

## Alta Lake and Bridgeport CAMP

### Bridgeport Planning Commission Presentation – Meeting Notes

May 2, 2019

#### Introduction

After introductions, Melinda Posner, parks planner with Washington State Parks, and Sharon Soelter, area manager with Washington State Parks, provided an overview of the agency, Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) process and overview of Bridgeport State Park. The CAMP process will address Bridgeport and Alta Lake state parks, which are part of the Central Lakes Area, which also includes Lake Chelan and 25-Milie state parks. They outlined issues that State Parks has identified at Bridgeport including reuse of the area that was once managed by the Lake Woods Golf Course. State Parks hopes to hear ideas for reusing this area now that the golf course concession has been terminated. In the meantime, staff hopes to maintain the irrigation of the greens though there is some immediate maintenance needed. Melinda said the purpose of the meeting was to inform the commission about this process, so they can pass the information along to others in the community, and to collect their input, including:

- What are issues and opportunities at Bridgeport State Park?
- What are other ways to get the word out about this process and encourage participation by community members including underrepresented groups such as Hispanic residents?

#### Questions from the Commission – (question in italics; State Parks response in regular text)

- *What are the differences between day use and overnight users? Assume it's locals who use it for day use and folks from out of town who are the campers.* Day use has fallen off since the Discover Pass; yes, many overnights are from out of town.
- *What makes Chelan stand out as a destination park vs. Bridgeport?* Many amenities nearby; lots to do; visit town; shop; something for everyone.
- *Do you have partnerships with the local chambers of commerce?* Parks staff regularly attends the Brewster Chamber of Commerce meetings and has attended the Pateros Chamber meetings in the past (it's not functioning currently. We will present to the Brewster Chamber next week; been trying to reach Zeke from Bridgeport.
- *Do you think you'd be able to rent cabins out?* Possibly; there is a big investment to build them; with year-round use might be able to make it work
- *What's the maximum stay?* 14 days in off-season; 10 in busy season
- *What will you do with the golf course in the interim?* Staff will continue to irrigate, mow and manage trees

- *Cost of camping?*
  - Bridgeport State Park: RV \$30-35; peak season \$40-45 – water and power hookups, no sewer
  - City of Bridgeport park \$30
  - There are places upwards of \$60

## **Questions Posed by State Parks and Other Feedback from Commissioners**

### **How is the park currently used by locals, and/or how was it used in the past?**

- Dog walking
- Used to take the kids up to the playground
- See lots of people walking there on the Corps trails – they can park for free and then walk up, all the way to the park trails
- Parks evening programming sounds like good stuff; haven't been but wonder if that gets good attendance and whether Discover Pass is required? Not great attendance; pass is required but also try to link up movie nights with free days; cost is really nominal when you consider what families pay for movies

### **Why don't people use the park?**

- Spending \$35 on a discover pass, plus fishing license – requires significant amount of money
- Park is popular with bird watchers; everyone comes to find the sawwhet owls; parks has great mature trees for this species; people come from all over including Australia

### **Ideas about getting input from locals**

- Bridgeport Daze
- Connect with Theresa Poulsen from Army Corps – she does lots of outreach with schools in the community
- Try the fishing derby – free day – Saturday, early June
- Raffle off a discover pass; Sell raffle tickets during Bridgeport Daze and then raffle it off during the Fishing Derby?
- When you go to the elementary school, have an incentive for getting the parents to the meetings – competition between classes

### **How to market the park to current and future visitors**

- Advertise, with promotional brochures – a lot of people don't know about what's there, including the Army Corps yurt (which is free) and the trails
- Checklist for birdwatching online and at park
- Have a handout at the park to tell people about local services (e.g. coffee, groceries, etc.)
- Consider park promotions like stay two nights and get the third night free; the PUD does something like a raffle for their parks where you can get a free night stay (e.g. Beebe Park); 50% off seems a good deal; Parks has tried a little of this but just starting to experiment

### **Ideas for Golf Course re-use area or other areas of the park**

- Group camp
- Cabins and/or tent cabins and/or other accommodations (look at other examples: Norway miniature camping cabins, cargo containers, senior housing?)
- Extended stay accommodations during the off season
- Dog park
- Bridgeport doesn't have any hotels, provide option for visitors, including workers who come for longer stays; when relatives come with lots of people, there's nowhere for them to stay or eat
- Corps trail is popular; walkers/runners; surprised to see so much use there
- ORV park
- Can the golf course property be purchased by a private individual – could you develop semi-permanent senior housing; could be economic driver; the PUD is planning to develop a hydrobattery facility here; if you could heat and cool those facilities with those resources; housing would be cargo containers; they are building all over the world; starbucks considering opening their store in one

