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To: Parties with interest in State Parks' historic properties

Greetings,

Washington State Parks is working on a project to establish historic preservation priorities in an effort to guide agency decision making on the treatment of the significant historic properties the agency stewards. This work is focused on the built environment in State Parks. The long-term goal of this effort is to establish a statewide Historic Property Treatment Plan that is prioritized and considers various factors related to the significance, integrity, and importance of the resource to the park, the system, and the state. The Treatment Plan will also consider how to boost public support and engage interested stakeholders in caring for these resources that connect Washingtonians to their cultural heritage.

At this time, draft criteria for evaluating the 788 identified historic properties in the State Park system have been developed. The intent of the criteria is to have one set of standards applied to each resource in the system to compare dissimilar resource types. Your help is needed in this effort as we refine the criteria and begin the process of ranking and prioritizing resources. We are asking for your comments and input on these draft criteria. Please tell us where we can improve or alter these criteria in a meaningful way.

A background information document, the draft criteria, and other supporting documents have been placed on the State Parks website at: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/169/Historic-Preservation>

Your comments are valuable to us, and will help the agency prioritize work on these significant properties. Please feel free to pass this link to others interested in helping preserve Washington's heritage.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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