

A VISION FOR THE

LOWER WHITE SALMON RIVER

THE LOWER WHITE SALMON COALITION

White Salmon, Washington





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Introduction

The Lower White Salmon Coalition formed in late 2016 to develop and help implement a long-term strategy and community vision for the approximately 550 acres of land owned by PacifiCorp along the six-mile segment of the White Salmon River below Northwestern Park in White Salmon, Washington.

This document is intended to be helpful to PacifiCorp, when they make decisions about the future of the land, and to future owners and managers of the land. We do not know who those owners or managers may be. We understand that PacifiCorp must first protect the interests of their stakeholders and ratepayers in any decision to sell and that there is no certain timeline for any land transactions. This acknowledged, we believe this vision document will continue to be relevant to decisions about the future of the unique and precious lower White Salmon River.



Photo: RivershedSPC

The White Salmon River, taken from near the site of the former Condit Dam looking upstream.



The Lower White Salmon Coalition Mission Statement

The 6-mile, 550-acre sweep of the Lower White Salmon River, owned and controlled by PacifiCorp for over a century, is a critical segment of White Salmon and Columbia River watersheds. The Lower White Salmon Coalition is devoted to creating a long-range strategy to transfer these lands to new ownership and wisely, sustainably manage them in perpetuity.

Background

Who is the Lower White Salmon Coalition?

The Lower White Salmon Coalition is a diverse group of organizations with members and involvement in the lower White Salmon River corridor. We have many different perspectives, but all of us share a deep connection to the river. Coalition members believe that the community and local values should determine the future of this critically important stretch of the lower White Salmon River. We are committed to developing local consensus on the river corridor's future. For more information on the coalition and our mission see the final pages of this document.

The removal of the Condit Dam in 2011-2012 restored a free-flowing river, which quickly returned to its historic channel, a major change for fish, wildlife, vegetation, and human use. In addition, the removal raised the possibility that PacifiCorp would eventually divest of the land holdings related to Condit Dam.

For over a century PacifiCorp and its predecessors owned, operated, and ultimately removed Condit Dam. They acquired and managed approximately 550 acres along approximately six miles of the White Salmon River, both above and below the dam. This land included Northwestern Lake and the majority of the shoreline along both sides of the river below the dam to the confluence of the White Salmon River and the Columbia River.

Throughout PacifiCorp's ownership, the local community has enjoyed access to the land for informal recreational uses, especially on Northwestern Lake, as well as hiking, birdwatching, fishing, and whitewater recreation. PacifiCorp also historically allowed the construction of cabins, with land lease agreements, around the lake.

The possibility of divestiture raised concerns about the future of the land, for cabin owners, but also for conservationists, tribal members, whitewater recreationists, adjacent landowners and the many who enjoyed access to the land. Many cabins had, by the time of the dam removal, become year-around residences.

In late 2016, the Cabin Owners of Northwestern Lake Association (CONLA) convened a group to explore the future of the land owned by PacifiCorp. In 2017, this group expanded to include adjacent landowners, local business owners, interested citizens, and local nonprofit organizations. The group wrote a mission statement and adopted the name, the Lower White Salmon Coalition (LWSC).

As our work has progressed, we have maintained communications with PacifiCorp, although our work is not endorsed or sanctioned by them. We have kept Klickitat and Skamania County governments informed of our work. State and federal agencies have participated in discussions but are not members of the coalition. We have involved agency staff from time to time to provide technical information, notably the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Commission, whose zoning covers the land below the former dam site.

Yakama Nation fisheries staff have participated as observers and have provided valuable information about tribal treaty rights which informed the work of the coalition. Our mission statement recognizes Native American treaty rights and the protection of cultural resources.

Finally, our work builds on a study conducted by Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group published in December 2014. Titled "Lower White Salmon Fish Habitat Conservation Approach", this study was funded by a Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant. As described in the study, "this document is the result of a yearlong community process to identify community-based priorities for fish habitat conservation on the lands formerly affected by Condit Dam in the Lower White Salmon River." The study found strong local consensus to protect and enhance fish habitat.

Where is the Lower-Lower White Salmon River?

The lower-lower White Salmon River is the last six miles of the White Salmon watershed in southeastern Washington State. The land owned by PacifiCorp is located in both Klickitat and Skamania Counties.

