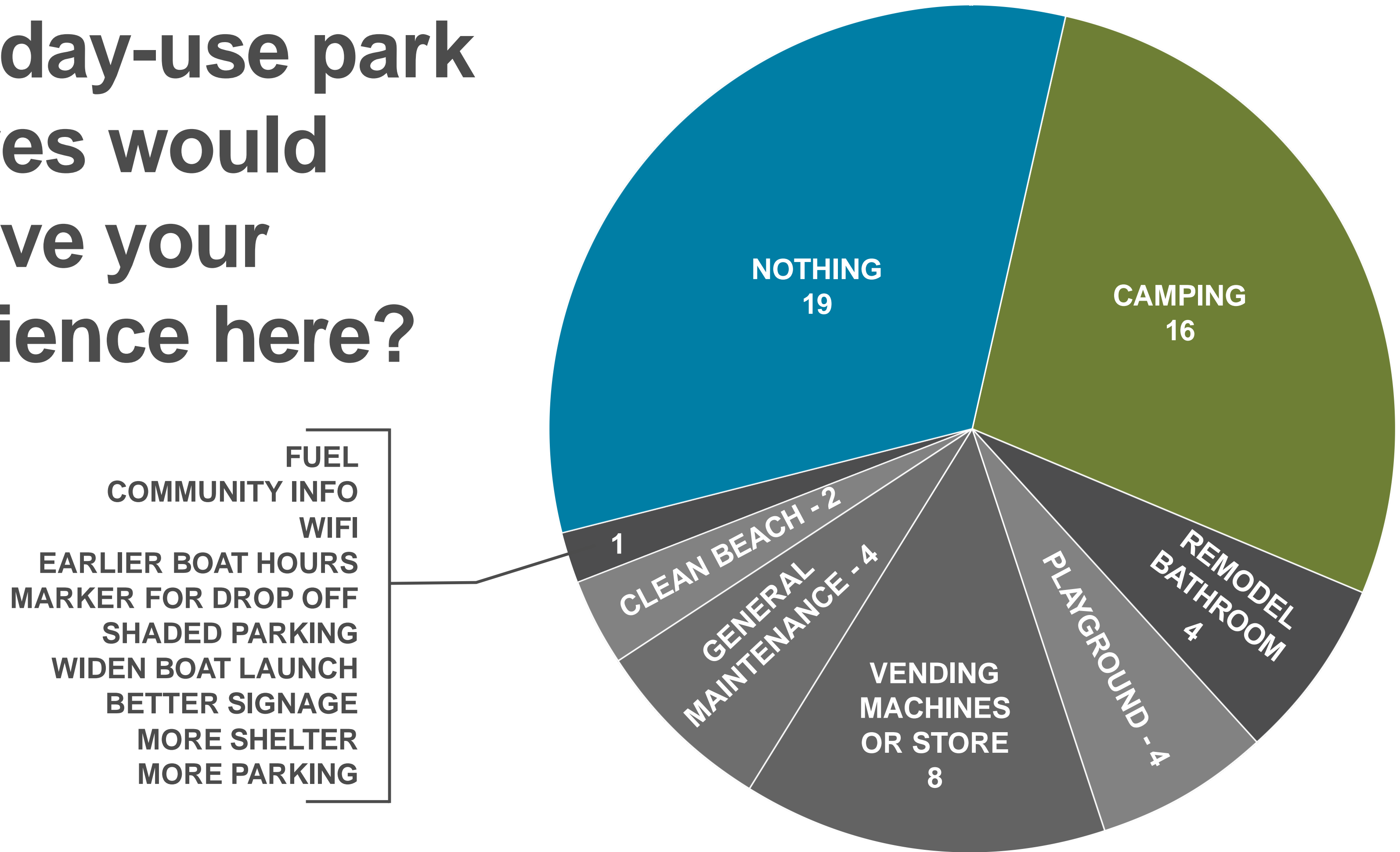
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# Boating and Restroom breakdown



# What day-use park features would improve your experience here?



# 2018 Visitor Use

Month	2018 (no camping) No. of Vehicles	2017 (camping) No. of Vehicles
April	265	635
May	1,027	2,225
June	1,297	3,506
July	2,033	4,111
August	1,590	3,689
September	1,269	2,304

\* park entrance sensors used to collect data

# Summary of Legal Obligations

## **Port/PUD 1979 Lease and Operating Agreement**

- PUD leases to Port 1.4 acres for recreational purposes for duration of license.
- Port commits combined Port-PUD property to be used for recreational purposes under Rocky Reach License.
- Port commits to operate the park at its sole expense and work collaboratively with PUD to develop a management plan. Port can withdraw from the agreement on 183 days notice.

## **PUD 2010 Rocky Reach Recreation Management Plan**

- Rocky Reach FERC License obligates the park will be available for recreational purposes and is within project boundary; PUD to ensure operation and maintenance of 1.4 acres it owns.

## **Port Recreation and Conservation Office Agreement**

- Port has recreation obligations in perpetuity as a result of receiving RCO grant funding on land they own.