Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) for Steptoe Butte and Steptoe Battlefield State Parks

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Tonight’s Agenda

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

Steptoe Battlefield State Park
Presentation Summary

- Agency overview
- Park overview
  - Steptoe Butte State Park Heritage Site
  - Steptoe Battlefield State Park Heritage Site
- CAMP planning process
- Next steps

View from Steptoe Battlefield
Agency Overview

• Overseen by seven member Governor appointed Commission

• Approximately 400 full-time staff and 400 seasonal employees

• State divided into three regions

• Regions divided into management areas

• These parks are located in the Blue Mountain Area

• 1,000 volunteers
Friends Groups

• Over 20 formal Friend Groups statewide
• Non-profit organizations
• Hold park events
• Coordinate volunteers for projects
• Encourage community interest

• Area groups include:
  – Friends of Sacajawea
  – Friends of Mount Spokane
  – Riverside Foundation

• Cindy Jorgensen is our statewide Friends Group coordinator

2016 Friends Group Conference, Cama Beach State Park
Planning Area

- Rosalia
- Steptoe Battlefield State Park
- Steptoe Butte State Park
- Colfax
- Pullman
- Moscow
State Park Heritage Sites

• More than 40 sites statewide
• Significant natural, cultural, historical or scenic attributes
• Preserved and interpreted for education and enjoyment

Steptoe Battlefield Interpretive Panel
Steptoe Butte History

• Native Americans called the butte “the power mountain”
• During western settlement known as Pyramid Peak
• Present name honors Colonel Edward J. Steptoe
• 1888 to 1896 Cashup Hotel
• 1946 donation from Virgil Talmadge McCroskey
• 1965 National Park Service designated as a National Natural Landmark

Historic Cashup Hotel, Steptoe Butte
Steptoe Butte Facilities

- 150 acre day-use site
- 3.5 mile road
- 3,600 feet summit
- Seven picnic sites
- Three panel geological interpretation at the summit

Steptoe Butte Interpretive Panels