

## Alta Lake & Bridgeport CAMP, Stage 2 Alternatives

### Alternatives Description and Justification for Land Classification (LC) and Long-Term Boundary (LTB) proposals

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#### Introduction

- The purpose of this stage in the process alternatives is to show the range of possible futures for each park.
- The alternative maps are based on the issues heard in Stage 1. Issues are anything that is of interest and or concern to public, staff, tribes and other stakeholders.
- The alternatives demonstrate different approaches for addressing the issues and show how everyone’s ideas could be played out in the future. The final recommendation will typically include elements of each.
- Some issues do not lend themselves to illustration on the alternative maps. For example, providing more signage and public education about safe boating is an important issue and will be a key management objective in any Alta Lake alternative but is not drawn on the maps.
- Each park has two alternative maps – recommendations are draft and may be modified based on feedback collected.

#### Alta Lake State Park Alternatives - DRAFT

ALTA LAKE ALTERNATIVE 1: DIVERSITY RECREATION & TRAILS	
Description	Long-Term Boundary
	LTB 1 - Extend the LTB to the east and classify as Resource Recreation to connect park property around this section of the lake, protect the viewshed, wildlife corridors, and allow for multipurpose trail development. The exact boundary will be based on the

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer more diverse recreation opportunities in addition to motorized boating and water-based recreation.</li> <li>• Update existing structures and maintain developed areas within the current footprint.</li> <li>• Develop expanded trail system making the area attractive to multiple users including hikers, equestrians, and walkers</li> <li>• Improve cliff trail and extend loop to Goat Mountain with interpretive kiosks at viewpoint</li> <li>• Make trail connections to golf course neighborhoods</li> <li>• Weather permitting, develop opportunities for 4-season recreation – ice fishing, winter camping and winter non-motorized recreation</li> <li>• Assess water quality, lakeshore erosion and public safety to monitor impacts from motorized boating.</li> </ul>	<p>topography – to locate the most easterly boundary at the top of the bench, and to consider the current location of the route used by the Whispering Pines private property owner for trail rides.</p>
	<p>LTB 2 – Extend the LTB to include this small triangle of property to avoid having an island of non-park property and to classify it as Natural as it is often wet and not suited for any development.</p>
	<p>LTB 3 - Extend the LTB to the west and classify as Resource Recreation to support multipurpose trail development from the golf course homes to the park and around the park, close to the toe of the slope.</p>
	<p>LTB 4 – Extend the LTB north and west of the existing wetland to encompass the entire wetland and its immediate environments within the park boundary. The Natural land classification will limit public access to interpretive trails use.</p>
	<p>LTB 5 – Extend the LTB to the south and classify as Recreation to support high intensity recreation uses including camping, comfort stations, picnic and other day-use areas, trailheads, etc. The boundary of this area will be based on a closer look at existing recreation infrastructure and appropriate size for developing a camp loop similar in size and amenities to other camp loops in the park.</p>
	<p><b>Land Classifications within Current Park Boundary</b></p>
	<p>LC 1 – Resource Recreation. The east side of the park is planned for low and medium intensity recreation and is focused primarily on developing a multipurpose trail around the lake. This area is a good location for a viewpoint and other interpretive information about the geology, hydrology, cultural and history of the area</p>
	<p>LC 2 – Recreation. The Recreation land class recognizes the existing structures in this area, which are expected to continue as permanent and temporary housing for park staff.</p>
	<p>LC 3 – Recreation. Similar to LC 2, the Recreation land class recognizes the existing park facilities including park office, shop, storage and other needs for operation and maintenance</p>
	<p>LC 4 – Natural. This area is classified as Natural, an area that drains from the cliff area through the park and into the lake.</p>

	<p>LC 5 – Resource Recreation. This area provides habitat for the Western Gray Squirrel and includes the existing trail from the boat ramp to the day-use area. This trail would be improved to be resilient to future high-water conditions.</p>
	<p>LC 6 and LC 7 – Recreation. These areas are classified as Recreation and support the existing camping areas developed in the park.</p>
	<p>LC 8 – Natural. this area is classified as Natural, consistent with LTB 4 to protect the existing wetland.</p>
	<p>LC 9 – Natural. This area is classified as Natural, protecting the cliff area from more intensive development aside from the trail to the cliff and beyond to Goat Mountain, for walkers/hikers only, and protects the habitat of golden eagle and other natural processes.</p>
<p><b>ALTA LAKE ALTERNATIVE 2: EXPAND WATER RECREATION</b></p>	
<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p><b>Long-Term Boundary</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue the existing water-based recreation focus that currently makes Alta Lake so popular.</li> <li>• Where possible, expand camping within existing camp loops</li> <li>• Develop cabins</li> <li>• Expand boat ramp and trailer parking</li> <li>• Enhance existing swim area with docks, picnic and cabana areas</li> <li>• Seek out motorized boating concessions and events</li> <li>• Preserving the viewshed to the east</li> <li>• Study the lake level fluctuation to determine more conclusively cause and effect</li> </ul>	<p>LTB 1 –Extend the LTB to the east and classify as Natural to connect park property around this section of the lake, protect the viewshed, and protect the wildlife corridor by allowing only limited hiking access. The exact boundary will be based on the topography, with the intent of protecting the eastern slope up to the bench, providing unobstructed views to the top from the lake level.</p>
	<p>LTB 2 – same as Alternative 1</p>
	<p><b>Land Classification within current Park Boundary</b></p>
	<p>LC 1 – Natural. This is classified as Natural with the expectation that the east side of the lake will be protected to prevent any visual obstruction from the lake to the east slope. No new development is planned for this area.</p>
	<p>LC 2 – Recreation. The Recreation land classification recognizes the existing structures in this area and any improvements would be done within current developed footprint. These structures are expected to continue as permanent and temporary housing for park staff.</p>
<p>LC 3 – Recreation. Same as Alternative 1</p>	

