

# SECTION 2: PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNING



## WHY PLAN?

Community leaders and managers plan in order to preserve the high quality of life valued by the citizens of Pend Oreille County. Pend Oreille County is a unique place, with features that positively contribute to the quality of life for its residents. Pend Oreille County has just about everything: good schools and healthcare facilities; public and private sector employment opportunities; a four season climate and bountiful amounts of forests and other public lands. With our steadily growing population, maintaining and improving this quality of life is challenging. Pend Oreille County is the 8<sup>th</sup> fastest growing county in the State of Washington. This resident population swells, especially during summer months, by a growing number of visitors from adjacent counties, the Northwest region and the entire United States. As the number of people increase, greater demands are also placed on existing recreational facilities. Maintaining a high quality recreational experience, avoiding user conflicts, reacting to new recreation trends and providing easy access to the County's treasured resources for both visitors and residents of the County present many challenges, including funding and maintenance. If funding for park maintenance, operations and capital replacements does not keep pace with use levels or the life span of the facilities, the existing facilities will deteriorate. Providing recreational opportunities is more than building new facilities. It requires an understanding of the character of each area, its carrying capacity and development possibilities, existing and future visitors, regional recreational trends, local recreational needs, environmental constraints and economic and fiscal realities. Pend Oreille County's leaders recognize the important roles that parks and recreation opportunities fulfill in the overall lifestyle enjoyed by County residents and have taken the initiative to plan for these roles in the future.

## THE PLANNING PROCESS

It has been over 7 years since the community reexamined the vision of a Pend Oreille County Park System. This Comprehensive Plan acknowledges and integrates the work completed in the 2000 Parks Master Plan and the 2006 Comprehensive Plan Update.

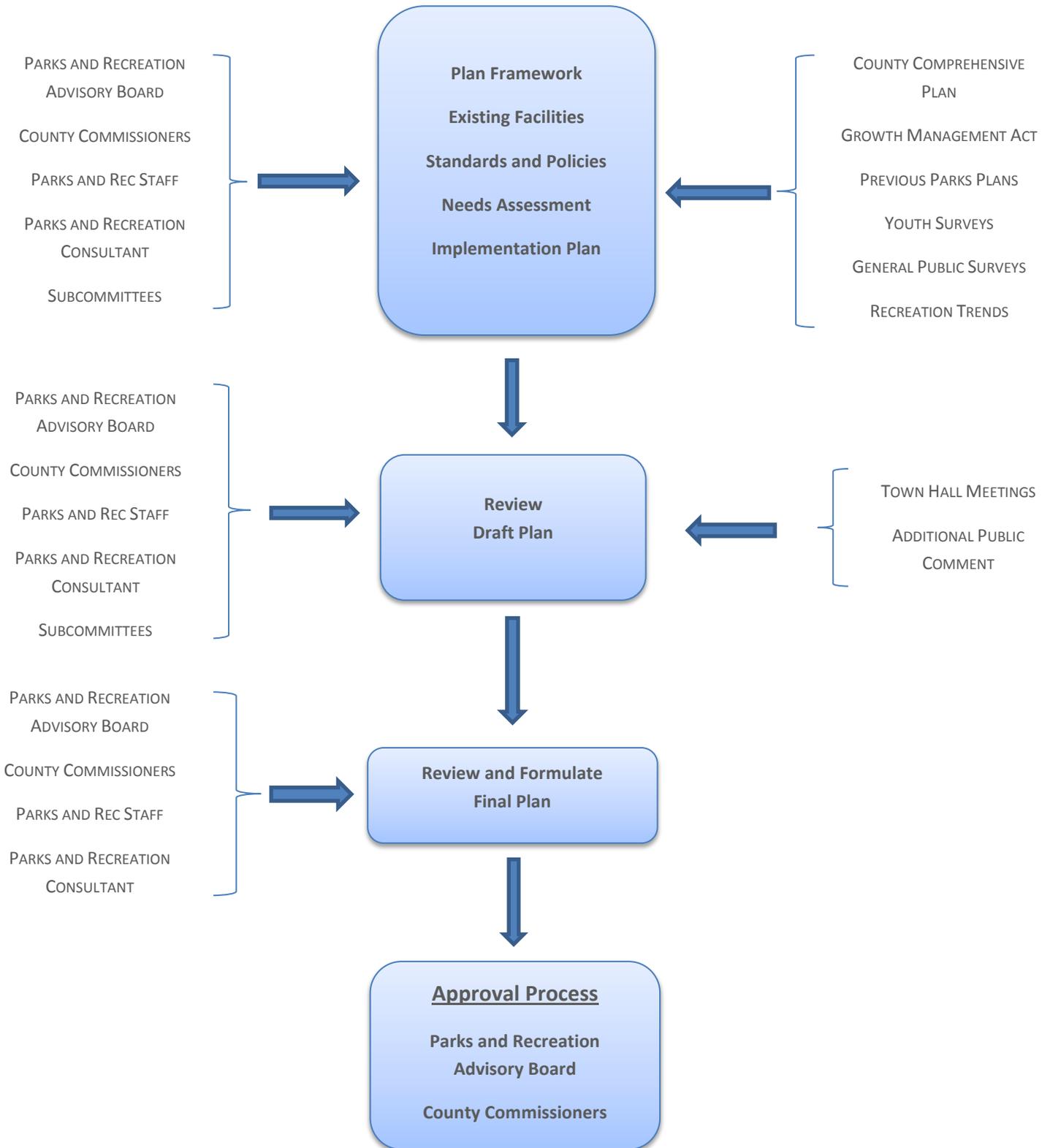
This 2014 Plan will guide the County for the next 6 years in conserving and managing the County's important natural and cultural park resources, while effectively meeting the recreational demands of visitors and county residents. This Plan can also be considered an extension of the Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Plan (Parks and Recreation, Chapter 6) adopted in January of 2012 and the Growth Management Act Plan.

