

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

A. Background [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Alta Lake State Park and Bridgeport State Park Classification and Management Planning (CAMP)

2. Name of applicant:

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

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5. Agency requesting checklist:

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

This checklist considers potential non-project impacts associated with the Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) for Alta Lake State Park and Bridgeport State Park. This is the first phase of environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission's (Commission) decision will provide policy direction to staff that may then move forward with specific proposals within the parks in the future.

While this non-project proposal includes no specific development, the land classifications, and long-term boundary provide guidance for future development within the existing park boundary and any land within the long-term boundary that parks may acquire or manage in the future. Phased review allows State Parks to focus on the decision regarding the proposed land classification designations and long-term boundary at the earliest possible time to ensure environmental considerations are reflected in the planning process pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-055.

Subsequent phases such as the management recommendations will include additional environmental review for specific project actions or land acquisition/use agreements at such time developments or other actions are proposed. Depending upon the nature of the proposal, some future projects may be considered categorically exempt from additional review under SEPA (WAC 197-11-305). Categorically exempt projects do not require preparation of an environmental checklist or threshold determination. Future phases may include capital projects, land use or acquisition agreements, implementation of management plan objectives, or other facility

improvements. All future projects will be in compliance with State Parks policy as well as local, state, and federal environmental regulations.

Approval by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is required for the establishment of land classification and a long-term boundary. Management recommendations are approved by the State Parks' Director. The Commission will consider this proposal at their regular scheduled meeting on Thursday March 12, 2020 at the Campbell's Resort, 104 W. Woodin Avenue in Chelan, WA 98816.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Yes, the approval of the management plans will be a phase after approval of this proposal which includes classifications and a long term boundary. To the extent practicable, this SEPA checklist considers the potential foreseeable environmental impacts associated with the Commission's adoption of the land classifications and long-term boundaries as well as the Director's adoption of the management recommendations. The Commission's decision will provide policy direction to staff and begin the agency's focus on completing tasks identified within the CAMP.

The draft management recommendations and preliminary recommendations are available to any interested parties on the project website at: <https://parks.state.wa.us/1148/Alta-Lake-and-Bridgeport-CAMP>.

Any future actions associated with either this proposed CAMP plan or draft management plan, including project proposals or real estate/resource management agreements, are dependent upon securing adequate funding and all required regulatory approvals. Additional SEPA reviews will be conducted at the earliest possible opportunity during the planning process pursuant to WAC 197-11-055.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Aside from this checklist, no environmental information directly relating to this proposal has been prepared. However, a key part of CAMP is to identify the available environmental information necessary for plan implementation.

Environmental information/data used to inform this process includes:

- Wooten G., P.H. Morrison and J. Rhodes, 2008. Rare Plant and Vegetation Survey of the Alta Lake State Park. Pacific Biodiversity Institute, Winthrop, Washington. 80 p.
- Wooten G., and P.H. Morrison, 2009. Rare Plant and Vegetation Survey of the Bridgeport State Park. Pacific Biodiversity Institute, Winthrop, Washington. 80 p.
- Robinson, Roberts and Associates Inc. 1969. Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC) Test Water Well for Alta Lake State Park. 4 p.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Maps.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey.
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Informaiton for Planning and Consultation (IPaC).
- USFWS National Wetlands Inventory Wetland Mapper.
- Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Water Quality Atlas.
- Ecology What's in My Neighborhood interactive mapping tool.

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) Program database.
- Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Washington Natural Heritage Program database.
- DNR Forest Practices Application Mapping Tool.
- DNR Geologic Information Portal.
- DNR Wetlands of High Conservation Value Map Viewer.
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1958 *Archaeological Survey of the Methow River Valley, Washington.*
- Schalk, Randall
1990 *Cultural Resources Reconnaissance in Washington State Parks Biennial Summary for 1987-1989.* Center for Northwest Anthropology. Washington State University. Pullman, Washington.
- Stevens, Rebecca
1993 *A Survey of the Proposed Alta View Subdivision Near Alta Lake, Washington. Short Report 248,* Archaeological and Historical Services, Eastern Washington University, Cheney.
- Mierendorf, Robert, Terry K. Eller, Denise Carlevato and Patricia A. McLeod
1981 *A Cultural Resources Predictive Land Use Model for the Okanogan Highlands: An Impact Assessment for the Bonneville Power Administration's Chief Joseph Dam-Tonasket and Grand Coulee-Keller Transmission Lines.* Bonneville Cultural Resources Group, *Report Number 100-2,* Eastern Washington University Reports in Archaeology and History, Cheney.
- Salo, Lawr V.
1979 *Chief Joseph Dam Project, Bridgeport State Park, Cultural Resource Reconnaissance.* On file at Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Olympia Washington.
2004 *Chief Joseph Dam Project Dam Area Recreational Facilities, Historic Properties Considerations for North Shore Trail and Appurtenances.* United States Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District. Seattle.
- 2005 *Chief Joseph Dam Project; Dam Vicinity and Wildlife Management, Area Maintenance, Historic Properties Considerations for Several Year 2005 Maintenance Projects.* United States Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District. Seattle.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

