

Iron Horse State Park Trail and John Wayne Pioneer Trail Renaming Comments

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<p>My family and I have lived adjacent to the John Wayne Trail since 1989. First of all, why now? You, the State, say the name is not consistent with current policy. If every time something wasn't consistent with current policy and needed to be changed, wouldn't that get pretty expensive to change signage, brochures, etc.? Why not leave it and worry about new trails being "consistent with current policy"? I just don't get the need for unnecessary spending when it seems to have been working for many, many years. If you have so much money to fix something not broken, why not put that money into maintaining the trail. It could use it! I vote for NO NAME CHANGE</p>
<p>Hello and thank you for requesting input on the potential renaming of the entire trail. I strongly favor naming the entire trail the "Iron Horse State Park Trail". This name accurately reflects the historic origins of the route as a transcontinental railroad right-of-way and provides continuity with the currently known name of the trail west of the Columbia River. Thank you for your consideration of my suggestion</p>
<p>I have been waiting for the renaming of the trail for quite a while now. I was always confused by the "John Wayne" naming of the "Iron Horse". I have ridden the Snoqualmie Valley Trail to the Iron Horse, and over the pass several times and love it !! Please KEEP it GRAVEL !!! But I want to throw my name idea into the ring. It is; Cascade Reach State Park Trail. 2nd choice; Milwaukee Road State Park Trail 3rd choice; Cross Washington State Park Trail or even; CrossWA State Park Trail, or XWA State Trail. I know that this trail will eventually become an exciting resource for economic development across the state, just as other rail trails have become in the country</p>
<p>I have long wondered why the trail was named after John Wayne. What was the relevance? I vote to change the name to something more regionally significant. Iron Horse Trail makes more sense to me. It indicates what the trail once was. John Wayne trail? Is that the trail; he used to track and kill Indians? I don't know. Iron Horse Trail indicates a former rail route. Thank you for listening.</p>
<p>John Wayne Pioneer Trail preferred, but otherwise: Cascade to Palouse Pioneer Trail</p>
<p>I vote for Palouse to Cascade Trail</p>
<p>The John Wayne Pioneer Trail is a perfectly appropriate name for this trail. Honoring a cultural and western icon was the original intent and should remain. Your thinly veiled attempt at historical revisionism is repugnant.</p>
<p>Randy, I vote keeping the historic name of Iron Horse State Park Trail</p>

I think the trail should be renamed. I like Cascades to the Palouse, or the Columbian.
While my real preference would be to keep the name, John Wayne Trail or modify it to be John Wayne State Park Trail, it seems that the agency has already made up its mind to change the name no matter what. Given that dilemma, my sense turns to the rich railroading history over nearly the entire 20th century presented by the Milwaukee Road, or more officially, the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul or CMSP railroad. Given the extreme importance of the Milwaukee Road to our Washington State History, the most sensible replacement name should be its given name, "The Milwaukee Road State Park Trail", or more simply "The Milwaukee Road". Certainly nobody could claim that's not a historically or regionally pertinent title for this unique resource and it's steeped in the pioneering history of our State. If we have to give up the Duke, then let's at least recognize the railroad that gave us this great asset.
I represent the 50+ members of the Kittitas Valley Trail Riders Club. We often ride the John Wayne Trail. To rename the trail is in a word "ridiculous". Standardized trail names make no sense. No trails are the same, so who cares if the names are standardized. Sounds like an idea from some bureaucrat sitting at a desk trying to justify their job! Surely the State Parks has better things to do with their budget and our tax money! How about maintaining the trails? How about providing improvements at the trailheads. How about better signage on current trails? I could go on, but I assume you get the point. Leave the name alone, it is part of history.
Name it "Iron Horse State Park Trail"
For renaming the Iron Horse Trail, I vote for Cascadouse.
I'd like it to stay the iron horse trail and just drop the John wayne. Iron horse is a perfectly good name.
Favor name:"Iron Horse State Park Trail"
I am the adopted daughter of R. Chic Hollenbeck. It was Chic's vision to designate the Old Milwaukee Railroad Grade as a multiuse, cross state trail. Chic was an avid fan of John Wayne and that was how the original name for the trail came to be. If you want more history on the trail, Chic's son, (redacted) is now the operator of (redacted) in Carnation. There are many stories of our early trail days. Lobbying in Olympia, riding with visible permits and navigating the many angry ranchers along the route. There is a nice memorial to Chic along the trail. Personally, Iron Horse State Park Trail is a great fit for the trail. Chic dreamed of a Western themed town at Easton or Cle Elum, roughly in the center of the state. His hope was that people of all ages could enjoy the trail from there on stage coaches, covered wagons, on foot and on bikes. Whatever happens with the name of the trail... it should continue to promote what Chic dreamed: A span non-motorized access for all people that crossed our beautiful state.
WaNorPac Adventure Trail (refers to the Washington section of the Northern Pacific Railway) PNW-NorPac Trail (refers to the Pacific Northwest section of the Northern Pacific Railway)
Keep the current name! Dissolve the iron horse state park to one long trail/ track of John Wayne trail.
Salish Trail State Park. The entire trail is on the ancestral land of Coast Salish and Interior Salish peoples.
Leave the official name "Iron Horse Trail"

I prefer the name Iron Horse State Park Trail. Unlike the other choices, it requires little or no explanation, and it's only a minor change from how most people know the trail today.
Cascalouse state park trail
I like the name "Cross Washington State Park Trail" the best!
I would choose to rename the trail: the Columbian Trail Because the Columbia River makes a huge impact on the geography in our state. It drains land from the Canadian border, thru Washington state from east to west, and pushes through the Cascade mountains to the Pacific Ocean.
Don't change the name of the Iron horse/John Wayne trail. Too much money to change signs. About 30 years, this name has been ok, keep it that way. Stated reasons are not enough to go through the process of changing the name. I like the name the way it is.
We definitely need to get rid of the name "John Wayne" in the trail name. I like the Milwaukee Road Trail name the best because it particularizes the trail to a specific route and historical context. Iron Horse is OK too, but the "Iron Horse" trail could be anywhere
I like the name Cascalouse State Park Trail because it is new and also is descriptive of the area it crosses.
I vote for the new name to be "Iron Horse State Park Trail." Thank you.
I suport re-naming the Iron Horse State Park trail/John Wayne Trail to the following: Milwaukee Road State Park Trail
Please select the Milwaukee Road option for this trail, honoring the name of a "forgotten" transcontinental railroad that helped shape early Washington. The other proposed names will soon become outdated or inappropriate, but the Milwaukee Road has a timeless feeling that is rooted in our state's history
First Choice: Milwaukee Road State Park Trail Second Choice: Iron Horse State Park Trail

<p>The need to escape the Iron Horse or John Wayne Pioneer Trails escapes me. Is there anyone in the state who is confused by the names? I've read the policy and process documents pertaining to rename. There is mention of naming something based upon historical considerations. Since the people of the state have generally accepted this names, renaming will only lead to confusion. If we have to rename them, then I suggest sticking with 'Iron Horse State Park Trail' and have it apply to the entirety of the trail across the state. That keeps the historical context and causes the least amount of confusion OR expense of replacing signage.</p>
<p>I vote for either "iron horse" or "Milwaukee road".</p>
<p>Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail</p>
<p>I would love to see this renamed "Heritage Trail". This would encompass all of the rich history along the trail!</p>
<p>I believe renaming the Iron Horse Park/John Wayne Trail is a waste of money that could be better spent maintaining or improving the trail itself. Especially the eastern connectivity issues and outdated permits required to access public spaces. That being said, if the name has to change, The Cross Washington Trail gets my vote</p>
<p>I think the trail should be renamed to the Milwaukee Road State Park Trail. The Milwaukee Road helped develop the state; it is gone now, but it should be remembered</p>
<p>I would like the trail to be named "The Heritage Trail"</p>
<p>I vote for the Milwaukee road state park trail</p>

Hello, I support renaming the trails in a way that describes the destination and area covered: Palouse to Cascades. Alternately, the Cross-Washington works well, although is less evocative. I would also be interested in hearing from the many nearby native tribes on their thoughts, including the Couer D'Alene, who I understand support connecting the eastern end of the trail with the Trail of the Coeur D'Alene. Please don't use the mash up Cascalouse, which I agree sounds like a pest that you wouldn't wish on your enemy. Please don't use Trail of the Olympian, as this is likely to be confused with the Route of the Olympian in Montana.

I prefer Iron Horse State Park Trail as this will be somewhat familiar to those who already know the trail and pays homage to the prior railway usage. I prefer this over naming it for a train that used this rail. My second choice would be Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail I am opposed to renaming it Columbian State Park Trail, as that will be confusing with Columbia Hills State Park in my region.

First of all, I really don't think it makes any sense to spend money right now to change a trail name - haven't we/State Parks got enough to spend money on, including trail maintenance that spending time and money to change a trail name seems a bit foolish? I very much appreciate the name John Wayne Pioneer trail - how about changing the entire trail to that name? Then again, along that same vein, if you really MUST change the name, just call the entire thing the Iron Horse.

Please don't rename the Historic John Wayne Trail. Our state needs to support historical names of places.

Rename the entire Iron Horse / John Wayne trail system "Iron Horse". John Wayne had nothing to do with the trail. It's silly to name it after someone not from the area, who didn't support our help find the trail, and as far as I know want a hikers or cyclist who would have been the sort to use the trail. Iron Horse pays homage to the roots of the right of way. It is fitting to rename the entire trail system Iron Horse.

I prefer that you not change the name of the trail at all. The John Wayne Pioneer Trail speaks to a culturally significant person whose film work introduced many of us to the pioneer and western experiences in many forms. While that may not precisely meet your agency's "preference" list, it is not as inconsistent with that list as you might think. The people who provided the vision and muscle to even start the trail were happy with its name, and it was named for reasons that were integral to their beings. John Wayne provided a lot of inspiration to the spirit of the project they joined to make the trail. Just because John Wayne and the values he brought to his films have gone out of fashion in our instant gratification world, it doesn't necessarily follow that your agency should jump onto some bandwagon of renaming everything in sight to the point where the cultural icons of many of our lives are erased from the national memory. We will all be just that little bit poorer if this exercise in conformity succeeds in removing one more of our memories of where we came from. I'd rather have my grandchildren ask me who John Wayne was than not have them ever be inspired to ask the question. Keep the name that built the trail.

I like the suggestion of naming the trail the Palouse to Cascades as I feel that is very explanatory about its location and i like the visual it brings to me of the mountains leading downward to the flats of the Palouse

My vote is that the trail retains the name "Iron Horse State Park Trail." It's a known name and would be less confusing for people unfamiliar with the trail who want to use it.

Dear Mr. Kline, Respectfully, I'd like to suggest that - if the name indeed must be changed - it retain a moniker that denotes its historical significance. Iron Horse has always been a fantastic name, both for it's nod to Washington's railroad heritage and for the challenge it presents to hikers, who must muster an iron will to complete it. If it remains the Iron Horse State Park Trail and

absorbs the John Wayne Pioneer trail, I would be wholly supportive. Frankly, I don't know how a trail in Washington State got named after an actor in California in the first place.

Washington, Our Home, also supports renaming the trail Milwaukee Road State Park Trail. Again, the name invokes a sense of historical significance and would provide a number of opportunities to educate the public about Washington's heritage and culture. Heritage tourism is becoming more and more popular, and - with respect to other place names in Washington - another "pretty view trail" or hills and valleys trail" wouldn't provide the same draw to visitors looking for an immersive cultural experience. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments

I vote for the Iron Horse Trail.... I always wondered why we should be commenoration John Wayne! This name recognizes the history of the trail.

J Harlen Bretz Trail, in honor of the geologist who first understood the origin of this landscape.

It should remain the Iron horse trail.

Just so you know, I grew up on John Wayne movies. I have dozens of them on DVD. I own a half dozen books on him. I'm as big a fan as they get and I live literally 50 yards from the trail. I have a strong opinion here: Change the name. John Wayne had nothing to do with the trail. It's not a historic wagon route. Wayne made only one movie in Washington, in Seattle, and it wasn't even a western (McQ). There is no connection between him and the trail or the state, real or cinematic. Iron Horse Trail works just fine. It's descriptive, historic, and already in use. While I have your ear, may I mention one thing that would vastly improve the trail? Pave portions of it. I'm an avid bike rider, but I won't ride the trail (again 50 yards from my home), because it is neither safe nor pleasant to ride on. Many previous rail lines are becoming paved multi-use paths and are heavily used. I realize that paving the whole trail would be expensive and unnecessary, but paving key sections could be a boom for use and recreation, and a plus for local economies.

Iron Horse Should be the name to preserve the history of the train in a clear way.

My vote for name change: Milwaukee Road State Park
Iron Horse State Park Trail is my vote in the renaming effort. It is a well known trail by local cyclists, hikers, and climbers. Renaming it to any other name will only further confuse the issue, as locals will still most likely call it by this name and any new name given to it. Therefore we would be back at the same confusion point again. Let's skip the confusion and just simply consolidate the name to the Iron Horse State Park Trail, as it is predominantly already know in our area. Thank you for your consideration!
The name for the John Wayne trail should be: TWT or Trans Washington Trail.
I am glad to see this renaming effort. This should help get rid of the confusion of having the same trail with two different names. I also hope that emphasizing that this cross-state trail is ONE trail will help with support funding on the east side of the state. I like the most descriptive name: Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail
Well I think you have the name "close" with Cross Washington State Park Trail, I would suggest A simple version, How about --- -----Across Washington State Trail----- Or, --- Washington State Trail----- I like these versions, I think others will to.
Iron Horse State Park Trail
I feel it is frivolous to be spending the time, resources and funds to rename a trail when you have so many areas in need of attention Park fees are on the rise, why not do something that is truly beneficial to all
Leave it alone
Thanks for the opportunity to participate. I think Iron Horse State Park Trail is far and away the best name. It is short, clear, will be familiar to users of the trail, and speaks to a significant part of state history.
I prefer a name that is descriptive of the trail's geography, even to folks outside our region. Cross Washington Trail is the best option proposed.
I would vote for Cross Washington State Park Trail (descriptive trail name)

<p>Please keep the current name, Iron Horse State Park Trail, as that is what it has been known as for many years. The Iron Horse refers to the railroad lines that it follows, and I believe this is an appropriate name based on your naming criteria. If the trail name is changed to any of the other suggestions, that will create more confusion as people won't know what that is. Just drop the John Wayne Pioneer Trail portion of the name. I believe this will save the state a lot of money, too, because new signs will not have to be made. There may be areas where the John Wayne Pioneer Trail signs need to be removed, but I believe this will be much cheaper than having to make all new signs for a completely new name. I don't like any of the other proposed names, anyway. Iron Horse is just plain cool!</p>
<p>That will be the day</p>
<p>Renaming the trail to be consistent across the state makes sense and will help efforts to raise awareness about its availability to hikers, Mountain bikers and equestrians. May this also help with the effort to secure trail sections that currently go through private properties to have a long term secure access for future recreationalists. I honestly think keeping the Iron Horse name is a great idea. I also know many groups that use the John Wayne trail as part of their marketing to continue efforts to save the trail. Could we combine them? The John Wayne Iron Horse Trail?</p>
<p>I like the idea of naming the entire trail the Iron Horse State Park Trail. It fits the railroad history of the route. "Cascalouse" requires too much explaining and makes no sense.</p>
<p>Two of us vote to keep it Iron Horse.</p>
<p>Do not change the name of the John Wayne/iron horse trail - makes no sense- it's been that for years leave it alone</p>
<p>I would prefer the trail be named the Iron Horse State Park Trail. Trails with Columbian or Olympian in the name would actually result in more geographic confusion.</p>
<p>There is absolutely no need to change these names. Leave them as they are...Iron Horse.....and John Wayne.... Leave good things alone!!!</p>
<p>Milwaukee road state park trail</p>
<p>I like Cascalouse Trail! It's unique and has a great ring to it.</p>
<p>Iron Horse State Park Trail I suggest this name from those options given. Thank you.</p>

As someone who has ridden horses on the Iron Horse Trail/John Wayne Trail many times, & a 67 year resident of WA state (I am now living in VA), I am in favor of keeping the original name. Changing the name would not only prove to be confusing but would not honor the historical reference to the Iron Horse Trail name.

I like Palouse to Cascade as a trail name, but I worry that there will be confusion about PCT as an acronym because the Pacific Crest Trail. Cascalous is totally original and charming, so I'd be very happy with that! I grew up in Smyrna and have loved watching the trail riders since I was a child. I'm delighted that the trail is getting some infrastructure support and hope it can be further developed!

I like Cross Washington State Park Trail best, but my 2nd choice would be Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail, although I think Palouse Cascades State Park would suffice.

I like the Palouse to Cascades Trail State Park. I can't wait to go visit it again. Thanks

Dear Commissioners, In 1981 I was the Supervisor of the Washington DNR. The cross state trail had been authorized and funded during a close vote in the State Legislature. Eastside legislators representing constituents who didn't want a trail believed the DNR could not make the purchase within the year and they could kill the project in 1982. Lands Commissioner Brian Boyle instructed me to get the purchase made expeditiously. The Chicago Milwaukee and Puget Sound Railroad was in bankruptcy. The purchase was completed in record time, and was in state hands prior to the 1982 session. One of the principal reasons we got support statewide was the work of the John Wayne Pioneer Riders and Drivers who lobbied and built support in unexpected places and put pressure on the legislators. The name of John Wayne was a major factor in our success. We might not have the trail were it not for the work of these folks and I am happy to defend the name we gave the eastern half of the trail. To bring this into concordance with State Park planning and naming rules seems a bureaucratic excess in my opinion. The trail will survive with whatever name it carries but the history of its origin and the strange way we built support for buying the trail should carry some weight. There is only one trail. Let it retain its dual historical names. Thank you.