This planning process began in January of 2013 with a Saturday workshop involving interested citizens, Parks and Recreation Board members, US Forest Service personnel, County Commissioners and staff from the Pend Oreille County Community Development Department. This workshop helped to identify existing issues and needs at the various parks areas maintained by Pend Oreille County. It was at this workshop that the need for a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan was determined. Due to the complexity and time requirements involved in producing a new plan, the Board decided to hire a contractor to assist them. A local environmental educational agency, Upland Educational Services, with experience in Recreation Resources was hired on a contractual basis.

The initial project was to develop surveys to determine user satisfaction and demand and needs for parks and recreation in Pend Oreille County. Two surveys were developed, one for the general public and a second survey for youth, and distributed in June. This planning stage also included an assessment of the current and projected demand for recreational facilities and the role of the County in meeting these demands. By comparing identified demands with the parks inventory, new opportunities and needs were identified. A field inventory with staff, the Parks and Recreation consultant and the Parks and Recreation Board was conducted to match opportunities with realities and to evaluate environmental and physical constraints. During the early planning stages, goals, objectives and implementation strategies were developed based on the Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Plan, Growth Management Act requirements, previous planning documents and public input.

The Town Hall meetings were held during the next stage to obtain input on the issues, opportunities, goals and plans for achieving objectives for the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. The Plan was then revised based on comments and suggestions from County residents' and visitors' opinions. The result was a detailed compilation of goals, objectives and a series of implementation actions for the overall park system and each property. The implementation stage examined existing and future funding sources against operational and future project costs to create a progressive, yet realistic, plan of action. Figure 10 diagrams the planning process. (SEE NEXT PAGE)

**Figure 10 The Planning Process**



## HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

This plan was designed as a tool to be used by the general public, the Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Staff and the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners. It may also assist other regional agencies or organizations in planning outdoor recreation related activities and opportunities within our county. The residents of Pend Oreille County may use this plan as a reference to see the vision of the Advisory Board and Staff pertaining to Parks and Recreation. Residents will then understand the parks and recreation goals and learn how the Board and Staff hope to meet those goals. Businesses and other organizations may use the 2014 Comprehensive Plan as an aid in making important business decisions. For the Parks and Recreation Board this plan is an important tool providing direction and support in the decision making process. Should certain events arise such as requested projects, conflicts between outdoor recreationists and specific requests by other agencies or organizations or unexpected funding opportunities, the Board need only revisit this plan to find direction and policies on how to proceed. Painstaking details were written into this plan to take into consideration and combine all interests, public and private, so that referral to this plan will aid the Board in making judgments quickly and efficiently with the best interests of the people of Pend Oreille County at heart. The items listed below outline how the plan is organized and will help locate various pieces of information throughout the document. Plan chapters include:

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**SECTION 1 Pend Oreille County** describes our county: location, topography, history and its people.

