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## Parks Manager's Notes for PAB: "What's Happening In Parks"

July 8, 2016

- The Intertwine Trails Summit meeting on June 14th went very well and we were provided the opportunity to collaborate with our neighboring jurisdictions. We also received overwhelming support for the proposed Lewis and Clark Trail that extends 47 miles from the Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge to the City of Ridgefield and beyond. Cheri submitted a Grant proposal and all of our support letters to the National Park Service on June 30<sup>th</sup> in effort to receive technical assistance on the planning segment of the project.
- The Elizabeth Swanson gifting agreement was approved on June 28<sup>th</sup>. As a result we will take on the responsibility of the 33.65 acre property immediately. As a part of the agreement, we have 3 years to make passive recreation and wildlife enhancement improvements.
- Sorenson and Tower Crest NH Parks construction is now underway.
- Faroulo – PIF 8, Tribe - PIF 10, and Hill (Prairie Fields) PIF 6 staff reports will be ready for consent on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The environmental assessments delayed us on getting this done earlier.
- Pat Lee informed me that due to limited public access issues, the Lewis River Ranch Phase II acquisition grant proposal was rejected by RCO.
- The Camp Hope Master Plan is progressing and we intend to wrap it up in September. We John and Barbara attended a field trip with us Camp Hope last Friday
- We're working with our disc golf volunteer experts on feasibility of establishing a disc golf course on a 40 acre tract at Hockinson Community Park. The land is currently leased for grazing livestock.
- Met with CREST and OTAK to discuss the #3 Bridge crossing at Buckmire Slough. Construction to begin in 2017 – BPA is paying for the project. Crossing #4 is across Erwin ORieger Hwy. CREST is hoping that the County can take possession of the Hwy from DOT before that project gets underway in 2018

- DP Prioritization:
  - #1 FTE Program Assistant
  - #2 GF Budget Support to Transfer GF Parks
  - #3 Ongoing Capital Repair Funding from R.E.E.T for Major Maintenance in GF Parks
  - #4 Capital Equipment Purchase of two JD Gators for maintenance
  - #5 Parks Planner/ Grant Specialist Position
  
- Karen and I held our Lacamas Trail Study Summit in Camas last week and we had very good attendance. We should have a strong volunteer base to help us with ongoing trail maintenance
  
- Jeremy and I met with Permitting staff yesterday to determine site plan needs and expenses for a permanent parking lot at Felida Park. The current parking lot is considered temporary at this stage and we want to make sure it is available for use on a continuous ongoing basis.