### **Other Comments**

- The quiet and low number of campsites is appealing to some; vs the busy-ness of the Chelan experience
- Seems like once the Discover Pass came in, less locals used the park
- City of Bridgeport is applying for economic development grant to look at Hwy 173 as a corridor; obvious connection to the state park; the study will also try to understand how important is it to have grocery store and hardware close by? Where is the synergy and the demand going to come from to result in diversity in Bridgeport? Sharon – lots of traffic on 17 going up and down; used to get a lot of Canadian snowbirds; park started operating year-round two years ago
- Check out Thompson Okanogan Tourism Association TOTA– they are aggressive marketer using location technology to pair customers based on their locations and preferences for certain activities; they attend big events like the giant RV shows in Phoenix; some of the local businesses have advertised with them (e.g. business near Grand Coulee)
- Planning Commission has been working with council to get trails plan prioritized in the Comprehensive Plan; the park and city are nearly connected; it would be great to make this more extensive – safe walking, biking from Pateros to Bridgeport; integrate State Parks and Corps properties
- Other city improvements include putting Foster Creek avenue back into action; the old sterling hotel has become an apartment building; downtown carvings along main street
- 87% of the population is Hispanic; nice retail sector to cater to the population here; need to also attract other visitors
- City had to close the swimming pool last year and may have to again because there aren't enough lifeguards
- In response to Gebbers Farms and their engagement in community; they own their own buses and use them to support employees when they are far from services - take them shopping, etc.; would be surprised if they would partner for some of these things; they do horseback riding for their ranches; helped get the boys and girls club into town and offer tours of packing facility

# **Alta Lake & Bridgeport State Parks CAMP**

## **Brewster Chamber of Commerce Meeting Notes**

**May 8, 2019**

### **Introduction**

About 16 participants attended the regular meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce including the Boys & Girls club, Brewster Police Officer Cook; Senior Center President Kathy Lowry, Brewster Librarian Rebecca Zion, Aflac Insurance Agent, Coldwell Banker Rep and Brewster Chamber President Anna Dalbey, Chamber Vice President Mike Mauk, Attorney Lainey Hammond, Councilmember Avis Ericson from City of Brewster and Brewster Marketplace.

Melinda Posner, parks planner from Washington State Parks, presented an overview of the Classification and Management Planning process, and purpose of the discussion including: 1) collecting feedback about the future of both parks; 2) hearing ideas about best ways to community members; and providing information so that chamber members can share information with others including upcoming public meetings in June.

### **Input for CAMP process**

- Trails – from Bridgeport to state park idea is great
- What are plans for the golf course area? Would still like to have affordable golf course option
- What some locals like about Alta Lake is that it's quiet and not busy like Chelan. So, if State Parks expands, make sure expansions retain the privacy and quiet feel like it is currently.
- One regular visitor to Alta Lake (about 6 times/year) noted the RV spaces at Steamboat Rock State Park – how they are very large and spread out and requested that any expansion at Alta Lake be similar, also that it be kept separate/not impactful to other campers
- Snack booths – Alta Lake concession is not happening; would like at both parks
- Add shade cloths at Alta Lake
- Lifeguards for swimming areas
- Improved playground at Alta Lake

### **Ways to get the word out**

- Send flyer to Chamber President (Anna Marie Dalbey), Senior Center president (Kathy Lowry), Brewster librarian, Boys& Girls Club (Heather) and others who provided email on sign-in sheet
- Have information at the Cherries Jubilee event – June 15
- KOZI radio – connect with Jay or Jeff at KOZI and ask about English and Spanish programming – they should be able to tell us whether to send news release and/or PSA or other
- Misty Ruiz is the city of Brewster contact – [ruiz@brewsterwa.us](mailto:ruiz@brewsterwa.us), city admin
- Hand out flyers to local businesses and organizations to post on their bulletin boards; hard copies and links on email
  - o Library, city, etc.

## **Other**

- The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle –local publication – goes to print on Monday; comes out Wednesday and Sat – deadline is Thursday before – Amber Hedington is contact
- The CAMIS system is great – that should be promoted – not everyone knows about

## **Boys & Girls Club**

- Field Trip Fridays – they have grant and would like to do with 2019 summer program – Melinda confirmed they should coordinate with Amy
- Hikes with kids in park – they'd like to do with current program if possible
- National Night out – Aug 6 – good opportunity to share alternatives – fish and wildlife does boat/bear trap, other agencies - child seat safety

## **Tourism Council meeting**

- Destination plan being developed – firm/contractor who is doing work
- Tourism assets map; 360 of your business and add to google earth – see handout –
- OCTC – Okanogan County Tourism Council – Destination Master Plan – OTAK team – follow up with them (see handout)

# Alta Lake & Bridgeport State Parks Classification and Management Planning (CAMP)

## School Outreach – Meeting Notes

Pateros School, 8-11th graders, May 28, 2019

Bridgeport Middle School, 6-8th graders, May 29, 2019

## Introduction

After introductions Melinda shared a quick overview of the CAMP process including the importance of collecting and considering public input. She outlined the purpose of the meeting and the input state parks is seeking from area students. She provided instructions for group breakouts and asked students to refer to their lanyard cards for group assignments, including random selection of group leaders and notetakers. About 96 Pateros students participated, making up 10 groups of about 8-10 students. Nearly 200 Bridgeport students participated, making up 15 groups of 8-10 students. At both meetings the students were asked for the same input but the questions were refined for the second meeting. Where students provided additional information or organized the data in a different way, these have been included. Otherwise, the comments are grouped according to the questions posed for each group.

After completing their group work, students were asked to share a few highlights from each of their lists. These are included at the end of each school's group comments. The comments are organized by school first, and then by group number.