The environmental information applied within this checklist is based on the current proposed long-term boundaries for this CAMP. This is a non-project action to inform the planning process to the extent that impacts can be most meaningfully evaluated (as guided by WAC 197-11-060). State Parks has no plans currently to acquire any land within the long-term boundary. This review will be phased such that any specific proposals or formal agreements that may be developed in the future will be subject to all applicable regulatory requirements including, if appropriate, additional SEPA review.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Approval by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is required for land classifications and establishment of long-term boundaries. The Commission will consider this proposal at their regular scheduled meeting on Thursday March 12, 2020 at the Campbell's Resort, 104 W. Woodin Avenue in Chelan, WA 98816.

Any proposals that are an outcome of this CAMP plan, including development proposals, land acquisitions or management agreements, will be subject to applicable local, state, and federal regulatory requirements. Consistent with this phased SEPA review, all potential project-specific proposals will be reviewed. Depending on the proposal, some projects may be categorically exempt. Categorically exempt projects do not require preparation of an environmental checklist or threshold determination.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is in consideration of land classifications and long-term boundaries for Alta Lake State Park and Bridgeport State Park pursuant to WAC 352-16. This planning process is referred to as Classification and Management Planning or CAMP. The CAMP process addresses overall visitor experiences, natural and cultural resource management, long-term property boundary decisions (e.g., acquiring and/or surplus land, as well as other land management agreements, etc.), defining land use and upgrading existing park facilities, as well as other topics of interest to the community and park visitors.

A central part of CAMP involves zoning or classification of park lands. State Parks has developed a system of six land classifications for park properties. When assigned to a specific area with a park, each classification sets appropriate intensities for recreational activities and development of facilities. A use matrix and detailed management guidelines can be found on the planning webpage at: <https://parks.state.wa.us/1148/Alta-Lake-and-Bridgeport-CAMP>

1. **Recreation:** Recreation Areas are suited and/or developed for high-intensity outdoor recreational use, conference, cultural and/or educational centers, or other uses serving large numbers of people. This proposed classification is identified in pink on the park maps (Figures 1 and 2).
 - o Alta Lake State Park: The pink buffer includes currently developed areas that would support high intense use and future expansion, the buffer includes the boat ramp, and other existing structures.
 - o Bridgeport State Park: The pink buffer included currently developed areas that would support high intense use and future expansion, the buffer also includes the Lake Woods Golf Course.
2. **Resource Recreation:** Resource Recreation Areas are suited and/or developed for natural and/or cultural resource-based medium intensity and low-intensity outdoor recreational use. This proposed classification is identified in blue on the park maps (Figures 1 and 2).
 - o Alta Lake State Park: The blue buffer would accommodate future trail development while preserving the talus cliffs, existing wildlife habitat, and wildlife corridors to the water.
 - o Bridgeport State Park: The blue buffer would accommodate future trail development while highlighting the shrub-steppe landscape at the park.
3. **Natural:** Natural Areas are designated for preservation, restoration, and interpretation of natural processes and/or features of significant ecological, geological, or paleontological value while providing for low-intensity outdoor recreation activities as subordinate uses. This proposed classification is identified in orange on the park map (Figure 1).
 - o Alta Lake State Park: The orange buffer would protect the wetland that has developed on the east side of the boat ramp.

A second product of CAMP is adoption of a long-term boundary. Select adjacent lands to the park (Alta Lake State Park only) are identified within this categorization, independent of ownership, in order to allow Park staff to consider future conceptual relationships/acquisitions that may advance the agency's mission to "connect all Washingtonians to their diverse natural and cultural heritage and provide memorable recreational and education experience that enhance their lives." An example of lands included that would further this mission would be those lands with which State Parks would like to advance shared recreational management goals. Watershed management and sensitive ecological/geological features that would advance the agency's natural resource protection within existing park lands also contribute to the proposed line. The long-term park boundary also considers whether agency-owned property should be retained or be considered surplus to park needs.