**SECTION 2 Parks and Recreation Planning** describes the need for the Plan, the planning process and how to use the Plan. It also provides summaries of other pertinent regional plans and summaries of past parks and recreation comprehensive plans.

**SECTION 3 The Pend Oreille County Park System** outlines the County's existing and projected park system as well as additional regional recreation resource agencies and organizations with interests in Pend Oreille County. It also outlines the Goals, Objectives, Standards and Policies of the Pend Oreille Parks and Recreation Board that are used to provide direction for the Pend Oreille County Park System.

**SECTION 4 Demands and Needs Assessment** investigates federal and state recreational and demographic trends and the results of local public surveys, town hall meetings and other sources of public input. It also provides evaluation criteria to rate Pend Oreille County's Levels of Service.

**SECTION 5 Implementation** provides information and projections concerning the existing and potential revenue and expenditures and outlines specific guidelines for implementing the goals and objectives contained in this comprehensive parks and recreation plan.

## OTHER PERTINENT PLANS

There were several other pertinent plans incorporated into this plan. The Growth Management Act Plan and the Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Plans both include sections on parks, recreation and open space. The Pend Oreille River Water Trail is a large part of the County's park system and this plan complements the Water Trail Concept Plan. Both Pend Oreille PUD and Seattle City Light went through recent relicensing processes and their recreation plans were also consulted and incorporated into this plan. The Kalispel Tribe of Indians also has a land management plan. Summaries of each of these plans follow.

### **Growth Management Act Plan**

The Growth Management Act (GMA), at RW 36.70A.020, includes this specific goal: "Open Space and Recreation: Retain open space, enhance recreational opportunities, conserve, fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water and develop parks and recreation facilities". All goals, objectives and policies in this 2014 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan are totally compatible with Growth Management Act Requirements.

### **Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Plan**

The Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioners in October of 2005 and the 2011 Update was approved in January of 2012. This document includes an entire section on Parks and Recreation (Page 93-95, Section 6.0). This plan provides direction for the Parks and Recreation Board and lists 6 Parks and Recreation Goals and 10 Parks and Recreation Policies. All goals, objectives and policies in this 2014 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan are compatible with the goals, objectives and policies stated in the 2012 County Comprehensive Plan.

### **The Water Trail Concept Plan**

The Water Trail Concept plan, developed in October, 2011 provides information concerning the scope, purpose and background of the Water Trail. The plan inventories

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**WATER TRAIL  
CONCEPT PLAN, 2011**

all possible Water Trail sites; speaks to interpretation and programming ideas and addresses coordination, implementation and maintenance. It is suggested in this concept plan that land owners and managers will continue to be responsible for the sites along the Pend Oreille River Water Trail that they manage. It will be up to these managers to implement the recommendations from this plan for their respective sites. A Water Trail Coordinator will also be selected. This position could be under the Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Board, another key partner along the trail, or possibly a partnership position. The coordinator will be the point of contact for all water trail activities and the convener of agencies and entities interested in water trail development. Whenever possible, the Water Trail Coordinator and other committee members will assist the landowners in finding and supporting grants to implement the recommendations. The recommendations are meant as a guide to creating the water trail as funds and opportunities emerge. TO ACCESS THE WATER TRAIL CONCEPT PLAN VISIT [www.pendoreilleriver.com](http://www.pendoreilleriver.com)

#### **Pend Oreille PUD Recreation Resources Management Plan**

In September of 2010, the Pend Oreille Public Utility District developed a Recreation Resources Management Plan to fulfill requirements under their Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license renewal. The plan outlines many projects that the District will be undertaking in the next few years. Rather than develop new recreation areas, the District will be helping other agencies to finance improvements and repairs to existing recreation areas. Project areas include the Oldtown Boat Launch, Cusick Park, Lone Park, USFS Edgewater Campground and several Pend Oreille River Water Trail Sites.