## Pateros School – Alta Lake State Park Comments

Questions posed to Pateros students:

1. What are the current outdoor recreation activities that students engage in at Alta Lake State Park? (and/or what outdoor recreation activities do you regularly engage in?)
2. What do you want to see in the future at Alta Lake/Bridgeport state parks?

### GROUP 1

#### Question 1

- Swim
- Hike
- Fish
- Basketball
- Trap shooting
- Biking
- Photography
- Picnic
- Skate
- Music
- Playground

- Golfing

#### *Why don't we go there now?*

- Not enough space for an ice cream shop
- Not enough fishing space

#### Question 2

- Trails
- Views
- More fish
- Paddleboards and kayaks to rent
- Cabins for rent
- Bird sightings

- Ice cream shop
- RV parking
- Gift shop
- Restaurant + diners
- Fishing spots

- More social get-togethers
- New wooden stairs

*How can it complement the community?*

- More nature and recreation

## GROUP 2

### *Question 1*

- **Hike \*\*\***
- **Sun bathing, catching rays \***
- **Swimming \***
- **Campfire \***
- Biking
- Camping
- Fishing
- Boating
- Recreation activities
- Horseback riding
- Sports and golf
- Paddle boat
- Kite
- Eclipse
- Catching jellyfish
- BBQ
- Birthday party

### *Question 2*

- **Bike path – long, nice view \***
- **Movie nights\***
- **More swim area\***
- Covered areas/shade
- Basketball court
- Yacht and jet ski rentals
- Swings, rope swing
- Swim coach, lifeguard
- Clothes hooks
- In and Out/ store, food
- Lockers for your things
- Parking
- Stage for performances
- Expand beach
- Skate park
- More grass/flowers – camping area

## GROUP 3

### *Question 1*

- **Hiking with friends\***
- **Kayaking\***
- **Fishing tournament\***
- **Food truck\***
- Skiing – cross country – winter trails
- Jet ski
- Bicycle rentals
- Go-Karts
- Bumper boats
- New playground
- Monster truck
- Restaurant

### *Question 2*

- **More trails, bigger trail systems, up Billygoat\***
- **Bigger beach, nicer sand\***
- Eliminate swimmer's itch
- Visitors center, museum
- ATV on trails
- More picnic tables
- Better playground
- Diving board
- Basketball hoop
- More campgrounds
- Yoga – in the woods
- More showers
- Nighttime swimming

## GROUP 4

### Question 2

- **Dutch Bros\***
- Add playground equipment (spinner)
- Charging points
- Pick up trash
- Food stands – sno cone maker
- Fields – soccer
- Dock
- Diving board/slide
- Tanning booth
- Flowers
- Nicer workers
- Less garbage
- Taco truck
- Car shows
- Nicer bathroom
- Cleaner water, clear water
- Do Not Stare Sign

## GROUP 5

### Question 1

- **Canoeing\***
- **Swimming\***
- **Fishing\***
- **Biking\***
- **Sports – basketball, soccer, tennis, track\***
- **Hiking\***
- **Camping\***
- Water
- Hiking trails
- The view
- Animals
- Plants

### Question 2

- **Restaurant\* (tacos – Mexican dishes, ramen noodles, American dishes)**

- Carls Jr
- 7-Eleven
- Pet zoo
- Drive in movie
- Workout station
- Scare fair
- More trees
- Bowling alley
- Starbucks
- Subway
- Walmart
- Mountain bike trails
- No mosquitoes
- Music (hip-hop)
- Statues
- More hiking trails
- Water fall
- Rope swing
- Tire swing
- **Clean bathrooms\***
- **Playground\***
- **Basketball court\***
- **Bar\***
- **Vending machine\***
- **Hotel\***
- **Hot tub\***
- **General store\***
- **Soccer field\***
- **Mall – outdoor stuff, camping gear\***
- **Gas station\***
- **Toys\***
- **Water slides\***
- Gift shop
- Welcome them to the outdoors
- Hooters

## GROUP 6

### Question 2

- **Skate park\***
- Hiking
- Hunting
- Swimming
- Fountains
- Stay cabins
- Tents
- Weather
- Trailer camping
- RV
- More activities
- Basketball
- Community events
- Good drinking water
- More playgrounds
- Lifeguard

- Comfortable places, more covered places
- Better bathrooms – clean
- Bird watching
- Charging station
- Sand volleyball courts
- Safety nets definable area (swim beach?)
- Better fishing limits

### Things we don't like

- Seaweed
- Snakes/smells
- Leeches
- Dirty water
- Swimmer's itch

## GROUP 7

### Question 1

- Swimming
- Hiking trails
- Jet ski
- Free food
- Shooting ranges

- Transportation, 5-star cabins horseback riding, clean water
- More parking
- More picnic tables
- Better wifi
- More sand for walking
- Cheaper parking
- Water fountain
- Rent-a float
- More coin machines
- Gift shop

### Question 2

- 5-star showers, more space
- They are tractors
- No littering, cleaning up the trails

## GROUP 8

### Question 1

- Fishing
- Hunt
- Swim
- Boating
- Sightseeing
- Hiking

### Considerations for going

- Food
- Gear
- Time of day
- Wildlife
- Friends
- Weather

### *What we want to see changed*

- Laws
  - Boating license
  - Fishing license
    - Limits on fish
    - Types of hooks
- Burnt trees
- Nasty lake water
- Too compact campsites

