

SECTION 6: APPENDIX

A MAP OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY

Pend Oreille County - Washington -

- Pend Oreille County Parks
- Federal Lands
- State Lands

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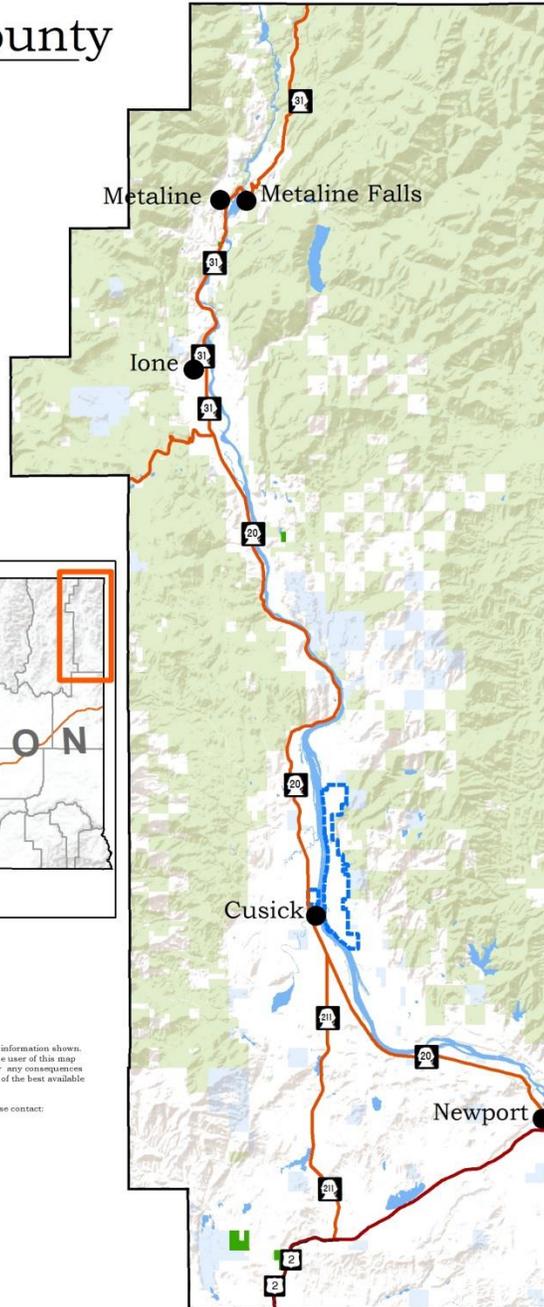


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Pend Oreille County GIS
August, 2013
Scale: Custom



B SOILS OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY

Soils on the mountainsides and foothills are moderately deep to very deep, and well-drained. On the east side of the river, the Moscow-Rock Outcrop Prouty general map unit runs from East Branch LeClerc Creek to the area across the Pend Oreille River up from LeClerc Creek. The map unit includes granitic outcrop and soils mixed with or mantled by volcanic ash and wind-blown silt. Prouty soils range from 20 to 40 inches deep.

From the northern extent of the Moscow-Rock Outcrop Prouty unit to an area two miles south of the Lone Bridge, the Newbell-Manley-Aits general map unit covers glacially smoothed slopes. These are very deep, well drained and nearly level to steep soils mantled with volcanic ash and loess. These soils are prone to erosion. The unit includes soils on terraces, terrace escarpments and basins that formed in glacial lake sediments and glacial outwash. The Cusick-Martella-Anglen general map unit covers the greatest area within the county boundaries. It is found adjacent to the river, in the Cusick and Calispell Basins from Usk o Jared and from Tiger to north of lone.. They are deep, moderately drained, and nearly level to steep soils formed in glacial lake sediments. In most areas, volcanic ash or loess also covers these sediments. They are found in basins, on terraces and terrace escarpments. Soil properties include a very slow to moderately slow soil permeability, a perched seasonal high water table, shrink-swell potential, erosion potential and susceptibility to frost action.

The Bonner-Orwig-Kaniksu general map unit occurs in isolated patches between Dalkena and Usk, at the river bend north of Jared and near Lost Creek. They are very deep, well drained, and nearly level to very steep soils formed in glacial out wash found on terraces and terrace escarpments. They too have a mixture or mantle of volcanic ash or loess. Cut banks and slopes are prone to seepage, instability and erosion. The soils unit also included floodplain deposits and ancient lake deposits, formed in alluvium and muck; they tend to be very deep and poorly drained.

C PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNING TIMELINE

April – May 31	Develop and Design Surveys (General public and Youth)	July 1 – Sept 31	Demand and need analysis (What people want and how do we know)
April –Sept 30	Develop Goals and Objectives	July1 – Sept. 30	Implementation strategies; capital improvements; budget forecasts
April – June 30	Inventory lands and facilities	Sept 1 – Sept 15	Update goals and objectives based on demand and need analysis
May 15 – May 30	Collect data from youth surveys at schools	Nov 1 – Nov 31	Review and adoption by Parks and Rec Board
June 1 – June 30	Collect data from general public surveys	Dec 1 – Dec 31	Review and adoption by County Commissioners
August 1 – 15	Town Hall meetings	Apr – Dec 31	On-going rewrite of Comprehensive plan

	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	Nov	Dec
Develop and Design Surveys	█								
Subcommittees Develop goals/objectives	█					█			
Inventory	█								
Collect data from surveys			█						
Demand and need analysis				█					
Implementation strategies				█					
Town Hall Meetings					█				
Review by P&R Board								█	
Review by County Commissioners									█
Basic plan Rewrite	█								█

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The Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Board
Please respond by June 30, 2013
Contact Mike Lithgow, Director, Community Development
Department 509-447-6457 with survey comments or questions.

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

County planning for parks

Parks board seeks public opinion on park usage, funding

BY JANELLE ATYEO
OF THE MINER

NEWPORT – The 80-degree highs this weekend will be beckoning people outside. The county wants to know just how you'll be recreating and ways you think the area's offerings could be improved.

This month, Pend Oreille County residents and visitors alike are being asked by the county parks and recreation board to provide opinions about outdoor recreation needs and desires by filling out a survey.

"We want to know what activities they're interested in," said Dixie Chichester, a consultant who is helping the park

board devise a new comprehensive plan.

Find the survey online version at <http://pendoreilleco.org/county/survey.asp>. Paper surveys are available at all four libraries (in Newport, Cusick, Ione and Metaline Falls) as well as at the county's community development department in the basement of the old courthouse in Newport.

Upper level students in the three school districts in the county will have the opportunity to fill out a special "Fun in the Out of Doors" survey for youth.

"These are very important surveys and will give people the chance to let us know what types of outdoor recreation they want provided by Pend Oreille County," said Sam Nicholas, chairman of the parks and recreation board.

The survey questions range from gath-

ering opinions on how the park board should focus its efforts at Pend Oreille County Park – building trails, improving restrooms and campsites, building a picnic shelter, organizing nature hikes – to how the county should fund its parks.

Earlier this spring, the county commissioners and some other key players did an ORV tour of some motorized recreation areas. The Batey Boulder motorcycle track was included in that tour, as well as some county-owned riverfront land near the Edgewater Campground that could be developed for motorized trails.

The trails at Batey Boulder are in rough shape, said Mike Lithgow, county community development director. The U.S. Forest

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Service maintains the parking area and restroom facilities there, as they own the land where the trail is.

"We have a vested interest that it continues to be functional," Lithgow said.

They also toured the Rustler's Gulch area last month, property that became county parkland in recent years. The county is pursuing a grant to build an equestrian trail on the property.

The county would use its money that's earmarked for paths and trails. The fund totals about \$90,000 right now. State law requires counties set aside a portion of their state road funding for capital projects used just for alternative transportation methods. It amounts to just a little money every year, Lithgow said, but it has been accumulating. The total project will cost more than \$200,000.

The grant application is due this week. Commissioners gave their unanimous approval of the project Monday. Chairman Mike Manus said they requested letters of support from the area ATV clubs as

well as the equestrian groups.