#### **Seattle City Light Recreation Plan**

Seattle City Light also developed a Recreation Resources Plan in March of 2010. This plan outlines proposed projects providing recreation opportunities mostly in the north part of Pend Oreille County in the Boundary Dam area. Their plans include improvements to the Forebay Recreation area, new trails, financing improvements at Metaline Waterfront Park, improving facilities at their Vista House area and assisting in developing several Water Trail sites including constructing a portage trail around Metaline Falls. TO ACCESS ALL BOUNDARY DAM RELICENSING DOCUMENTS VISIT [http://www.seattle.gov/light/news/issues/bndryRelic/br\\_document.asp#toc](http://www.seattle.gov/light/news/issues/bndryRelic/br_document.asp#toc)

#### **Rural Cultural Development Plan for North Pend Oreille County**

The Cultural Development Plan for North Pend Oreille County was prepared to promote economic development through cultural tourism while aiming to maintain local control, authenticity and preserve the rural life-style of the area. Cultural tourism is attracting

visitors who are interested in the arts, heritage, natural beauty and the unique character of the North County. Cultural tourism is the fastest growing segment of the tourism industry and is said to be the most sought after because these types of tourists tend to stay longer and spend more money. Towns represented in the plan include Lone, Metaline and Metaline Falls.

The plan was funded through a grant from the USFS and consisted of four phases: a cultural tourism conference held in Metaline Falls, Washington; a symposium on the “International Selkirk Loop”, held in Ellensburg, Washington; a series of three public meetings held in Metaline Falls, Washington and marketing plan to the community organizations. The plan includes an inventory of current assets and notes the project aspirations of the community. Some of the projects are in the works, while others are still in the idea stage.

*Future projects/ideas presented in the plan include:*

- A small chain of museums; interpretive sites; drama and art exhibits, workshops and other cultural attractions;
- Recreation enhancements including equipment rentals, groomed winter trails, gas for boaters on the river, guides, outfitters and bike paths;
- Well-designed signs along the roadways to attractions.

*Recommended actions outlined in the Plan to improve visitor’s experiences and extend their stays include:*

- Advertising to special interest groups including bike riders, rock hounds and artists
- Educating local residents on the unique history and extraordinary efforts that brought the area to where it is today and on the economic benefits of tourism;
- Informing visitors about attractions in the area through brochures;
- Marketing through the Internet, outdoor publications and tour groups;
- Signage to area attractions.

### **Kalispel Tribe Land Management Plan**

The Natural Resource and Conservation Service and the National Park Service, in collaboration with the Kalispel Tribe of Indians and Upper Columbia Resource Conservation and Development have been developing concepts for the protection and use of a variety of resources within the Kalispel Reservation since 1993. A 1995 report titled “Managing the Landscape of the Kalispel’s” presents a concept plan for the use of the Kalispel Indian Reservation along with recommendations for its implementation. The plan includes a recreation concept and an interpretation concept. In addition, a conservation concept is presented that includes a program of actions that should be implemented regardless of what is developed.

The recreation concept includes the development of two trail systems and low-impact water and land sites clustered in specific locations within the lower Reservation and on the Flying Goose Ranch. The interpretation concept uses the trail systems as the backbone of a series of interpretive sites throughout the Reservation and Ranch. The conservation concept is a program designed to encourage long-term management of natural resources.

The Kalispel Tribal Business Committee identified the need for a long-term, recreational management and implementation plan to promote recreational opportunities for tribal members and, where appropriate, non-tribal members. Several projects and improvements are recommended under this plan including:

- Pow Wow Ground improvements
- Boat launch and Bass tournament facility
- Bike trail
- Baseball field improvements
- Interpretive center
- Manressa Grotto improvements

Under the 1998 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, the Public Utility District (PUD) agreed to provide \$100,000 to the tribe for the development of recreational facilities on land owned by the Tribe. At the Tribe's option, these facilities include, but are not limited to, upgrading the boat launch and Pow Wow facilities, developing or providing Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility, constructing bass tournament facilities including a scale house and permit facility; constructing a boat dock and boat slips, widening boat ramp, constructing an improved campground and associated facilities and providing for operation and maintenance of these facilities. These facilities shall be open to members of the public who comply with Tribal law while on the Kalispel Indian Reservation or any Kalispel Tribal lands.

Under the agreement, the PUD also agreed to provide \$80,000 to the Tribe for the



development of construction plans for a new aquaculture facility, and \$80,000 to the Tribe for the development of plans for an interpretive center to be located on lands owned by the Tribe.