### *Question 2*

- Skate park
- Bathrooms
- Water fountains
- Rangers
- Free stuff
- Stock lake with fish
- No parking fee

## GROUP 9

### *Question 2*

- **A lot of shade and trees \***
- **Outdoor activities \***
- Tether ball
- Zip lining
- Bonfire area/safe
- Cool stuff on sides of paths
- Pickleball court
- American ninja warrior/playground
- Dirt bike rental
- 3-wheel rental bikes
- More animals

- More and clean swimming areas
- Squishy sand
- Smoothie shop
- Gift shop
- Picnic areas
- No trash, sticks, pinecones/pokies
- Ping pong tables
- Outdoor theater
- Wave pool
- Wipe out obstacles
- Tennis courts
- Zero bees

## GROUP 10

### *Question 3*

- **More docks\* - for fishing and to jump off**
- Add more camping space
- Playground
- Beach volleyball
- Soccer field
- Laser tag
- Bowling alley
- More swimming
- Free pay, cheaper one-night stays
- Taco stand
- Ice cream
- Basketball court
- Water slide

- Diving board
- Kids pool area
- Hot tub
- More trails
- More cabins
- More lifeguards
- Ropes course
- Hotel
- Fruit stand
- Dolfin (?)
- Soler (?)
- All day events
- Parking
- More space to golf

## Pateros Meeting Highlights

### *What do you do at Alta Lake?*

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- Swimming
- Hiking
- Camping
- BBQ
- Hiking with friends
- Hunting
- Fishing

*What would you like to see in the future at Alta Lake?*

- Ice cream shop
- More trails
- More fishing spots
- Bike paths with nice views
- Fishing tournament
- Bigger beach
- Nicer beach
- Playground
- Charging for electric cars
- Drive-in movies
- Gas station/water slides
- Better swimming area
- Skate park
- Gift shop
- Floaties
- Wipe out obstacles
- Ping pong tables
- More docks
- Hotel
- Basketball court

## Bridgeport Middle School Comments

Questions posed to Bridgeport students:

1. What do you do at Bridgeport State Park or general outdoor recreation?
2. Why don't you go there now?
3. What do you want to see in the future?

### GROUP 1

#### Question 1

- Swimming
- Play tag
- Cloud watching
- Play at the park
- Picnic/BBQ
- Soccer
- Camp
- Take pictures/photoshoot
- Ride a bike
- Fly a kite

#### Question 2

- You have to pay for parking
- Lots of snakes
- Sunburn/too hot

### GROUP 2

#### Question 1

- Play in the playground
- Swim
- Play soccer
- Walk
- Go fishing
- Camping
- Bike ride
- Bird watch
- Look at the view
- Take pictures
- Go boating
- Skip rocks
- Picnic/BBQ
- Parties
- Water balloon fight

#### Question 2

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- Too far

#### Question 3

- Water park
- Fruit stand – tropical
- More trash cans
- Swimming area dock
- Fishing area
- Security
- Paintball/airsoft arena
- Basketball/sports fields
- Covered area by water
- Restaurants – Mexican, burgers
- Day camp
- Skate park
- Lifeguards

- Too far
- Too much money
- Busy parents
- Lazy people
- Can't swim
- Too boring
- Little kids toys
- Hate going outside
- Scared of creatures

#### Question 3

- **New clean playground\***
- **Clean bathrooms\***
- Store with McDonalds
- Ice cream, toys, food
- Basketball, tennis court
- Mini-gold course
- Walmart

- Skate park
- Dollar Tree
- Football/soccer
- Track
- Dirt bike

- Lifeguard
- Rental cabins
- Map of the park
- Big 5
- Drive-in theater

### GROUP 3

#### *Question 1*

- Walk around
- Take pictures/videos
- Play games
- Look at view
- Play instruments
- Hang out
- Parties
- Go camping/fishing
- Equipment
- Swim
- Floaties
- Field trips
- Hiking
- BBQ
- Use phones

#### *Question 2*

- Can't get a ride
- Parents are too busy
- People's behavior
- Have allergies
- Might lose things
- Have too much homework
- Lost your phone
- Might get lost
- Too far to walk

- Can't swim
- It's boring
- Too hot
- In school
- Have no one to go with

#### *Question 3*

- Golf course
- More covered area
- Skate park
- More playgrounds
- Science projects
- Sell fireworks
- Taco Tuesday with wagon
- PR classes
- Bigger parking lot
- Coffee shop
- Small stores
- Vending machines
- Ice cream
- Bottles of water
- More bathrooms
- Fruit for sale
- Hot dogs, hamburgers
- Volleyball court
- Buddy bench
- Basketball court

## GROUP 4

### Question 1

- Swim
- Hang out
- Play at the playground
- Keep it clean\*
- Play soccer
- Take pictures
- Walk
- Go fishing
- Camping
- Bike riding
- Picnics
- Walk the dog
- Football

### Question 2

- Too far
- We need rides out there
- Don't have time
- Costs too much to park
- Snakes/wild animals