<p>Iron horse is a good name. Why would anything in our state be named for draft dodger John Wayne; who had nothing to do with our state.</p>
<p>Unless this can be done for free I think it's a waste of time.</p>
<p>Iron Horse State Park seems like best choice.</p>
<p>In regards to renaming the John Wayne Pioneer Trail: It would not be there if not for the railroad that blazed the "trail", so the name must reflect that heritage. Milwaukee Road State Park Trail; The Milwaukee Road Pacific Trail; Milwaukee Road Cascade to Palouse Trail. If, as the Friends of the John Wayne Trail are aggressively pushing for, the Palouse to Cascade Trail, is selected, it should at least be reversed to reflect 1. the main "traffic" will probably be people going from west to east 2. C comes before P and in place names, people remember names better if in alphabetical order, hence the name should be the "Cascade to Palouse Trail" or "Cascade to Palouse Washington Trail. Those are my suggestions, with preference being the Milwaukee ones. Thank you for the opportunity to give input in this decision</p>
<p>Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail</p>
<p>Proposed trail name: XWT. Cross Washington Trail.</p>
<p>This trail has a log history with it's current name. A lot of work has gone into decades of planning, maintenance and projects to make it what it is today. Some of the people who made large impacts have left a legacy to kids and grandkids, stating, "this is what I was a part of." This is what I helped build." It would be wrong to rename it now, making it harder to piece together that legacy. On top of that, nothing has been mentioned about the unknown number of signs, publications, etc. that would have to be changed and what that would cost the taxpayers of Washington. I say, keep it as is or just call it Iron horse state park trail.</p>
<p>Would prefer Cascade-to-Palouse, or Palouse-to-Cascade, Distant third choice: Cross-Washington trail.</p>

HOW ABOUT WE RENAME THEM AFTER AN INDIAN? WE DO THAT FOR EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE STATE. PEOPLE OBVIOUSLY DON'T HAVE MUCH TO DO. LET'S WASTE MORE TAX PAYER MONEY REDOING SIGNAGE AND MARKERS. IF PEOPLE ARE SO STUPID BECAUSE THEY GET CONFUSED MAYBE THEY SHOULD STAY OFF THE TRAILS, THEIR THE ONES COSTING US

I think "Milwaukee Road State Park" would be a good name.

I think the Iron Horse/John Wayne Trail should be renamed: The Columbian

Name of the trail after John Wayne would be great he was an American hero.

Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Cascalouse State Park Trail Like both of these!

Cascalouse State Park Trail (a contraction of the Cascade and Palouse geographic areas) Cascalous makes the most sense. It takes pride in our region and allows the word to model the bridging that occurs over the course of the trail, east to west, we are one. But as you move into the other names, some terrible things start to happen. Consider: Columbian (coffee? a region not at all related to us?) Tough named for a train this isn't obvious and the train no longer bears witness to this incredible landscape, we do. Cross Washington State Park Trail: Decent, but cross and wash being so near a rhyme make for a funny mouth twister that doesn't inspire one to want to hike the trail. It lacks imagination. Iron Horse State Park Trail: Fine, fine, the railroad was important but consider whether that matters more than the beauty of the region we know as the Cascades? Milwaukee Road State Park Trail: No no, this isn't Wisconsin and Milwaukee comes from a tribe that's not associated with this region. This cross-pollination stands a decent chance of offending our local tribes and they'd be right to be so. Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail: Okay but so long. Cascalouse makes a nice contraction of this effort. Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail: Talk about a mouthful! Also, it sounds like you're trying to hard to be grand. Leave the Olympians to the Greeks and name the trail based on its gloriously beautiful scenery. Cascalouse is the best of the lot, here.

I've been using The Iron Horse Trail for some 30 odd years. Mainly for mtn biking. I LOVE the trail! I think keeping it named "The Iron Horse Trail" is the best solution! We all use that name already and it works really well to describe its past. Its past is to be cherished forever!

Iron Horse Trail.

I'd recommend reaching out directly to the tribes that have usual and accustomed areas overlapping the trail. They might have good ideas for unique names with deeper ties to the landscape than our current list. Certainly the Snoqualmie, Tulalip, Yakama Nations (among others) have active connections to this specific area. I also question the need to include "State Park Trail." Making the name shorter makes it easier to communicate about. Could there be an official nickname " ____ Trail" (without "State Park")?

John Wayne Iron Horse Trail No need to change it at all, just put them together.

Honestly, while I appreciate you all have a job to do, I think this is such a waste of taxpayer money. We have so many bigger problems in our state than renaming trails, like focusing on the mentally ill with automatic weapons. Besides, I'm only 50 and John Wayne was my hero growing up.

I would like to express my support of the name of Milwaukee Road State Park Trail. Far too often former rail lines converted to recreational trails are given names that have no tie or origin to the railroad to operated on them. This is unfortunate because those railroads were ultimately responsible for the economic impact of the communities they traversed. The Milwaukee Road was no exception and had a profound effect in the state of Washington and railroad history in the US. For example, they were the electrified railroad west of the Mississippi river. An innovation that is once again being considered in the railroad industry and has fast become mainstream in the automotive industry. Furthermore, current and future generations could benefit from appropriately named rail-trail from a sheer education standpoint. Accordingly, the trail should be named after the railroad. Best, Rich Tawrel Native Washingtonian, railfan and model railroader (MILW circa 1978/79)

It has always irritated me that the other name for the Iron Horse Trail is after some entertainer that seems to have nothing to do with it, or with where it goes.

I'm OK with keeping the name, "Iron Horse". I am also OK with Cross Washington State Park Trail, even if it's not that sexy. It's descriptive - it doesn't require a subheading to know what we're talking about. Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail is too long.

Not OK with:

Cascalouse State Park Trail - it sounds like a kind of louse, one I wouldn't want to get in my sleeping bag.

Columbian State Park Trail - while I appreciate the historic connection, I would prefer not to continue to memorialize a scumbag like Christopher Columbus

Milwaukee Road State Park Trail - sounds like it should be in Wisconsin, not here.

Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail - too many "trails" in the name. Trail of the Olympian State Park acceptable, barely.

Randy,

for naming the J Wayne/Iron Horse Trail. I Prefer the Milwaukee Road Trail, Second choice, Iron

Horse State Park Trail, third choice, The Olympian Route Trail.

Sorry to hear you didn't even consider John Wayne state park trail as an option. The rest of the names while

historical in nature are lost on current generations (who have grown up with one of the two).

The ONLY two

options would be 1) John Wayne state park trail, or 2) (the more recognizable) Iron Horse state park trail. Anything

less than one of these two options would greatly diminish both relevance and would not attract would-be hikers.

Iron horse is a fair name that incorporates all railroads (regardless of ownership (past or present)) and preserves the

real nature and intent of the trail (a former railroad). I think it is terrible that you would want to change the name in

the first place. Its a shame there are no Native American names even considered.

I prefer the new name for the trail to be Palouse to Cascades

State Park Trail. My second choice for the new name for the trail

is Iron Horse State Park Trail.

Iron Horse (State Park) Trail. Please do anything possible to minimize the cost of a name/signage change ... and devote the resources (including your time and talent) to more meaningful projects! Thanks

Prefer Iron Horse Trail Park
I like "Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail." It describes where the trail goes, and does not imply that the trail goes all the way across the state.
I think the new name should be Iron Horse State Park Trail.
I vote for Iron Horse. I also urge the Commission to remove Wayne's name. His racist homophobic comments do not represent the diversity and open mindedness of our citizens. Not mentioned in the Seattle Times article is Wayne's well publicized dodging of WW2 service. Again, not acceptable in a state with a high military presence.
I live directly adjacent to the Iron Horse State Park Trail /John Wayne Pioneer Trail in Ellensburg--I live on Trails Edge Drive, a direct reference to this trail. I have lived in this location next to the trail for 8 years. I frequently bike and walk the trail to get to downtown Ellensburg, the Central Washington University campus and friends' houses in the nearby neighborhoods. When I reference "The Trail", most people in the area recognize it as the Iron Horse State Park or the Iron Horse Trail. It's not often that I hear someone refer to the trail as the John Wayne Trail. I believe renaming the trail Iron Horse State Park Trail and keeping the "Iron Horse" part of the name makes the most sense and will create less confusion than "adding" yet another name to the trail. Iron Horse fits the character of the region. The name reminds me of other trails in the Ellensburg area with similar named (such as Iron Bear Trail and Iron Peak Trail in the Teanaway), as well as the Wild Horse Wind Farm at the east end of Kittitas Valley, and the Wild Horses Monument along I-90 near Vantage. The name Iron Horse State Park Trail has more character, more flavor to it than a name that describes a geographic location
My choice is Trail of the Olympian State Park
I believe the best name option would be the Palouse to the Cascades as it has a nice ring to it, and if the goal is to make it clear where this trail is, this is the best option
Leave it alone. Quit wasting tax payers money!2
Iron Horse Trail.
I like the Paulouse to Cascades State Park.

<p>Iron Horse Trail The trail has been known by this name for a long time and it would avoid confusion to keep this name. I never liked the John Wayne part of the name. Iron Horse implies the railroad it used to be.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Road Trail</p>
<p>Iron horse state park Trail is my preferred choice.</p>
<p>Iron Horse State Park Trail (current name of this State Park trail acknowledging the trail as a former railway)</p>
<p>I would like to "vote" in favor of "Palouse to Cascades State Park" - I like the way that name anchors the trail in a geographic place. Thank you!</p>
<p>I like the idea of naming the John Wayne Trail "The Milwaukee Railroad Trail".</p>
<p>Cascalouse</p>
<p>I vote for the name Milwaukee Road State Park Trail. The Milwaukee Road built it. That's good enough for me. And yes, I've visited many miles of it (though not the whole thing). Loved it.</p>
<p>I love Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail (geographic description of the trail route).</p>
<p>I fully support the renaming of this trail and prefer the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail name.</p> <p>Never really liked the name in the first place, you usually get a lot of blank looks if you use the JWT name. I've been on the western (Iron Horse State Park) portion of the trail a number of times, in fact planning on a 2 day trip to cover Rattlesnake Lake to the river in June.</p>
<p>Trail of the Olympian!</p>
<p>The trail should be named after the company that built and operated the the rail line that used to occupy the alignment. It just makes sense from a historical perspective to name the trail after the organization that made the thing possible in the first place. From one end of the trail to the other, the only consistent thing about it is its railroad background. While it is true that the route of the trail encounters interesting topography and biological ecosystems, none of those characteristics represents the whole trail. Nor does one passenger train, even though it was something of an icon. This is a great opportunity to give the trail a name that makes sense. Any name that includes "Milwaukee Road" is all right by me, but "Milwaukee Road Trail" is brief, easy to say, and easy to write.</p>
<p>There are 2 options I like for the name: Palouse to Cascade State Park Trail and Cross Washington State Park Trail</p>

Keep the name the same. Spend the money instead on much needed trail maintenance and improvements.

The name "Milwaukee Road State Trail" would be the best name for the Iron Horse State Park/John Wayne Pioneer Trail. Milwaukee Road is the specific railroad that created the trail right of way in the first place and this name provides the most direct link to its history. This is the name is used in advertisements for passenger service on this corridor. See, e.g.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago,_Milwaukee,_St._Paul_and_Pacific_Railroad

It does not make sense to call it a "park" because only a small part of the trail has public land surrounding the trail. Large segments are easements on private land. It would be confusing to see it named a "park" on a map as there will effectively be no public access to it - other than the trail itself. It would make a lot more sense to just call it a "trail" and to give specific public lands around it their own names (like Iron Horse State Park).

This is bureaucratic nonsense and a waste of resources. There is nothing wrong with the existing name, and far better ways to spend energy and money on trails.

I agree it is time to change the trail name. Having two names is confusing. The reference to Mr. Wayne is not logical, as the late actor had no real connection or association with the trail. While there is another rail trail in the state with the word "Iron" in its name (Iron Goat), the name Iron Horse is established, known, and appropriate in the rail trail context.

1. Leave the name as is. However if you have to change it, keep the iron horse moniker. 2. There are a lot more important things to spend time and energy on than this project.

Iron Horse State Park Trail

I support the effort to rename the state park/trail. I did not know the trail extended almost all the way across the state. The name selected should reflect that fact - if only because it is remarkable!
I like the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail suggestion above, but think it would be improved by eliminating the suggestion of directionality implied with the "to". The "Cross Washington State Park Trail" also conveys the magnitude of the state park - it seems sort of anodyne though, more like an expressway than a beautifully reclaimed industrial corridor.

<p>I read an article in the Seattle Times about the project to rename the "Iron Horse/John Wayne Trail" As a user of the the trail living in the area that it starts at it's western end, I was interested in the headline of article and why it needed to be renamed. After reading the article, I can see why we don't have resources to fund park improvements/maintenance in the state (and broader Nation). Spending time on a commission to consider renaming a trail, then evaluating names and finally changing signs, maps etc. is a complete was of time and most importantly funds that couple be used for other purposes. I don't understand why with other priorities activities like trail name changes would be even close to the top of the list.</p>
<p>I vote for the name: Cascalous State Park Trail.</p>
<p>Leave the name as it is! Use the money to be spent on the administrative aspect and the name change for trail improvements!</p>
<p>Iron Horse State Park Trail</p>
<p>Iron horse state park trail</p>
<p>From the trail name options presented, I prefer the following: Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail (geographic description of the trail route) This name is concise and descriptive of where the trail travels to and from - simple!</p>
<p>Please keep the Iron Horse State Park Trail name. Thank you.</p>
<p>I vote for Iron Horse State Park Trail.</p>
<p>I like the "Iron Horse State Park Trail" name, as it references historic use of the trail, is unique (at least for this area,) and it provides continuity for people who know of it already, not to mention old maps. Definitely in favor of getting rid of the John Wayne name completely.</p>
<p>I like simply using "Iron Horse" for the entirety of the trail or "Milwaukee Road" to honor its history. Thank you for renaming the trail in any case. A unified name will be less confusing.</p>
<p>I like Iron Horse Cross-State Trail</p>
<p>Old Milwaukee RR Palouse to Cascades St Park Trail</p>
<p>I prefer the Palouse to Cascades Trail (or vice versa).</p>
<p>Leave Iron Horse Trail as the permanent name.</p>
<p>Renaming the trail is an absolute waste of valuable resources and energy. Focus on much more important things!</p>

I think the name of the entire cross-state trail should simply be "Iron Horse Cross State Trail." This would recognize the route for what it was, an important railway line. And would signify the importance of railroads in shaping the Pacific Northwest.
Milwaukee Road State Park Trail (name of the railroad that operated on the trail)
My suggestion would be: Iron Horse State Park Trail Based on its history as a Milwaukee Road rail line.
Just leave the name as is. At least per the newspaper article, you have not shown a compelling reason to change the name. There are far too many names being changed across the country for unnecessary reasons, please don't be another one.
Suggested new names for John Wayne Trail: 1. The Channeled Scablands Trail 2. The Basalt Highway
Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail (name used to describe the route from Chicago to the Puget Sound)
I support the name of Iron Horse. It preserves the fact that it was originally a railroad route. It also preserves that fact that it has early history. I do not support the use of John Wayne. It has no association with Washington historically.
Keep it the "Iron Horse State Park Trail" !
Cascalouse State Park Trail This name is descriptive The name is inventive This name can roll off one's tongue and is fun to say. It will become memorable with use! The other names have no pizzazz: Columbian State Park Trail (confuses with the Columbia River which is NOT what this trail is) Also there is plenty of bonafide use of the term Columbia. This is not the place for it. Cross WA Trail- very un-descriptive in being blah. Cross Fit sport training takes the Cross name, not the trail. Iron Horse- use in Western WA, not fitting to the folks in Tekoa! Milwaukee Roadthere are other railroad trails aren't there? Don't use this. Palouse to Cascades, No, name it west to east, left to right on a map orientation. This name is east to west orientation. Cascalouse fulfills the west to east, left to right map orientation.It is descriptive, inventive, will roll off one's tongue, will become memorable and in that will serve as an invitation for use. This name has pizzazz.

Without the historic Milwaukee Road, there would be no trail to name. Also, for a time, the Milwaukee Road represented an historic technological achievement as the world's longest electric railway. The proposed name "Milwaukee Road State Park Trail" not only accurately describes the trail, it easily helps one to imagine the amazing historic train technologies and distance covered, along with the fact that there is something even bigger. Portions of which lie beyond as a trail in other states. The history of the Milwaukee Road itself begins with trains, and more trail history kiosks should be used to capitalize on that. I've experienced train history by cycling on the trestle in the photo at this link:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olympian_Hiawatha#/media/File:Olympian_Hiawatha_in_Cascades.JPG
But the above photo really adds to that appreciation -- so I would like to be able to see more of the Milwaukee Road train and technology history along the way. Also, there is local history for locations that the trains pass through. And history kiosks can capitalize on that too. Yet the Milwaukee Road is the main historical connection for every part of the current Iron Horse State Park. So even if that were the only reason, the trail should be named the "Milwaukee Road State Park Trail"
Thanks!

Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail should be the new name to the trail. I think it's the best possible name to change it too and is properly sensitive to the community.

I am very glad to see the Department renaming the trail, given that "John Wayne" had nothing to do with Washington, the Parks Dept., Spokane or much of anything else. I think any of the names on the proposed list would be an improvement, though "Iron Horse" might be a little vague and that the "territorial" names like Cascalouse or Milwaukee may not imply an immediate connection with this area. If the trail cuts through some Indian land, it might be good to name the trail after that tribe, even if it results in "Spokane Native Trail" or "Okanogan Traverse Trail" or something of the sort. Such a designation might imply the natural state of the wilderness in this area, and of course, remind people of the original settlers of this area, rather than naming it after the railroad, which occupied this area for a

relatively short period of time - even if it was hugely significant in the development of this area. In any case, thank you for working on this project and renaming the trail. I served in Vietnam in the latter days of the war, so I don't like seeing Marion Wayne's name adorning anything.

Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail best describes this trail.
Thanks

Palouse to Cascade State Park Trail is my vote. It's perfectly clear and immediately self-explanatory, it specifically names the outrageously beautiful and treasured endpoint locations of the trail that we want to share with the rest of the world, and it parallels the naming of other long-distance trails in the region (like the Mountains to Sound Greenway) — which would build synergistic recognition and appreciation of the whole set of cross-state and cross-region trails. I'm a lifelong hiker of local, county, state, and federal trails in Washington (and many other places). I regularly cross the Iron Horse/JW trail to hike McClellan Butte, lately about 6 times a year. I would love it if part of my hike explicitly reminded me that I was hiking a few steps of our whole wonderful Washington state, the gorgeous Cascades and the unique Palouse and everything in between, *and* connected to the rest of the place by our other long trail systems. Feeling like I'm part of something amazing that's bigger than just me is a major reason I hike. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I propose that the new name be the Palouse to Cascades Trail. This name follows the State Parks convention of naming long distance trails by their geographic location. It is also a unique name that will not be confused with other trail names. And it communicates a very long distance trail. This name has been well received by all that I have suggested it to and has had no opposition. It is also a great name that can be used effectively to market this unique state park.

We recommend renaming the trail to "Milwaukee Road State Park Trail" after the railroad that built and operated on the trail.
Thanks -

The name Palouse to Cascades State Trail evokes the most meaningful identity. It vividly ties together two of the state's major geographic features into a single title and creates a memorable name. In driving between Seattle and Wenatchee, I have often wondered about the "John Wayne" and the "Iron Horse" trail signs and wondered what they meant and what their connection was to our state. To me, Palouse to Cascades is much more evocative and meaningful, and draws me to it. I hope you will adopt this as the new name.

I think Iron Horse State Park Trail captures the original history of a railway, "Iron Horse" captures history and a sense of the time and it is already known by this name by residents. A few signs at significant trail heads to explain the history might be nice. So, remove the reference to John Wayne and make the entire trail Iron Horse State Park Trail. I wish we could keep the convention of naming it after our rich Native American heritage but apparently there is no descriptive name for the distance of the trail. Iron Horse works though.

I vote for Iron Horse Trail for the entire length of the trail, especially if it is eventually extended from Idaho on west.

I think the trail should be named Iron House State Park Trail--it simplifies the name and reduces confusion due to drastic name change, and it acknowledges the history of the trail as a railroad.

The name of this trail in Idaho and Montana which I assume the State of Washington intends to ultimately connect with is Route of the Hiawatha Trail. Frankly I'm puzzled why anyone would choose to ignore that choice given that Idaho and Montana are far ahead of us in developing their trail system on that corridor. I photographed trains from Seattle to Harlowton Mt in the late '60's and '70's and believe that the Milwaukee Road should be honored for having created this gift to the people of Washington. I bicycle the Olympic Discovery Trail (also a Milwaukee Road route) about 2000 miles per year however at my age it is increasingly unlikely that I will be able to ride the trail completely across the state at the rate of progress that is being made. Big thank you for Renslow Trestle funding.

Please don't rename the trail...leave it as-is. In addition to the historical use of the name for the past few decades, it makes no sense cost-wise to rename the trail. If a new name is "required" just choose one of the two current names. Thank you for your consideration

I am in favor of keeping the name John Wayne Pioneer Trail. It has been that name for I believe 37 years and has just worked fine. I hear of Washington State Parks, like other government agencies, being short of funds. What will it cost to change the name? Has that been decided? Be sure and include all the new maps required, signage to be changed, physical labor to accomplish this. Obviously park personal are spending time on this where one might think the time could be spent more wisely. Hasn't the park personal more important things to accomplish then changing what works well? I understand that you have a guideline for naming trails. Use that for naming new trails and Grandfather in those trails having a history. The name, "John Wayne" is a respected name and the John Wayne Pioneer Trail should remain, "The John Wayne Pioneer Trail". I have volunteered my time to work at State Park property as I want the trails to stay open. It now looks like we, the public, have been mislead regarding the State Parks financial status or could it be miss management of funds? It sure seems like a waste of money to spend renaming a trail that has a highly respected name. This also goes for the "Iron Horse State Trail". In summation, please leave the trail names the same and put your efforts to something that will benefit the parks. Wouldn't it be nice to go back to the days when we did not need a Discover Pass to use our parks?

Name it either the Iron Horse Cross State Trail or the Palouse to Puget Sound Basin Cross State Trail. Leave out the words " State Park" as they add nothing to the name and even though State Parks manages it, it is a cross state trail and not a park. One day when we finally have a real cross state trail you can then rename it the entire route the Palouse to Pacific Ocean Cross State Trail.

Let the trail be named under its current name, Iron Horse State Park Trail.

Of the suggestions provided, I prefer: Milwaukee Road State Park Trail Or: Iron Horse State Park Trail Or: Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail. A bit plain, but not terrible. Regarding the other suggestions: Cross Washington State Park Trail is boring. But these are worse: The Cascadouse contraction name is terrible. Don't do it! "The Columbian State Park Trail" suggestion is confusing and "Columbian" might seem to some like a misspelling. Similar problems with "Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail." Olympian brings to mind the city of Olympia or the Olympic Mountains, not this trail.

I prefer the Palouse to the Cascades Trail name. It reflects what the and where the trail is.

I much prefer the name: Iron Horse State Park Trail - the name for the trail/park is well known, and a) it would be less confusing for current users to preserve the historical name, b) it is a link to its past history for its users (hikers, cyclists, skiers, rock climbers, mushroom hunters, snowmachiners... c) it is link to the rail history of the trail d) maybe a minor consideration, but there are a few businesses along the way that are named after the trail, might be a bit negative for them to change the name of the main attraction they cater to? (Iron horse inn in Cle Elum, for instance)

Please, just leave the well established name alone. Apparently State Parks policy originally allowed the present name and there is no compelling reason to now change it. Please put the money it would take to rename it into restoring Maryhill State Park to its once beautiful condition.

I vote for Milwaukee Road State Park Trail. Let's preserve our historical heritage.

John Wayne had nothing to do with the trail, so let's drop that. I suggest sticking with Iron Horse, which works well, although there could be some confusion with the Iron Goat Trail. The full name as proposed (Iron Horse State Park Trail) is awkward and doesn't make much sense to me. The main feature is the trail (whatever you decide to call it), and it exists in a state park, so it should be the Iron Horse Trail State Park. Most people will just call it the Iron Horse Trail.

To Whomever, I do not see the need to rename the John Wayne Trail into something more compatible with your image of a proper trail name. To me this is just another East Coast Liberal idea of right and proper. You do not need to change a thing, leave it as it is.

<p>I endorse a name change to clarify for the public and to drop the John Wayne reference. A dead matinee star with who held no longer acceptable views on the roles of women and a hierarchy of races does not deserve the honor of having Washington public lands named for him. I recommend Cascolouse. This is a variant on one of the proposed names. It adds the Columbia into the mix of the Cascades and the Palouse as geographic features the trail can be named for</p>
<p>I am for sticking with the current name, the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. It is a widely recognized name and associates with someone who was very well known for the life of pioneers in the American West of the late 1800s.</p>
<p>I like the Iron Horse State Park Trail</p>
<p>I would prefer we keep the Iron Horse Trail name and use it for the entire trail. It is a "rail trail" and this name honors the history as a railroad corridor and the adaptation to a public trail for walking/hiking/biking/horse riding. Some of the other name suggestions are alright, but Iron Horse Trail is both already established and appropriate in historic and current context. thank you</p>
<p>I feel that Trail of the Olympian is a very appropriate name for this trail. It makes additional sense as a companion to Idaho's Route of the Hiawatha Trail. I feel preserving the railroad legacy is an important obligation in naming this scenic marvel.</p>
<p>My vote for the the Iron Horse Trail is maintaining the same name, Iron Horse State Park Trail. The name matches the history of the trail formerly being used for trains ie Iron Horses.</p>
<p>I like the name Cascalouse</p>
<p>I select Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail as the new name</p>
<p>I vote for Iron Horse State Park. It maintains current descriptive identity while getting rid of the of the silly John Wayne title.</p>
<p>I like Cascalouse State Park Trail. It is unique and original; and relates to the areas of the state where the trail runs.</p>
<p>I have always known and referred to the trail as the Iron Horse Trail and would prefer to keep this name going forward. I think the John Wayne part should be dropped considering that John Wayne has nothing to do with our state.</p>

<p>I like The Iron Horse State Park Trail the best. (We live just off this trail near Rosalia. There are some situations involving motorized vehicles, trespassers onto the private lands just off the trail, and weed control. I realize finances for this project are limited. How is the state addressing these issues?)</p>
<p>I am in favor of renaming the Iron Horse/John Wayne Trail. Any of the suggested names are better than that. But how about the Salish/Sahaptin Trail? Lot of opportunity in that name to do some interesting interpretation of the landscape. Also use of native names would be great.</p>
<p>I like keeping it simple - How about calling it the 'Palouse Trail'?</p>
<p>John Wayne Trail renaming - Do not change the name. Leave as John Wayne Trail. As a former State Parks area manager, I managed the trail from Thorp to the Columbia River. The existing name has been in place so long that it is accepted as the proper name. I have not heard one comment from local friends in favor of changing the name. All I have heard is derogatory comments towards State Parks for even bringing up this proposal and let me tell you this is putting it nicely after hearing some of the comments. I personally am shocked that State Parks is wasting tax payers resources on such a proposal. It has created a feeling that the State Parks system is very solvent and rolling in money. Even considering renaming has set State Parks back by creating a negative opinion. Get your heads out of you know where and cater to the opinions of your users. Don't you have better things to do with taxpayer monies</p>
<p>I suggest renaming the eastern portion of the trail "Iron Horse Trail". The entire trail should have the same name.</p>
<p>I vote for Cross Washington for the new name of the Iron Horse, John Wayne trail. Thank you for the opportunity to decide the Name</p>
<p>Milwaukee Road State Park Trail</p>
<p>Iron Horse State Park Trail We love this trail. a unique experience. We've ridden it 5 times and plan to again. Thank you for supporting it!</p>
<p>This trail system is overdue for a name change to bring into into alignment with the names of other significant trails in the state and to abandon a name associated with racism and bigotry</p>
<p>Renaming the John Wayne trail will be a waste of tax payers money. Please do not change the name</p>

Why not name the John Wayne Pioneer Trail the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. He enjoyed and helped to improve the Olympic Peninsula and folks know the trail by this designation already.
I think the John Wayne Trail should be renamed the Iron Horse Trail
As a long time Washington resident and hiking enthusiast, I like the idea of renaming the John Wayne trail. Of all the suggested names - I really like the Iron Horse State Park Trail
I propose you do nothing. Save the taxpayers money and use it for a higher priority project. If some individuals are so all fired up to make a change, let them spend their own personal money, not taxpayers, to change signs,etc.
WHY CHANGE?? EVERYONE KNOWS IT BY THAT NAME AND I BELIEVE IT FIT'S JUST FINE. I'VE NEVER RIDDEN IT BUT SEVERAL OF MY FRIENDS FROM THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA HAVE AND MOST ARE MEMBERS OF BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN. SO, MY VOTE WOULD BE TO LEAVE A GOOD THING ALONE!
Milwaukee Road 1st choice. Hiawatha, 2 nd
I prefer the name Cascadouse
I believe the trail should be named the Iron Horse State Park Trail.
I vote to rename the trail iron horse trail
John Wayne Pioneer Trail
Anything BUT John Wayne!
Renaming.....we like Milwaukee Road Trail
Hello -- Regarding the name change of the Iron Horse/John Wayne trail: I support the suggested names below in the order listed. Cross Washington State Park Trail (descriptive trail name) Iron Horse State Park Trail (current name of this State Park trail acknowledging the trail as a former railway) Please remove the John Wayne name as it is now associated with racist, sexist connotations.
I'm a Washington native now living out of state, but I still travel home frequently. I believe that the trail name should reflect the route's historical significance, i.e., the railroad. So either the current Iron Horse name, or something more specific for the former railroads or trains should be used. That also helps to be more specific to the route's location, rather than just the regions it cuts through

<p>Milwaukee Road State Park Trail This name describes it as a rail bed AND personalizes it by identifying the old Milwaukee railroad that used to run on so many line in our state.</p>
<p>Either Iron Horse or Palouse to Cascades should be the trail Name</p>
<p>the entire length should be named Iron Horse Trail to provide continuity and bragging rights. if 2 separate names it can be considered 2 separate trails. By having one name, it sets up the trail as one of the longest in the US Iron Horse provides history as the original Native American name for the locomotive. Please do not consider Palouse to Cascades as it is too long a name and the trail goes beyond the cascades so the name doesn't fit</p>
<p>Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail rename</p>
<p>Couple of ideas.. Pacific Inland Empire Trail Cascades Empire Trail</p>
<p>Do not rename. Iron Horse is just fine.</p>
<p>I love the name "Cascalouse"! I have family connections in the Palouse, as well as here on the west side of the Cascades. It just grabs one's attention, and I love the connecting of the two regions. My second choice would be Iron Horse Trail. Thank you for this opportunity to submit my comments!</p>
<p>Palouse to Cascade State Park Trailis my naming preference since it best describes the over-all route. I was born and raised on the westside, but spent many years in college on the eastside. This name fits the geographic location. Even if you know nothing about the trail, it still gives one an idea that it's a "cross state" trail. Both sides of the State can identify with this one. Good work</p>
<p>Keeping with the Iron Horse Trail name or the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail is ok with me. Having a regional attraction named after some Hollywood actor never made any sense to me and felt very wrong.</p>
<p>Personally, I support the name Milwaukee Road State Park Trail because the railroad built and operated the line on which the trail follows.</p>
<p>I love Palouse to Cascades Trail. I also think Henry M Jackson Trail could work—he did so much for our country’s parks and environment. http://hmjackson.org/environmental-legislation/</p>

<p>I prefer the "Iron Horse" since the entire trail was a railroad rightof-way and it is already in use West of the Cascades. It is one continuous trail</p>
<p>Our organization and members of the Board support the rename of this trail to Palouse to Cascades Trail, which we believe provides a good description of the trail. Thank you. Kevin Carrabine, Board Chair</p>
<p>The notion of naming the trail is long overdue. I'm a native Seattlite and grew up camping, climbing, biking and rafting in Eastern Washington. Old Route 10/I 90 are as familiar as to me as the Space Needle. In 100's of trips over the pass, Only after hearing about the yearly wagon trip from an friend of mine, I new nothing of what the John Wayne trail was. The fact that I kept seeing signs for it along the interstate further baffled me. Same with seeing "Iron Horse Trail" signs in Cle Elum and points east added to the confusion. I never connected "Iron Horse" with the rail road. The name "Palouse to the Cascades" is not only consistent with names of other such trails and passage ways but also ties the east side of the state with the west. I have no problems with John Wayne as an actor and one who brought to screen the image of the cowboy and the "wild West' as portrayed by the old dime novels and writers such as Zane Grey and Louis L'Amour. Unfortunately his name means nothing to many of us old timers. I can't imagine what our new population of Amazonians and other recent Seattle imigrants think when they see the signs. I love the name "Palouse to Cascades Trail". Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this! Mc</p>
<p>I propose renaming the eastern stretch of trail Iron Horse for continuity and to reflect more inclusive values for all</p>
<p>Leave the names alone, don't waste our taxpayer \$ or your time on this trivia. Use it to maintain what is there</p>
<p>I like Cascalouse. It rolls off the tongue and descriptive of the connection between eastern and western Washington</p>
<p>Evergreen Trail Columbia Trail Pioneers' Trail Founders' Trail</p>

<p>Even though Railroads are coal burning, deforestation machines, I like that this trail was originally for railroads, so "Iron Horse State Park Trail" is my favorite. Not naming the original owner also seems right as the land was given to the RR by the people of the USA. I wouldn't mind a name that reflected the tribal lands it crosses, but the trail is so long that it would bound to offend one or another tribe that didn't get a mention. And yes I now live in CA, but I lived in WA for 35 years and feel a strong attachment to the state and it's beauty.</p>
<p>I prefer the name Cross Washington State Park Trail, because it is clearly descriptive</p>
<p>Before the trail was a rail line, was any part of it built and used by Native people travelling back and forth for hunting and trading? Have any tribes adjacent to the trail been asked to offer their opinions? Would it be consistent with State Parks department policy to give the trail an historic name that nods to the historic movements of Native people in the state?</p>
<p>Name it all the Iron Horse State Park.</p>
<p>Basalt Trail</p>
<p>Just call it the IRON HORSE STATE PARK TRAIL and drop the JWPT</p>
<p>Why change the name and make it more confusing for everyone? Books people have will immediately be out of date there will be costs to changing signs and maps. Stick with Iron Horse and save taxpayers money. Use the money for trail improvements instead. Be logical!</p>
<p>Rename as iron horse trail</p>

I prefer renaming the Iron Horse Trail to Cross Washington State Park Trail. I like names that tell me at a glance approximately where the trail is located in the state. Otherwise, I spend a lot of time online looking up trails to see where they are. I also like the Cross Washington name because of its simplicity, and it tells you at a glance that it is a long trail. Note: we tried to find this trail while we were recently camping at Wanapum State Park. I had looked at the Trail online, and I also have a brochure on the Iron Horse State Park Trail. We had trouble finding the trail near the Columbia River. There aren't enough details, and it was difficult to find for someone unused to the area. I hope better directions can be provided online in the future. There was one tiny little sign that was an abbreviation, when we did find it. I hope more funding can provide more identification. After all, it is near a camping state park :o) Quite a few campers had their bikes with them when we stayed at Wanapum in March. It was too windy for us to want to bike the trail when we did find it. We like nice weather to bike :o) This seems to be a windy area, so is there a way to indicate the wind/rain forecast for the trail at different points along the trail? I guess if we had checked the wind forecast for Beverly, we would have seen that it was going to be windy.

