

Classification and Management Planning

Wallace Falls State Park

Stage 2 – Exploring Alternative Approaches



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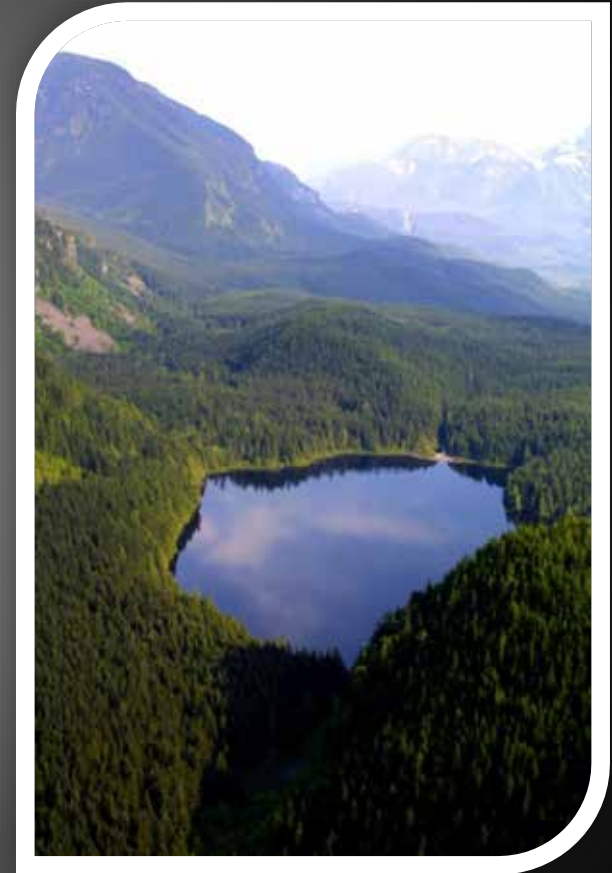
Sultan City Hall Public Meeting



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Tonight's Agenda

- Sign-in
- Staff introductions
- Presentation
- Get your ideas
- Next steps
- Adjourn



Wallace Lake

Presentation Summary

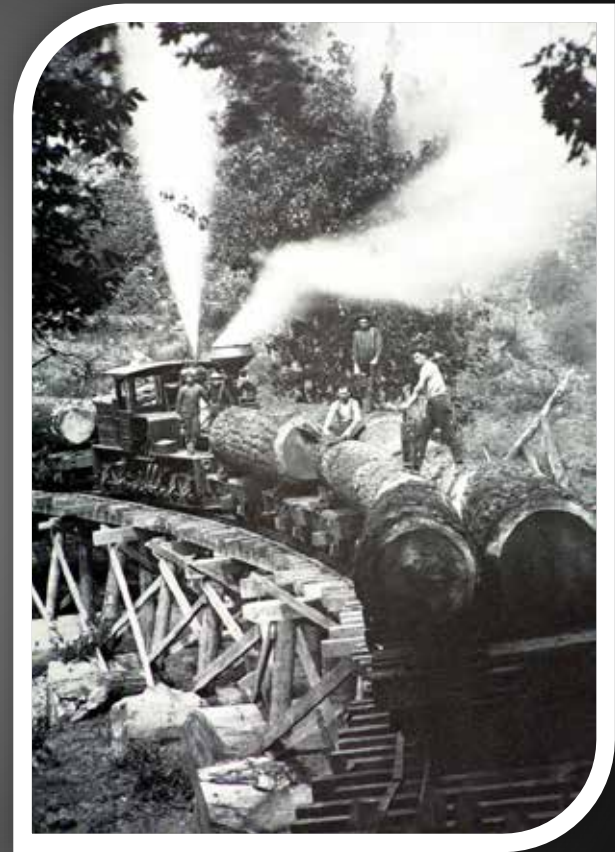
- Park overview
- CAMP planning process
- Alternative approaches