### Question 3

- Store/gift shop
- Coffee shop

- Skate park\*
- Cross country skiing
- A pool
- Summer day camps
- Basketball court
- Bus that transports people to the park\*
- Dog run (at Alta Lake too)
- Tennis court
- BBQ
- Canoe rentals
- Life jackets
- Water slides
- Water park
- Hiking trails
- Phone charger (outlets)
- Store – chips, pop, cotton candy, drinks
- Cleaner bathrooms
- Lifeguards
- Bike track
- Swimming lessons
- Arts and crafts
- Site scene
- Cooling fountain

## GROUP 5

### Question 1

- Jumping off cliffs

### Question 2

- There's not much to do
- You have to pay too much to park
- Park managers are grumpy – when you let off kids you have to pay (the old guy)
- Too many wasps, bees
- Can't use group area unless reservations even when no one is there
- Too much poison ivy

### Question 3

- Skate park- competition sides
- Sand volleyball court
- Souvenir shop/taco truck/ice cream shop/fishing supplies
- Slide that goes in the water
- Boat rental/fishing pole rental
- Cliff diving
- Variety of vending machines
- Sleigh rides
- Dog park
- Ice rink
- Holiday theme competition

## GROUP 6

### Question 1

- Hiking
- Playground
- Enjoying a picnic
- Swimming
- Relaxing
- Walking your dog
- Riding a bike
- Camping
- Taking pictures
- Fishing
- Boating

### Question 2

- Because it is far away
- Don't know where it is
- \$10 fee
- Goose poop
- Crowded
- Snakes – wild animals

- Boring
- Weather

### Question 3

- Skate park
- Basketball court
- Pump track
- Soccer field
- Volleyball
- Tennis court
- BBQ place
- Ice cream stand
- Lockers
- Frisbee golf
- Dog run
- Petting zoo
- Lower fee
- Horse riding
- Poop bag stations for your dogs and your cats

## GROUP 7

### Question 1

- Family parties and gatherings
- Go to the dam
- Camping
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Fishing

### Question 2

- Parents/families are busy
- It's hot
- Too far
- Not too many activities

### Question 3

- Trash cans
- Water fountains
- Skate park\*
- Vending machines – candy bars, chips, snacks
- Trampoline park
- Pool
- Obstacle course
- Store – magazines, jump ropes, games
- Rock climbing
- Basketball court
- Table/umbrellas
- Taco truck
- Ice cream man

## GROUP 8

### Question 1

- Swimming/build a sand castle

- Play soccer
- BBQ

- Walking, hiking, walking dog
- Playing on playground
- Fishing
- Camping, roasting marshmallows
- Bathrooms
- Seeing animals
- Taking pictures
- Exploring
- Boating

#### Question 2

- It's too hot
- Too far to walk
- Worried about drowning
- Too busy, no time, appointments/work
- Too much goose poop
- Snakes
- Bugs
- There can be garbage/dirty water
- Not a lot to do
- No golf 😞

### GROUP 9

#### Question 1

- Walk dog
- Camp
- Go swimming
- Play at playground
- Go bike riding
- Eat/BBQ
- Fish
- Walk
- Boat
- Picnics
- Play soccer
- Go golfing
- Hiking
- Visit viewpoint
- Jet skiing?

#### Question 2

- **You have to pay (for cars)\***
- **No idea where it is\***
- It can be boring

#### Question 3

- **Disc golf\***
- **Food stand\* - hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, sno cones**
- **Gift shop/bait shop\***
- **Golf course/mini golf\***
- **Renting kayaks, jet skis, paddle boards\***
- More stuff to do
- Skate park
- Volleyball court
- Basketball
- Place for little kids
- Pool/slides – lifeguards
- Clean up water/beach
- Go Karts
- Clean bathroom/more water fountains
- Fishing docks
- Beaches
- Arcade

- It's too far to walk
- Too much poop (animal-wise)
- It's hot
- Not enough activities
- The water isn't clean

#### Question 3

- **Skate park\*\***
- **Ice rink\*\***
- **Bigger park\***
- **Cabins\***
- **Go Karts\***
- **Carnival\***
- **Drive-in movie\***
- **Food area\***
- Maybe more workers to help
- Food stands (ice cream, snacks, drinks, tacos)
- Water slides/water park
- Laser tag (arcade)
- Roller coasters

- Fun stuff
- Paintball gun course\*
- Mini-golf
- Snack shacks\*
- Volleyball court
- Basketball court

- Soccer/football field
- Softball/baseball field
- Shooting range
- Bowling alley
- Froyo
- Dog park

## GROUP 10

### Question 1

- Play
- Swim
- Go hiking
- Golf
- Use free wifi
- Play at playground

### Question 2

- Too far away
- Not enough time
- Too dangerous – wild animals, rattlesnakes
- Not enough exciting activities
- Not enough money
- Not enough advertising

### Question 3

- More toys (playground)
- Pool with a slide
- More fun activities (basketball court, football field)
- Stronger wifi service
- Add a minigolf course
- Volleyball courts
- Skate park
- Snack shack
- Croquet course
- Lookouts with viewing glasses
- Observatory
- Hands on science activity – animal pelts, skulls, petting animals, etc.

