Chelan County PUD and Washington State Parks have a collective vision for the long-term management of the Horan Natural Area (HNA) in the Horan Natural Area to sustain a functioning ecosystem, while providing recreational access for enjoyment, education and interpretation of its historical and natural resources for future generations.

**OWNERSHIP:**
- Ownership and stewardship of the land is complex.
- The HNA is owned by Chelan PUD and managed by Washington State Parks.
- The radio tower footprint is owned by the PUD and actively managed by Vertical Bridge CCR.
- The islands to the east of the HNA are owned by Washington Department of Natural Resources and managed by Washington State Parks.
- The HNA is managed to meet specific requirements of the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project license and the Washington State Parks Confluence Area Management Plan.

**TRIBAL & LOCAL HISTORY**
- Native peoples have inhabited the Wenatchee area for thousands of years.
- Historically, the area around the confluence of the Columbia and Wenatchee Rivers was used by Native American tribes for gathering, ceremonies and trade.
- Plants, fish and wildlife were used by Native Peoples for subsistence, medicinal and ceremonial purposes.
- The HNA was home to the area’s first trading post in 1866, and settlers began to move into the Wenatchee Valley in significant numbers in the late 1880s.
- The Great Northern Railroad arrived in Wenatchee in 1892 and allowed produce growers to ship their products across the country.
- The area that is now the HNA was established as a pear orchard and cattle pasture, before it was purchased by the PUD in the 1980s as recreational and wildlife development for the Rock Island hydropower project.
- The PUD developed a series of connected, steep-sided ponds along with a gravel trail system that extends throughout the area as part of the recreation plan.

**We value your input on how to best sustain the HNA’s unique characteristics and the uses you enjoy:**
- How do you use the Horan Natural Area?
- What are the things you most value about the area?
- What could make your experience better?
WILDLIFE, PLANTS & HABITAT
- The area supports a wide variety of plants and wildlife.
- The Rare Plant and Vegetation Survey of Wenatchee Confluence State Park conducted by the Pacific Biodiversity Institute identified 13 species of noxious weeds within the area.
- Active weed control has limited the spread and density of many noxious weed species.
- The area has evolved over time due to natural and human influences, reducing the amount of open water habitats and increasing marshlands.
- While there are no fish species that permanently inhabit the open water ponds of the area, there are a number of fish species in area rivers, including salmon and Steelhead.
- Resident animals can include:
  - Deer
  - Raccoon
  - Coyotes
  - Songbirds
  - Snakes
  - Skunk

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
- School groups and other local organizations use the area for educational tours.
- The site offers self-guided interpretation with 15 interpretive kiosks.
- The area is connected to the Apple Capital Loop Trail System.
- There are several amenities in the HNA including restrooms, benches, interpretive kiosks, and several viewing platforms throughout the area for wildlife viewing.
- Runners and walkers benefit from the trails.
- The sloughs along the east edge of the area provide a pleasant water-based trail system for canoes and kayaks.

MAINTENANCE PRACTICES
- Washington State Parks and Chelan PUD treat the area for noxious weeds and conduct mosquito control.
- Vegetation is managed along the trail.
- The restroom, informational kiosks, and benches are maintained by Washington State Parks.
- Washington State Parks also does hazardous tree assessment to identify and remove trees that may fall on the trail.
- The trail closes from December 1 to April 1 for bald eagle and other wildlife protection as required by the PUD’s federal license.
- In years past, Chelan PUD brought in large equipment to create ponds and open water areas for birds and wildlife. These proactive human-made system changes require ongoing maintenance. Left to nature, these ponds will evolve into more marsh like environments.
- Chelan PUD and Washington State Parks continue to work with stakeholders to preserve, maintain and enhance the HNA.

Visit our website at www.chelanpud.org/horan to provide comments. You can also call or email