## WHITE-TAILED DEER

## PAST COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PLANS

### 1977

The earliest known Comprehensive Plan for parks and recreation in Pend Oreille County is completed by the Planning Department. It outlines public and private facilities and the general direction of park planning.

### 1995

A second Comprehensive plan is completed and provides a more detailed inventory, a description of broad alternatives of actions and the linkage between recreation and economic development. The plan is funded through a grant from the Northwest Regional Foundation working with the State Department of Community Development, the Partnership for Rural Improvement at Washington State University and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Eastern Washington University. It has 4 goals: to protect the natural resources, to provide a diversified range of outdoor recreation opportunities, to attract tourism and to assist in the economic development of the tri-county region.

### 2000

A third Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Plan outlines 3 courses of action. The first is to improve existing facilities, specifically Pend Oreille County Park and the Fairgrounds. The second is to develop a river park system. And the third is to develop Sweet Creek Recreation Area.

### 2006

A Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Plan Update is written and compiled by the County Parks and Recreation Board. It outlines the completed objectives of the 2000 plan and reflects current goals and objectives. This plan specifically addresses Growth Management Act and County Comprehensive Plan compliance, the river park system, Sweet Creek Rest Area, Ruby Landing, Pend Oreille County Park and the fairgrounds.

### 2009

Three engineering students from Gonzaga University complete background research and then develop plans for an improvement project for Pend Oreille County Park. Their plans include a campground/site design for 12 Parking Spaces for both equestrian vehicles and RVs with a design option to build 12 more spaces, a new road design, a water system for frost free hydrants and new restroom facilities. The plan is never developed due to lack of funding but remains on file with the Community Development Department.

# THE CURRENT PLANNING PROCESS

## PLAN TIMELINE

The Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Board began the year 2013 with an all day workshop in January. At that time it was determined that a new comprehensive plan was needed and steps were taken to achieve that goal. A local resident with education and experience in Outdoor Recreation was hired to assist the Board in writing the new comprehensive plan. Upon the Board’s request a timeline of the project was submitted ([See appendix C](#)) and can be summarized as follows (All dates are for 2013):

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| April – May | Develop and design public input surveys                 |
| April-July  | Develop goals and objectives                            |
| April-June  | Inventory existing park lands and facilities            |
| June        | Collect data from surveys                               |
| June-Sept   | Demand and need analysis                                |
| June-July   | Implementations strategies                              |
| August      | Town Hall meetings                                      |
| September   | Review- incorporate suggestions from Town Hall meetings |
| November    | Review and adoption by Parks and Recreation Board       |
| December    | Review and adoption by Board of County Commissioners    |

## PLAN ELEMENTS

TABLE 2 WORKSHOPS

| Date      | Who?  | What?                       |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1/5/2013  | Park Board, WSU Extension<br>USFS, BCHA, DFW, PORTA, Citizens | Workshop to plan for future |
| 5/30/2013 | Park Board, Citizens, PORTA                                   | Workshop – Goals/Objectives |
| 7/2/2013  | Park Board, Citizens  | Workshop - Goals/Objectives |
| 7/31/2013 | Park Board, Citizens, PORTA                                   | Workshop - Implementation   |

**USFS – United States Forest Service**

**BCHA – Backcountry Hunters and Anglers**

**DFW – WA Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**PORTA – Pend Oreille River Tourism Alliance**

**TABLE 3 FIELD TRIPS**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Where?</b>            | <b>Who?</b>                                      | <b>What?</b>  |
|-------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| 4/19/13     | Batey Bould ORV park     | USFS, County Commissioners/ Park Board, Citizens | Discuss trail repair and maintenance                                      |
| 4/19/13     | North Edgewater          | County Commissioners/ Park Board/Citizens        | Tour site/ discuss possibility of ORV area                                |
| 4/22/13     | Yocum Lake               | County Commissioners/ USFS/ Park Board/ Citizens | Tour site/ hike to adjacent USFS Campground                               |
| 4/25/13     | Rustler’s Gulch          | Comm. Dev. Director/ BCHA/ Citizens              | Tour area   |
| 5/7/13      | Rustler’s Gulch          | Comm. Dev. Director/ DFW/ park consultant        | Tour possible parking lot site  |
| 5/15/13     | Pend Oreille County Park | County Commissioner/ Park Board/Citizens         | Tour site and diseased trees/ inspect areas for water line for group park |

### SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Five subcommittees, consisting of Park Board members and interested citizens, were formed to assist in developing goals, objectives and policies for certain areas and types of recreation. The subcommittees met periodically throughout the planning process. The subcommittees were:

- Pend Oreille County Park Subcommittee
- Section 16(Rustler’s Gulch)/Finance Subcommittee
- Yocum Lake Subcommittee
- Motorized Recreation Subcommittee
- Non-motorized Recreation Subcommittee

### SURVEYS

#### GENERAL PUBLIC SURVEYS

In order to determine the direction of Parks and Recreation in Pend Oreille County a four page online survey was created through SurveyMonkey.com. To see the complete survey, visit [www.pendoreilleco.org/parks.asp/survey](http://www.pendoreilleco.org/parks.asp/survey) . The survey generally asked how participants would rate availability of outdoor recreation areas and facilities in the County; what types of outdoor recreation activities people and visitors had participated in within the last 5 years; what they would like to see accomplished in three specific county park areas; what activities and/or facilities they felt were lacking in the county; how they felt parks and recreation projects should be financed and what fund-raising activities they felt would be popular and successful. The survey also requested contact information from participants interested in volunteering to serve as Parks and Recreation Board members or interested in being on the Parks and Recreation mailing

list. Space was given for additional comments and then participants were asked to describe their sex, racial ethnicity, age and status as a resident or visitor.

The survey was posted in three different spots on the Pend Oreille County website starting May 28<sup>th</sup>. On June 1, the link was also e-mailed to appropriate agencies and organizations within the County such as WSU Extension, Pend Oreille County Conservation District, Pend Oreille River Tourism Alliance, Economic Development Council, Backcountry Horsemen’s Association, Panhandle Trail Rider’s Association, Oldtown-Newport Chamber of Commerce and Healthy Newport just to name a few. The e-mails sent out requested people to forward the link on to friends, relatives and neighbors who lived in or visited Pend Oreille County.

Printed copies of the General Public Survey were produced and made available at all four County Libraries in Newport, Cusick, Lone and Metaline. Library staff distributed and displayed the surveys and provided collection boxes. ([See Appendix I](#))

News releases pertaining to the survey link were also sent to the following media outlets on May 29<sup>th</sup>: **THE NEWPORT MINER**, **THE SELKIRK SUN**, **THE ELK SENTINEL**, **THE BLANCHARD NEWS**, The Eloika Lake Homeowners Association, Diamond Lake Homeowners Association, KUBS (91.5 fm) radio in Newport and Sacheen Lake Homeowners Association. The news release appeared in The Newport Miner on June 5th in the form of a front page article. ([See Appendix E](#)) As a result of the news release, the editor of the Newport Miner wrote an editorial supporting parks and recreation ([See Appendix F](#)).

A second e-mail reminder asking people to fill out the survey and forward it to friends, neighbors and relatives who may visit Pend Oreille County was sent out on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, printable flyers were sent via e-mail to Board Members and others in the different communities in the County. The flyers listed important information about the survey and provided tear-off paper stubs at the bottom listing the web link where the survey could be accessed and people were asked to print and post the flyers. ([See Appendix G](#)) The survey was also advertised during the Newport Rodeo parade in June. Two signs were made to attach to the “manure wagon” flouting Pend Oreille County Park and volunteers were recruited to distribute handouts providing information about the survey to the people watching the parade. ([See Appendix H](#)) The link for the General Public Survey was made available the entire month of June. At the end of June the link was closed and analysis of the information began.

## FUN IN THE OUT-OF-DOORS YOUTH SURVEY

The Parks and Recreation Board, being specifically interested in retrieving comments and suggestions from the youth of Pend Oreille County, designed a survey called “Fun in the Out-of-Doors”. For the complete survey and results visit [www.pendoreilleco.org/parks.asp/survey](http://www.pendoreilleco.org/parks.asp/survey). All three schools in the County were contacted and responded positively to the project. The Wellness Director from Newport High School and the two principals from Cusick High School and Selkirk High School all

agreed to assist the County in making the on-line survey available to their students during class time. The link to the survey was sent to each school on May 14<sup>th</sup>. A pdf of the survey was also made available should the schools wish to print the survey. The survey period lasted until the middle of May, the end of the school year.