The White Salmon River originates on Mt. Adams and is fed by numerous tributary streams and cold-water springs along its 44-mile journey to the Columbia River. The corridor includes special features such as waterfalls, narrow basalt gorges, steep slopes, talus slopes, Oregon white oak woodlands, and mature conifer forests.

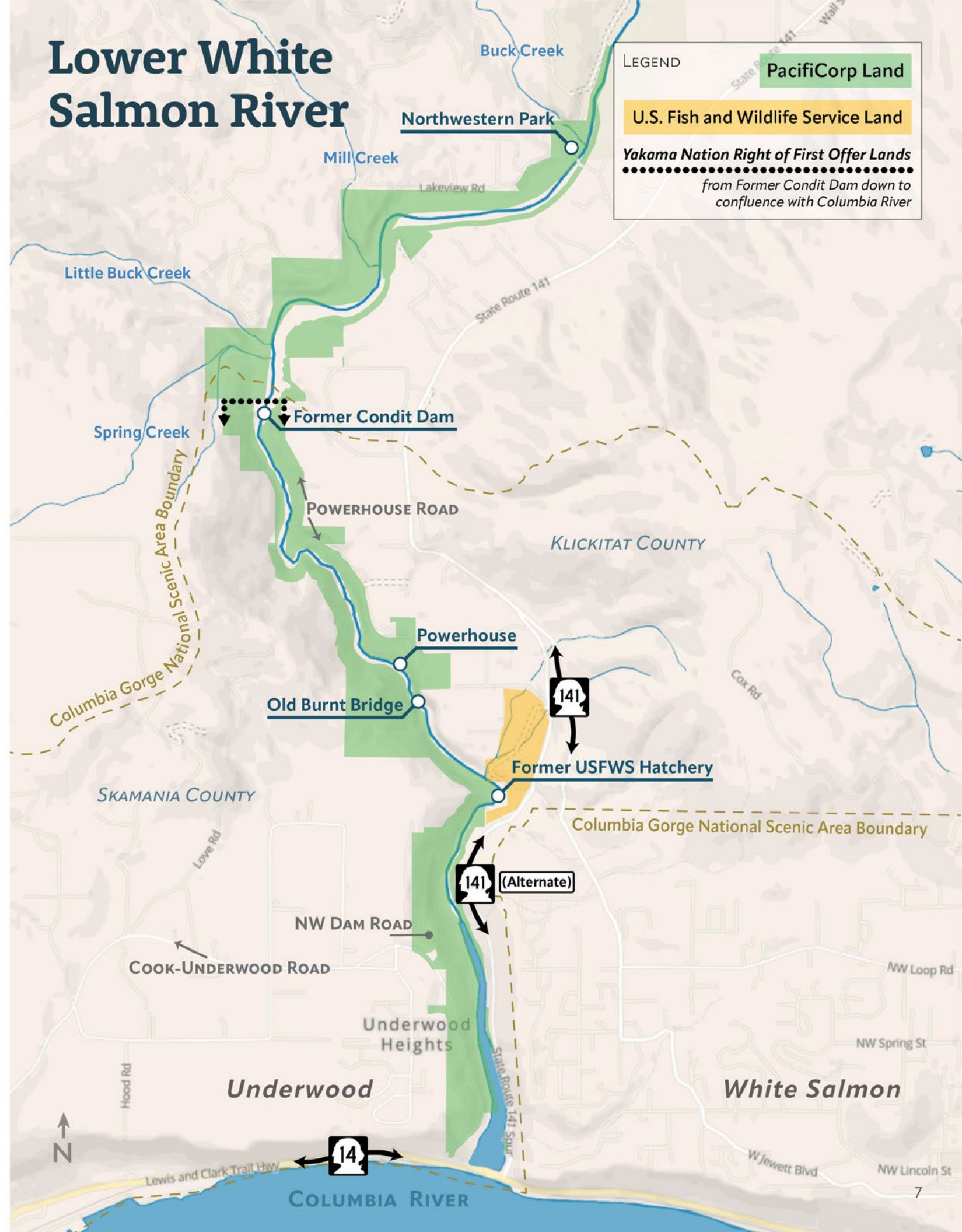
Communities have been drawn to the river valley since at least the end of the last ice age some 12,500 years ago. These are the ancestral lands of the bands and tribes of the Yakama Nation as well as Columbia River tribes. The Yakama Nation has treaty rights for fishing, hunting, and gathering on their ceded lands, including on and along the White Salmon River. There is a tribal in-lieu site on the west bank of the White Salmon River at the confluence of the White Salmon and Columbia rivers.