Wallace Falls forest

Wallace Falls History

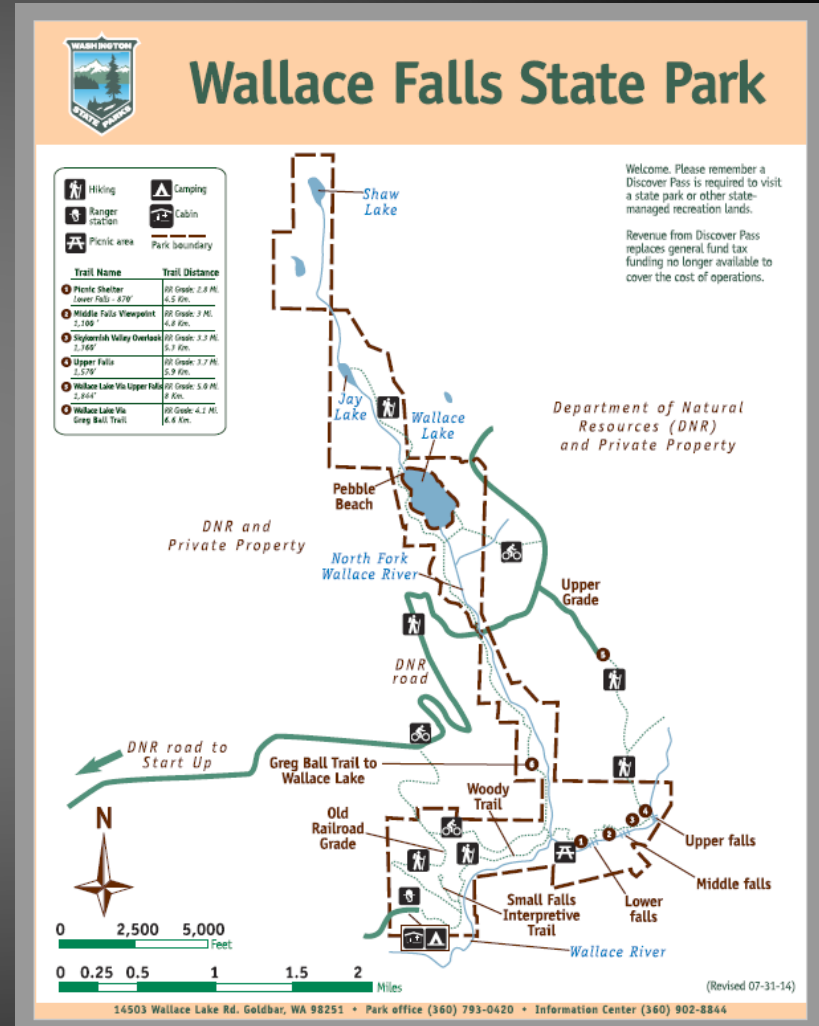
- 1977 official park
- Areas logged in the early 1900's
- Evidence of rail grades, trestle ruins and springboard notches



Railroad trestle - some remains can still be found in the park

Wallace Falls Features

- 1380 acres
- 3 lakes
- 13 waterfalls
- 5 cabins
- 3 backcountry campsites
- 12 miles of hiking trails
- 5 miles of biking trails
- 2 picnic shelters
- Park store



2017 In Park Visitor Survey Project

Survey Method

- June - October 2017
- Volunteer with iPad

Survey Results

- 83% Washington residents
- 72% are visiting for the first time
- Miles from home
 - 20% - 50 to 100+ miles
 - 60% - 26 to 50 miles
 - 20% - 5 to 25 miles
- 42% planned to shop or dine in the area



North Fork bridge

2017 Wallace Falls Recreation Survey

In-park activities

- Hiking/walking/running 95%
- Picnicking 29%
- Photography 22%
- Solitude/relaxation 13%
- Dog walking 12%
- Bird/wildlife viewing 5%
- Biking 5%
- Geocaching 2%