MY NAME CHOICES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1. IRON HORSE STATE PARK 2. MILWAUKEE ROAD STATE PARK 3. COLUMBIAN STATE PARK NO MATTER WHAT NAME IS ULTIMATELY SELECTED, I BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT TO RETAIN A REFERENCE TO THE TRAIL'S RAILROAD ORIGINS AND HISTORY. WHEN YOU READ ABOUT THAT HISTORY IT REALLY IMPRESSES UPON YOU HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO HAVE A RAIL TRAIL OF THIS MAGNITUDE THAT CROSSES THE ENTIRE STATE. EVEN THE SEGMENTS THAT AREN'T A PART OF THE STATE PARK ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING.

Name the entire trail Iron Horse Trail. Connection with state history and save money on signage etc.

Iron Horse is the best name because it's used for a good portion of the trail already, and relates to its railway history. Columbian is a great name BUT it may be confusing to outsiders who think it's in the gorge

I like the Milwaukee Road Trail name. Iron Horse could be any rails to trails route. I designed three of the bridge replacements and got to use the original Milwaukee RR drawings. It would be cool to have some displays where the original plans are reproduced along the trail.

This is mostly about the parking proposals presented at the 2nd CAMP meeting, and some about expanding trails. Limiting parking expansion to just the area where the current Park's shop is (and building a new shop) and/or the Huston Center inholding (which the Huston Center folks don't seem too happy with) would barely address current overflow parking on busy days, if even cover that. 120 extra parking spaces won't cut it. And that doesn't include people who turn around because they can't find parking. It won't accommodate future growth either. In the 5+ years I've lived in Gold Bar and frequented Wallace Falls State Park, the growth of users has been significant, and it's going to continue. The increasing crowds extend to the trails as well. I don't like the idea of it becoming like the conga line at Rattlesnake Ridge on busy weekends. But it's not far off at times. Another trail on the east side of the Wallace River up to some of the view points of the falls on that side would get used if it was built. If there was a safe trail to get to the other side of the river, it could also potentially dissuade some people from trying to cross above the middle falls at the valley overlook point, where 2 people fell and died last year. Wallace Falls State Park makes a profit for State Parks subsidizing other parks in the system. Beyond overcrowding, limiting parking and trail options for the growing user base limits the income potential. I'm not against WFSP helping to pay for other parks, but it's time to spend some of that money on Wallace Falls, and time to plan for the future, rather than just short term fixes for things as they were in prior years. I had a conversation with Commissioner Patricia Lantz at the CAMP meeting. I've been all over the area and know it very well. She was asking about potential multi-day hiking loop trails that could be developed in and around WFSP. The interest is there for expansion, even on the Commission. Lastly, please don't limit the plan to what you and the other members of the CAMP committee think might be palatable or assume will be approved. It's better to ask for more up front than to negotiate for the other side against our interests before even presenting the plan. Thank

you for facilitating this process and working to improve Wallace Falls State Park

I wrote this 3 years ago for a bicycle ride we took down the The Abiel Tinkham Trail. Rick Swanson The Abiel Tinkham Trail High in the mountains lies a tunnel.....that is so long you'd think you got lost when you get started. It begins at Hyak, which, is a Chinook Indian word meaning "Very Fast". The tunnel was closed for several years, for fear that a rock or two would crash down on some unsuspecting cyclist. But they finally reinforced the ceiling with concrete, and reopened the tunnel. So now only some concrete will crash down on some unsuspecting cyclist. You may go "Hyak" in your rush to get through the tunnel without something coming down on your head. Then after an eternity you spot a light at the end of the tunnel. It opens up to a slope, so steep up and down, that your only hope of getting to Rattlesnake Lake is to follow the same path that the Milwaukee Electric Railroad did. Imagine that, a railroad that was electric, built just after the turn of the century. Sounds like something out of the future. A smokeless and carbon free train. With such futuristic trains, that were also cheaper to run, it's hard to see how the Milwaukee Railroad is no longer around. They were so excited about their cool trains with electric engines, that they paid huge dividends to their shareholders. When it came time to improve and replace the aging tracks.....they had no money in the coffers to do so. They went bankrupt in 1981. So down you go.....looking for the end of the trail.....and hoping you'll not find the same end.....that the Milwaukee Railroad did. The railroad trail and the tunnel were built by the Chinese, and it puts you in awe just looking at it. How did they do it? Wong Fu says the Great Wall of China took 276 years to finish. Compared to that, he says, the railroad trail and tunnel were a snap. Ahhhh Soooo.....Wong Fu. General McClellan could have used the Chinese to build a tunnel for him, in his misguided search for a way across the mountains about 70 years earlier. He reported to the Secretary of War, Jefferson Davis, that there was no way to get across. Later McClellan would be replaced as leader of the Union Army.... so we could defeat Jefferson Davis and the Confederates. After the war he then ran for President of the United States, and was thoroughly trounced. Which goes to prove, you can fool the American people once, you can fool them twice, but don't try it a

third time. And then you arrive at the first bridge....high and magnificent. The superstructure rising far below from the valley, was made out of iron. It must have been another first, not using wood. Those Chinese are so clever. There are one, two, three and finally the fourth bridge which was missing part of it's span for about 20 years, until the trail people rebuilt it. From one of the bridges you can see Tinkham Road, named after Abiel Tinkham, who was the first to find a way across the mountains. And from another bridge you can see McClellan Butte, named for the guy who didn't. Abiel Tinkham named two higher peaks near Snoqualmie Pass, Abiel Peak and Tinkham Peak, after himself. I suppose you can do that when your the first guy to get over the mountains. But actually the Yakima Indians, who for centuries had traipsed across the mountains to trade with the Indians on the West side, were the first to cross the pass. Tinkham was just smart enough to ask the Yakima Indians if they would show him the way, where McClellan never bothered to ask. So if truth is to be told, those two Peaks, Abiel and Tinkham, should be named Yakima and Indian. And just when you think you are done with bridges, there is a multitude of smaller bridges spanning ever smaller dips in the trail. When there aren't any bridges the Chinese filled in the gaps with huge amounts of rock and dirt, so it seems you are riding on thin air. And all the while you wonder.....how did the Chinese ever get this trail and tunnel built? The Tunnel and the ride down the John Wayne Trail, (was he here too?), are the Ride of the Century. John Wayne died in 1979, and the trains stopped running through the tunnel in 1980. So John would have no way of knowing about a trail that didn't exist upon his death. I think it would be better to name the trail after a person who had some historical significance to the area. The trail should be named The Abiel Tinkham Trail. But few people have heard of Abiel Tinkham, and everybody loves John Wayne, so there you go. You wouldn't want to miss the ride. It's all down hill. Invite your friends and significant other. We are meeting at Rattlesnake Lake on Saturday, June 6th at 10:00 am. We'll leave a few cars there, and then travel to Hyak to start the ride. Meet Place and Time: Rattlesnake Lake at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday, June 6th.

<p>Please avoid taking this in a new direction by renaming it to anybody's name. Who needs more controversy in our lives? Just undo the John Wayne thing and rename it back to "Iron Horse State Park Trail" Thank you.</p>
<p>I think that the trail name should be the same on the east side of the cascades as it is on the west side. I think that Iron Horse Trail is fine.</p>
<p>Prefer the name Iron Horse State Park Trail. It is short, descriptive and historically accurate. What else is needed? There is no reason to use the name of a person who had NOTHING to do with the trail itself, that simply confuses people. Thanks for sticking to your policy and moving to a shorter, more appropriate name. Good job.</p>
<p>Iron Horse State Park Trail is a good name already universally recognized by Washingtonians</p>
<p>The right of way that makes up the Iron Horse Trail was part of the "Milwaukee Road Pacific Extension". If you want the trail name to accurately reflect its historical origins, you should consider to incorporate this description into your renaming effort.</p>
<p>Love this trail so much and excited to see it receive a name that is more inclusive. My top two choices are: 1) Cascadouse State Park Trail 2) Iron Horse State Park Trail Looking forward to see what the change will be!</p>
<p>Keep it simple and name the trail Washington State Park Trail. In time as development is completed in the eastern portion of the trail, the trail will become the preeminent rail to trail in Washington State. Bicyclists, hikers and more will come even from out of state to do the "Washington Trail." The word "Cross" becomes superfluous when thinking in those terms. The trail crosses the Cascades, the Palouse and more with the state name being a unifying factor in all the landscapes that are connected by the trail. The railroads are historically part of the fabric of the trail. The name Washington Iron Horse Park State Park Trail is a second choice that recognizes the historic legacy and still identifies the trail geographically more than the name of any specific train route. Thank you for the considering my comments.</p>
<p>I prefer the name Cascades to Palouse State Park Trail, rather than the reverse suggestion of Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail. Maybe because I live in Western Washington..... Either way...</p>

Please rename the park Heritage Park
As a member of the public with property adjoining the trail, I would like to suggest that the John Wayne Trail be renamed THE CASCADIA TRAIL. This trail intersects the Cascades and whether you're headed East or West on the trail you will, at some point, cross the Cascade Mountains. Thanks for your consideration
My recommendation for the name of the trail is Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail. The name identifies the basic route, length and terrain all at once. Both the names Cascades and Palouse put significant pictures in mind when you see or hear them. I believe the name change would also have a positive impact when it comes to past negative connotations due to the legislative pushes to close portions of the trail.
Is the "John Wayne Pioneer Trail" named after a pioneer, or does its name simply come from the famous actor? If there actually was a pioneer by that name, then perhaps the whole state park should be named after him. Or if its name is from the actor of many Western movies, then I vote to rename the whole trail Iron Horse State Park Trail to signify its former use and history. I believe switching the name to something entirely new, departing from both current names, will only add to the confusion.
Please spend any extra money you might have on repairing the trail so more people might enjoy walking or riding on it. My property abuts the John Wayne Trail and I see no need to change the name. A ridiculous idea if I have ever heard of one. The State of Washington can find more projects to spend money on when the ones we most need are forgotten about or we are told you do not have the money. Please leave the name alone!!!!
Sally Jewell State Park Trail I would like to propose renaming the Iron Horse Trail the "Sally Jewell Trail" to honor the former Interior Secretary and champion of conservation, Sally Jewell. By naming the Iron Horse trail in honor of Sec. Jewell, we would be recognizing her public service that spanned across this State and beyond to Washington DC. Thank you for your consideration,

<p>I vote for Iron Horse Trail. It maintains consistency with the park name.</p>
<p>I propose the new name for the John Wayne Trail be either the Evergreen State Pioneer Trail (my first choice) or the Washington State Pioneer Trail. The second word reflects that it is a state trail, and the third word identifies, however indirectly, the important role of the railroad, horses, and the John Wayne Pioneer group in the establishment of the trail. I support removal of the name John Wayne and the renaming of this trail, on which I have spent many happy hours both on foot and bicycle.</p>
<p>Rename the trail and remove the John W name. The group can be recognized for their efforts to help secure the trail at kiosks along he route. But this is a Washington trail and needs to reflect our names and areas.</p>
<p>I would be okay leaving as is but...otherwise it's already at least partially known as the Iron Horse State Park trail and that would be my vote. It should be less signage to change and I would guess WA State Parks could use all the extra money they can get. I also think it would avoid considerable confusion if you went with a totally new name</p>
<p>Iron Horse Trail</p>
<p>John Wayne Trail Re-Naming Committee I would like the Committee to look at renaming the cross state trail with a Salish name. The tribes in the northern Central Washington area moved back and forth, trading and visiting (and wars) between the coast, over the Cascades and the inland plains and to and through the Rockies for thousands of years. These trails were used by the Europeans as they migrated into Washington; trappers/explorers first then wagons and families. These trails/routes were then followed by the railroads quite often. I think that over 10,000 years of use by the tribes should be honored over the 200 years of on Europeans. I would encourage the Re-Naming Committee to seek the advise of the tribes in naming this cross state trail with a Salish name, instead of an English name. Remember, the name Salish has been used for the Salish Sea Trail, so using Salish would be confusing. Thanks for your consideration, John Willett. Kitsap County Non Motorized Transportation Facilities CAC. Co- Founder; Sound to Olympics Trail; Past President, North Kitsap Trails Association. Co-Founder Methow Valley Community Trail</p>

The trail should honor historic women or have tribal/native american connection. Here are my suggestions: Alki Trail: Al-ki or Alki, a Chinook Indian word meaning "bye and bye" or "hope for the future." This motto first appeared on the territorial seal designed by Lt. J.K. Duncan of Gov. Stevens' surveying expedition. On one side it pictures a log cabin and an immigrant wagon with a fir forest in the background; on the other side, a sheet of water being traversed by a steamer and sailing vessel, a city in perspective; the Goddess of Hope and an anchor is in the center. The figure points at the significant word "Alki." Settlers from the schooner Exact named their settlement on Alki Point, New York. The new settlement was slower to grow than its East Coast counterpart, however, so the name was changed to New York-Alki, meaning "into the future" - the 1850s version of the term "bye and bye" or, "I will see you, bye and by Smohalla Trail: Smohalla (Dreamer) (c. 1815 - 1895) Wanapum nineteenthcentury dreamer-prophet associated with the Dreamers movement among Native American people in the Pacific Northwest's Columbia Plateau region. Sacajawea Trail - win win woman and an native American!

I support the name change to "Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail"

I thought of two more good names, " Trail of the Washingtonian" and "Trail of the Sasquatch". Of the ones you listed I like "Cascaloose Trail" the best

Do state legislators have so little to do that they need to spend and waste money and time on "renaming" projects? If so, we need to look at voting them out and replacing them with members who would spend money in appropriate forms, such as park maintenance, trail maintenance, all projects that need funds! There is nothing confusing about the name Iron Horse Trail or John Wayne Trail. This is a ridiculous waste of tax payers money and time. Maps, signs, trail markers would all have to be replaced at an incredible cost. These parks and trails have been in use for many years. Trail users seem to have no trouble finding them. So why do the state legislators with the Parks and Recreation Department? Absolutely these trails should keep their names, and start spending tax payers money for more appropriate projects!

I think the complete trail should be called Iron Horse

<p>I would like to suggest the name, “Palouse to Cascades Trail.” I prefer this to the suggested name, “Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail,” because it is less cumbersome. I can’t imagine hikers or riders using such a long name. Palouse to Cascades Trail says it all.</p>
<p>I agree with reconsidering the "John Wayne" named portion, and suggest renaming the entire trail to be formally the "Iron Horse State Park Trail", with most folks then informally calling it the "Iron Horse trail". This is the simplest approach, retains continuity, and pays respect to the railroad that is the foundation of the trail.</p>
<p>All of the park staff naming recommendations are good. One question I have is whether it is necessary to have "State Park" in the middle. For example, we don't say "Deception State Park Pass". Using this scheme, my top three would be: Cascalouse Trail State Park (I like the sound of the name) Iron Horse Trail State Park ("Iron Horse Trail" is what most of my hiking/geocaching/biking circle calls it) Palouse to Cascades Trail State Park Thank you for your consideration,</p>
<p>I prefer the Ironhorse Trail but any name other than Ironhorse or Milwaukee Road would just add to the confusion that we have now with the name John Wayne. Thank you</p>
<p>I think Iron Horse is appropriate. John Wayne is not. Yes those racist bigoted remarks were from another time in our history and were indicative of that time. Perhaps he would have changed as many of us have through the years. But we will never know and can only judge him on what he said then. And given that, he simply cannot be revered and elevated to icon status. Call it Cowboy Trail if people feel it needs a reference to pioneer spirit. Heck, even Pioneer Spirit Trail is better than naming it after someone who espoused such hateful rhetoric.</p>
<p>Leave the name John Wayne trail name as is.</p>
<p>Transcascadian Trail Washington Wonderland Trail Washington Heritage Trail</p>
<p>After having thought about the new name for the Iron Horse Trail, I think that the suggested name of Cascalouse State Park Trail would be the best. The reason is that it is a made up name, that still is descriptive.</p>
<p>Please keep the name the same, there is no reason to change it.</p>

<p>Do NOT change the name of this trail. John Wayne was a GREAT American and removing his name will only SMAME the state of Washington</p>
<p>"The name of the trail is not consistent with State Parks' policy for naming trails." While this may true, it sure sounds like a bureaucratic spin. I would be in favor of "Iron Horse Trail" State Park. Iron Horse Trail projects the importance of railroads in developing the Pacific Northwest. More specifically, the Milwaukee Road Trail State Park is on the mark. The other indicated names, Cascalouse, Columbian, Cross Washington, Trail of the Olympian and Palouse to Cascades, should not be considered.</p>
<p>Leave it alone and stop trying to rewrite history. The name is fine and should stay what it is, there is no reason to re-name except for the feels of people who are never going to use it anyways.</p>
<p>I prefer the name "Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail" that was already suggested. This name Best describes the geographic locations through which it travels.</p>
<p>I am very much against renaming the Iron Horse Trail. Once an area, road, street, town or park is named, it shouldn't be changed. Its original name had a purpose or was done so to honor a certain person or event. Renaming something is like taking that honor away.</p>
<p>get rid of John Wayne. not his real name for one. He was born in Iowa. change it to william O Douglas, who was an environmentalist, from Yakima area, and had a distinguished service as a judge, with a long term on SCOTUS. Also, get rid of Iron horse State Park on interstates. put Iron Horse TRAIL. other states, especially Missouri with KATY trail have made lots of money for B&Bs, bike shops along trail. look it up, did as good job with it. pretty much only thing state does well is state parks, nature areas. funded by a 1/8 cent sales tax. bought up flood areas after 93 floods too.</p>
<p>Please keep the name Iron Horse State Park Trail or name it Iron Horse Trail</p>