The White Salmon River is highly valued for salmon because it maintains flow and cold temperatures year-round. Removal of the Condit Dam opened approximately 33 miles of salmon and steelhead habitat on the mainstem White Salmon River and tributaries. In addition, the removal of Condit Dam allowed healthy and natural sediment and woody debris flow to resume from above the dam site, resulting in a significant spawning area below the damsite.



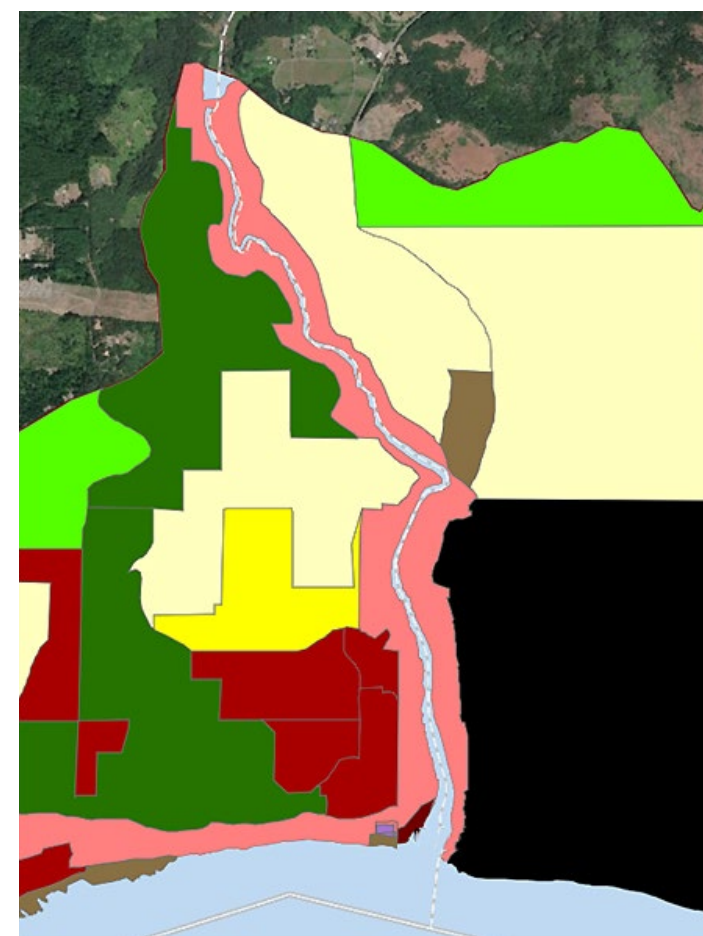
The White Salmon River, including the miles below the dam, is highly valued by whitewater recreationists for the steady flow throughout the year, the natural beauty, and for the many challenging rapids throughout its length. A boat takeout for whitewater recreation has been located for many years just downstream of the confluence with Buck Creek at Northwestern Park. As part of the dam removal process, this takeout was modified to allow continued use after the water level returned to the level of the historic riverbed.

The river is described as having four reaches (or segments). These reaches were described during the historic process to classify some segments of the White Salmon River as a federally protected Wild and Scenic River. The upper river is entirely within Gifford Pinchot National Forest and was designated in 2005 as a Wild and Scenic River. The middle river flows through the Trout Lake Valley, where it is extensively used for irrigation purposes, to BZ Corner – a small community in Washington. This segment was designated for study, a step toward Wild and Scenic designation, but studies were not undertaken. The lower segment, from Gilmer Creek to Buck Creek was designated as a Wild and Scenic River in the federal legislation in 1986 which also established the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The final reach, known as the lower-lower river, runs from the end of the Wild and Scenic segment at Buck Creek to the Columbia River.



In this lower-lower reach, the land below the former dam site is in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and therefore is under scenic area zoning. Much of the shoreline is zoned as open space which is intended to protect the most significant and sensitive scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational resources. Allowed uses may include low intensity recreation developments, repair/maintenance of existing structures, and resource enhancement projects. This puts significant limitation on development, including recreational development.