"We need to include everybody. That's going to help make it go," he said.

The board of commissioners has been discussing other ways to fund parks, including possibly using a percentage of logging revenue on lands countywide to support parks. Currently, logging on the new Rustler's Gulch park land is the biggest support for the parks budget.

Lithgow noted it would better protect the parks fund if parks didn't have to rely on revenue from just that one section.

"The commissioners seem very supportive of parks," he said. "They all see the value of having a lot of recreation opportunities for the county. Hopefully we can have a sustainable fund."

The park budget currently totals about \$260,000. Lithgow hopes to use that to leverage some grants.

Some other improvements have been underway at Pend Oreille County Park along Highway 2. A new vault toilet is being installed in the campground area, and Selkirk students Dave Cronoble and Dominic Cain built new picnic tables as a class project. The materials

were provided by the county park board, and Seattle City Light crews trucked them to the park May 23.

For the first time since 2006, the county is in the midst of updating its comprehensive parks and recreation plan, this time with the help of Chichester. She has a degree in recreation resources from Colorado State University.

She said they're in the midst of taking an inventory of park lands the county owns, as well as state, federal and private park areas in the vicinity.

The survey will be one component that helps guide that plan. Town hall meetings will be held in August.

Once approved by the county and the state, the plan will allow the board to apply for grants through the State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, helping to fund parks and recreation projects in the county.

The park board hopes to have the first draft of the comprehensive plan to the county commissioners by fall.

Those with questions or if you need further information about the survey, call Lithgow at 509-447-6457.

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|| OUR OPINION ||

Pend Oreille County parks in good hands

When grassroots community involvement and local government start working together it's a beautiful thing. We believe this unusual situation is worth a salute because it's the best thing that can happen in a community. For the first time, this good-government process is working overtime on Pend Oreille County parks. Instead of special interest groups and government leaders fighting about bare bones maintenance issues, a very organized and effective campaign is underway to plan and fund the entire park system.

This process started with a good park board headed by former county commissioner Sam Nicholas. They had a vision beyond just maintaining Pend Oreille Park. Then they came into some money via a state land exchange and held on to most of it as they planned. With a very supportive board of county commissioners, they are reaching out to the public for ideas and interests. In the end they will pull all this together and give the county a sustainable park system.

Everyone can help them now. This month, residents and visitors alike are being asked to provide opinions about outdoor recreation needs and desires by filling out a survey. They want to know what activities they're interested in so they can devise a new comprehensive plan.

The survey questions range from gathering opinions on how the park board should focus its efforts at Pend Oreille County Park – building trails, improving restrooms and campsites, building a picnic shelter, organizing nature hikes – to how the county should fund its parks. For the first time since 2006, the county is also in the midst of updating its comprehensive parks and recreation plan.

All this will lead to better recreation opportunities in the county now and in the future. This is a model of good government.

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Trails? Water access? Bike Paths?

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I SURVEY BOX SIGN AT LIBRARIES



Thank you for participating in the 2013 Parks and Recreation General Public Survey. Your time is sincerely appreciated!

The Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Board

Please Return Completed Surveys Here

County Park Board wants resident feedback

Future plans for the area parks discussed at meetings

NEWPORT – The Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is hosting town hall meetings during the third week of August at four locations, where attendees will have the opportunity to give suggestions to help direct the future of parks and recreation in the county.

The meetings will be held Monday, Aug. 19 in Newport at the PUD meeting room at 130 N. Washington, enter on

the north side of the building; Tuesday, Aug. 20 at the Sacheen Fire Station at 6131 Highway 211; Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Cusick Community Center at 105 First Ave.; and Thursday, Aug. 22 at the Ione Community Center at 210 Blackwell St. All four meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

The meeting topics will include results of the recent parks and recreation survey, planned park projects, recreation programming and parks and recreation funding. Area residents and non-residents are

encouraged to attend.

The 2014 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, once approved by the county commissioners, will be submitted to the state of Washington. Approval from the State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board will allow the county to apply for grants to help fund parks and recreation projects.

The advisory board members will also be available to discuss parks and recreation issues during the Pend Oreille County Fair at their booth

shared with the Pend Oreille Tourism Alliance (PORTA), Aug. 15-18.

Written comments and opinions may also be mailed to Pend Oreille County Community Development Department, Attn: Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 5066, Newport, WA 99156.

People with questions or needing further information about the meetings may call Mike Lithgow at 509-447-6457, at the Pend Oreille County Community Development Department.

Parks board hopeful for grant money

BY DESIRÉE HOOD
OF THE MINER

NEWPORT – The Master Plan for Pend Oreille County parks and recreational activities for the next six years will be discussed at four town hall meetings by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, starting Aug. 19 in Newport.

The four meetings will be Monday, Aug. 19 in Newport

at the PUD Building, Tuesday,

Aug. 20 at the Sacheen Fire Station, Wednesday,

Aug. 21 at the Cusick Community Center and

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Community Center. All meetings start at 6 p.m.

“We have such a long county so we wanted to make it as easy

as possible for people to attend,”

said Mike Lithgow,

director of the

county’s Com-

munity Develop-

ment Department.

“There are projects going county

wide.”

Lithgow said

these meetings are to discuss

WHAT’S NEXT:

TOWN HALL MEETINGS are

set for Aug. 19 in Newport,

Aug. 20 at Sacheen Lake,

Aug. 21 in Cusick and Aug.

22 in Ione.

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the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that was recently finished. The six-year plan shows the projects that the board is hopeful to get completed during those years.

The board must update this list every few years and only projects on the list will be considered for grant money from the state or government. After seven years, the board felt that it was time to look at the vision of the Pend Oreille County Park System.

“The result was a complete list of objectives, goals and a series of implementation actions for the overall park system and each property,” the plan states.

Once the plan is adopted locally, it is sent to the state for its funding process.

“If you have an updated, current plan, you become eligible for grant money,” Lithgow said.

Area residents will be given opportunities to discuss at the meetings what their visions are for recreation in Pend Oreille County. A question and answer session will also take place.

During the summer months, the parks board has been conducting a survey online to find

out what the people of the county want to see implemented for recreational activities. The results will be discussed at the meetings.

The Master Plan consists of five different sections.

Section one, Pend Oreille County, describes the county. It goes into detail on the location, topography, history and people of the area.

Section two, Parks and Recreation Planning, explains the need for the plan, the planning process

and how to use the plan. It provides summaries of other pertinent regional plans and summarizes past parks and recreation comprehensive plans.

Section three, the Pend Oreille County Park System, talks about the existing and future park systems. It also gives information on regional recreation resource agencies and organizations in the county. It outlines the goals, objectives, standards and policies of the Pend Oreille Parks and Rec-

reation Advisory Board that are used to give direction for the Pend Oreille County Park System.

Section four, Demands and Needs Assessment, looks into federal and state recreational and demographic trends. The results of local surveys, town hall meetings and other sources of input can also be found in this section.

Section five, Implementation, provides information and projections on the existing and potential revenue and expenditures. Guidelines for implementing the goals and objectives are

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Director, Community Development Department

listed as well.

Lithgow said that once the public comment meetings are over, they will adopt the plan in about November.

The state will look over the plan and Lithgow said the earliest any grant monies would be received is the spring of 2014.

“With our minimal resources, we like to try to get the match from the state,” Lithgow said. “We can do more than we could with just our own money.”