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

In August, as the first draft of the Comprehensive plan was nearing completion, a series of Town Hall meetings were organized. It was decided that four meetings throughout the County would allow residents to easily attend and provide comment on the new plan. A news release was again distributed to the media. E-mails were sent to the newly compiled e-mailing list. The Parks and Recreation Consultant developed a short PowerPoint presentation explaining the plan and comments were recorded on handouts given to attendees as they arrived.

### TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULE

Newport – 8/19/13

6:00 p.m.

(PUD Building)

Sacheen Lake - 8/20/13

6:00 p.m.

Fire Station

Cusick – 8/21/13

6:00 p.m.

Cusick Community Center

Ione - 8/22/13

6:00 p.m.

Ione Community Center

## NEWS RELEASES/ARTICLES

News releases pertaining to the survey link were sent to the following media outlets on May 29th: **THE NEWPORT MINER**, **THE SELKIRK SUN**, **THE ELK SENTINEL**, **THE BLANCHARD NEWS**. The Eloika Lake Homeowners Association, Diamond Lake Homeowners Association, KUBS (91.5 fm) radio in Newport, Sacheen Lake Homeowners Association. On May 6 **THE NEWPORT MINER** published an article ([Appendix E](#)) on the front page of the 6/5/13 edition incorporating the survey news release information into a general news article about parks and recreation activities. News releases were also sent to media outlets in August to advertise the Town Hall meetings that were held during the last week of August. ([See Appendix J](#))

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, after the last Town Hall Meeting in Ione, an extensive article on County Parks and Recreation ([Appendix AA](#)) appeared in **THE NEWPORT MINER** along with another editorial supporting parks and recreation. In this editorial, the Publisher stated that he felt parks and recreation “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”. ([See Appendix BB](#))

## PAID ADVERTISING

Advertising in the Newport Miner was purchased to provide information about the General Public survey and where it could be accessed. The advertisement, measuring 4 ¼” x 3”, appeared once in the Newport Miner on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The ad additionally appeared in The Newport Miner Extra on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Miner Extra is mailed to every mailing address in the County. ([See Appendix D](#)). The Board also purchased a “Hot Box” ad in the Newport Miner to publicize the Town Hall meetings during the third week in August.

## WEB SITE ADVERTISING

Pend Oreille County maintains an excellent web site: [www.pendoreilleco.org](http://www.pendoreilleco.org).

On the home page under “County Services”, web site visitors will find a link for “Parks and Recreation”. On the Parks and Recreation page computer users can easily find information and see pictures of Pend Oreille County Park, view county resolutions concerning parks and recreation in the county and read minutes from past parks and recreation board meetings. During the planning process of the 2014 plan several additional links were added to the web site. In May, links to both the “Fun in the Out-of-Doors” Youth Survey and the General Public Survey were uploaded so people could access the surveys. At the end of June, the results of the youth survey were uploaded to the site and several weeks afterward, the results of the adult survey were also uploaded. Also, at the end of June, the first draft sections of the new plan were uploaded for review. During the middle week of August, the dates for the Town Hall meetings were uploaded onto the web site. And, also at this time, the complete first draft of the Comprehensive Plan was uploaded so that people might review the plan in preparation for the Town Hall meetings.

## COUNTY FAIR

During the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting in July it was determined that the Board should purchase booth space and design and man a booth at the upcoming County Fair. The goal would be to provide information about parks and recreation in Pend Oreille County, hand-out maps and other tourism brochures, add names to the County Parks and Recreation mailing list; provide an additional avenue for public comment on parks and recreation issues and advertise the upcoming town hall meetings. Book marks were printed with the town hall dates and parks and recreation

contact information. Pandi Gruver designed and developed the display board. The booth was manned by County Staff, Board members and the Parks and Recreation Consultant.



PARKS AND RECREATION BOOTH AT THE COUNTY FAIR

## PLAN ADOPTION

### PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The 2014 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan was approved by unanimous vote at the Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. The Board members in attendance were Dave Gruver, Mark Bender, Sam Nichols and Don Comins.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The 2014 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan was adopted into law on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 by the Pend Oreille County Commissioners. ([Appendix CC](#))