The vision of the LWSC incorporates the lower-lower reach, including all the development land shown in the map above. As the coalition has moved toward a final vision document, we have chosen to include some parcels along the mainstem White Salmon River which are publicly owned. These parcels include about 40 acres owned by the U S Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), which lie about a mile above the Columbia River confluence and has low bank access to the river. We also include several narrow parcels owned by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) between the White Salmon River and Highway 141 Alternate, adjacent to the critical spawning area of the lower river. The WSDOT parcels include the area near Highway 14 at the river's mouth, which is currently being used as a take-out for rafting and kayaking.



Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Zoning below the former dam site

The Scenic Area is divided into three categories of land: Urban Areas, the Special Management Area (SMA), and the General Management Area (GMA)

- GMA Open Space
- GMA Public Recreation
- GMA Large Scale Agriculture
- GMA Small Scale Agriculture
- GMA Commercial Forest
- GMA Small Woodland
- GMA Residential
- GMA Commercial
- White Salmon Urban Area
- Bureau of Indian Affairs



Photo: RivershedSPC

The old powerhouse building sits on the Klickitat County shoreline.



How Was the Vision Developed?

The LWSC substantially completed the development of our mission statement in early 2018. We then turned to the more specific work that would move towards completing the goals identified in the mission. Committees were formed to work on identifying opportunities as well as issues and concerns related to public outreach, potential future ownership, river and riparian area habitat and conservation, and recreation, river access, and trails.

As we talked to potential future owners and potential funders for the acquisition, we came to understand that we needed to develop a specific vision that would spell out how ownership and funding would fit into the missions and resources of potential owners.

In the spring of 2018, the coalition became aware of an opportunity to apply for technical assistance support from the National Park Service – Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (NPS-RTCA). On behalf of the coalition, the Friends of the White Salmon River and CONLA jointly applied for and were awarded an NPS-RTCA technical assistance grant. Work under this grant began in October 2018. The grant was renewed in October 2019 for a second year.

To complete the work of the grant, we formed a Steering Committee consisting of coalition members who were chairing the various committees. The Steering Committee met regularly to shape the process, identify tasks, perform public outreach, work on the grant task components, and to keep the larger coalition

informed. The Steering Committee used local knowledge, expert advice, and field visits to identify existing conditions, opportunities, areas of concern, and make recommendations.

Several events, which occurred after the 2018 NPS-RTCA grant was awarded, strongly influenced the direction of the vision.

The dam decommissioning process was concluded in May 2019. Later in 2019, the LWSC Steering Committee met with PacifiCorp, and it became clear that even though PacifiCorp had relinquished their license to operate the dam, they were not planning for an immediate sale of their land holdings along the river.

The coalition was made aware of, and supported, negotiations between the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and PacifiCorp for the USFS to purchase a portion of Northwestern Park (formerly Northwestern Lake Park). The sale has not been concluded as of this writing, and the details are not public, but it is widely known that the area containing the whitewater boating takeout, including parking and day use facilities, will be partitioned off from the large parcel on the Skamania County side where most of the cabins are located. The USFS currently manages the Lower White Salmon Wild and Scenic River segment which ends at Buck Creek.

In November 2019, PacifiCorp announced that they had concluded a Right of First Offer (ROFO) with the Yakama Nation for up to 289 acres from the former dam site south to the mouth of river. This area encompasses approximately 55% of the PacifiCorp parcels.

In July 2019, PacifiCorp posted a 39-acre parcel of the study area for sale. During the permitting and legal process prior to dam removal, in about 2006, CONLA had obtained a Right of First Refusal (ROFR) for the purchase of the land where the cabins are located. These 39 acres was assumed to be included in the ROFR area. However, because the agreement did not include a legal description of the land, PacifiCorp was able to put the parcel up for sale without renegotiating the ROFR.

Although PacifiCorp did allow the LWSC and neighbors to the parcel some time to make a counteroffer on the parcel, it was sold to a private developer who clear cut the parcel and converted it to residential housing. These 39 acres held some of the high value upland habitat the coalition had identified for protection. This situation created a sense of urgency for the future of the remainder of the PacifiCorp lands. It also made the coalition aware that property specifics, such as surveys, deeds, and easements, were critical information to the planning process. It was not, however, within financial reach for the coalition or any of its members to undertake the work necessary to obtain this information.