<p>The Dye/Schmick/Schoesler "We Want This Trail Closed ASAP" Trail</p>
<p>the lack of public engagement on your plan to rename the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. While you have allowed for electronically delivered public comment on what the new name should be, I have not heard of any town halls or other opportunities for the public to make actual, publicly heard comments on the decision to rename the trail. The Parks and Recreation Commission will meet May 17th in Spokane to make its decision. Will there be an opportunity for public comment at this meeting or at any other time?</p>
<p>I'd recommend Cascalouse State Park Trail or stick with Iron Horse</p>
<p>I support the name Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail</p>
<p>Thank you for this effort to rename this trail. I fully support dropping "John Wayne" from the description of this wonderful public asset. Since John Wayne the actor has no connection to the trail and his on-screen persona is a poor representation of the trail's history and our state's history. I humbly suggest remaining the trail the Iron Horse - Pioneer Trail State Park</p>
<p>Greetings Mr. Kline and Company, Please don't change the name of the trail from Iron Horse State Park Trail. That's what it is known as, that is a good and wonderfully apt name for it, and that way extra funding doesn't have to be spent going through a renaming process (and all that would entail). The government has a pretty bad reputation right now for spending money on frivolous projects. Please let's teach our society that often what we have is just fine, that we can be content with what we have, and we don't have to change and modernize everything. Iron Horse State Park Trail is a perfectly good, and already established, name. All one would need to "fix" the current John Wayne portion of the signs is a good bucket of paint and a paint brush. It'll do. For goodness' sake, if a change must be made, don't for one minute further consider Cascalouse. That sounds ridiculous and people unfamiliar with the pronunciation of Palouse (rhymes with moose) will say it as rhyming with house -- and connecting the name with vermin (-louse) is NOT a good idea. Run, run away from that silly and potentially very negative option.</p>
<p>I think it should remain the Iron Horse Trail. It fits policy and to name it something else may make it difficult for others to locate the trail (e.g., updating guidebooks).</p>
<p>Please keep the original name we have all grown to love</p>

I would prefer the name of the trail remain the Iron Horse State Park trail
Let's keep the name.....John Wayne Pioneer Trail
The J Harlen Bretz Trail - for the scientist who identified catastrophic Ice Age floods as the reason for eastern Washington's topography.
I think we should rename the trail "Big Sky Trail" for the horizon to horizon vistas and sweeping views every step of the trail.
Please continue with the current name, Iron Horse State Park Trail, for the entire length of the Trail. Please delete any reference to John Wayne. Thank you very much.
I have lived on both sides of the Cascades and worked for both public and private landowners that have recreationists on or near their property utilizing the trail in question. I have never heard a single person express any confusion about the trail, whether on the west side (Iron Horse) or on the east side (John Wayne Pinoeer). If you are determined to change the name, then I would prefer you use the Iron Horse name that currently exists and extend it all the way to Idaho. The other name on your list that "makes sense" is the Milwaukee Road
The Iron Horse Trail is my preference. I've hiked various small sections of the trail's western periphery, mostly en route to more rigorous venues (McClellan Butte, for instance). The trail IS an abandoned rail bed, so the Iron Horse name beautifully pays tribute to its genesis — much more so than a vague geographical reference could ever hope to
Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail (geographic description of the trail route)
Hello- I use this trail frequently between Rattlesnake Lake and Cle Elum, for biking and skiing. I always thought John Wayne's relationship to the trail is pretty tenuous, even knowing the history of the group. Everyone I know calls it the Iron Horse Trail. I suppose Milwaukee Railroad Trail or something of that sort would be acceptable. Many of the other names on the list seem needlessly complicated or created by committee to "make everyone happy". Cascalous? Argghhh! Thank you, this is long overdue. Now if I can just convince you guys to not spread 6 inches of mushy gravel on the trail any more(?)

<p>Suggest you try to drop "Park" from the names you provided. Just call it the Something State Trail. Shorter, easier to remember, and people think of State Parks as places, not long skinny corridors. They see it as a Trail.</p>
<p>April 17, 2017 As a Resident of Washington State since August of 1983 and a big fan of John Wayne, I DO NOT Support changing of the Trail Name or of the park... It was name in Honor of John Wayne an American Hero to this day... Remember, the US Congress named his own Medal of Freedom for him, JOHN WAYNE, AMERICAN! Keep the name and no to the un-needed change!!! Iron Horse Park and John Wayne Trail fits in the Washington System, and should stay!!! Thank you for your time on this important issue...</p>
<p>Your renaming project is interesting. The one proposed name, of those you list, that stands out to me better than all the rest is: .. Milwaukee Road State Park Trail THAT is the name I feel is most appropriate.</p>
<p>Thank you for renaming the trail. I think the whole trail should become Iron Horse State Park Trail.</p>
<p>Cascalouse State Park Trail :) It's descriptive and its fun to say.</p>
<p>I kind of like the Cascalouse trail or Iron Horse as trail names...</p>
<p>Please leave name the same. I have lived here for 20 years and have ridden this trail across our great State on my horse for years. Why spend the money changing the trail when the money could be used to upgrade our parks in other ways?</p>
<p>I think the trail name should be Iron Horse State Park Trail. It is, after all, a former railroad line. My second choice would be the Milwaukee Road State Park Trail.</p>
<p>I'm in favor of renaming the John Wayne Trail - Palouse to Cascades Trail seems like a good name. And please give the state park the same name. Two names for the same park is too confusing</p>
<p>Rename to: Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail</p>
<p>Renaming the trail would be a waste of time and money. Moreover, there's no need for the State to be "consistent" in the naming of trails and parks. As Emerson said, "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." Surely you can find a more useful way in which to expend public moneys.</p>

Preferred names: - Cross Washington (State Park) Trail -Palouse to Cascades (State Park) Trail While I recognize that the trail is a state park, I would prefer to shorten the name to indicate the trail only: Palouse to Cascades Trail or Cross Washington Trail. I greatly appreciate State Parks ownership and maintenance of this state asset and don't wish to diminish that role with this suggestion. This shorter treatment reflects the usage most people will default to. I lived in Spokane for many years and if you asked the name of the trail people said Spokane River Centennial Trail, not Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail. I believe that for most people "state park" implies services and amenities that are not available on this trail such as camping, potable water, and bathrooms. Where the trail intersects a park that meets people's expectations that park will have its own name as a destination. Alternatively the name could include State Park as a second element. On signage this might appear as: Palouse to Cascades Trail A Washington State Park

Comments on the other proposed names: - Cascalouse. I have strong negative feelings about this. I find it disrespectful to the Palus people to create a mash-up of their tribal name with an English term, and it looks and sounds like a French word for an article of clothing or piece of furniture or something. - Columbian: This suggests a trail that runs along the length of the Columbia River and will be confusing. Save it in case the state ever ends up with a trail that actually does this. - Iron Horse: Generic name that could be applied to any rail-trail anywhere in the country. - Milwaukee Road: Not distinctively Washington. I'm quite familiar with the railroad history but this is not a search-friendly name that will help people find the trail. The renaming is to aid in branding and for people who aren't railroad history buffs this doesn't tell them the trail has anything to do with Washington state; they'll think it's in Wisconsin. For those who are railroad history buffs, a trail with this name could be in any of the states crossed by the Milwaukee Road from Chicago to Seattle. - Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail: Using the word "trail" twice is too awkward to be seriously considered. If you were going to do this, just call it Trail of the Olympian and stop there. "Olympian" sounds like it's in Thurston County bringing people to the state capital. It also suggests that it could have something to do with celebrating Olympic athletes. I look forward to your (tough) decision and to continued development of the park as an incredible asset and drawing card for bike tourism that will benefit small towns across Washington. It's a legacy for generations to come.

NOT "Cascalouse"; that sounds ridiculous. In addition, "Cascalouse" is not a valid word, and should not be included, since it does not appear to meet the requirements of Washington State Parks Procedure 72-1 Park Codes, Names and Categories. I disagree with a portion of the procedure, and the naming conventions. We should also allow for using a historical or famous Washingtonian. Perhaps William O. Douglas or Jim Whittaker.

How about we just leave the name what it has been for many years. The John Wayne Trail is perfect for this. This is a man that should be honored. Why do people have to screw with stuff just to do it. Stop it!

While I understand your agency has naming policies, I disagree strongly with this effort to rename the Iron Horse State Park / John Wayne Trail. I frequently ride my bike along the Ellensburg-Cle Elum stretch of this trail and have always known it as the John Wayne Trail. New parks may follow policy and procedure, but I think renaming existing parks will only create confusion and a certain level of resistance. I encourage you to leave the name as is and instead focus your efforts, time and money elsewhere. I for one, will always refer to it using it's current, proper name.

Please leave the name alone. As a tax payer I don't want any of my money going to changing the name, it makes very little to no sense. I understand it's not consistent with the policy, then change the policy. If anything, let's keep it Iron Horse.

My choice is Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail

of the names shown I would like Iron Horse Trail, the same one I liked when it was first named. If there is confusion with other trails then : Iron Horse Milwaukee RR Trail

Leave the Current Name how it is,,the idea to rename it is completely ridiculous, waste of time and money, you people behind this idea really need to find something constructive to do, The people who claim it's confusing are just trying to get John Wayne's name off of it, its totally obvious Somebody is trying to make a political statement and the people in the path of the Trail like the name as it is, Leave the Dam name as it is!!!

Hello. I use the trail several times per year, and I lead a group ride that goes from North bend to Ellensburg and back every summer. It is my dream to someday ride the entire trail including the Beverly trestle. My vote would go to the Milwaukee Road trail to honor the railroad that once ran along it, and all of the remnants that we can see while we riding bikes on it. The cross Washington trail would be my second vote, as that name gives the clearest picture of what the trail is. Thank you for your time, and all of your work on the trail

Certainly drop "John Wayne". No connection to this trail. I also think anything to do with "iron horse", or any railroad or former rail line is goofy since nearly every similar trail in the entire country is a former rail bed. Cascaduse sounds silly, so I would favor cascade to Palouse, cross Washington, etc. FYI we have homes in both Seattle and Roslyn, and have lived there since 1970's...John Wayne has no business being associated with this trail.

Iron Horse State Park Trail (current name of this State Park trail acknowledging the trail as a former railway). Please leave the name as it is.

We prefer the name John Wayne Pioneer Trail as that is what it is well known as over here. You need to amend your policies. This trail happened due to that group. I do not particularly like any of the proposed names, but if you really want to reflect history, it should be named after the Milwaukee Railroad as that is the history, either Iron Horse or Milwaukee Railroad Trail. I see this change as a big waste of money to change all the signage and maps and what about all the books that reference this trail. Renaming accomplishes nothing. Yes, we live near the trail and my wife rides the section between Easton and South Cle Elum at least three times a week during the summer on her bicycle. You folks should be working real problems. Please let common sense prevail. Seems like it was not long ago we had to close our parks for lack of funding and now you want to spend money to solve a non problem.

I second the comment on the Friends of John Wayne Pioneer Facebook page indicating a new name may be coming - "Thank God!". I am SO done with John Wayne!. Never liked him - a bully who had nothing to do with this trail other than be part of the original (and ongoing) trail advocates' fantasy. I am aware that there are many Iron Horse trails and Milwaukee Road trails in North America. The Route of the Olympian is the name of the rail trail in Montana that is the old Milwaukee Road right of way starting near the MT-ID border. Please do not use a similar name for this trail only a relatively short distance away on the same right of way. This would cause major confusion. I prefer any name that uses Cascade and Palouse, including Palouse to Cascade, Cascalouse, Cascade-Palouse etc. I do not like Cross Washington Trail because the John Wayne trail only goes about 2/3-3/4 across Washington and does not respect the great work being done on the Olympic Discovery or Willapa Hills Trails to become PART of a complete Cross Washington Trail system. The John Wayne trail does not go completely across WA. Thank you for considering a much needed and less controversial name!

Leave the name as it is. Iron Horse Trail I'm sure there are better ways to spend taxpayers dollars on recreation in the state than to waste money on signs and such just because a name happens to be slightly different.

I would prefer any name that recognizes that this is a former railroad line. Iron Horse State Park Trail, Milwaukee Road State Park Trail, and Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail are all reasonable. Thanks.

You guys just need to leave the Dam Name as it is, this idea is completely ridiculous, too much dope being smoke at the State Parks Department, Leave well enough alone people and quit wasting the tax payers money!!

Leave it alone as is. Quit wasting tax dollars. It costs a fortune to change all the info and signs. Leave as is!

<p>Have you really nothing better to do than quibble over a name that has been around for decades? Is the name John Wayne Trail offensive to somebody? The bears maybe? The cougars? The wolves? Or maybe the horses are insulted by being associated with Iron Horses? Or are other people with nothing better to do than cause trouble, confusion and the wasting of money and time spent on this ridiculous issue goading you on? The corridor is the Iron Horse State Park, the John Wayne Trail is the trail through the corridor.....see?.....ordinary people are not too stupid to figure that out. We vote that you leave the name as is, quit wasting time and get back to work!</p>
<p>Palouse to the Cascades State Park Trail . Describes your journey and the area the trail covers . I love it So wonderful for Washington State to have something so historical and so Beautiful</p>
<p>This looks suspiciously like an attempt to remove the name of John Wayne from history. He stands as a symbol of honesty, responsibility, self-reliance, strength, compassion, and masculinity, and dared to defend and protect others. As these values are a threat to a virulent section of society (and we live in a state where that society tries to rule from their throne of socialism), they can't abide by leaving the good name of John Wayne alone. I vote no to a change. Leave history alone, for once, please.</p>
<p>I have been active in efforts to preserve and promote the trail. I would choose "Milwaukee Road State Park Trail"</p>
<p>Iron Horse State Park Trail is perfect. It will lessen the confusion a totally new name will cause AND it describes the background of the trail.</p>
<p>Leave the entire trail as Iron horse state park!!! None of you'd suggestions except the Milwaukee have any association with our area</p>
<p>Please leave the name the same, we have so many folks that already identify with the current name, not to mention the many comments and approval of the current name.</p>
<p>I would like the John Wayne Trail to be renamed Iron Horse State Park Trail. Thank you!</p>
<p>I like the Iron Horse State Park Trail. It already has that association with most folk and is apt.</p>
<p>My preference for renaming the trail is Iron Horse.</p>

<p>the name should be....'THE JOHN WAYNE TRAIL'...period..leave things alone..</p>
<p>Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail (name used to describe the route from Chicago to the Puget Sound)</p>
<p>Please name it: Milwaukee Road State Park Trail Thank you!</p>
<p>To whom it may concern, I fully support the renaming effort. I have personally found having dual names for the state park very confusing. I think two of the options would be the most appropriate but couldn't determine which one was better. Those were: Milwaukee Road State Park Trail or Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail. Thank you again for providing us with this Opportunity</p>
<p>Please rename the whole trail the Iron Horse State Park Trail. This has the advantage of building on the recognition already built around the trail, without throwing in confusing new place names (Milwaukee in Washington?) or inexplicable and not obvious portmanteaus. I would also imagine some money would be saved without having to rebrand everything</p>
<p>As an avid horse rider, I have used the Iron Horse trail and thoroughly enjoyed it. I think long expanses of trails for all forms of non-motorized use, is an excellent use of our states parks. I wish there were more of them and I wish these park/trails could be interconnected. My property, where I live, is adjacent to the Cascade Trail in Skagit County. There is something to saddling up the horses on a Saturday morning and riding into Sedro-Woolley for a cup of coffee, you just can't top that for use of a state park. All that said, I am for changing the name of the John Wayne Pioneer/Iron Horse Trail to a name that is relevant to what the trail is and where it is located. I have always wondered what John Wayne had to do with a trail in Washington State. My choices for a new name are as follows 1. Palouse to Cascades Cross State Park Trail 2. Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail 3. Cross Washington State Park Trail Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on a park system that I love and use.</p>
<p>Washington Rail-trail, Color Change Trail, or Epic John Wayne trail. The second name denotes the radical changes in scenery and topography.</p>
<p>Please rename the park/trail to Milwaukee Road State Park Trail. This name honors the railroad that created the trail and also harkens back to the early times of our state. The railroads were</p>

instrumental in the development and populating of the western states and no other name will accurately reflect the heritage of the trail.
I think you should keep the IRON HORSE part of the name and drop John Wayne.
Iron Horse State Park Trail !
The name should be "Iron Horse State Park Trail".
Hi , just thought I'd put my 2 Cents in about the renaming of the John Wayne/Iron horse state park trail. I think you should just drop the John Wayne and keep it the Iron Horse State Park Trail.
Milwaukee Road State Park Trail is my choice for the trail name.
Leave the John Wayne Pioneer Trail name AS IS !!!! Many of us have worked on this trail as well as ridden it for years. It is both inappropriate and stupid as well as a waste of taxpayer money for you to even consider renaming it anything else!!!
Would like to see trail renamed Milwaukee Road Trail.
I like the name "Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail" even if "trail" is a bit redundant. It nicely encompasses the history of the trail through the Milwaukee Road passenger train heritage.
Milwaukee Road State Park Trail
My vote for the renaming of the Iron Horse/John Wayne Park Trail is to name it Iron Horse Park Trail. Thank you for all you do. I love this trail.
Please consider naming the trail after the original railroad. Wasn't it something like "Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul"? I also like Iron Horse just fine.
My boyfriend and I like the Cascadouse State Park Trail option for the John Wayne/ Iron Horse state park renaming.
I like the Palouse to Cascades title because as a cyclist, when I am searching for possible routes, looking at location descriptive names is far more helpful than other types.