## GROUP 11

### Question 1

- Go with your family
- Go for walks
- Go camping
- Make a BBQ
- Go swimming
- Photo shoots
- Go exploring

### Question 2

- Not enough activities
- Don't know location

- Don't have time (too busy)
- Unsanitary (water, dog doo, trash)

### Question 3

- Info about park
- Directions to activities
- Safe environment (no trash, feel safe)
- Small food stands (coffee, ice cream)
- Better equipment (play area)
- Dog section
- Golf park

## GROUP 12

### Question 1

- Walking
- Camp/shower
- Take dog on walk

- Field trips
- Play
- Swim
- Take pictures

- Play soccer
- Boating
- BBQ

#### Question 2

- It's too far and we're too young to drive (legally)
- Sometimes it's too hot
- Some of us don't live in town

### GROUP 13

#### Question 1

- Swim
- Walk
- Nothing
- Skate
- Look for crawfish
- Tan
- Fishing
- Boating

#### Question 2

- Too far
- Don't know where it is
- Parking permit – you have to have one
- Cold water
- Don't have friends to go with

### GROUP 14

#### Question 1

- Playground
- Hang out
- Walk/run
- Soccer
- Football
- Picnic
- Water fights
- Pictures
- Hiking
- Swim
- Fishing
- Walk pets
- Boating
- Parties

#### Question 3

- Skate park area
- More fields/courts to play volleyball, basketball and other sports
- Sports equipment to use
- Food like they have at Alta Lake
- Pool/slides
- A transportation bus to take us to and from the park

- Save the turtles

#### Question 3

- Skate park \*\*\*
- Run the golf course \*\*\* (Buckingham & Leche – golf team)
- Food (I honestly don't care just food)
- Soccer field
- Track field
- Volleyball court
- Basketball court
- More trails
- More benches
- Flowers
- Covered area
- Easier route – to get there

#### Question 2

- Too far
- Get lost
- Dangerous
- Technology
- Laziness
- Transportation
- No time
- Wild animals
- Bugs
- Poison ivy
- Hate snakes

#### Question 3

- Skate park
- Water fountain

- Bigger playground
- Zoo
- Charging station
- Better bathrooms
- Scavenger hunts
- Dog run
- Concession stand
- Pool
- Lifeguards

- Food – tacos – fast food – ice cream, coffee
- Benches
- Rental store
- Cabin rentals
- Rain shelter
- Gift shop
- Replace rocks w stand
- Playground – swings, merry go round, tall slide

## GROUP 15

### Question 1

- Fishing
- Swim
- Play on playground
- Walks with dog
- BBQ
- Play catch
- Hiking
- Running
- Camp
- Picnic
- Soccer
- Renting jet skis
- Concession stands
- Look for birds
- Admire the flowers

- Mini golf – golf carts
- Goldfish
- Trampoline park
- Cleaner bathrooms
- Renting out cabins
- Cleaner water fountain
- Free wifi
- RV park
- Water slides
- Pool
- Hot tubs
- Bigger park
- Dirt bike park
- Dog park
- Garden (flowers and vegetables)
- Bigger parking lot
- Volleyball court
- Drink stands

### Question 2

- Didn't know it was there

### Question 3

- Food stands
- Better playgrounds – more areas
- Skate park
- Souvenir stores
- White water rafting
- Flying fish
- Basketball court
- Tennis court
- Sharks
- Floats
- Renting out playing equipment

## Bridgeport Report Outs

### Question 2

- **Too boring \***
- **Too hot\***
- **Too far/too young to drive/too hot\***
- **No idea about location\***
- Unsanitary conditions, **trash\*** dog poop
- Snakes
- Allergies/too much homework
- Cost too much/no transport
- Too many bees
- Grumpy old guy
- Discover pass\*
- Drowning
- Goose poop
- Polluted water – save the turtles
- Easily lost
- Not enough advertising
- No golf course

### Question 3

- **Skate Park \*\*\*\***

- **Concession stand \*\* - similar to Alta Lake, tacos, ice cream, coffee**
- **Golf course – start team\***
- Water park
- Paint/airsoft
- Mini-golf
- Walmart
- Lookout tower
- Hands on activities – observatory
- Better water fountain
- More parking
- Dog park/babysitting
- Gift shop
- Transportation to park
- Ice rink
- Holiday competitions
- Trampoline park
- Laser tag
- Go Carts
- Disc golf
- Rental of equipment
- Volleyball + tennis court

## **Alta Lake & Bridgeport State Parks CAMP**

### **Outreach at Community Events – Meeting Notes**

#### **Bridgeport DAZE – June 1, 2019**

#### **Cherries Jubilee – June 15, 2019**

### **Bridgeport DAZE**

#### **General – Discover Pass & Costs to Participate**

- Senior citizen and disabled veterans discount for camping
- Provide reduced cost of Discover Pass for low income; this is the poorest county in the state
- Turned away from state parks campground without a reservation. Can't we stay if sites aren't reserved in advance?
- Restrict reservations to one year in advance
- Keep public land – no closing of any state parks
- Make campground site markers more visible – hard to see/find when needing to document
- Parks should be free
- Accept the Golden Eagle Pass (ditto)
- Make Discover Pass transferable for more than two cars if you can show multiple registrations