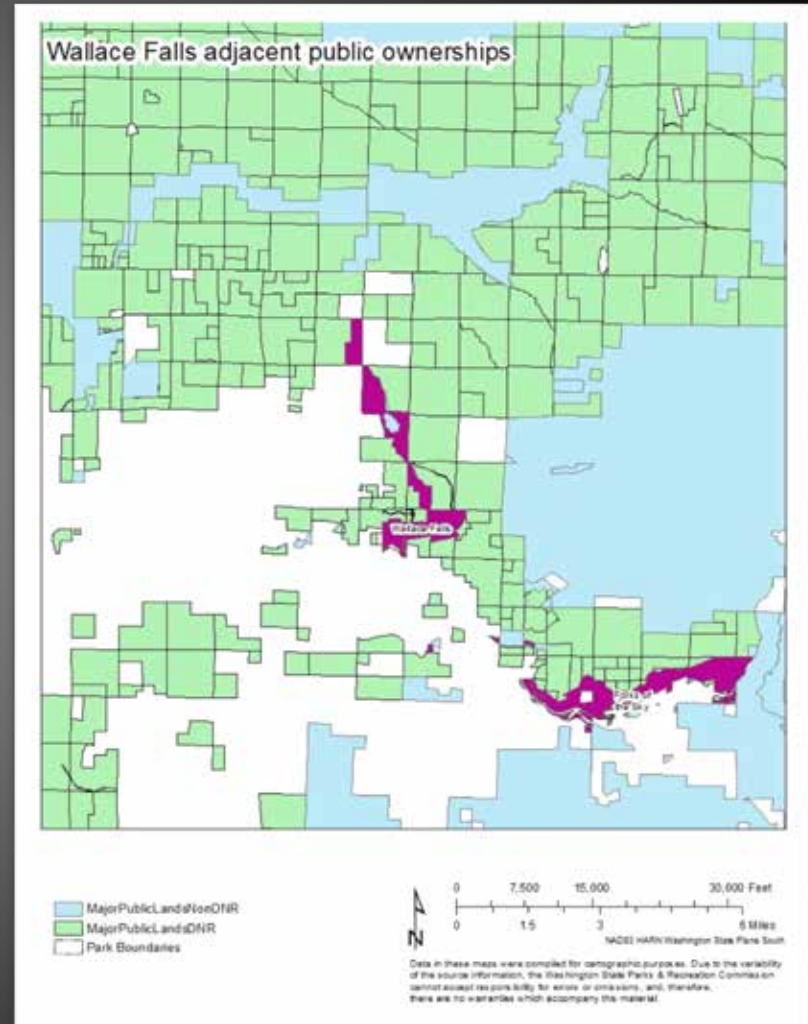
Family on
Woody Trail

Staff led 1st
of the year
hike



Proximity to Other Public Lands

- National forest and wilderness area
- DNR managed forest lands
- Snohomish County trailhead
- Opportunity for collaboration



How We Plan for Parks

Classification and Management Planning (CAMP)

CAMPs Four Stages

Stage 1. Identify park issues

Stage 2. Develop alternatives to address issues

Stage 3. Preliminary recommendations

Stage 4. Final recommendations to the Commission

Outreach to the county, local governments, tribal entities, state and federal land managers, private ownerships



CAMP End Products

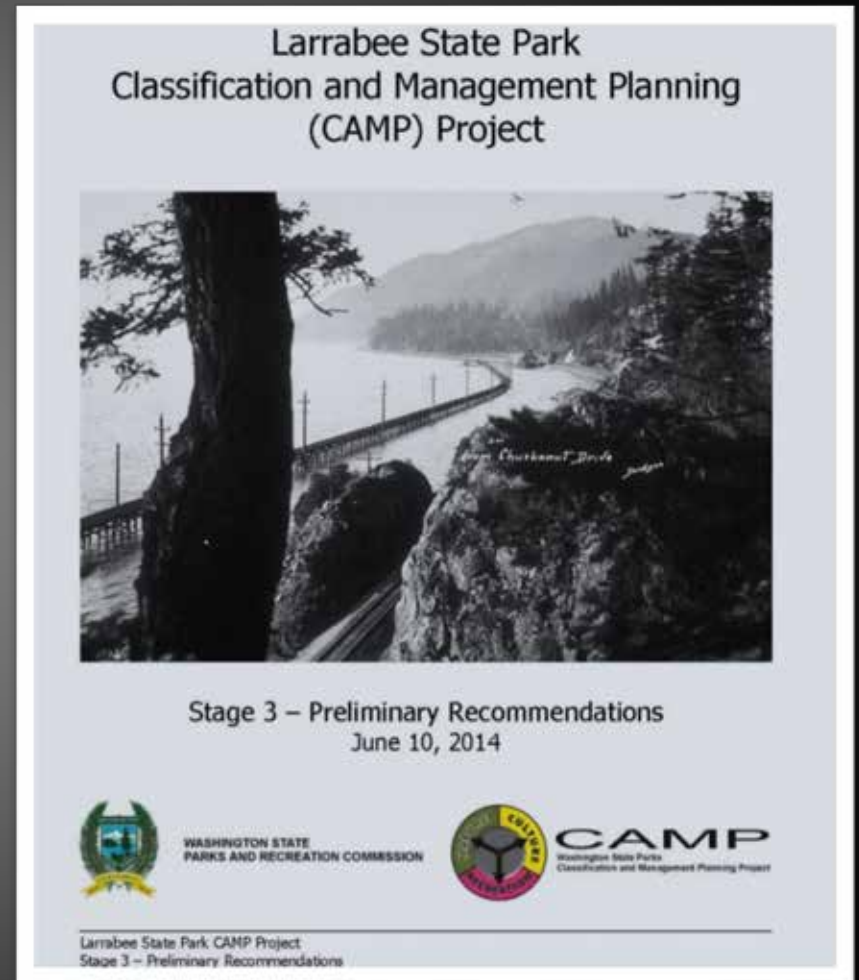
- Land classification
- Park management plan
- Long-term park boundary