L Map of Pend Oreille County Parks

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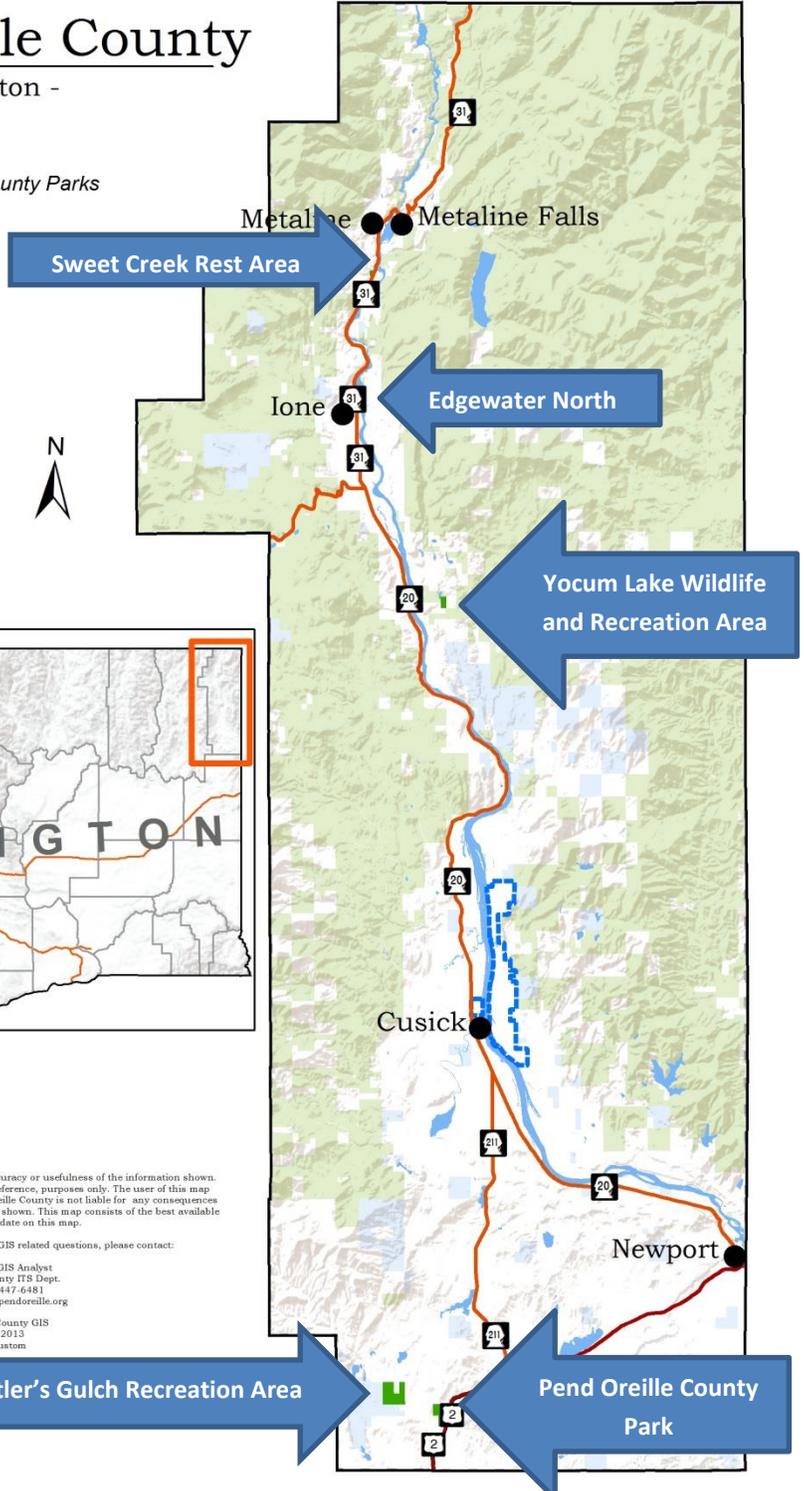


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M PEND OREILLE COUNTY PARK

Pend Oreille County Park Trail System



Big Sky Loop	Ginger's End
Arrowleaf Ridge	Veronica's Prom
Pathfinder	Ladyslipper
Orion's Path	Pentstemon Point
Powerline	Firetrail
Old Hwy	Park Boundary
White	

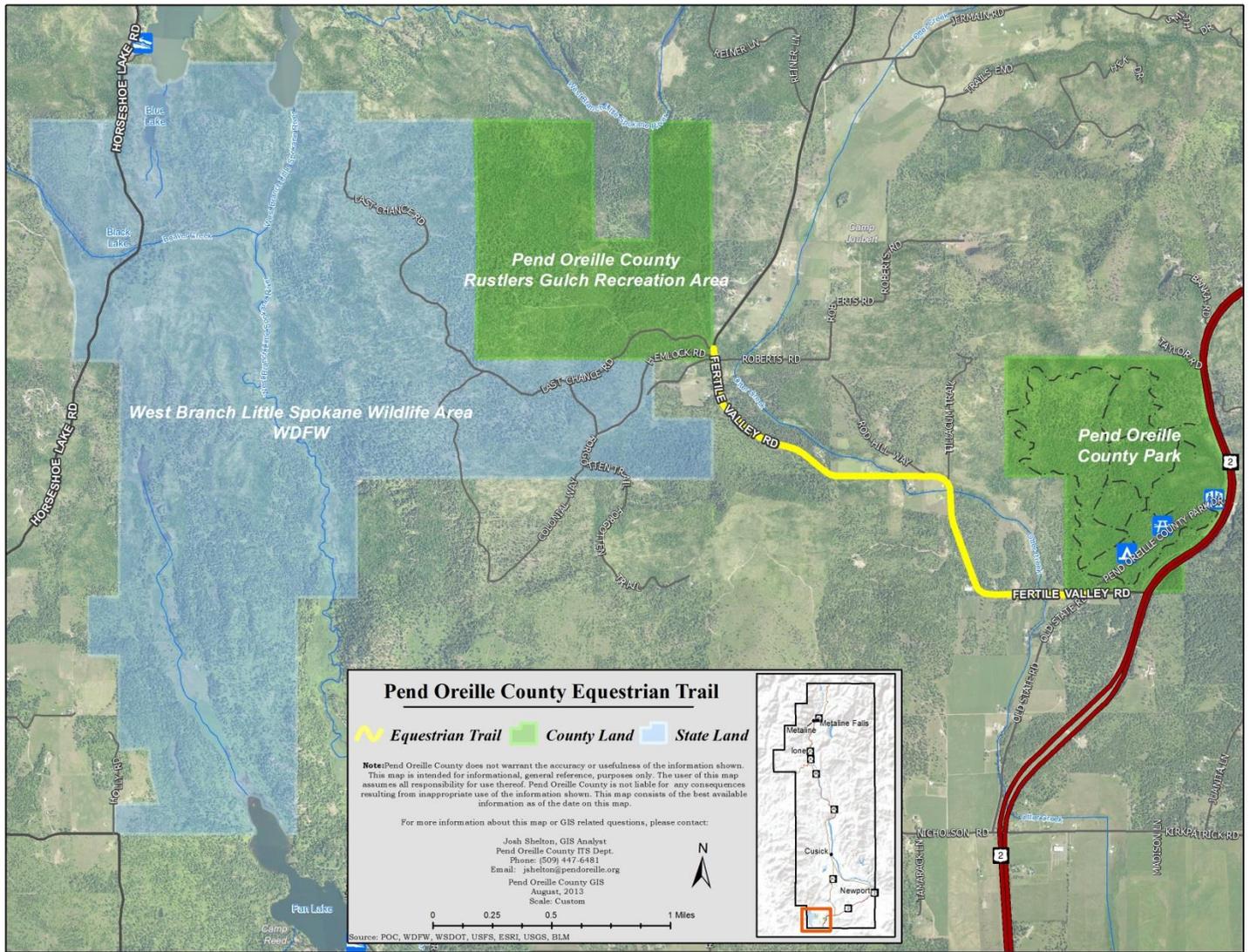
Trail Distances

Big Sky Loop = 3.2 mi.
 Ginger's End = .83 mi.
 Arrowleaf Ridge = .61 mi.
 Pentstemon Point = 440 ft.
 Veronica's Prom = .23 mi.
 Pathfinder = .25 mi.
 Ladyslipper = 655 ft.
 Orion's Path = .68 mi.
 Powerline = .19 mi.
 Firetrail = .20 mi.
 Road = .70 mi