### **BRIDGEPORT**

#### **Recreation**

- Post summer movie night schedule
- Twice a month movie nights
- Not too much stuff – to disturb the peace
- Want to have a nice place to swim – beaches and goose-poop free
- Restrooms – the new bathroom needs a different shower head; the old one needs to have some hooks for hanging up clothes
- Add more benches
- Cleaner restrooms (ditto x 2)
- No rattlesnakes – we don't visit because of the snakes
- Movie night doesn't get advertised; there are lots of big families who would go; put info at post office
- Parking
- Several docks
- Shade trees
- Paddle board friendly
- Would like to camp near water, like at Steamboat – it's nice by the water but also allows me to watch over multiple and different activities of my kids
- Dog park area

- Tourism in this area is very dependent on fishing; when the season is poor, as it's predicted to be this season, we need alternative activities that attract people to the area. Recreational boating vs. fishing is good to promote; Rufus Woods Lake is very smooth and calm
  - Boating, jet skiing
  - Water park area
  - Paddle boats
  - ATV (quads, motorcycles, side by sides (gators))
  - Trail along the river from Bridgeport to the park
- Swim, playground, used to play golf, rock climbing wall would be nice
- Like to catch fish at Bridgeport
- Update and upgrade playground equipment
- More camping
- Promote other facilities that are near the park; e.g. Willow Flats and other recreation – lived here 17 years and didn't know they could go there

### **Other**

- Locals want to go to the park for quick visit- lunch break, kids play – cost of Discover Pass is prohibitive – instead we use the boat launch at Willow Flats where there is no fee
- Promote FREE Days in Spanish and English
- Promote parks stuff through the schools – best way to get information out
- Make it welcoming for all – including Hispanic residents
- Develop materials, including maps, to put in public places and distribute to hotels so visitors can understand where to go/ what do
  - In Pateros, put at bakery, post office, motels, outdoor billboard
- Generally, older people in the area don't volunteer, are not active and hard to change

### **ALTA LAKE**

- Terrace the RV camping and/or level it out; it's on a slant
- Make it easier to access the water at Alta Lake for fishing and swimming near the boat launch. Big boulders/big step in the ramp are hard for older people

## **Cherries Jubilee**

### **Bridgeport:**

- RV park expansion in golf course area
- Better playground equipment
- Sprinklers for kids
- Enjoy Rufus Wood (Keep up the good work!)
- Level and clean up beach area
- New screens for vents in bathhouse, lots of bugs

- Public fishing dock
- Info board with different plants and animals

**Alta Lake:**

- Consistent concessions hours and better variety of items sold
- Diving dock
- Better wi-fi service
- Tree planting-types-Western Larch
- More shade in loop 3
- Lake weed and reed control
- Info board with different plants and animals
- More community clean up days

## **Alta Lake & Bridgeport State Parks CAMP**

### **Alta Lake Property Owners Meeting Notes**

#### **Pateros Fire Station Meeting Hall – June 13, 2019**

#### **Introduction**

Six property owners attended the meeting, along with one other gentleman who came as a guest of one of the property owners. Melinda Posner, parks planner with Washington State Parks, provided an overview of the Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) process and outlined the purpose of the meeting: to share information about process and hear comments about issues and opportunities to consider in the plan. The following comments were provided:

#### **Interpretation & Education**

- Consider providing more education/signage about boater and swimmer safety including cautions to swimmers about swimming across the lake alone, at certain times of day, with info about boat direction (see discussion under Recreation)
- Signage on county road to address blind corner
- Signage on county road to address end of state park property and no turnaround

#### **Recreation**

- How many people use the trail? (State Parks does not currently have a counter to document the number of people using)
- We use the trail to the ridge; don't use the boat launch because Sue has one on private property
- Area to east of the park seems a natural for non-intensive recreation area (e.g. lands class)
- During busy times, the number of motorized and nonmotorized vessels on the lake creates some public safety concerns
  - Many don't know that the statewide rule for small lakes is that all vessels go in a counterclockwise direction around the lake – if everyone knows this, there won't be the one boat going the wrong way
  - Swimmers don't know this either; they can swim outside the swim area and many choose to swim across the lake – there have been some close calls with motorized boats seeing a swimmer at the last minute, especially when the sun is going down and boats are headed towards the west, it's very difficult to see a swimmer's head in the water
  - County ordinance sets the speed on the lake for motorized vessels and also prohibits all motorized vessels on the lake after 6 p.m. and before 9 a.m. for fishing
- Pedestrian and vehicle conflicts around blind corner
  - Vegetative management to improve sight lines
  - Coordinate with county to help improve
  - Signage at a minimum

- Lots of traffic driving in and they go past the park boundary to private driveways and try to turn around; post sign letting people know this is end of park property and there is no turnaround
- Kids are a nuisance using a pile of rocks that is located adjacent to private property (southwest direction, towards Whispering Pines) they jump off, leave litter and are noisy; sometimes they sneak over to use a private dock (one property owner suggested signage by property owners since it's not within state parks boundary)

### **Natural Resources**

- Property owners and parks staff coordinate on a couple of things including milfoil treatment
- Boats are getting bigger; wake board boats especially have high erosion impact due to wave action; reeds along the shoreline haven't come back – perhaps because of this?
- There are a few trees out in the lake, which could be a hazard