As the coalition developed a deeper commitment to conservation use and a greater understanding of the complications involved in transfer of ownership, one of our members, Underwood Conservation District, wrote an application for a Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant to address some of the practical problems that need to be solved before a conservation owner could be sought for

those parcels. The coalition, and many members individually, wrote in support of this proposal, which was funded in 2021 and is now in progress.

Our process slowed down during the Covid-19 pandemic which hit just as we were planning to hold a series of open houses to discuss options we had identified for future use and ownership. Instead of open houses, in the spring of 2021, an informational website and an online survey were created to get public input. The survey was taken by more than 450 people during the summer months of 2021. The results of the survey highlighted some areas where the Steering Committee felt that more discussion and outreach was needed.

During the fall of 2021, the coalition facilitated four online meetings with people who took the survey and expressed interest in further discussing specific topics. The meetings were organized around the interest groups for adjacent landowners, conservation issues, whitewater recreation and access, and trail options. After these meetings, late in 2021, the steering committee began to work on the draft vision document incorporating the input from the public survey and meetings.

We, the members of the Lower White Salmon Coalition, hope that our work and this document will be of use to PacifiCorp and to any future owners or managers of this land. We also hope that our strong consensus around conservation values will help this land and the river to thrive as the restoration of the river continues into the future.

The canyon on this stretch of river is stunning and popular for commercial whitewater tours.

Photo: RivershedSPC



Vision for the Corridor

Supported by the Lower White Salmon Coalition

The LWSC conducted an online survey to allow anyone and everyone to provide input and share their opinions towards the creation of this vision. More than 450 people took the time to respond via the online survey. The coalition followed up the survey with online and in-person discussions with adjacent landowners, stakeholders, and the general public (who were able to sign up for Zoom sessions through the survey). The coalition is confident that there is strong consensus around certain points which are detailed below and followed by opportunities and areas where consensus could not be achieved.

Existing Recreation on PacifiCorp Lands

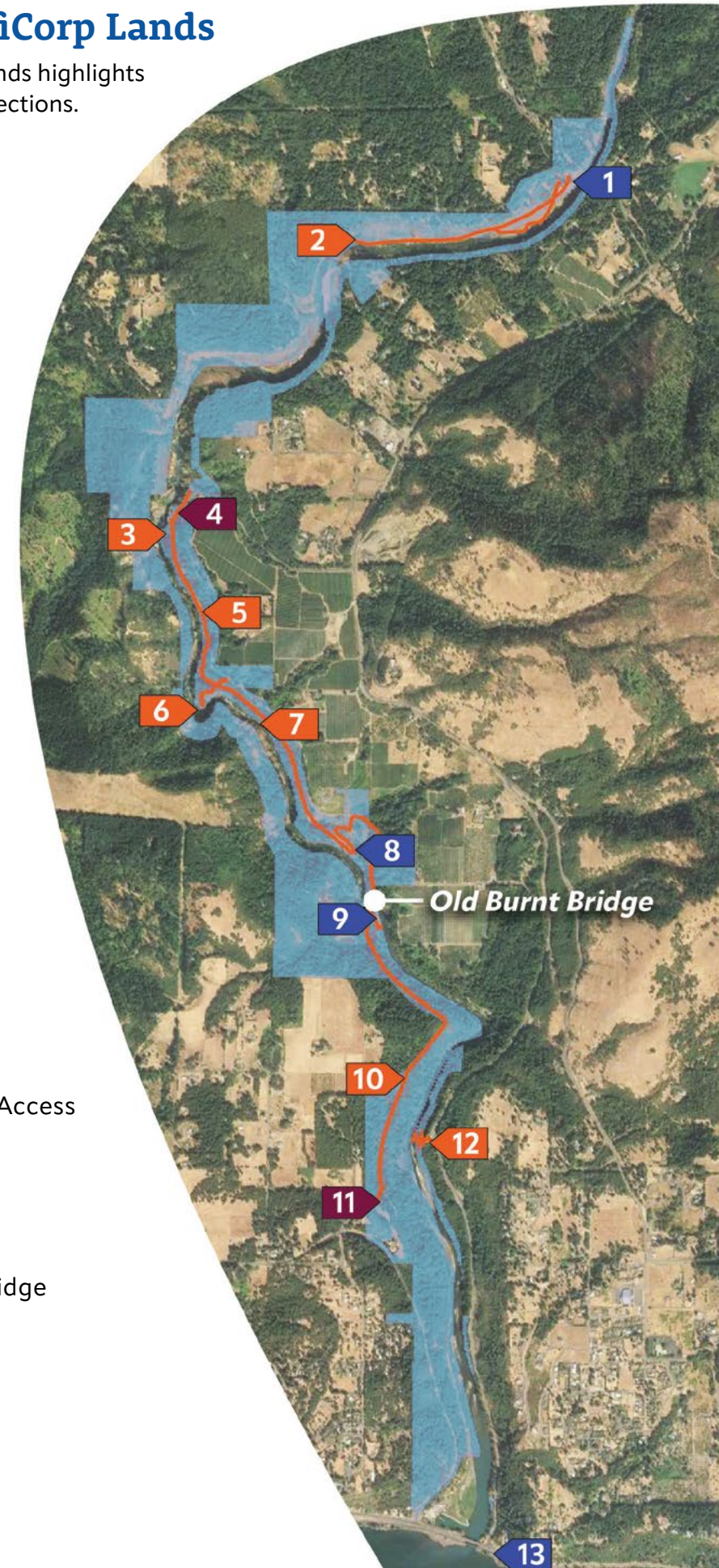
This map of existing recreation on PacifiCorp lands highlights most of the features discussed in the next two sections.