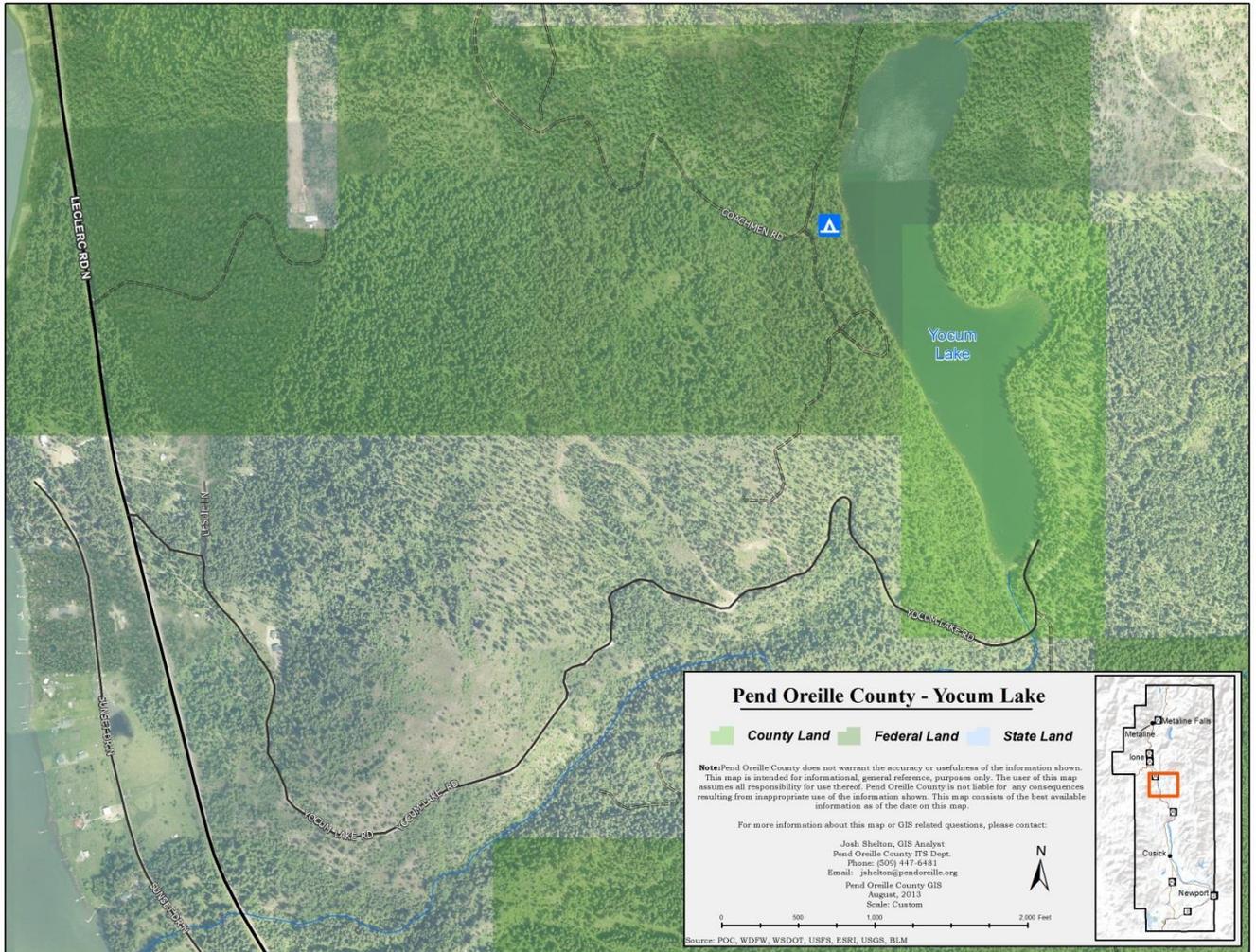
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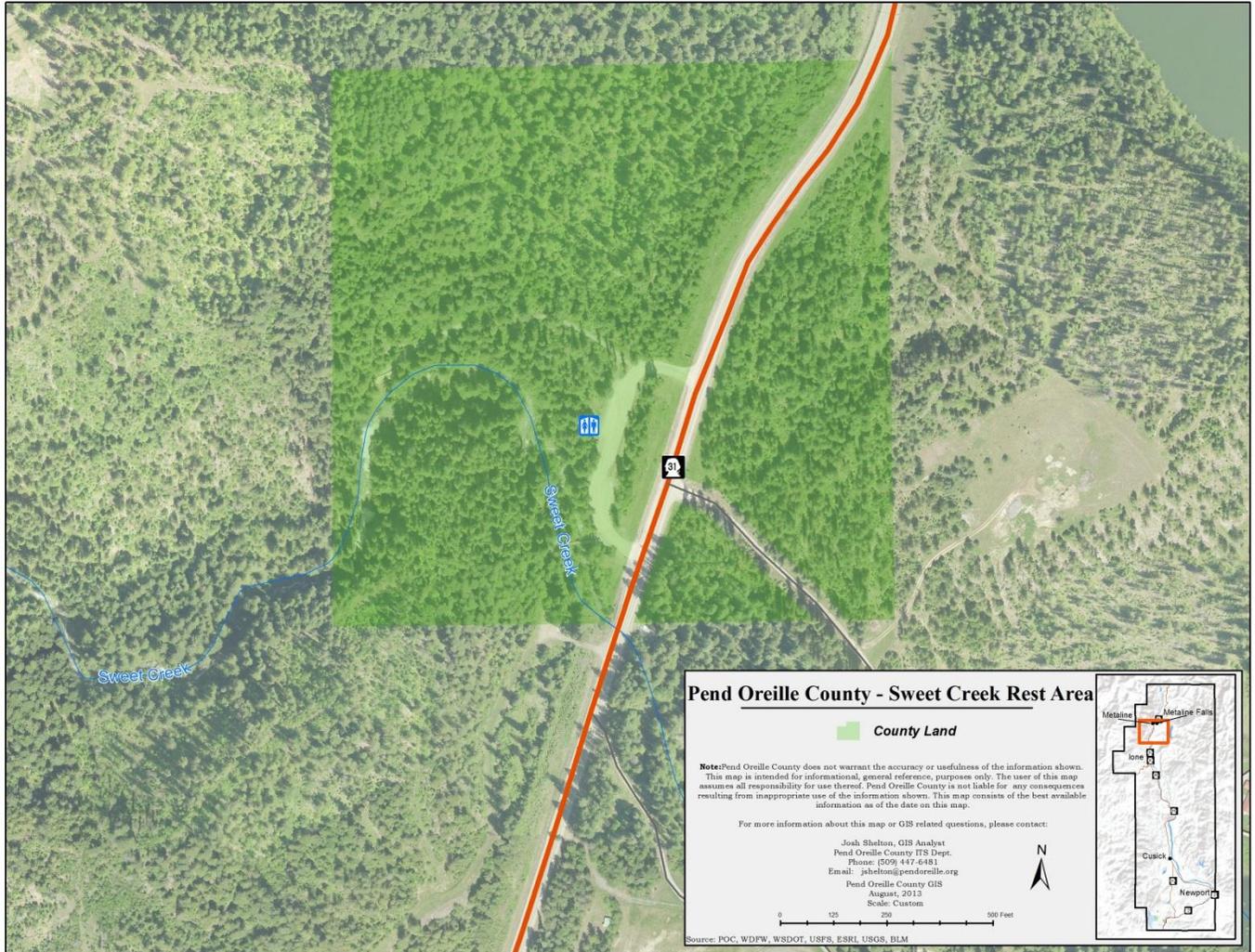
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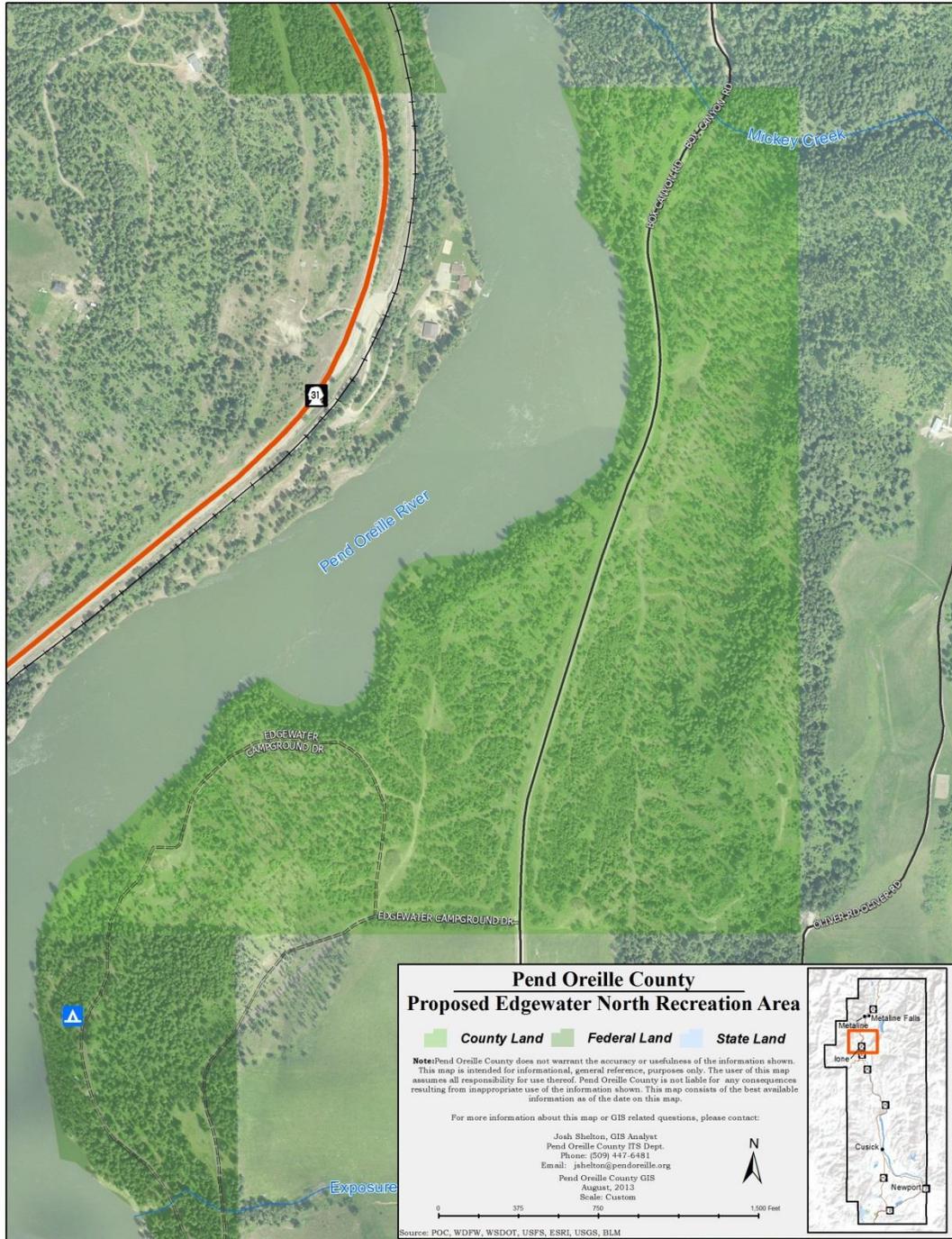
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