

## Wallace Falls Public Meeting #1 – Sultan City Hall - November 15, 2017

### **Parking Issues**

- Single pass system for all parking venues - or best back to all funding thru state taxpayer as originally funded. Would FULLY support this most cost effective avenue!
- Good housing for year round staff.
- Need single pass for all state lands.
- Parking at Wallace Falls needs to be expanded. Any private lands for sale nearby?
- Parking – Camp Huston strip area.
- Parking for horse trailers.
- Want an area to park horse trailers.
- Need parking and safe walking areas & signage.
- Do a land swap w/ Camp Houston for a parking lot + campsites.
- Building trails that connect with neighboring properties would allow visitors to access the park from alternate parking lots.
- Provide a shuttle bus from downtown Gold Bar.
- Explore additional parking lot + provide a shuttle system so that people don't park in an unsafe manner.
- Contract with River Rafting company for parking shuttle from Gold Bar Park n Ride.
- The City & County need to improve the shoulders on Ley Road to allow street side parking.
- We would need parking for horse trailers with access to trails that allowed travel on Park lands and adjoining land.
- The county property on May Creek Road needs to be developed for parking.
- The signs all along the road are the worst, compounding the problem of parking. People don't know how to behave.
  - Trash on road.
  - People walking endangering themselves, in middle of road up to 4 people wide, with kids and animals.
  - Throwing open car doors into oncoming traffic.
  - People are upset that they buy a Discover Pass then can't use it. Then they're unpleasant to deal with.
- There is no safe place for people to walk on Ley Rd. They walk in the middle and allow kids and dogs to dart into the road.
- Camp Huston residents + guests struggle getting in + out when turnaround is clogged.
- I live @ Ley & May Creek Rd. Parking could be up into DNR Land to the east, possibly, for a 2<sup>nd</sup> parking lot.
- Expand WFSP to include new county trailhead.
- Consider impact of improved parking capacity – what will be visitor experience on the trail if you double visitation?? Need more land and trails.

- NO PARKING signs are they coming down?
- For parking expansion & conference buildings. Park Dept. purchase the camp Huston property North of Wallace River that is currently used for picnic & trail access to the Falls.
- Ley Road take south w side of Ley Road under the power line easement, grade it, gravel it, and angle park visitors from Bridge to stop sign at May Creek Rd intersection. Park only on that side.
- Purchase the property on May Creek Rd gravel pit North that Borders Camp Huston and the powerline side of park. RV camping & group parking.

## Trails and Recreation Facilities

- Water! Many neighbors are losing water. Some of it comes directly from Wallace creek. Creek went dry this summer.
- Multiple responsible activities should be allowed to take place, including the Singletary Timber Harvest as it connects to adjacent DNR properties.
- Small Falls interp. trail signs are badly faded where the Lushootseed translations are unreadable. Need to be reprinted & weather protected.
- Stickney Lake/Stickney Mt. Sunshine Coast Trail type connector trails system to Hey Brook Ridge/Mt. Index to Pacific Crest trail & Stevens.
- PRIVATE OWNER WITH DREAM OF SMALL FOREST PLAN/COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER would be interested in long term/legacy relationship with the park. Only a dream at this point but....
- Consider installing a water system for Wallace Falls State Park, to become self-sufficient for water.
- Trail connections for horses.
- Partnering with community transit for addressing parking issue. US 2 traffic congestion + “carpooling” eco friendliness. Either direct to park for drop off/pick up or linking to park + ride. Also promoting park thru this avenue – less driving/parking stress prior to nature “bathing”.
- Ticketing for parking along roads.
- Sidewalks from May Creek Rd up Ley Rd up the driveway.
- Trailer Parking – would like to have designated trailer parking at trailheads for horses/stock rigs.
- Assuming Stickney is usable, build 3 walled snow shelter.
- Open up (or annex) Stickney Meadows (Basin).
- Flag needs to remain lit all night long or retire flag daily
- I am especially interested in being able to ride my horse on some of the Wallace Park trails.
- Create educational signage along the trail. Highlight area fauna + flora. Weather patterns, average rainfall, average temps at the trailhead vs average temps at Wallace or Lay Lake. Any other ‘science’ info.
- Logging. Stop all logging near Wallace Lake. I flew over this area at 300 ft this year – I think the logging operations have encroached on Park boundary -much like OSO “extra” logs.
- Cultural. Natural. Purchase the Singletary logging properties to prevent encroachment.
- Logging. Permanently purchase Singletary property logging project and expand Park to East to Heritage protect.
- Stickney Lake & Mt. Stackey above to the North of WFSP.
- EXTRA bathrooms on Woody Trail.