LEGEND

PacifiCorp Lands

- Parking
- River Access
- Trails/Portage

- 1 NW Lake Park; River Access
- 2 Restoration Trail
- 3 Condit Dam; Old Road Access
- 4 Parking for Dam; Flumeline
- 5 Flume-line Trail
- 6 Steelhead Bend Trail; Emergency River Access
- 7 Portage of Steelhead Falls
- 8 River Access at Powerhouse
- 9 River Access from Westside of Burnt Bridge
- 10 NW Dam Road Trail
- 11 Parking for NW Dam Road Trail
- 12 Rock Climbing; Access Trail
- 13 River Access at the Mouth



Conservation

There is strong community support for the protection of fish and wildlife habitat. Specifically, this means:

- Preserve and protect the spawning areas in this river segment, especially the heavily used spawning areas in the last mile and a half above the confluence with the Columbia River.
- Return the river corridor to a healthy ecological condition which supports abundant native fish and wildlife as well as maturing native riparian vegetation.
- Engage river users, neighbors, and landowners in education and outreach about protecting shoreline vegetation and habitat.
- Support landowners, community efforts, and local agencies and nonprofits working to improve native vegetation and reduce invasive weeds within the project area and along the river and tributaries.
- Prevent additional residential development within 200 feet of shorelines, and carefully consider road and driveway improvements.
- Support best management practices around riparian areas and forestland.
- Support wildfire risk reduction practices for residences by a strategy that addresses the built environment and management of vegetation and other combustible materials within the home ignition zone.



Photo: RivershedSPC

The rugged slopes along the river provide wildlife habitat and buffer the river from roads and other upland uses.



Photo: RivershedSPC

Upstream of Steelhead Falls.

Landownership

From the beginning of our process, it has seemed likely that ultimate land ownership would not be by a single entity. Our focus has been on ownership that would protect, preserve, and conserve the natural environment of the corridor. We understand over the long term that the leasehold situation is not viable for cabin owners or PacifiCorp. We believe there is strong community support for the following:

- Secure conservation ownership and management of former lakebed parcels.
- Support long-term ownership and tenure options for Cabin Owners of Northwestern Lake Association members, under their Right of First Refusal to purchase the land underneath their cabins.
- Support the Yakama Nation Right of First Offer with PacifiCorp to purchase land below the former Condit Dam site. Recognize Native American treaty rights and protection of cultural resources.
- Support U.S. Forest Service ownership of the whitewater takeout and day use parcel at what is known as Northwestern Park.



Public Recreation Access

PacifiCorp allowed recreational access to their land which allowed many residents and visitors the opportunities to hike, kayak, fish, and enjoy other outdoor activities. The corridor, therefore, has been an important recreational site for the local community for many years. We have strong consensus to continue recreational access, adapting to the changing conditions.