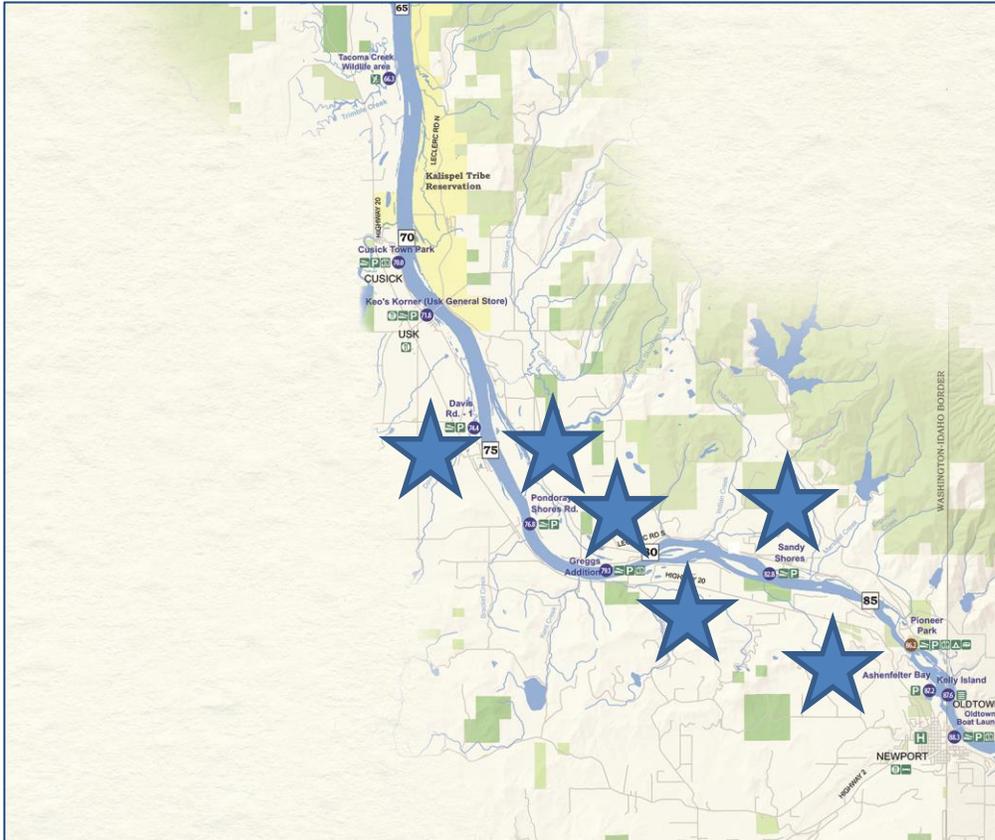
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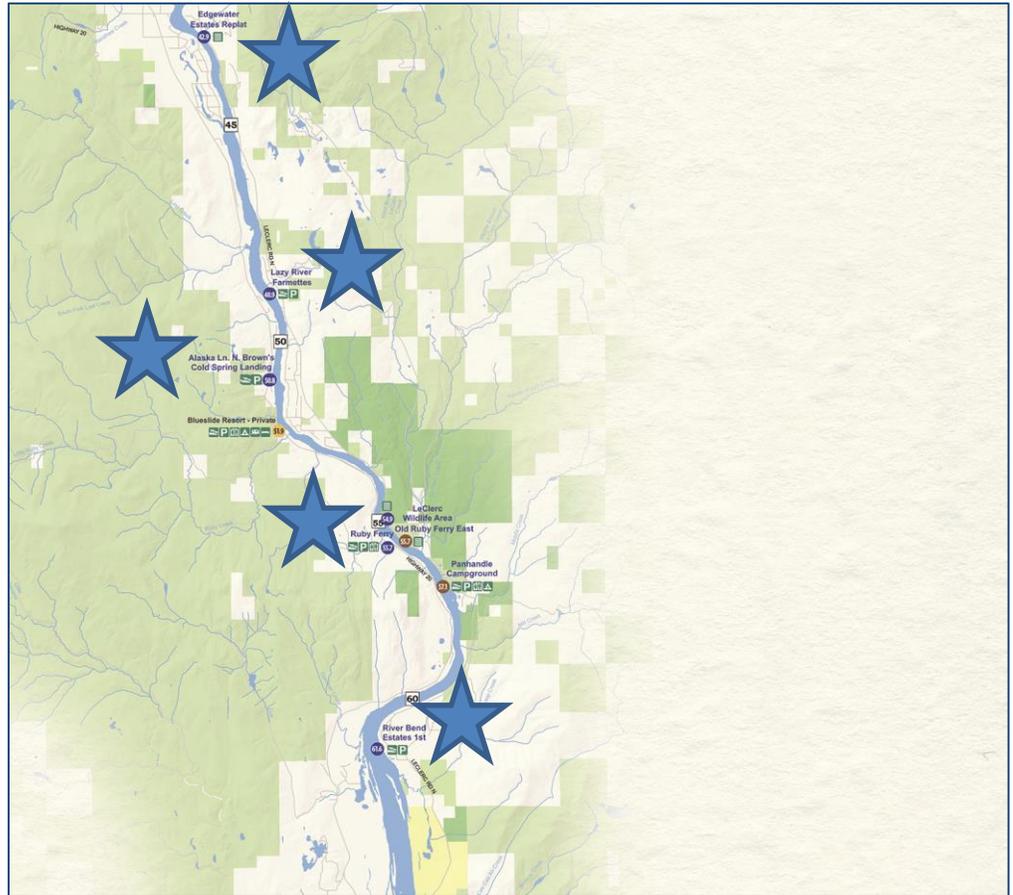
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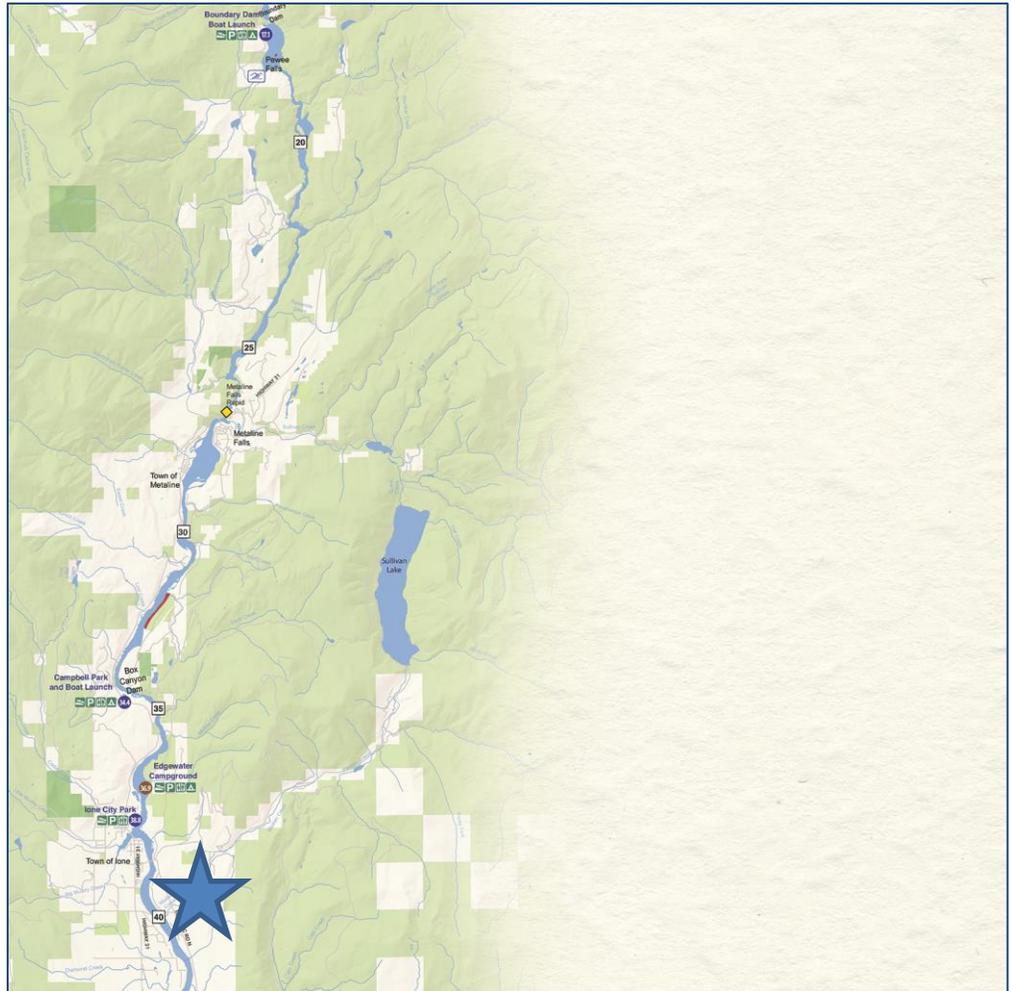
Stars indicate County owned water trail sites.