### **Other**

- It would be helpful to have some of the property owners from the other side of the lake; none of them are here today – Otto Road, Denny
- Friends of Alta Lake were created to deal with the lake level pumping; has an email list and manages communications with all folks around the lake, including those who are part of the other Homeowners Associations (there are at least two in the golf course area; one with Otto Road)
- Property owners are pleased with the relationship they have with staff! – good job – and all would like to keep it that way
- Non-issues – no problem with noise – again, like it that way and want to keep it that way
- Don't support making the park bigger
- When the lake is low, there is more mud and fewer weeds
- Concern about gravel that builds up after snow removal on county road
- Lake level water pumping – interest in having State Parks continue to be a partner; believe that is what the legislature intended; we've reserved the right to share the cost; any new plan should include some mention of that; spreads the cost, 3-way partnership

## **Alta Lake & Bridgeport State Parks CAMP Public Meeting Notes**

**Bridgeport State Parks, Bridgeport Elementary School – June 12, 2019**

**Alta Lake State Park, Pateros Fire Station Meeting Hall – June 13, 2019**

### **Introduction and Meeting Format**

Each meeting followed a similar format: Melinda Posner, Parks Planner with Washington State Parks, and Sharon Soelter, Area Manager with Washington State Parks, provided overview of the Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) process, each state park and the purpose of the meeting – which was to share information and collect input about issues and opportunities to be considered in the planning process. See Alta Lake & Bridgeport PowerPoint presentation (insert link) for more information.

Three members of the public attended the Bridgeport meeting; eight members of the public attended the Alta Lake meeting.

### **Bridgeport State Park**

- Interpretation & Education
  - Bring Earth Day activities back in the park instead of at the dam; provide opportunity to see other things in park, free access
  - Expand classes and programs in the park – e.g. Audubon birding
  - School kids camping opportunity
  - Bridgeport schools need env education class just like Alta Lake; middle school principal seems interested and motivated
  
- Recreation
  - Add dog park
  - Frisbee Golf
  - Boat rentals for fishing and/or Ski Doos – current too strong for other
  - Playground equipment for older children – 5-12 years of age
  - Provide games for check out – badminton, horseshoes, etc.
  - Bike camps
  - Find ways to bus kids to park from town
  - Great bird watching, especially pygmy owls in winter
  - Golf course is used by runners
  
- Other
  - Discover Pass fees too much
  - Volunteers – better use in parks
  - Sunshade over big toys
  - “Hot spot” checkout
  - Get kids out to park – may don’t know about and/or haven’t been

- People bathing in swim area made my family not want to go back
- Re: Alta Lake – fishing has really dropped so how do we get people there?
- Wenatchee has a group (Team Naturaleza?) that connects Hispanic youth to the outdoors; might be a resource for getting Hispanic youth engaged

## **Alta Lake State Park**

Commissioner Milner attended the meeting, along with eight members of the public. The group provided the following comments:

### **Interpretation & Education**

- Better signage for swimmers when outside swim area re: safe boating and rules– county ordinance for small lakes – everyone goes counterclockwise
- Need signage at end of state park property (on west/north side of lake) alerting travelers on county road that they are leaving state park property and that there is no turnaround beyond that point
- There is a blind corner on the county road through the park, creating the potential for pedestrian/vehicle conflicts; add signage and trim vegetation to improve the sight lines (note: The road through Alta Lake State Park is a county road. State Parks is limited in the actions it can impose on county property but is something staff can potentially contact the county about. Property owners are encouraged to contact the County as well, which could be more effective in getting changes on the road)

### **Natural Resources**

- With increased population, expect increased use, which will result in increased boating –in numbers, size of boats (wakes from large vessels erode lakeshore), need for direction/rules

### **Recreation**

- Retain tent camping vs. all RV
- Keep a buffer between campsites and residents
- Add off-leash dog park
- Consistent concession hours – went multiple times and they were not open, no hours posted
- If there was lower day use fee, usage would increase, even though \$30 is cheap
- Consider card or cling sticker for DP vs. hangtag
- Consider geographic exemption for the Discover Pass (e.g. people with local ID/address getting in at discount or free)
- You'll get increased attendance with the boat launch if you improve the fishing; fish out the bass to get rid of them
- If the cost of a day use pass was lower, would it increase usage?
- Mountain biking trails beyond the lake
- Swim dock and slide for swimmers
- No motorized vehicles on trails

- Consider winter use; promote when there's a good snow and consider opening campsites temporarily – e.g. ice fishing, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, sledding
- People do use the trail up to the top
- Limit/stop expansion of number of campsites
- The changes made by state parks to reduce the number of campsites and increase the distance between campsites are much better (State Parks reduced the total number of campgrounds at Alta Lake from 200 to 125)
- Swimmers are using private property for jumping off rocks – north side of lake – litter, loud noise and use of private docks

### **Other**

- Develop existing lands vs. expanding
- Ensure there is no additional campsite development in long term boundary above the strip of private homes/cabins on the opposite side (east) of the lake; cited fire danger
- More lobbying for State Parks
- Consider DP exemptions in some areas
- Shuttle people to park
- Desire for the long-term agreement for lake level pumping to include state parks
- Long term agreement should say 1165"; should be 1169"