There are no proposed long-term boundaries for Bridgeport State Park. The total proposed long-term boundaries for Alta Lake State Park include approximately 202.42 acres of land. The included acreage is for planning

purposes only and the line demarcating them was drawn for the purpose of future considerations. Any future actions associated with parcels or land within the long-term boundary would require additional consideration of any potential significant adverse impacts. Lands within the proposed long-term boundary are identified in LTB 1-6, and they include opaque land classifications on the park map (Figure 1).

- The recommended long term boundaries at Alta Lake State Park are intended to protect viewsheds from future development, protect a wildlife corridor, or further recreational expansion that could include the use of a trail system.

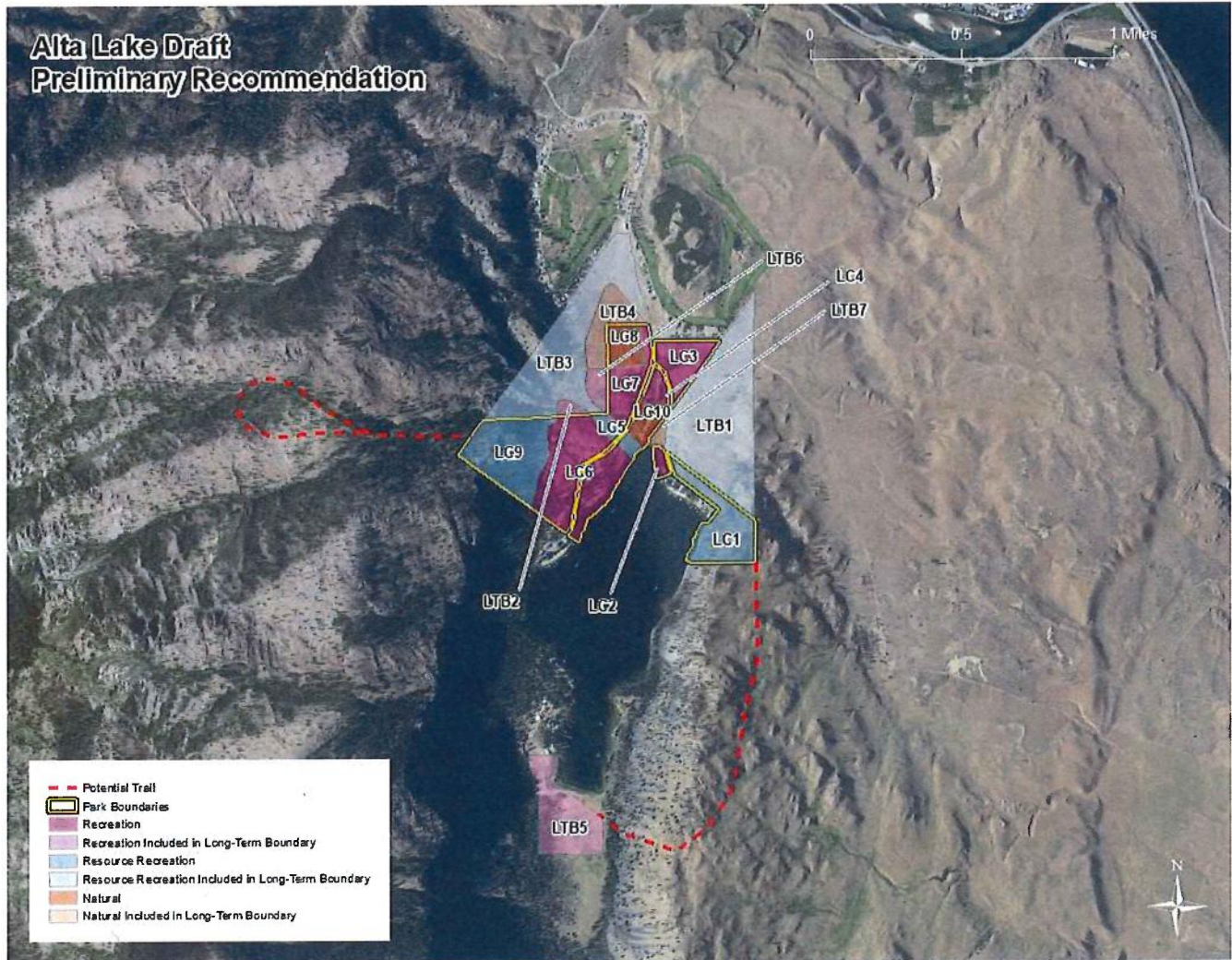


Figure 1