S WATER TRAIL – MIDDLE REACH



T WATER TRAIL – NORTH REACH



U USFS CAMPGROUNDS AND AMENITIES

Site Name	Site Type	# Sites	# Toilets	Water	Day Use	Garbage Service	Boat Launch	Fees
Browns Lake	Campground	18	2		X	X	X	X
Panhandle	Campground	13	2	X	X	X	X	X
Pioneer Park	Campground	17	6	X	X	X	X	X
South Skookum	Campground	25	3	X	X	X	X	X
Bead Lake Boat Launch	Boat Launch	NA	1	X	X	X	X	X
No Name Lake	Campground	6	1		X			
Mystic Lake	Campground	6	1		X			
Cooks Lake	Campground	6	1		X			
Batey-Bould Trailhead	Campground/Trailhead	4	1	X	X	X		
East Sullivan	Campground	38	10	X	X	X	X	X
Edgewater	Campground	20	3	X	X	X	X	X
Mill Pond	Campground	10	1	X	X	X	X	X
Noisy Creek	Campground	19	5	X	X	X	X	X
Noisy Creek	Group Site	40 persons	1	X		X	X	X
Sullivan Lake	Group Site	40 persons	2	X		X	X	X
West Sullivan	Campground	10	3	X	X	X	X	X
Crescent Lake	Campground	3	1	X	X	X		
Mill Pond Historic	Interpretive Site & Trail	NA	1		X			
Leo Lake	Campground	8	2	X	X	X	X	X