Personally I'd keep the name as is. It wasn't clear to me from the description as to why the name is being changed. Aka I'd leave it as: Iron Horse State Park Trail (current name of this State Park trail acknowledging the trail as a former railway) Names I'm not excited about but at least they're distinct: Cascalouse State Park Trail (a contraction of the Cascade and Palouse geographic areas) Names I don't like: Columbian State Park Trail (a named passenger train that operated on the trail) Cross Washington State Park Trail (descriptive trail name) Milwaukee Road State Park Trail (name of the railroad that operated on the trail) Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail (geographic description of the trail route) Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail (name used to describe the route from Chicago to the Puget Sound) Ideally stick to as few words as possible "Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail" for example seems like it could just be "Olympian State Park Trail". Similarly "Palouse to Cascades" seems unnecessarily long. Try not to use landmarks that might make you think it's somewhere else. "Olympian State Park Trail" sounds like something on the Olympic peninsula. No reason to use "Olympian" when there are plenty of other words that wouldn't introduce confusion. Similarly "Columbian" sounds like it ought to be along the Columbia river. Try and have at least one component that's distinct.

1. Iron Horse or 2. Palouse to Cascade Cross State trail

My vote for a new trail name is OLYMPIAN STATE PARK TRAIL. It is less wordy than your Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail option. Both the Columbian and Olympian were famous passenger trains of the Milwaukee Road, however the Olympian traversed the route for more years, and was the last passenger train on the line.

Thanks for offering the opportunity to comment on this. My first choice would be maintaining the Iron Horse State Park Trail name. People in our state already know what that is, so it would be far less confusing and maintain some of the history. My second choice is the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail. Having a geographical name for this helps people understand just how long it really is and gives some context.

Cascalouse Trail gets my vote!

With regards to renaming the John Wayne Trail, I would recommend using the word "Line" instead

of "Road" if named after the Milwaukee rail road. Milwaukee Line is more apparent that it was a

railroad vs Milwaukee road which could refer to highway.

I vote "Milwaukee Line State Park Trail"

My great uncle use to take his sheep from his ranch in Ritzville, load them on the Milwaukee line and

up to St Mary's Idaho for summer range, then ship the fat lambs to Chicago on the Milwaukee Line.

A little FYI

In 1903 Teddy Roosevelt traveled by train across Washington State on a trip for conservation. He visited towns on the Palouse then ended his tour in the Puget Sound area. Therefore, I suggest renaming the Iron Horse Trail the Teddy Roosevelt, Palouse to Puget Sound Iron Horse Trail.

I am a lifelong WA resident having been born & raised in West Seattle with recreational property in the Easton area and my college years in the Palouse region at WSU in Pullman. That said, although I love anything that references to the Palouse I personally see no reason (or cost justification) to rename the State Park or Trail to be consistent with the naming policy. The burden both on State and Private resources to rename the entire trail is simply not necessary. Further I find the entire cross-state trail need not be named in common. If there is a need and funding for renaming, without undue burden elsewhere, I would prefer ALL of the repurposed railroad right-of-way trails within the State be incorporated into one single broadly identified State Park as Iron Horse State Park, with each of the various Trails named to represent the actual regions or historical railroad uses. Thank You for consideration.

Stick with Iron Horse. Change isn't always better and it still meets the naming criteria. No problem with dropping the John Wayne part.

I have used the John Wayne Pioneer Trail for more than 20 years. I do not like the name of this trail nor the name "Iron Horse Trail". I like the "Palouse to Cascade Trail", It places the location of the trail and the name isn't a duplication of other parks in the country. There are at least 6 Iron Horse Trails in the US. The John Wayne name has no relevance to this Trail. Thanks for allowing me to express my opinion.

I vote for "Iron Horse State Park Trail"

John Stockton's Smooth Pass across the State

Any name change must incorporate "Milwaukee Road." That is essential. This trail would not exist if that railroad hadn't built "the last transcontinental."

Iron Horse State Park Trail is the name I love.

I support the Milwaukee Road name option for the Iron Horse Trail. My Dad worked on the Milwaukee in Bellingham. This video shows some of that history: <https://vimeo.com/261066420?ref=fb-share&1>

Most of the group that I belong to - John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders - would prefer that the name stay the same "John Wayne Pioneer Trail in the Iron Horse State Park". We realize that this name is cumbersome, but if something were to be dropped then the "Iron Horse" would be our choice to be dropped. Neither name fits the state guidelines nor does any of the proposed names that refer to railroads. We would still be stuck with a name that few would have any idea where it is located. If the name is to be changed, then hopefully we will be moving forward with a name that is going to be easy to understand where it is located and easy to develop a logo that shows its strengths and beauty. Only three of the proposed names have "geological and Geological references" and "Palouse to Cascades" is the only one that is easy to understand. Maybe now is the time to be bold and name the Trail "Palouse to the Cascades" or "Palouse thru the Cascades" section of the Cross Washington Trail". this would put an end of the need to come back in a few years and put the two together. Others have suggested "Palouse to Cascades Section of the Palouse to the Pacific State Park Trail" If we have to pick just one then "Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail". One can already picture the letters on a background of the rolling Palouse, the Columbia River and the Cascades

Best Trail Name: Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail Best reflects former use as a rail corridor supporting this former firstclass passenger train; Second choice: Milwaukee Road State Park Trail Reflects the heritage of the rail corridor by naming it for the historically significant former railroad operator

I like either Iron Horse Trail State Park or Milwaukee Road State Park. Both are culturally and historically significant. The trail would not be there if not for railroads (iron horse) and the historic "Milwaukee road" from Chicago to Seattle. Some have maintained that there may be other Parks with these same names There are none within our state.. While we are at it, how about taking care of 2 different State Parks with identical names - Hope Island.

Iron Horse State Trail

I feel that to most accurately describe the trail, it should be Milwaukee Road State Park Trail, my second and third choices, in that order would be Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail (although I would lope off the "Trail of the, as the way it is, it sounds redundant with trail twice) and finally the Columbian State Park Trail.

I prefer Iron Horse Trail. Anything but John Wayne Trail

When I read your request for comments on renaming, at the top you called it the "Cross-state Trail". That is what you should call it. This is short, simple, descriptive, easy to say, and easy to remember. If you have to add anything else, call it the "Washington Cross-state Trail." Then everyone will shorten it to the "Cross-state Trail. For fundraising, discussion, and all other purposes, the best name is short, easy to say and remember, and descriptive of what it is naming. The "Cross-state Trail" fits that.

I like either Cascadous or Iron Horse for the railroad it runs on. In no way should it be named the John Wayne trail for a Hollywood actor who was both a drunk and a racist. Wayne did not represent Washington State values.

The Iron Horse Park should be renamed the Milwaukee Road Park as this is consistent with the railroad that ran through the area.

I grew up in a railroading family. A resident of Washington state, for nearly fifty years. The prominent company in all of this, and for my family, was the Chicago, Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific RR. Many of my forebears worked for this outfit. "John Wayne" is irrelevant to any of this and has always been so. (I am a big fan of his films, but as a trail name, forget it!) I lived near by to this line, in eastern King County, for many, many long years. I am a student of Pacific NW railroading history. A couple of the suggested names have some appeal, but the one which stands out for me is "Trail of the Olympian State Park". (Note: The second "Trail" is quite unnecessary.) This was a plush, crack streamliner train, very much noted. Transcontinental, it was ahead of it's time. "Olympian" is a grand name, which suggests both large and great. I cannot help but to believe it will capture history of the trail's origin, the very best way possible. Thank you

I would prefer Milwaukee Road State Park Trail or Trail of the Olympian. These two names parallel the name of the Hiawatha Trail in Idaho. Please do not allow the trail to be named after John Wayne who had little to no presence in the state of Washington. John Wayne successfully dodged the draft during WW II claiming that his job as an actor (playing war heroes) was a job essential to the war effort. To name this trail after such a man would be a slap in the face to all veterans, such as myself, who stepped up and served their country when called upon to do so.

I received your letter regarding name change for the John Wayne Trail. My property borders the John Wayne Trail. It is a special place for people to be able to walk, ride horses, bikes and observe nature along the way. The deer and elk hang out as it a safety zone for them as well with no vehicles or motorcycles to scare them away. We love living near it and hope that the name stays the same forever, however it appears that some wish it to be changed for some reason. I'll bet they do not even live near the trail. I am a real estate broker and using the name that everyone is so familiar with is great in my marketing for properties near the John Wayne Trail.

My vote (if it even counts) is for it to remain the same. The only other name that I have ever associated it with is the Iron Horse State Park which would be 2nd choice only if need be.

Hope my input is helpful and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Why does the left continually think they need to change EVERYTHING they don't like to something "THEY" want.

There is NO NEED to change the name of the trail!!!!!! It already HAS a name! Just like there is NO NEED to tear down statues of "OUR" country's history!!!! It has a name, it has a GREAT (history filled) name, leave it alone!

Please call it "Iron Horse State Park Pioneer Trail"

ski communities regarding the potential name change of the Iron Horse Trail State Park. I sent the link from our "Home" page out to my Advisory Committee members and to the State Snowmobile Association Board, hopefully, they will make their voices heard.

I for one (both professionally and personally) would like to see the name remain Iron Horse State Park Trail and drop the John Wayne reference.

- 1) People are already familiar with the name Iron Horse State Park Trail
- 2) It would be far more cost effective to NOT have to change ALL the signs, brochures, pamphlets, posters, etc.
- 3) It reflects the previous use of this important passage across the State
- 4) Don't fix something that's not broken J

Greetings Mr. Kline!

I am a resident of Cle Elum and it would be great if you could re-name the above trail the Iron Horse State Park Trail.

The pinnacle fact as to how the trail was once a railway, turned into a trail, pays due homage to the trails existence. It is also easy to say and has a wonderful ring to it.

Thank you for all you Do!

Happy trails :)

I suggest re-naming the John Wayne Pioneer Trail as the Washington Pioneer Trail.

I like the name Iron Horse Cross State trail.

Hi Randy -

I read about the options being considered for renaming the trails, and would very much like to avoid the "Cross Washington State Park Trail". The Washington State Horse Park in Cle Elum already confuses people because we're not a state park but have that name because of state enabling legislation. Anything that can help differentiate between the two projects would be a benefit for all.

If I could vote, I would name the entire route the Iron Horse State Park since it describes it was a RR bed and it's already well-known.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any comments or concerns!

Here are my comments on the suggested names:

I think we really need to think about how the name would be used. Try using each of the proposed

names in a sentence referring to the trail and see how they work. Also when you hear the name what comes to your mind first? Does it flow off your tongue? Do some of these names make reference or appear to refer to other locations?

Cascalouse – No one will get the connection between Cascade mountains and the Palouse country

and difficult to pronounce

Columbian – must have something to do with the Columbia River, it comes to mind first

Cross Washington- good description of the trail but not a name

Palouse to Cascades – good description of the trail but not a name

Trail of the Olympian – must have something to do with Olympia (city)

Milwaukee Rd – May catch on but the name Milwaukee certainly does not ring any bells for this part

of the country

Iron Horse - of the seven suggestions this is the best. It is short, easily flows in a sentence, reflects

the fact that it is an old railroad bed and refers to the times when the railroads were built (some historical reference here).

I notice you did not even offer as a choice the John Wayne Pioneer Trail as an option. I am disappointed that this was not offered. There is a history here and out of respect I would have offered it.

Randy,

Here are a couple of suggestions to consider for names:

- Washington Peaks to Prairies Trail
- Cedar to Sagebrush Trail

I decided to stay away from any Chinook Jargon terms this time.

My vote is for “Iron Horse State Park Trail.”

I don't think I have ever heard of this trail until now. I see no reason to change the name. It seems like a huge waste of time and money. Why not use what ever money would be spent renaming it on park maintenance.

You people must not have enough to do if this is how you spend your time. This is complete insanity!!!!!!

I am writing to express my preference concerning the renaming of the State Park Trail currently known as Iron Horse and/or John Wayne.

I think Iron Horse State Park Trail is vastly more appropriate than any of the other suggested proposals. It recognizes the history of the lands use which should be referenced in a historical overview at the beginning/end of the trail's length. Iron Horse Trail certainly has greater cache' than John Wayne, who I am certain never laid eyes on the trail/area unless he made a movie nearby, which I doubt. Thank you for considering my input.

Did you know I have paid for the Discovery pass???

Do you realize rather than renaming the trail, you can continue using the same signs, staff support at no cost, and use

the funds that you were going to use to change names on improving other park facilities??

DO NOT WASTE MONEY WITH RENAMING, if you elect to do so, I won't be buying anymore Discovery pass permits and

will become an opponent of your budget for wasting WA state funds.

Renaming trails seems like a pretty unimportant thing to be doing. Highways and streets change names partway through on a regular basis. There's no reason why a trail can't do the same.

Focus on more important things like making state parks accessible to all. Putting fees on usage and parking burdens the poorest portion of our population and means a segment of our society doesn't get to experience the parks.

Changing legacy names is tough, often unpopular, and this is no exception. Stick with Iron Horse. No reason given

for other proposals is good enough to make the change. And...you guys got something against The Duke? Too

confusing? Not out here beyond your office.

My preferences are:

1. Cross Washington State Park Trail, one benefit would be if by some miracle the trail could go further west the name wouldn't be an issue.
2. Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail.

My husband and I think that Iron Horse State Park should be the name of the trail. It acknowledges the

origin of the trail and the contribution that the railroad made to the area.

I like the name of "Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail"

Good day Yes,

I have a comment... not sure if this is where it should be directed... if not, please advise or forward on.

Do I care whether people are confused? NO

But more important:

Does the WA State Parks & Recreation Commissioners have nothing better to do than contemplate a name change on a park that has been around for decades with that name? If the answer is no, then cut your budget! **YOU ARE BEING ABSOLUTELY WASTEFUL TO SPEND TIME AND FUNDS — AND IT WILL COST HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO CHANGE NAME ON SIGNS, MAPS, ADVERTISEMENTS— AND I AM LIKELY NOT THINKING OF EVERYTHING— FOR THE STATE, COUNTIES, LOCAL AGENCIES, AND MAPS, ETC...**

THIS IS JUST WHAT IS WRONG WITH OUR STATE AND OUR NATION— THE GOVERNMENT— INCLUDING, YES, THE COMMISSIONERS OF THIS AGENCY, THAT THEY HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT WAYS TO WASTE MONEY.

IT IS THUS A REASON TO SEEK YOUR REPLACEMENT!

So, in case you are confused— my comment is that you should work on more worthy projects — like how to have better hunting and fishing. I am always very shocked that we have such a beautiful and perfect place for hunting and fishing, yet our hunting and fishing is toward the lower end of all 50 states! I think you have more important things to do— if not— please quit your jobs!!

Why not rename to “John Wayne State Parks Trail”?
If not then I would vote for “Iron Horse State Parks Trail”

Dear Sirs:

I wholly support changing the name of John Wayne Trail-Iron Horse State Park. With all due respect to those who worked hard to create the trail and who suggested this name, and whatever one thinks about Mr. Wayne personally, he had no connection with the area the trail traverses.

This wonderful public resource should honor either the Native Americans who lived in the region for centuries, or the trail’s immediate predecessor, The Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific railroad, which contributed so much to our region’s development. Kamiakin Trail, Yakama Trail, or Milwaukee Trail would be most suitable, and much more meaningfully honor the region’s heritage.

What is it with this State, You claim to want to preserve history but every chance you get you destroy it. The Iron Horse name is historic to the area and and history of the state do not change it

Iron Horse State Park Trail, in my opinion, is the best name.
Reasoning: the other names are not very pretty or misleading ("Cascalouse" is an ugly and unnatural wording, "Columbian State Park" gives the idea that somehow you're near the Columbia River or Gorge -- "Milwaukee Road State park" does not conjure local images but reminiscent of Wisconsin name places). Iron Horse State Park would give existing community members the familiarity of the name place they have known, while extinguishing the conflicting "John Wayne" trail naming, which seems unnecessary and moot. Those are my personal opinions on the naming....Please don't go with Cascalouse! It sounds like someone is trying too hard to be hip and clever!

Leave the name of the trail as is.

Leave it John Wayne Trail. If you insist on making it consistent, then make it Iron Horse. But, what a waste of tax payers dollars! Seems there would be better things to spend park money on like park beautification, safety improvements or trail improvements. Let’s save the tax payers dollars for real issues.

Keep the Iron Horse State Park all across the state. Eliminate the John Wayne name. Do NOT use Cascalous. Sounds like a disease or an insect.
Redicrous waste of time.
Thank you for informing us of a possible change of name for the John Wayne Trail that we have called it since they removed the railroad tracks. I am not in favor of renaming the Trail at all. It is a waste of our resources to change the name and total nonsense. Please, please do not change the name. I have lived next to the John Wayne Trail for 57 years and spend lots of time walking it. Please do not change the name, or just JOHN WAYNE TRAIL!!!! Thank you for allowing me to comment.
I would like to see the entire trail named the Iron Horse Trail. I'm not sure how John Wayne got into the picture in the first place, except for the fact that portions are used for horse back riding? I have lived at Hyak, near the trail and used it for hiking, biking and cross country skiing. I prefer this name because it indicates it is on an old railroad bed, and we are used to the name now. My father was a railroad man and I've always been attached to railroads. Thank you for the chance to comment. I'm 78 years old
Shorter names are preferable. "Iron Horse Trail" indicates that was previously a railroad right of way. It also indicates that the trail has easily walkable grades. Adding "State Park" to the name does not add useful information, unless the Parks Dept is planning on requiring a fee or pass to walk the trail.
Vote for Cascalous. A memorable and amusing name. The other candidates all sound a bit awkward. Of course non-Washington State natives may not be that aware of the word "Palouse" so that may confuse some.
I vote to name to be Iron Horse State Park
1st choice Iron Horse State Park Trail 2nd choice Milwaukee Railroad State Park Trail
Iron Horse State Park Trail - don't waste time/money renaming
Please keep the name iron horse trail. It has meaning and a nod to the railway system so iconic to our region
leave as is!
Prefer Iron Horse State Park Trail. Reflects railroad history.