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- Any chance an education center can be established on the park for school visits? Would be good to make more use of the park on week-days & year round.
- How else to encourage use/caretaking by diverse ethnicities.
- No ties to Gold Bar Community. Wallace Falls is the place the “City Folk” go on the weekend.
- Create educational signage in view areas that have been logged. Who benefitted from the harvest? Schools, etc. When was it harvested? When replanted? How does the process help the environment?
- Trail from Jay to Shaw.
- Connections!
  - Wallace to Lake Isabell
  - Trail from Wallace to Fish Hatchery
  - Trail from Hatchery to Index
- Develop a trail from Jay to Shaw Lakes – last time I was there, could not follow it.
- Littering around the amphitheater.
- Want to be able to have equestrian access in some areas of the park.
- Hiker. 1. Good idea to have an alternative trail from 429<sup>th</sup> Ave May Creek Rd. -Hiking trail only. I am ok with dirt bikes – separate trail.
- A large # of American’s require motorized vehicles to access remote areas. Need some access to Wallace Falls by ATVs. Trails could be multi use trails – shared with Mountain bike’s as an example.
- As an equestrian, being able to camp with our horses as a part of enjoying this area would be wonderful.
- Horse trails!!
- Connecting trail? How goes the work on a trail to connect Wallace Falls State Park with its eastern unit, the Forks of the Sky St. Park?
- Allow ATV access on existing road to get to Wallace Falls + park.
- Last time I tried to use bike route from old RR grade to DNR road, it was very difficult to get my bike through. Needs trail work!
- Camping. Purchase East property from gravel pit North to park for RV camping, more cabins, group camping, Holiday parking.
- Just hiking. That’s what the state park does best. I actually find bikes + horses a nuisance + make Wallace Falls State Park less hiker-friendly.
- Support expansion of park on south side of Wallace River (Reiter Foothills Forest).
  - Current overuse of trails is impacting visitor experience.
  - If parking is expanded the impact on Woody Trail will be even greater.
- Make a bridge on the lower part of the river that is in the park and have a loop trail up the Woody Trail and then tie it in to the south east side then across a lower bridge at the west end of the abandoned road.
- More compliance for dogs off leash education for dog owners to not leave their dog poop bags on the side of the trail!
- Access to Park. Monitor and maintain Wallace Lake Rd to prevent illegal hunting on isolated DNR property that includes portion of Wallace Lake Rd: 4 wildfires by arson in August 2017.