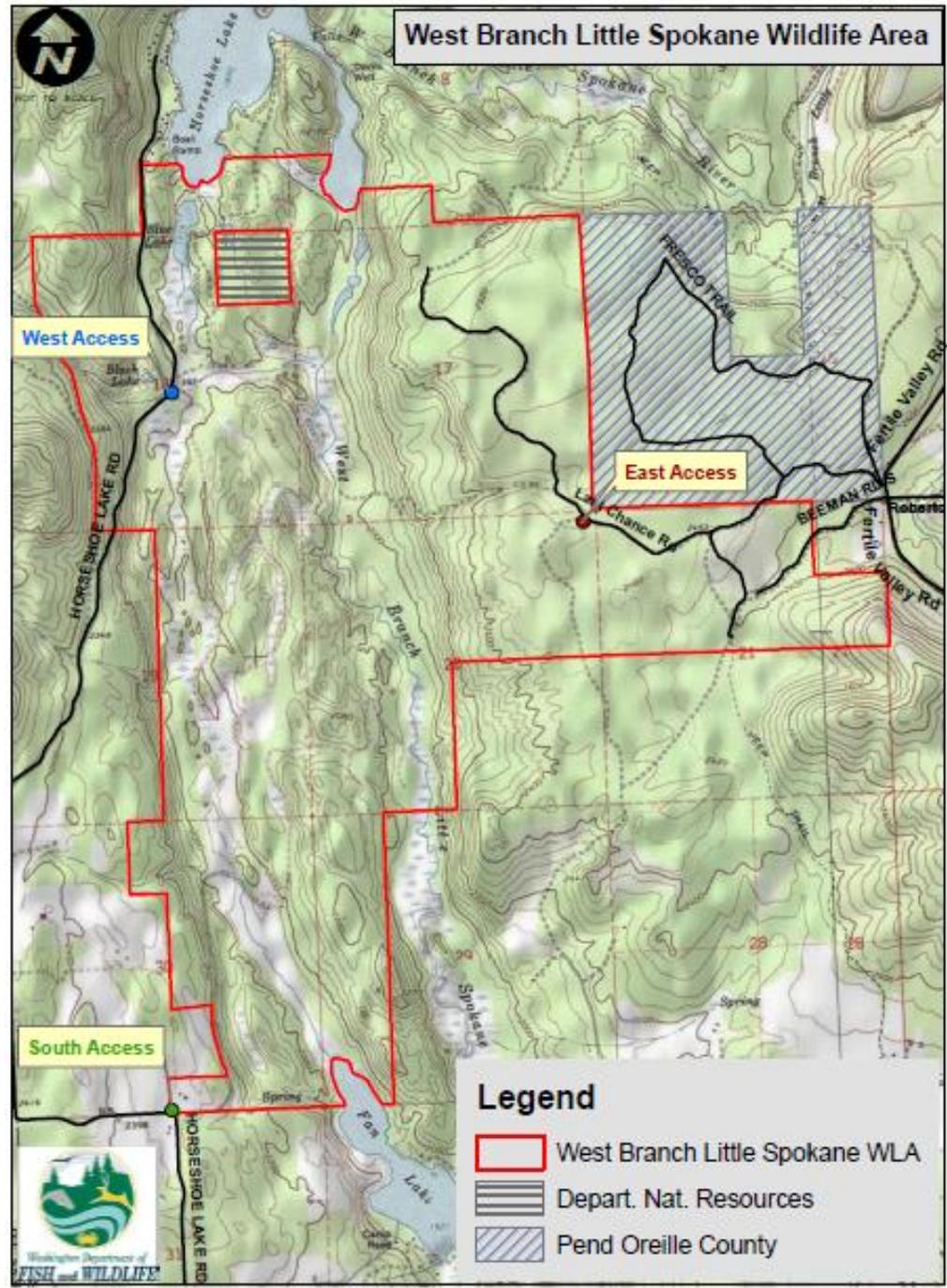
V USFS TRAIL HEADS

Trailhead Name	Toilet
Salmo Basin	X
Gypsy Meadows/Thunder Creek	X
Crowell Ridge	
Hall Mountain	
Red Bluff	
Mill Pond/Elk Creek	X
Lakeshore	X
Noisy Creek	X
Pass Creek Pass	
Grassy Top (Harvey Creek)	
Halliday	
Pioneer Park (heritage interpretive)	X
Flume Creek	
South Skookum Lake	X
Browns Lake	X
Upper Bead Lake	
Middle Fork Calispel	
Batey-Bould	X
Bead Lake	X
	X
Geophysical (Summer/Winter)	(winter)
Lower Wolf (Summer/Winter)	
Upper Wolf (Summer/Winter)	
Flowery Trail (Winter)	X
Ninebark (Winter)	X
Kings Lake (Summer/Winter)	X

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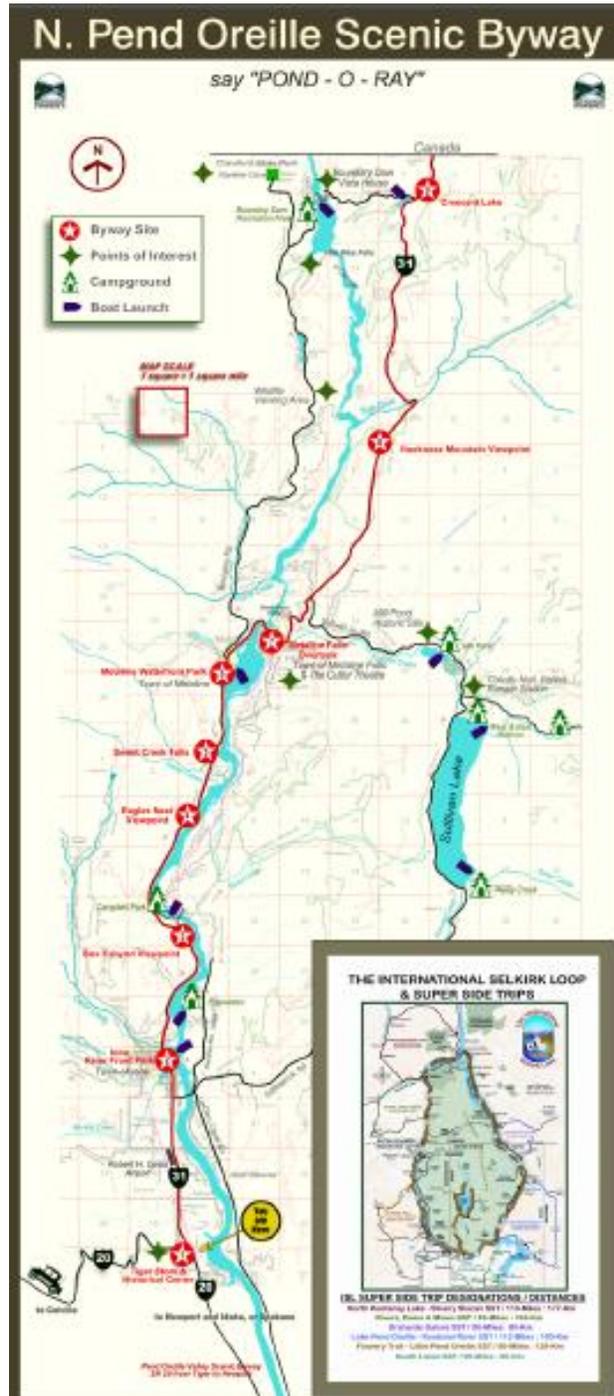
Property	Grantor	Acres	Date of Acquisition	Property Purpose
Chain Lake	Stokes	1.35	12/13/55	Public Fishing Area
Davis Lake	Pennell	1.00	11/12/49	Public Fishing Area
Diamond Lake	Nelson	1.10	03/13/58	Public Fishing Area
Diamond Lake	Pierson	.50	08/17/60	Over flow parking
Horseshoe Lake	Tyer	2.77	01/07/57	Public Fishing Area
Kings Lake	Pend Oreille (P.O.) County Game Commission	40.17	04/12/33	Fish Spawning Facility
LeClerc Creek	Anselmo/Erickson	107.00	07/26/71	Proposed Wildlife Area that never materialized and subdivision prevention
LeClerc Creek	Arthur	160.00	07/16/71	
LeClerc Creek	Fisher	40.00	07/26/71	
LeClerc Creek	Franco	306.82	06/22/71	
Little Pend Oreille	Stone	156.40	12/31/86	Gift
Marshall Lake	Magart	2.00	07/11/68	Public Fishing Area
Pend Oreille Fish Hatchery	P. O. County Game Commission	40.00	05/01/33	Fish Hatchery
Pend Oreille Patrol Cabin	Stephenson	1.00	10/04/51	Game patrol cabin site
Pend Oreille River	Krause	.70	02/07/69	Water access (never developed)
Pend Oreille River	Phinney	3.00	12/24/70	Public Fishing Area
Rustler's Gulch	Rustler's Gulch Syndicate	1,079.00	06/30/08	Wildlife Recreation area & Habitat Protection
Rustler's Gulch		1,686.25	10/12/09	
Sacheen Lake	Kohles	1.40	10/25/1960	Public Fishing Area
Ruby Ferry	Pend Oreille County	By agreement with P.O County	01/31/66	Co-operative Water Access

X MAP OF WEST BRANCH LITTLE SPOKANE WILDLIFE AREA





Z NORTH PEND OREILLE SCENIC BYWAY



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|| OUR OPINION ||

Biggest issues get smallest crowds

Only a handful of people attended public meetings around Pend Oreille County in August to say what they wanted from their parks. We think this is one of the biggest issues in the county this year and thanks to a few sharp leaders we are going to have a good plan and the chance for grants to make major improvements.

The Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Department of Community Development has set plans in motion to adopt a six-year Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan that outlines planned projects for county parks in the area.

The proposed 2014-2019 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan has to be reviewed every six years and submitted to the state to have projects considered for grant funding.

"If you have identified projects that are in your parks and recreation plan, you can get some significant grant money to implement those projects," said Mike Lithgow, Director of Community Development.