Ranger tour Wallace Falls State Park

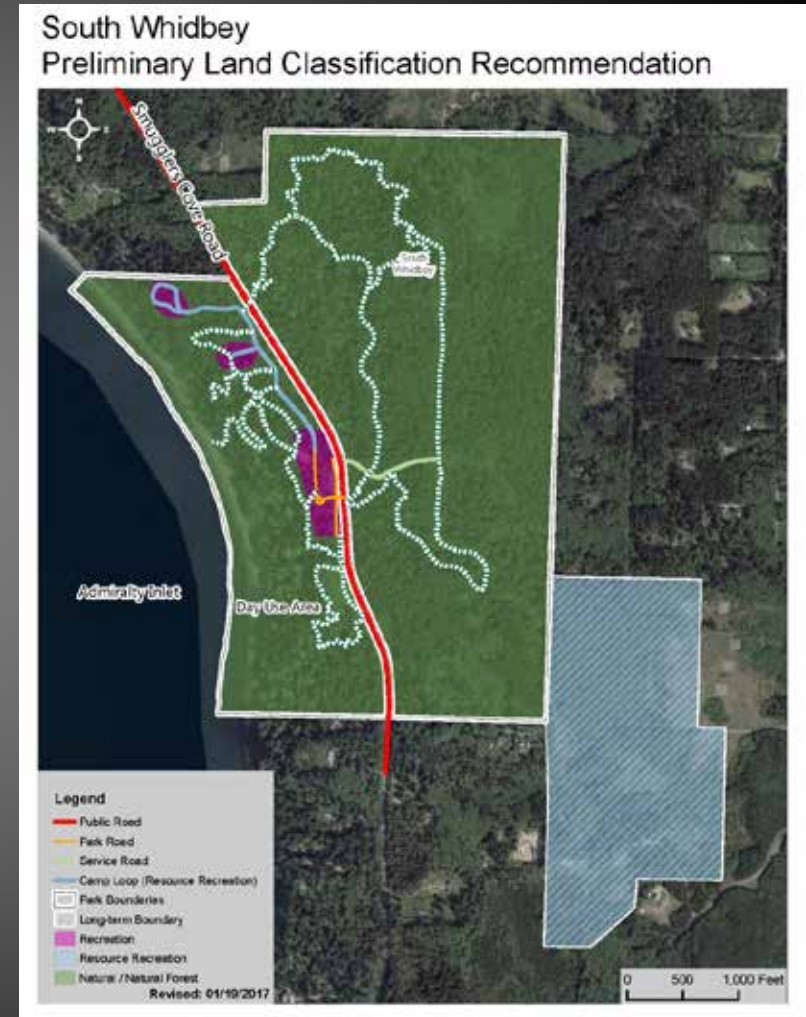
Park Management Plan

- Responds to issues and concerns in public process
- Sets overall management objectives
- How the agency intends to manage the park's natural, cultural and recreational resources
- Documents the planning process



Land Classification Example

- Similar to county or city zoning
- Internal to the park and sets use and development intensities
- State park classifications
 - Recreation
 - Resource Recreation
 - Heritage
 - Natural



Long-Term Boundary Example

- Properties that further agency's recreation and conservation mission
- Ranges from:
 - Simple agreements
 - Conservation easements
 - Willing seller
 - Exchange



Exploring Alternative Approaches

- Use to explore ideas for park management
- Not intended to be a choice between one or the other
- Provide comment based on the ideas you like from each
- Goal is to foster discussion
- Used to generate the preliminary recommendations

Exploring Alternative Approaches

- Current Operations Emphasis
- Enhanced Recreation Emphasis



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