	LC 4 – Natural. Same as Alternative 1
	LC 5 – Recreation. This area includes the existing developed footprint of the park and allows for expansion of this footprint where possible. Cabins, improved camping and expanded camping opportunity including group camps are envisioned.
	LC 6 – Resource Recreation. This allows for improvement of the existing trail for multipurpose use around the west side of the lake
	LC 7 – Natural. This area is consistent with Alternative 1. The cliff trail could still be developed but with emphasis on water recreation may be discontinued.
<b>ALTA LAKE – BOTH ALTERNATIVES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop dog/swim park close to the water</li> <li>• Upgrade playgrounds and existing facilities</li> <li>• Continue restoration of fire-damaged areas to provide more shade, habitat and visual relief</li> </ul>	

**Bridgeport State Park Alternatives - DRAFT**

<b>BRIDGEPORT ALTERNATIVE 1: MEDIUM INTENSITY RECREATION</b>	
Description	Long-Term Boundary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This alternative looks towards securing a future concession or partnership like the Lake Woods golf course or other specialty recreation use/facility.</li> <li>• This alternative will continue and expand the existing trail system from the U.S. Army Corps property, through the park, and extend loops through</li> </ul>	No LTB extensions recommended in any Bridgeport alternatives
	<b>Land Classification within current Park Boundary</b>
	<p>LC 1 – This is classified as Recreation and includes all current developed areas within the park including existing operations and maintenance areas. It allows for expansion of the existing developed footprint and expansion of high intensity recreation including a new golf course or other private recreation concession in the old golf course location and/or combined with areas on the other side of the park road.</p> <p>This alternative area includes relocation of the existing group camp to an area not impacted by seasonal drainage.</p> <p>The closure of the Lake Woods Golf Course offers the opportunity to redesign this area for expanded and relocated camping, expanding group and other day-use facilities to take advantage of river views for day use, overnight and future concession visitors.</p>

<p>the north and west areas of the park, to create a continuous loop system with a variety of distances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This alternative will expand camping including more group camps, day-use areas and larger RV sites, feedback we've heard from the public and park visitors</li> <li>• This alternative would improve access to the day-use area</li> </ul>	<p>LC 2 – The remaining land is classified as Resource Recreation allowing for trail development and integration of this within and through a future high intensity development.</p>
<p><b>BRIDGEPORT ALTERNATIVE 2: LOW INTENSITY RECREATION</b></p>	
<p>Description</p>	<p>Long-Term Boundary</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative 2 differs from Alternative 1 with less acreage in the Recreation classification.</li> <li>• It envisions a future where the park continues to offer a peaceful oasis in the developed recreation areas, providing some expansion of camping and day-use areas, facility upgrades and improvements of existing facilities but is not developed into higher intensity recreation use.</li> </ul>	<p>No LTB recommendations are made for Bridgeport State Park</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Land Classification within current Park Boundary</p> <p>LC 1 – This is classified as Recreation and includes all current developed areas within the park except for the existing group camp, which would be relocated to prevent damage from seasonal drainage. The Recreation Land Classification will allow for expansion of camping and could allow for additional group and other day-use facilities. It also supports the concept of a future golf course or other private recreation concession, which could be located in the previous golf course location and/or combined with areas on the other side of the park road. This alternative area also includes relocation of the existing group camp to an area not impacted by seasonal drainage and to take advantage of river views. The closure of the Lake Woods golf Course offers an opportunity to reconfigure what develops in this area, providing maximum viewing opportunities for many facilities while allowing for future private concession development on both sides of the road.</p> <p>LC 2 – This area is classified as Resource Recreation to accommodate some expansion of the multi-purpose trail adjacent to the park, but primarily would be focused on developing an interpretive trail in the north and east area of the park, emphasizing the natural habitat, landscape and topography of this area.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It includes classifying areas in the northwestern part of the park and the haystack rock formations as Natural, which would limit public access and protect the shrub-steppe landscape</li> <li>• This alternative envisions an interpretive trail developed just north and potentially including the existing group camp, which would take advantage of the more diverse topography in the area, along with interpretive kiosks trail head and other low-intensity development. diverse topography, allowing the natural cycles of drainage without damage to facilities especially when the park is open year-round.</li> </ul>	<p>LC 3 – This area is classified as Natural and would limit public access, protecting the rock formations and a good portion of the shrub-steppe landscape, and retaining the undeveloped character currently existing on the northwest side of the park.</p>
<p><b>BRIDGEPORT STATE PARK – BOTH ALTERNATIVES</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State parks manages most of the currently developed portion of Bridgeport State park on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A new 25-year lease finalized in 2016 commits State Parks to: renewing the Lake Woods golf course lease with possible expansion; keeping the park open year-round, expanding park facilities to possibly include cabins, and developing easier access to the day-use beach. Both alternatives are consistent with this agreement.</li> <li>• Relocate existing group camp to other Recreation</li> </ul>	

- Both alternatives would support a greater emphasis on interpretive programming– Ice Age flood geology – national geologic trail; cultural– tribal fishing, subsistence foods, Canoe Journey, and other; and coordination with Colville Tribe, Army Corps, city of Bridgeport and PUD, if appropriate
- Both address the issue of providing more diverse activities, serving a range of ages and interests, and including bird watching