<p>NO to Cascadous State Park Trail! I think the name that would have the most meaning and familiarity to all and is descriptive is Iron Horse State Park Trail. thank you for the opportunity to</p> <p>Comment</p>
<p>Name the entire trail Iron Horse State Park Trail and do away with any reference to the John Wayne trail.</p>
<p>Suggested rename of John Wayne/Iron Horse cross-state trail: CROSSWASH STATE TRAIL</p>
<p>I vote for Iron Horse- it is a strong name and reminds you that it was once a railroad. And many of us know it by that name already; why mess with a good thing?</p>
<p>I vote for Milwaukee Road. It honors the history of the trail. The portmanteau options such as Cascadous are an embarrassment.</p>
<p>I vote for Iron Horse State Park Trail.</p>
<p>I like Cross Washington State Park Trail (descriptive trail name) It's direct and describes the trail perfectly.</p>
<p>I like re-naming the trail so one name applies to the entire trail. I suggest simply "The Iron Horse Trail" or "Iron Horse Trail" rather than "Iron Horse State Park Trail". The "State Park" designation is unnecessary, verbally awkward and I am sure most actual users would refer to it as "Iron Horse Trail". I know there are other suggestions but this is mine and my vote is for "Iron Horse" in whatever form it takes. I opted out of the mailing list but would be interested in knowing the outcome of this re-branding effort (only). Thanks for a chance to comment. R. Freeland PS I am of the John Wayne era and while he was a fair actor (not remotely in the same category as, say, M. Streep), his capacity to understand and think through social issues was very limited.</p>
<p>iron horse should be the name</p>
<p>Well here's a different view of this latest episode involving the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders. Imagine for a minute --- what would you do today if the Milwaukee Railroad had just sold its right-of-way to Washington State. Would you, as Ken Wilcox did --- as many others did also --- Senator Sam Guess, Rep Gary Scott, Chic Hollenbeck to name but a few of the hundreds of people involved--- would you organize what looked like a silly, dumb idea of organizing equestrians to ride over a pile of rocks? On a trip into desert country that has nothing but desolation, boredom and wind and dust. Would you be able to analyze what is needed to make this happen --- shuttle</p>

bus, sani-cans, insurance, advertising, financing, meetings, drivers?
Would you --- without cell phones, email, google or any internet services?
Would you set up the night camps, maps, rules, bylaws, officers?
Would you coordinate with towns and neighbors and hostile ranchers and farmers?
Would you run with the risk of getting people injured or maimed or killed traveling in remote, strange terrain with open bridges or collapsing tunnels?
And who do you think would follow you anyway?
Would you do it today?

I didn't think so either. I sure wouldn't.
Which is probably why the Gods at Wa Parks are moving to push for getting what they tried to get 35 years ago --- their own version of a trail name.
Which will make an interesting story to tell when the time comes.
Cheers and happy trails --- but not on the John Wayne Trail any more, because we 'would not either'.

This is the last week for submitting recommendations for renaming the John Wayne Trail to Washington State Parks. I have discussed this with members of the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders, and they are open to a change of name for the trail. My own take is that we are all being backed into accepting this somewhat reluctantly. But alas, life won't end if there is a name change, as long as it doesn't compromise pack, saddle, and driving stock access.

Here is what I submitted for BCHW:

This is a difficult issue for Back Country Horsemen due to the relationship we have with the trail, with the

JWPWR, and with the founder of our organization, Ken Wilcox. Below is the closest we have to

consensus. Basically, we do not want the name changed, but the change of name objection isn't as high

a priority as keeping and completing the trail as well as keeping it open to horses and wagons.

1. BCHW remains supportive of not changing the name from the current name John Wayne Pioneer Trail.

State Parks can survive with a little flexibility in their policy, particularly with grandfathered names. They

have many existing landmarks named after people. The John Wayne Trail name has existed for over 30

years and is officially identified as a National Recreation Trail.

2. In the event that State Parks insists on a new name, BCHW favors the geographic based Palouse to

Cascades State Park Trail. This name identifies landscape unique to Eastern Washington in our state. It

speaks to the nature of the trail as being something different than mountain/forest trails. We also support

Cascades to Palouse [w or wo Pioneer] State Park Trail.

3. BCHW supports the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders (JWPWR) and recognizes their

importance in addressing this issue. We would like State Parks to fully support JWPWR's efforts to install

informational kiosks along the trail that speaks to the history of the trail and railroad as well as a

recognition of Ken Wilcox, the founder of BCHW and one of the original citizens involved in the trail being

more than just a concept. 4. Regardless of the name, BCHW remains committed to supporting the

completion and improvement of this trail including the inclusion of a useable Beverly Bridge over the

Columbia River. We would like to see more trailheads and campgrounds that permit horseback riders to

journey through the towns of Eastern Washington.

Dear Washington State Parks and Recreation Directors:

I recently read that you may change the name of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. I fully support such a change. I read that the new name would preferably not include the name of a person, and I'd like to propose a couple of names that I think would work well.

First let me explain that I exercise on that trail about two times a week. I've traveled every inch of that trail west of the Columbia River on foot, and I've ridden every inch of that trail on mountain bike from its western end to the Idaho border. Two years ago I cycled as part of the annual John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders journey on the trail from Easton to Tekoa.

In short, I know the trail very well. In addition, I thank you for the upgrades that are happening. I probably don't need to tell you how much better the trail is west of the Columbia and how much work is needed east of the Columbia despite opposition from adjacent landowners there.

Now to the name change. I propose that it be named the Evergreen State Pioneer Trail. If not that, a less colorful and interesting name could simply be the Washington State Pioneer Trail.

Either way, the second word would indicate it is a state trail, and the third word would recognize, at least indirectly, the importance of horses and the railroad in settling our state.

Thank you for considering these new names for the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. And if you are not the right place for me to be sending this proposal, please forward this email to the right people.

Our Vote :

1st Choice: The John Wayne Pioneer State Trail

2nd Choice : The Cascades to Palouse State Trail

PS . The John Wayne Trail is already famous and known across the nation . Our Cross State Ride is living proof of that . Why change it .

I think the name Milwaukee preserves the history of the route, and would be my 1st choice.
I prefer Iron Horse State Park Trail. For one thing the existing signage can remain saving money. Iron Horse acknowledges the railroad history of the trail. The trail borders the northern edge of my property and I really appreciate using it. Thanks.
Please DON'T rename the trail. I don't see any point to spending tax payer dollars on this effort at this time. Perhaps in the future. I also think it would be appropriate to inform the public just what the cost would be for new signs, etc if you change the name of the trail. As a taxpayer I want to know the cost of anything before I approve it. I'd rather see the parks department spend the money on the upkeep of the trail. It is not maintained at all like in past years. Weeds grow up on the sides of the trail in some places making the trail unsafe.
I like the names (in order): 1. Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail 2. Cross Washington State Park Trail 3. Iron Horse State Park Trail
Just call the former Milwaukee Road grade....."The Milwaukee Road". Very simple!
Iron Horse State Park Trail (current name of this State Park trail acknowledging the trail as a former railway) is the name of the trail i vote for
I believe "Pacific Coast Extension" is the most appropriate name for the trail in terms of heritage, marketability, and geographic significance.
John Wayne Trail
My preference is for 'Iron Horse State Park'. My 2nd vote is for 'Milwaukee Road State Park'. It is a rail trail. It should have a railroad related name.
I'd like to add the suggestion of Glacial Flood Plains Trail as a possible name. This would commemorate the Ice Age floods that shaped much of the landscape this trail traverses. It also gives a sense of grandeur to match the trail's size. Among the existing proposals, I prefer Iron Horse State Park Trail.
Dear Mr. Kline: Cascade Rail Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to sustaining the history of the Milwaukee Road railroad in Washington State. Our primary activities include developing and operating the South Cle Elum Rail Yard in cooperation with Washington State Parks, preserving and

providing access to archival materials related to the Milwaukee Road in Washington, and engaging people in the history of the railroad here through public outreach. Between our overall mission of sustaining the history of the Milwaukee Road here in Washington and our work with State Parks to develop and operate the South Cle Elum Rail Yard, we have a long standing interest and involvement in the development of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail/Iron Horse State Park Trail. Our organization supports having a consistent name for the whole trail corridor between Rattlesnake Lake/Cedar Falls and the Idaho border. We feel strongly that the name for the trail should emphasize its heritage as a former rail corridor. While trails converted from former rail lines have become common, the Iron Horse State Park Trail stands out for its place in history. The trail has worldwide significance for the railroad's pioneering work in railroad electrification here – part of the world's longest electrified railroad. In the years immediately after the electrification was completed, railroad representatives from at least 17 countries came to see the Milwaukee Road electrification. Many of those countries built their own electrified rail lines soon afterwards. Several countries, including Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Spain and France, adopted the electrification practices of the Milwaukee Road. Tangible artifacts of that history exist along the trail, most notably at South Cle Elum. The trail is also important for being part of the last transcontinental railroad built in the United States. And the Milwaukee Road made history again in 1980 by ending service on the western 2,500 miles of the Pacific Coast Extension, including all its routes in Washington. This is still the longest single railroad abandonment ever made in the United States. The unique history of the railroad has been a major area of emphasis in State Parks interpretive work along the trail, work that our organization has contributed to. It should also be emphasized in the marketing and branding of the trail, including the name. Of the current names being considered, these would be acceptable (listed in descending order of preference): • Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail • Columbian State Park Trail • Iron Horse State Park Trail • Milwaukee Road State Park Trail If selected, we suggest "Route of the Olympian State Park Trail" instead of "Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail", which is a bit redundant. Or just "Olympian State Park Trail". Like the

Columbian, the Olympian was also the name of one of the acclaimed passenger trains that used this route. Of all the names offered for consideration, Columbian State Park Trail could be a good compromise between honoring the railroad heritage of the trail and using a geographic reference. The crossing of the Columbia River will be a dramatic focal point, and one of the most important functions, of the fully developed trail someday. We also note that Iron Horse State Park is one of the current names used for the trail, which would simplify the transition and would make it easier for people to find some of the information that has already been written about the trail. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Paul Krueger President Cascade Rail Foundation

Cascalouse

Sounds like your being politically correct by taking away the John Wayne name. It is historically correct as the residents have called it this for years.

My vote for the new name for the John Wayne Trail is; 'The Milwaukee Road State Park Trail'

preferred name: milwaukee road

I like: Iron Horse State Park Trail , Milwaukee Road State Park Trail but below the best: Trail of the Olympian State Park (leave off trail at the end since that is weird grammatically) above sort of matches "Trail of the Hiawatha" and Trail of the Coeur d' Alenes <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/trail-coeur-d-alenes>

I really like naming the trail. Milwaukee Road State Park Trail (name of the railroad that operated on the trail) This is the historical name and it allows the various towns along the way to celebrate the Milwaukee road railroad and it allows the towns to welcome bikers.

Hello, I would like to share my opinion about the renaming of the Iron Horse Trail. My strongest opinion is to KEEP the phrase "Iron Horse". It's really a fantastically descriptive and memorable name. It's a rail trail. Iron Horse Trail is the best name in my opinion. Iron Horse Cross-Washington Trail also sounds good to me. Have a nice day

I was disappointed to click on your Comment button on the Iron Horse rename page only to be sent to the generic Form Center, from which I couldn't successfully navigate to the appropriate form for putting in my suggestion... I don't think it should be renamed at all. It seems a waste of money to me, that could be better spent for park maintenance. But since you probably aren't going to change your mind about renaming it, I vote for Cross Washington as the most descriptive title of what the trail is.

How about: John Wayne Cross State Trail. This would keep with the historical name and give credit to the folks that put in the effort to get it preserved and also be consistent with the connectivity of the whole length of the trail.

Cross-Washington Discovery Trail

The Iron Horse Trail is already suitably named given that it was a trail for "iron horses". The John Wayne Trail secondary moniker, however beloved the namesake was, seems a forced and unrelated should probably be removed.

The name of the John Wayne Iron Horse Trail should have the name "The Milwaukee Road ", nothing more, nothing less..

Please retain the Iron Horse name and drop the confusing John Wayne name. This is what people know and reminds of its history.

Please consider renaming the John Wayne Pioneer/Iron Horse Trail State Park just Iron Horse Trail State Park. Thank you. John Wayne just doesn't seem necessary or relevant.

Why are you wasting money on renaming an existing park? With the funding shortages our park system faces, this has really got to be a low priority. We pay more in fees and taxes every year, and someone thinks there is budget to replace all the existing signage across the state instead of keeping bathrooms clean and open and repairing picnic tables and trails. Very poor decision. If you must rename the trail, keep it as close to the original name so that you don't confuse people who already know what it is called. Iron Horse State Park Trail seems to be the closest name. Again, you are just going to confuse people (which you claim you are trying to stop doing so), and create more expenses. Why?

This remarkable trail needs a name that recognizes the incredible accomplishment of The Milwaukee Road to lay rail and electric wire through small towns (some created for the railroad), high above mountain chasms, over wide rivers and small creeks, and through tall mountains. Their purpose generated incredible wealth for large and small communities across America, and especially across Washington State. Let's recognize that accomplishment as a beacon for future generations to be inspired in their work life while they enjoy the outdoors along the trail. Using the title of "Milwaukee Road State Park Trail" will accomplish the dual aims to inspire generations while they enjoy our unique geology.

get rid of John Wayne name

Keeping the name "Iron Horse Trail" makes the most sense. For one thing, it's a great name, and retaining it will help avoid confusion. Also, making and installing all new signs would be very expensive. Keeping the original name would reduce that expense, which as a taxpayer I'm in favor of. Thanks for the opportunity to have some input on this.

As Secretary of The Milwaukee Road Historical Association, on behalf of our 2500 worldwide membership we would like to recommend The Olympian State Park Trail. This would be a real recognition of the historic significance of this trail. Thank you for your consideration.

The renaming of the trail should honor the railroad that built it. It is a corporation that no longer exists. I think the name change should be Columbian State Park Trail. The Columbian was one of the named Milwaukee Road passenger trains on this route and would highlight the crossing of the Columbia River at Beverly. Trail of the Hiawathas has all ready been used by the states of Idaho/Montana for a portion of the route in those states. Hiawathian was another named train on the Milwaukee Road on this route.

Olympian Trail

I believe the name of the trail should be "The Milwaukee Road Trail." This would honor the railroad company the built the Pacific Coast Extension in the early 1900s. As a railfan and an amateur historian, the name I propose would continue to preserve the history of this once and mighty railroad.

Following are my votes and comments for each suggestion:

Cascalouse State Park Trail (a contraction of the Cascade and Palouse geographic areas) - NO - This name would be difficult to spell, pronounce, and remember easily. Plus I don't think folks would get that it's combining the two geo areas. Columbian State Park Trail (a named passenger train that operated on the trail) - NO - Too many other areas have this name, and so it's not a defining name for this region. Cross Washington State Park Trail (descriptive trail name) - MAYBE - While it's descriptive, it's kind of blah; also, I think you need to hyphenate "Cross-Washington".

Iron Horse State Park Trail (current name of this State Park trail acknowledging the trail as a former railway) - YES - This is the best option and will cause the least confusion. Just remove all traces of the "John Wayne Trail" in documentation, signage, etc.

Milwaukee Road State Park Trail (name of the railroad that operated on the trail) - NO - Even though it was a railroad, "Milwaukee" branding connects it to Wisconsin, not Washington.

Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail (geographic description of the trail route) - MAYBE - But it's my second choice next to Iron Horse State Park Trail. It's definitely better than option 1, where the attempt is being made to create a new word.

Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail (name used to describe the route from Chicago to the Puget Sound) - NO - With the Olympic National Forest around the corner, I think it would be confusing. It would be better suited as a trail name on the Olympic peninsula.

SUMMARY: Your best bet is to stick with the Iron Horse State Park Trail. People know this name and it's a great name! It's descriptive of the region and it's easy to remember. Thanks for considering my comments.

This comment is in reply to the renaming of the "Iron Horse / John Wayne Trail". Although I am a huge fan of John Wayne, I like the suggestion "The Milwaukee Road Rail Trail" or something similar. It may make people wonder and inquire as to why it is named after a city many, many hundreds of miles to the East. Increasing others knowledge as to why it is there in the first place would be educational and informative. After all the trail is on the right of way of that former railroad. Thank you for your consideration of my input.

I would be sad to see the name changed. Please stick with Iron Horse Trail. It meets the criteria, and it is the trail we all know and love.

New Trail Name: Iron Horse State Park Trail
I think it would be fine to keep Iron Horse State Park Trail; I do understand the desire to have ONE name and am okay with giving up John Wayne. I also like Milwaukee Road State Park Trail - I remember calling the ROW the "the old Milwaukee Road". The Olympian makes me think it should be on the Olympic Peninsula. Palouse to Cascades is too much of a mouthful and would get shortened to I'm not sure what. Please not Cascalouse!
I prefer the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail.
The name should encompass multiple facets. The spirit of exploration, adventure, unity, history, and the geographic diversity of cultures and landscapes of our state are a few that come to my mind. The name should instill that spirit in all who find the trail and draw them to experience it. Do we have input from any Native American Tribes that they historically might have used?
Cascalouse State Park Trail is my vote
Just putting my vite in for the renaming of the John Wayne trail.. I think it should be renamed to the Company that built it, the Milwaukee Road,, I grew up along the rail road in St. John and walked many miles of the rail road and trail along Rock lake.. I think respect is do to the people and company that made it for all.
Leave it alone. Iron horse trail is fine
Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail
Iron Horse State Park Trail
Iron Horse Trail is so familiar to us that I hope it remains with that name. The other suggested names are just plain BORING!
Please keep the name "John Wayne Trail". Thank you!
Please leave the name as John Wayne Trail/Iron Horse Trail. People have found where it is for years..... Changing it now will create more trouble for the public. I truly feel this is a waste of "our" \$\$\$\$\$\$, hard earned by the "public". My vote is to leave the name intact.... no changes. "The Iron Horse State Park Trail, which includes the John Wayne Pioneer Trail"
Palouse to Cascades Trail seems to best fit the cross-state nature of the trail.