- Manage and focus recreational use and access to reduce negative impacts to residents and the environment. As everywhere else in the region has seen increases in visitation and use, so has this river corridor. New recreation infrastructure and management is needed to ensure that visitation has the least impact possible to adjacent landowners and natural and cultural resources.
- Develop appropriate and limited recreational infrastructure including restrooms, signage, and garbage receptacles. The lower portion of the White Salmon River feels natural and wild. The online survey and public meetings demonstrated overwhelming support for continuing to keep this area less developed, but it also showed the desire for some recreation infrastructure improvements. These improvements should be kept minimal and in character for the corridor.
- Provide adequate and safe parking for recreational uses. To ensure that nearby private landowners are not impacted by recreation usage, it will be important to have the right balance of adequate parking to keep the corridor natural. More feedback on parking can be found in the non-consensus items below.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) opportunities, such as trails or overlooks, are important to the LWSC. We strongly recommend that any future owner or manager provide ADA facilities.



Northwestern Dam Road, in Underwood, is closed to cars. The old road serves as a popular trail to the river.



Photo: RivershedSPC

Trail System

- Maintain and manage the existing Restoration Trail on the former lakebed downstream of Northwestern Park (in front of leasehold homes). This is a popular trail for adjacent landowners and people visiting Northwestern Park. It provides river views and allows people to walk through the Yakama Nation planting of culturally significant vegetation and to see the restoration of the former lakebed.
- Improve and maintain the existing Flumeline Trail for low impact use. This trail received overwhelming support in the online survey and the LWSC supports improving the trail to ensure the safety of hikers and sustainability of the trail. Further study is needed to determine the best parking location for the Flumeline Trail.
- Maintain the existing trail on the Underwood side (Northwestern Dam Road). This is a well-loved trail by Underwood residents and others. It should be maintained and managed to ensure the safety of trail users and minimize impact to adjacent landowners. The LWSC supports Underwood Parks and Recreation District or another local entity managing and maintaining this asset.



River Access and Recreation

The White Salmon River is justly famous and revered among whitewater boaters. We recognize the intensity of interest in whitewater recreation, and we all share love and respect for the river.

- Provide a takeout or takeouts for whitewater boaters above the area of heaviest spawning activity that serve the public as well as outfitters and guides operating on the river. While the entire lower-lower section of the White Salmon is good habitat for spawning, the area below the powerhouse is seeing particularly heavy spawning use and is particularly susceptible to boat and fish conflicts during the season. Plan for operation and maintenance of the takeout, including sanitary facilities.
- There are several important trails and access points for river rescue activity. We strongly support continued access for river rescue.
- The LWSC supports making all river access as safe and sustainable as possible. The current takeout at the mouth of the river is at a dangerous intersection of Highway 14 and the Highway 141 Alternate. It is also experiencing some bank damage. We support avoiding or mitigating damage to riverbanks and shorelines by developing a good takeout design.



Photo: RivershedSPC

This stretch of river was brought back to life with the increase in water flow after the removal of the dam.





The bridge is now closed to public access for safety reasons. It once served as a public road connecting Underwood and White Salmon.

Potential Opportunities to Explore

(There is no consensus at this time)

There are emotional and deep differences of opinion about some of the following points. In addition, practical problems or lack of information make it impossible to reach an informed consensus. We have indicated where further study and collaboration are needed. In some cases, an actual application for a permit may be necessary before a determination of practicality can be made. We believe that ongoing conversations and community involvement is also needed.

Burnt Out Bridge

Further investigation is needed into bridge and road ownership and structural integrity.

There is mixed support for restoration and trail use, with many Underwood residents opposed and the broader community supportive. There are significant concerns within the Underwood community regarding the impact of any additional parking related to bridge usage.

Trail System and Public Access

Parking

There is mixed support for improved parking at Northwestern Dam Road. Most respondents wanted better parking while the community of Underwood is concerned with increased traffic and the safety of motorists and pedestrians on Cook-Underwood Road. Work with the community and residents to determine need and location.

There is broad community support for parking near the former dam site on Powerhouse Road. Potential difficulties are possible due to nearby private land ownership and Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area zoning, which currently allows for 10 or fewer parking spaces.