The city of Newport also has a good park plan and has found significant amounts of grant funds over the years to improve its parks. We are glad to see the county waking up. Between the county, city and schools this area will have an impressive parks and recreation system some day.

The county plan is set to go to the county commissioners for adoption in November. It will then go to the state in January for final approval and grant funding.

The parks and recreation facilities are the places that make the quality of life better here and at the same time attract visitors who help the local economy. The parks and recreation areas need to be safe and attractive. They need to fit the current interests of the people. This planning process is designed to figure all that out.

Twenty-five years ago we remember a county commissioner saying no parks, don't talk about parks when asked about the possibility of a small park being developed on Diamond Lake for swimming. Just think what a nice place it would be today if planning was started then. We're glad we now have leaders with a better vision of the future.

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THE MINER

Outdoor recreation gets facelift

Trails, upgrades and recreation planned for county

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"If you have identified projects that are in your parks and recreation plan, you can get some significant grant money to implement those projects," said Mike Lithgow, Director of Community Development Mike Lithgow.

Lithgow held four town hall meetings to discuss the proposed plan and allow for public comment. The meetings Aug. 19 in Newport and Aug. 20 at Sacheen Lake had two residents in attendance, and meetings Aug. 21 in Cusick and Aug. 22 in Ione each had four residents.

No opposition was given at any of the four meetings.

The plan is set to go to the county commissioners for adoption in November. It will then go to the state in January for final approval and grant funding.

The plan consists of six sections that Lithgow said will provide clear guidance to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Board of Commissioners and the staff in the community development department.

The different parks and areas being looked at for this six year plan include the Pend Oreille County Park, the Rustler's Gulch Trail, the Pend Oreille River Water Trail,

Yokum Lake Wildlife and Recreation Area, the Edgewater North Recreation Site, the Sweet Creek Rest Area and seven other miscellaneous projects.

Public polled

The staff polled area residents asking what they wanted for recreation. Those results showed that most residents wanted to see better bathroom facilities at the county parks. The survey also showed that residents in the county feel that monetary support for maintenance and park upkeep should not just come from timber sales in the park system.

Residents polled said the activities that will get them to the parks include fishing derbies, summer camps, classes on swimming and kayaking, hunting and shooting classes and tournaments, and weekend events for the youth. One thing was also stated countywide – sledding is a big hobby in the snowy, cold, winter months. The planners took all the survey data into consideration while writing out the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

The total expenditures for all of the projects in the plan is \$1,138,340. This is broken down per year for projects. The most expensive project on the list is connecting the trails at Sweet Creek Rest Area, estimated at \$368,000.

The funding options from the state include the Recreation and Conservation Office. Lithgow said they could apply for a lot of funding through this program, which awarded more than \$86 million in grants in the past year.

Providing job opportunities, promoting tourism and getting people outdoors enjoying the county are the main reasons behind this plan. Lithgow said that when people come to the area to partake in recreational activities, they spend money in the economy on gas, food, lodging and travel expenses and that will help the local economy in a small way.

"That money trickles its way through the community ... It is not going to solve any major budget crisis but I think it helps diversify your economy," Lithgow said. "I think we are hitting the mark right on."

Various projects

The Pend Oreille County Park consists of 360 acres of forested primitive land. Plans include updating and improving camping and day use areas. This includes repairing roads, leveling and redesigning some campsites and re-vegetating and giving erosion control to the picnic area. The plan also includes improving signage in the park, developing a camp host site and recruiting a camp host, improving trails and organizing outdoor recreation and environmental education activities, especially for the youth in the county.

"From a lot of people's perspectives, it is under used and under utilized and we need to start focusing on it," Lithgow said.

Also part of the County Park is the Rustler's Gulch Trail. The trail would connect the County Park to the county owned Rustler's Gulch Recreation Area. The trail would run along Fertile Valley Road in South Pend Oreille County. Lithgow said this would help with tourism because the parks sit beside the West Branch Little Spokane Wildlife Area owned by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The WDFW land is used for hunting and outdoor recreation but offers no camping or day use areas. The trail will connect the parks giving equestrians more options of places to ride, but still allow them to stay in the county park for camping.

"It could become a destination for people, like they go to Farragut State Park over in Idaho to ride their horses," Lithgow said. "Make it really user friendly and bring people in, that is one of the goals."

Other plans for Rustler's Gulch includes improving signage and maintaining existing trails. Work-

ing with WDFW to build a parking lot, restroom and add interpretive signs is also proposed.

"It is not developed at all. It is basically a piece of timberland," Lithgow said. "It's a beautiful piece but it does need some better facilities there for people to use it."

The Pend Oreille River Water Trail starts in Oldtown at the Newport Bridge and ends near the Canadian Border near the town of Metaline Falls. The county owns and maintains 12 sites along the trail.

The Water Trail is a collaborative effort between WDFW, the Forest Service, State Parks, the Kalispel Tribe and other landowners. The county is responsible for maintaining the 12 sites along the river.

Adding basic amenities to each site is proposed in the plan, including improved boat launches, picnic tables, a restroom and interpretive signs. They are considering acquiring the Newport Lake State Park Area and developing it into a boat-in site. Also in the planning are water sport classes and other events using the Water Trail, geared toward the youth in the area.

"A couple of these you would never know, they have been these little hidden gems. They are public property and people can use them, but they are in a neighborhood," Lithgow said. "Some people in the neighborhood don't want Joe Public to come up and use this public piece of property. We try to promote really good stewardship so that when people come in, they pack it in and pack it out. It is a challenge and a balance." The Yokum Lake Wildlife and Recreation Area may see some changes throughout the plan.

"A lot of people up north really love Yokum Lake," Lithgow said. "It is a beautiful spot."

Obtaining volunteers to patrol and maintain the spot is critical to help effectively maintain and upkeep the properties, Lithgow said. Developing the hiking trails and dispersed campsites on both

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sides of the lake are in the proposal. Building a parking lot to better accommodate boat trailers was also mentioned.

The Edgewater North Recreation Area was recently logged and there is lots of room for outdoor recreation activities, Lithgow said.

The plan proposes to develop this area for both motorized and non-motorized outdoor recreation. Building a parking lot for vehicles with trailers, improve signage and repair and maintain existing trails are all a part of the plan for this area. "This site would be a really good mixed use site," Lithgow said. "It is right next to the Edgewater Campground, which is a Forest Service campground, and since they are right there, people can use that and recreate on our property."

The Sweet Creek Rest Area, maintained by the county's Public Works Department, is the only rest area north of the newly installed Kalispel Tribe Rest Area just north of Cusick.

"We want to keep it nice and that costs money," Lithgow said.

There are two trails that wrap around each side of the Sweet Creek and the plan proposes to connect the two trails. Lithgow said the funding may be difficult to get for this site because it is an expensive project.

"It is kind of like the icing on the cake because you have a really nice site and you just want to make it that much nicer," Lithgow said. "When the right funding option

comes up, I think we could make that happen."

The plan covers seven miscellaneous projects as well that would be placed throughout the county. They are not associated with any specific land or trail as of yet, making them miscellaneous for the report.

Working with the Forest Service to repair and maintain the Batey Boulder ORV Park is on the list. Lithgow said there are not many ORV trails in the area and they would like to do some "much needed" maintenance to open the park to be ORV friendly.

The plan shows three areas that would be new to the county if the funding comes through. Putting in a Disc Golf course, adding geo-cache sites and making a sledding/tubing run are also ideas.

Disc golfing is a sport played like traditional ball golf, except players use flat discs and drive for a metal basket hoping to hear the clanking of chains by par. There are more than 5,000 courses and more than 40,000 registered members in the U.S. as well as many players who are not registered with the Professional Disc Golf Association.

Geo-caching is a real world treasure hunt using a hand held GPS system where hunters navigate to different sites and once the treasure is found, players sign the log book, trade goodies and head off to the next find. There are more than 2.2 million geo-cache sites hidden around the world in places of varying difficulties and more than 6 million users participating in the sport.

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