I personally thought of something involving "Milwaukee Road" to capture some of the fading railroad history of WA State. I'm glad to see this on the list of names being looked at. The Railway was such an important part of this state, and a large history here in Eastern WA. Thank you for hearing my comment!

Thank you for taking public input on this. "The trail is named in honor of the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders Association for their assistance in creating the trail." This constitutes a significant event, which is a basis for naming a trail, keeping in line with the State Parks' policy. If it is not seen that way, then I propose that, at this juncture, it be reconsidered to suffice, please. As a trail advocate, I speak from experience when I say that recognizing people/groups that contributed to the existence of a trail getting established, is sort of a big deal. So, taking that recognition away isn't good. Maybe, add "Cross State" in each or one of the trail names: Iron Horse Cross State Park Trail. Another option could be to put up a few signs that state the continuity of the trail, but indicate a name change, whose name is in recognition to the JWP group. That also provides historical context to the trail, which some bike tourists really enjoy stopping and reading about. (You very well might already have this type of signage up.).

I am against changing the name of the John Wayne Trail. At first it seemed like a good idea but the more I thought about it the less it seemed to make sense. Nothing captures the the feeling of the trail like the essence of a "John Wayne" Western drama. Everybody has this image of what John Wayne is, a legend, a hero who always fought for the little guy in the rugged West. Some of the proposed names do not make sense and changing the name will just add more confusion. People will still call it the John Wayne Trail and it will be a long time before it disappears from the maps. Make an exception to the rules. Keep it named after the person, the legend, the myth. We need our myths. Or name some nearby geological feature after John Wayne so the name will fit the rules. Call the Middle of Washington State "John Wayne Country". Or better yet name it after communities near either end of the trail. St> John and Wayne. The St. John to Wayne Trail or the St. John/Wayne Trail. Now we would just have to get the Pope to beatify him. I feel that renaming a trail that been named and is well recognized is a waste of time and energy. People are perceiving a problem where none exists.

<p>I like Cascalouse! It's unique to our region, and I think it sounds fun. It sounds like a trail that I would want to go on. As a second option, I like Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail, since it describes the location. However, what happens when/if the trail is expanded?</p>
<p>I would vote for the Colombian State Trail. Honors the named train that ran on the line and crossed the Colombian River at Beverly. Hope to explore this trail in the near future.</p>
<p>I'd like to suggest renaming the trail the Pascade Trail - contraction of Palouse and Cascade. I really like trails being named geographically and thought Cascalouse was clever but likely to be mis-pronounced "louse" like the bug, which sounds yucky. I also didn't mind the Iron Horse State Park Trail idea - that seemed decent as well, though I had NO IDEA until now the Iron Horse State Park was so big, and would previously have thought the Iron Horse State Park Trail was very short, leading only up to the iron horses above the Columbia. :)</p>
<p>Keep Iron Horse Park Trail Just drop the John Wayne part</p>
<p>My vote: Iron Horse State Park Trail I prefer naming the whole trail the Iron Horse State Park Trail. The name is already in use for the western portion of the trail; pays homage to the trail's railway history; and it is fun to think of my bike as the new "Iron Horse" as I pedal the trail.</p>
<p>i think that since the trail is formerly the milwaukee roads right of way, i believe choosing Milwaukee Road trail or something very similar is in store</p>
<p>What kind of deranged and twisted mindset overpaid employee came up with Cascalouse. That is the WORST name and huge waste of tax dollars in the history of the State Parks existence. For Shame for trying to make up something NO ONE COULD PRONOUNCE!!!! Incredible that this even got out of committee. Stick with Iron Horse Trail or something acknowledging the railroad past of this trail and leave the goofy feel good all names of the geographical area combined to the mental ward from which it crawled out of.</p>

<p>Iron Horse State Park. This is a descriptive name, avoids composing a name that is a contraction of several different regions, avoids Milwaukee Trail which only us old folks would associate with the trail, and gets rid of the John Wayne name that has always confused me while listening to many discussions about the linear park and work on different sections. Iron Horse is short, not tied to one geographical area and describes a rail to trail park. Thanks</p>
<p>The current name is perfect. Please do not change</p>
<p>Cascalouse State Park Trail is my vote. Clever!</p>
<p>Thank you for undertaking this effort to rename the trail. I will spare you a recounting of the many reasons that "John Wayne Pioneer" is inappropriate and should be dropped from the name. I think "Iron Horse" is a fine name that captures the history of the route, and would certainly give that my "vote." But of course "Milwaukee Road" would also be appropriate to the history of the Railway</p>
<p>I am ADAMANTLY OPPOSED to changing the name of the trail. I don't care if its "inconsistent" with your bland, supercilious naming conventions. For crying out loud can we retain some sort of character in our parks or are we doomed to become the most pabulum, watered down oh-so-sensitive to anyone's tender feelings that they might find a name offensive that we rename everything according to the most neutered name possible? Near Moses Lake, the roads have the charming names of "SE 4 rd" followed by "SE 5 Rd" in a nauseating bland pattern that speaks more to a GPS tracker than a human being. Is that how we want our parks? It's nice, I suppose, that you have so much free time and funds that you can spend both on unneeded name changes. But please, let's keep the John Wayne Trail. True Grit is not sand in your Birkenstocks guys. Copies of this comment are going to my representatives. Good luck</p>
<p>I would like the name to be Milwaukee Road State Park Trail</p>
<p>I vote for the name "Milwaukee Road State Park Trail".</p>
<p>I vote to call it: Iron Horse Trail</p>
<p>Please keep a railroad connection in the trail name utilizing the former right of way of the CMStP&P railroad. As a former Milwaukee Road employee, I personally prefer Route of the Olympian Trail. Honoring on of America's premier passenger trains. Thank you for preserving this rail corridor for continued public use.</p>

Iron Horse Trail. Please be respectful of the fact this was a railroad, the "Milwaukee Road".

I really like the plan to rename/consolidate the trail name. The suggestions you have listed are good and relevant to this historically important and beautiful route. I personally support the name "Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail", with the suggestion to change it to "Route of the Olympian State Park Trail" or shortened to "Olympian State Park Trail". Trail twice in the name is an uncomfortable redundancy. While "Columbian Hiawatha" also was a named train of the CMStP&P railroad, Washington State already has a "Columbia Plateau Trail", and I feel that would create a confusion that is not desired. I am looking forward to riding this trail later in 2018 on my Pacific Northwest vacation! Long time bucket list item! Thank you!

I like keeping Iron Horse State Park Trail as the name. It would be easiest to remember.

I support renaming the Iron Horse/John wayne trail to Miliwaukee Road trail or some variant. The Milwaukee Road operated in Washington State for 71 years, and even today, many former employees and their families are living in the area. To name the trail in honor of the railroad which built the line in the early 1900s honors their legacy and the legacy of those who went before them. The names "Columbia," "Hiawatha," "Olympian" also have historical merit, as these were the premier passenger trains the railroad operated up until 1961, a time when the Boeing 707 was revolutionizing passenger travel. These names, to me, would also be suitable. Bottom line: honor the heritage and history of the railroad by renaming the trail accordingly.

I favor renaming the trail The Milwaukee Road trail.

Leave it as it is. I am tired of attempts to rewrite history. You can change the name but it will be the same trail it always was.

I support having a consistent name for the whole trail corridor between Rattlesnake Lake/Cedar Falls and the Idaho border. I feel strongly that the name for the trail should emphasize its heritage as a former rail corridor. While trails converted from former rail lines have become common, the Iron Horse State Park Trail stands out for its place in history. The trail has worldwide significance for the railroad's pioneering work in railroad electrification here – part of the world's longest electrified railroad. In the years immediately after the electrification was completed, railroad representatives from at least 17 countries came to see the Milwaukee Road electrification. Many of those countries built their own electrified rail lines soon afterwards. Several countries, including Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Spain and France, adopted the electrification practices of the Milwaukee Road. Tangible artifacts of that history exist along the trail, most notably at South Cle Elum. The trail is also important for being part of the last transcontinental railroad built in the United States. And the Milwaukee Road made history again in 1980 by ending service on the western 2,500 miles of the Pacific Coast Extension, including all its routes in Washington. This is still the longest single railroad abandonment ever made in the United States. The unique history of the railroad has been a major area of emphasis in State Parks interpretive work along the trail, work that our organization has contributed to. It should also be emphasized in the marketing and branding of the trail, including the name. Of the current names being considered, these would be acceptable (listed in descending order of preference): Iron Horse State Park Trail Milwaukee Road State Park Trail Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail If selected, I would like to suggest "Route of the Olympian State Park Trail" instead of "Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail", which is a bit redundant. Or just "Olympian State Park Trail". I also note that Iron Horse State Park is one of the current names used for the trail, which would simplify the transition and would make it easier for people to find some of the information that has already been written about the trail.

Milwaukee railroad state park trail

Iron Horse fits it best for me - after all it i an old rail line.

i vote for Columbian State Park Trail. Since it was originally a RR. Plus crosses the Columbian River.

<p>I think the trail should be called the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail (geographic description of the trail route). Best option hands down!</p>
<p>Name that trail: What to call the Iron Horse State Park/ John Wayne Pioneer Trail My suggestion is the John Wayne Trail</p>
<p>I propose the name: Thunderhawk Trail. That was the name of Milwaukee Road's fast freight train that operated across the line.</p>
<p>I choose the Iron Horse Trail.</p>
<p>Naming the trail after a movie star who had nothing to do with the region was always a bad idea. I recommend recognition of this corridor as part of a future, long trail by extending the same name used in Idaho: Route of the Hiawatha State Park Trail In any event, the name should reflect the heritage of the line such as: Route of the Olympian State Park Trail Columbian State Park Trail "Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail" is absurdly redundant. The term "Iron Horse" historically refers to steam locomotives. While to steam locomotives operated on this route, it is most historical for becoming part of the longest railroad electrification project in the world, inspiring railroads elsewhere in the USA and internationally to electrify.</p>

This is a difficult issue for Back Country Horsemen due to the relationship we have with the trail, with the JWPWR, and with the founder of our organization, Ken Wilcox. Below is the closest we have to consensus. Basically, we do not want the name changed, but the change of name objection isn't as high a priority as keeping and completing the trail as well as keeping it open to horses and wagons. 1. BCHW remains supportive of not changing the name from the current name John Wayne Pioneer Trail. State Parks can survive with a little flexibility in their policy, particularly with grandfathered names. They have many existing landmarks named after people. The John Wayne Trail name has existed for over 30 years and is officially identified as a National Recreation Trail. 2. In the event that State Parks insists on a new name, BCHW favors the geographic based Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail. This name identifies landscape unique to Eastern Washington in our state. It speaks to the nature of the trail as being something different than mountain/forest trails. We also support Cascades to Palouse [w or wo Pioneer] State Park Trail. 3. BCHW supports the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders (JWPWR) and recognizes their importance in addressing this issue. We would like State Parks to fully support JWPWR's efforts to install informational kiosks along the trail that speaks to the history of the trail and railroad as well as a recognition of Ken Wilcox, the founder of BCHW and one of the original citizens involved in the trail being more than just a concept. 4. Regardless of the name, BCHW remains committed to supporting the completion and improvement of this trail including the inclusion of a useable Beverly Bridge over the Columbia River. We would like to see more trailheads and campgrounds that permit horseback riders to journey through the towns of Eastern Washington.

Prefer using the name "Iron Horse Trail".

This is what is wrong with this country right now. Let's change history, let's rename everything, tear down statues to appease a few who feel offended for things they were never around our involved with to begin with. Political correctness is destroying our nation. I'm against renaming anything, changing the history...leave it alone, don't waste the money..

Policy is made to be broken Stay with John Wane Trail but you have already stacked the deck.

<p>My vote is for Iron Horse State Park Trail</p>
<p>"Iron Horse State Park Trail" says it all. The rest of the describers can be addressed with cultural signage along the trail and at access points.</p>
<p>Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail is my favorite name for the trail. Thank you for a great comment process. Please include a map in the trail context next time.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Road state trail</p>
<p>Here are some more trail name suggestions; Cross Washington Trail. Simple, descriptive, tells you what it is. Plot a route from La Push to Plummer. The Moses Trail after nearby Moses Lake. Evokes images of desolate landscapes. Or The Trail of Moses. The Scablands Trail. The Crab Creek Trail. The Crab Creek Rock Lake Trail.</p>
<p>I favor a change in name for the trail that represents the routes railroad history and/or the characteristics of the land it passes through. Something including the name Milwaukee or Milwaukee Road or it's related passenger trains Columbian or Olympian or Olympian Hiawatha would be appropriate. Also I would like to suggest the name of a Milwaukee Road "hot shot" freight train, The Thunderhawk. Unlike the passenger trains (which traveled through Spokane) the Thunderhawk traveled the entire route of this cross state rail trail. Thunderhawk was an eastbound train, which is also the prevailing direction of trail travel due to winds and grades. I also would find Cascades to Palouse Trail acceptable. I think Iron Horse State Park Trail so vague and Iron Horse is overused that it has lost distinction. Regarding the John Wayne name, I think a major trail head should be named after the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons & Riders. This is in honor of the group that got this trail made. I do not think the name of John Wayne the actor represents this trail, as the connection is too vague and distant. John Wayne the actor has no connection to this trail. Once we get a name we can all accept and live with, I am looking forward to a unified approach to what we call John Wayne Pioneer Trail/Iron Horse State Park/Milwaukee Corridor.</p>
<p>Iron Horse State Park Trail - Iron Horse Trail most appropriately describes the nature of and history of the trail that courses through our state.</p>
<p>Dear Mr. Kline and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, The History Department of Central Washington</p>

University solicited potential new names for the trail from our students. The department then chose two names that we thought best met the criteria set forth by WSPRC. 1. Gandy Dancer State Parks Trail The term “Gandy Dancer” refers to a railway worker in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. In the early days of railroad maintenance, realigning the tracks was done using a tool called a lining bar, or gandy. The railroad worker would throw his entire weight onto the bar, pushing the rail back in line. This jumping motion to realign the track led to the workers being referred to as gandy dancers. Renaming the John Wayne Pioneer Trail to Gandy Dancer Trail would commemorate the massive amount of labor that went into building the railroad. This name would remind users of the trail of the workers who built the original railroad, and permanently memorialize the effort of each laborer who built and maintained the Milwaukee Road. Additionally, plaques placed along the trail, or at trailheads, could contain information about the sheer amount of work that went into building the railroad as well as the difficult working conditions that the “gandy dancers” experienced. Though we could not determine from accessible records precisely which group of laborers built the Milwaukee Road through Washington state, we did consult Ryan Dearing, an historian with expertise on the labor history of Western railroads. He suggests that the dates of construction, circa 1906-09, point to a labor force consisting largely of Eastern European immigrants and/or Japanese immigrants (rather than Chinese or Irish immigrants, who constituted the labor force on earlier roads). In order to give the trail proper historical context, the department would be glad to oversee further student research into who built the trail; how they lived from day-to-day; and what specific hardships they faced. 2. Sagebrush-to-Cedars State Parks Trail Due to having trailheads in both the Palouse region, where sagebrush dominates the landscape, and the Cascades, where the Western Red Cedar grows, the current John Wayne Pioneer Trail is much better described by the name “Sagebrush-to-Cedars State Parks Trail.” The references to the flora of both the Palouse and the Cascades evokes the changing scenery along the trail and points to the very different vegetation, elevation, and terrain that predominate at each end (as well as in between). Another variation of the name might be “Trans-Washington Sagebrush-to-

Cedars State Parks Trail.” NOTE: The CWU History Department is exploring the possibility of organizing a 10-15 day bike ride across the entirety of the 282-mile trail, likely for next spring or summer. The idea would be for a group of 5-6 students, plus 1-2 members of our faculty, to blog and/or write newspaper stories on the historical points of interest we encounter. We would do historical research in advance of our trip, then apply the research by incorporating it into our blogs/stories about what we encounter. We would much appreciate the help of the Washington State Parks and Recreation staff in planning the trip, assuming it’s feasible. We think such a trip would be a great way to publicize Washington’s history, our own History Department and CWU, and, of course, the trail itself.

I received an email regarding a trail name change. I recommend call the trail ... “John Wayne Trail” ... I am the last living Motion Pictures Photographer to photo shoot John Wayne Live on camera with movie credits. Approx 18 months ago a public park in Newport Beach, California rename the park .. “John Wayne Park” .. Regards

Changing the name is too controversial ... Please spend money & time on other priorities
You could work on getting the complete trail under one state government agency, then a single name might make more sense
Right now State Parks seems to control the west side ... DNR seems to control the east side
If the trail across the Beverly Bridge (south of Vantage) never gets completed then I guess it will always be two trails

Just to make it more confusing, I heard WSDOT has first rights to put rail or even a highway/road over the Beverly bridge
Even if WSDOT yields to the trail guys, I heard the bed is controlled by DNR, but the trail on top is controlled by State Parks
Make decking the Beverly Bridge a highest priority

Iron horse trail or Iron horse park trail sound right to me.