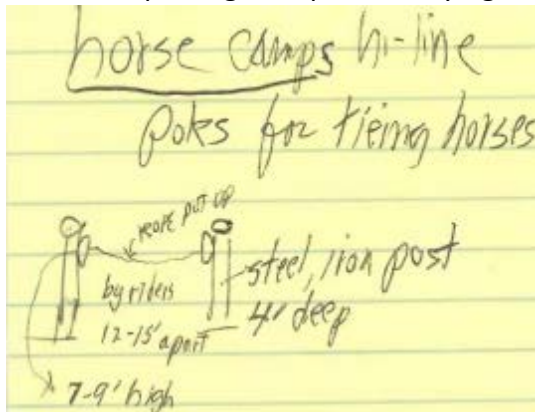


Nisqually State Park – Stakeholders Meeting #2
Scott Hall – Eatonville WA – 11/13/2019
Public Meeting Comments

- N.R.M.A. – narrow road – 3’–4’ crushed rock shoulder for equestrians
- Timeline for comments – End of November, 2019
- ADA Access information N. River?
- Crushed rock for bikes/equestrians?
- NRMA – separate pedestrian trail possible
- Weyerhaeuser Dump
- Will existing equestrian trails still be used? (*Response: In general, yes, but changes may be implemented after development of a trail plan*)
- Pull through equestrian
- Over-flow campsites for equestrians
- State legislature envisions 2 boat launches – drift boat (*1987 Nisqually Management Plan*)
 - No boat launch in master plan
 - Salmon protection – a priority – WDFW probably won’t allow boat launch
- River access – very important
- How does this plan impact property owners? Any studies on property value
- Title research on Nisqually Tribe property – trail
- Land Trust – concerned about mountain bike access to recreation properties
 - Rerouting trail along bluff, wildlife friendly barriers, barriers to mountain bikes
- Access trails to Mashel River – where?
- Don’t use wood chips on trails
- Horses – loop trail to N River
- Highline posts at equestrian camping – consider
- Consider corrals & highline post in equestrian campsites
- Consider expanding day-use parking for equestrian
- Sign at Day-Use “Equestrian Use Only”
- Habitat. Restrictions – includes noxious weeds
- Impacts on rafts or threatened species
- Consider seasonal access during high flows
- Carpinto property – north – 200 acres – subdivision
- Alternative 3 preferred
 - Please add 2 or 3 more horse hitch rails if feasible/safe for river access
 - Concern about equestrian trails – loop trail is always preferred. 2-hour loop would be great.
 - Please keep trails open during construction if possible.

- Horse Camping – look at Kalama Horse Camp – in Gifford Pinchot NM. Is a premier horse camp in Washington. Western Washington has very few horse camps – this one would be accessible year-round unlike horse camps in the mountains of Eastern Washington. Back Country Horsemen of Washington has a MOA with State Parks. They will help build and maintain the horse camping and trails (all trails for all users).
- Nisqually chapter of the Back Country Horsemen would like to adopt the park. This would allow us to help maintain trails and clean up areas of the park. Contact: Frank Servine (360) 791-2537 or Joe Barcomb (253) 381-3559.
- Motor access to Nisqually. Parking at N. River. Good access at 431st. No roundabout. Thank you.
- Current effort. Switchback trail to river, no blacktop, safe footing for horse. Alternative 3 – wood chip trail will turn to mud in 2-3 years. Have one-way loop trip for horses to river. Switchback
- Horse camps. Highline poles for tying horses.



Highline where riders tie their horse for extended stay (see Sahara Creek Camp, Elbe WA)

- Possible corrals for horses at least 12 feet square.
- Day Use – horse parking only sign, or cars will fill in horse trailer parking area.
- Bin for horse poop made of highway barriers OR sign to take poop home
- Maybe boat access should not be available on the river since it is higher up in the hills.
- Preferred Alternative 3 needs to have other trail access separate from road, bikes and horses going down to Ohop
- Future phases should have connection from preferred Alternative 3 campground to Ohop Creek for hikers.
- Control exotic plant species, especially scotch broom.
- Alternative 1, 2 & 3 show all current trails on designs.
- People will want to walk along the river once they are there in Alternative 3. The trails on overlooks are nice idea, but human nature will necessitate some access.
- Develop access down to old bridge across Mashel River near confluence with Nisqually River
- Have local first responders been included for feedback on design/access for response? – PC Sheriff and South Pierce Fire.
- Ability to overflow into other campsites?
- Will equestrian have access to the river?
- Combination of highline and stalls at each site
- Definitely separate trails for equestrian and bikes (dangerous combination).