- Add more garbage receptacles for dog waste and trash on the trails. This would encourage a cleaner park. There is only 1 garbage can at the beginning of the trail.
- Trails are overly impacted from high volume of visitors. Additional connection/loops with surrounding properties could help mitigate this.
- Improved location signage distance etc.
- INNER connection Trail. Wallace Park, Hey Brook Ridge, Stickney Lake, Mt. Index to Steven Pass to Pacific Crest trail.
- Forks of Sky unit has problems to deal with (parking, resource damage) that require attention now. Index pays the price for problems in your state park. Therefore – attention to problems needs to be paid in Forks of the Sky unit.
- The Wallace Falls ranger also takes care of Forks of Sky State Park... Wallace Falls Park unit has needs (camping, hiking, etc.) that Forks of Sky unit can help with. Therefore both park units should be included in planning effort.
- Is it possible to do a multi-jurisdictional hub trail?
- SOCIAL TRIALS. Concern for public safety and “trespass” on immediate bordering DNR and access by social trails in the Park that make it possible for transients and others who sometimes conduct drug deals and camp/or start fires... Will there be expanded ‘law enforcement’ to match increased visitors and or those with mal intentions?
- Build a new trail system through DNR LANDS to the new county trailhead. Best case is to make loop trail with another bridge over W. River.
- Trail on east side of Wallace River.
- Trails for horses.
- Horse camping.
- Want to be able to ride on horseback on some of the trails within the park. Have “multi use” trails.
- Horse camping.
- Utilize the Washington State Trails Associations to help maintain the newly completed (2007) old growth trail.
- The proposed trail east of the Wallace River needs to be part of the Park & have meaningful buffers
- A high priority thing to do is to seamlessly connect the Wild Sky Wilderness area with the Wallace Falls park area. We should do this now while it is still possible.
- A single track trail on the east side of Wallace Lake.
- Trail up Stickney either to the top or lakes up there from near Wallace Lake.
- Park trails should connect with DNR trails. And make a loop. More hiking trails to relief such busy overcrowded park.

### **Long Term Boundary**

- Would love to see a trail established to connect to Wild Sky Wilderness. Some beautiful country up there.
- Trail connection to Wild Sky.
- CROSS AGENCY NEGOTIATIONS. PARK negotiations with DNR. Can private land owners who border DNR also have input as to usage type if DNR land becomes part of the park?
- Want to have Equestrians included in trail connections with DNR etc.

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- Bridge near Lower Falls picnic area connecting to current unofficial trail east of W. river and connecting to DNR future trails and county trails off 429<sup>th</sup>.
- I have 38.5 acres that I would be willing to sell right on the other side of the river. There's also 34 acres available right on May Creek Rd. adjacent to ours.
- Create parking outside the park – look at the lot on Ley Rd and May Creek Rd. Talk to Camp Huston and other adjacent land owners to see if their property could be included in the plan for future parking. Timber sale is a hot topic esp. the Singletary sale.
- Hiker- Would like to see a trail from Upper Falls to the lake instead of walking the road. Greg Ball trail is great but you do not see the falls.
- Work with DNR about shooting off Sultan Basin Road at the gated road to Shaw Lake.
- Viewpoint trail east, above W. Lake.
- The parking problem will only get worse so the solution would be for State Parks to identify all possible areas for possible expansion including the Snohomish County trailhead and a new trailhead on May Creek – A multiuse nonmotorized trail corridor joining May Creek, the new county trailhead to Wallace Falls State Park would be a great long term vision.
- “Trail Connections” Be able to connect to other trails/land via horseback/stock to DNR land, other parks. Allowed to access trail connections via Wallace Falls.
- Having trails that connected various state and public lands (and were open to horseback riders) would be greatly enjoyed.
- We really should talk to all neighboring property owners to see about expanding the park. Some may be willing sellers + might be an answer for the parking problem + lack of camping opportunities.
- Consider including Stickney Lake and Stickney Mountain in the long-term boundary.
- Trail out to Shaw Lake. On Sierra Pacific recently logged land, there's an unofficial trail. Because it's been logged, perhaps they'd be open to a partnership or selling that portion. Corner west of park between Jay and Shaw lakes.
- DNR has a mandate inconsistent with Mission of State Parks. Adjacent DNR land needs to be transferred to the Park. This is a State issue not a Gold Bar or Snohomish County issue.
- I think we should expand the park by including the Singletary area. This would create a 'Wallace Falls East.' The views from this area are amazing too. The park is overcrowded + this would allow access to an amazing asset while reduces the stress on the current trail system.
- Stickney Lake/Mt. Stickney. Ragged Ridge. Connect State Park to Hey Brook Ridge and Mt. Index etc. By trail with a Hut system through DNR land with trail to East of park to Steven Pass Pacific Crest Trail system.
- Look at land across the river for parking and build a bridge to the trail like a second entrance to the park.