A parking area at the old powerhouse site would make all trail users drive past private land. Trail users might continue to park and access the Flumeline Trail from the former dam site.

Connection of Northwestern Park to Powerhouse Road and the Flumeline Trail

There is popular support for the trail connection from the broader community, but adjacent landowners are concerned with access and trespass problems. Easements or agreements from private landowners could be difficult to obtain.

Location of Accessibility Points

ADA accessibility opportunities, such as trails or overlooks, are important to the LWSC. We did not arrive at consensus about the specific location of accessibility points.

River Access

We have identified two potential sites for a whitewater takeout above the spawning grounds. They are the powerhouse site at the end of Powerhouse Road and the former USFWS hatchery downstream of the old powerhouse near Arndt Road. Either or both of these sites could prove to be impractical for any number of reasons too complicated to detail here. We are not, therefore, able to say that we have consensus on a site. We do however have consensus that this discussion should be a high priority. We anticipate such a conversation would involve multiple state and federal agencies, Yakama Nation, and whitewater advocacy groups.

There was mixed support for designation of the Lower Lower White Salmon as Wild and Scenic, but there was consensus to support a study of possible designation. One potential model is as a Partnership Wild and Scenic River that may effectively offer an opportunity to address some of the unresolved issues we have identified. The outcome of a study for a Partnership Wild and Scenic River could lead to a recommendation for or against designation. According to the National Park Service, "Congress has specified in some Wild and Scenic River designations, that rivers are to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the NPS in partnership with local governments, councils, watershed groups, and non-governmental organizations, generally through the use of cooperative agreements. In these 'Partnership' Wild and Scenic Rivers communities protect their own outstanding rivers and river-related resources through a collaborative approach."



Photo: RivershedSPC

Vegetation restored on lands that were once underwater.



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The coalition is composed of organizations and businesses interested in the future of the Lower White Salmon River:

- American Whitewater, *Thomas O'Keefe*
- Brehm Vineyards, *Peter Brehm*
- Cabin Owners of Northwest Lake Association, *Steve Rauner*
- The Conservation Fund, *Gates Watson*
- Friends of the Columbia Gorge, *Dan Bell*
- Friends of White Salmon River, *Pat Arnold*
- Lower Columbia Canoe Club, *Russ Pascoe*
- Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, *Margaret Neuman*
- Mount Adams Resource Stewards, *Jay McLaughlin*
- Oregon Kayak and Canoe Club, *Russ Pascoe*
- Northwestern Lake Development Homeowners' Association, *Mark King*
- Underwood Conservation District, *Tova Tillinghast*
- Underwood Parks and Recreation District, *Patrick McConnell*
- Wet Planet Whitewater, *Todd Collins*
- Zoller Outdoor Odysseys, *Mark Zoller*

The coalition agrees on the following long-term goals for these lands. We agree to:

- Promote and participate in the stewardship, restoration, and enhancement of natural stream, riparian, and upland habitat.
- Recognize Native American treaty rights and protection of cultural resources.
- Support efforts to preserve and reuse the Condit powerhouse in accordance with the PacifiCorp Energy "Historic Properties and Cultural Resources Management Plan."
- Preserve and carefully enhance public access for hiking, sport fishing, whitewater boating, and other compatible recreational activities.
- Support long-term ownership for Cabin Owners of Northwest Lake Association.
- Facilitate transfer of ownership of PacifiCorp parcels not related to cabin owners' leaseholds to organizations, private or public, with the capacity and willingness to own and manage the property for uses identified in this document.
- Support recovery of native salmon, trout, and lamprey.
- Ensure that future management plans incorporate and express the goals of this document.

The coalition will strive to develop a strategy to identify, engage, and potentially assist (if desired) land ownership entities willing to implement the above goals for conservation, land management, and private and public use. This strategy will consider the local economic, cultural, and political communities that may be affected by a change of ownership.

- Coalition representatives will engage with PacifiCorp to seek its input and to keep it informed of our progress.
- Work with stakeholders and groups with useful expertise and knowledge to identify environmentally sensitive areas, cabin infrastructure, recreational uses, and treaty and cultural resource areas on the PacifiCorp parcels.
- Identify and address management and implementation challenges.

Signatories

American Whitewater: Founded in 1954, American Whitewater is a national nonprofit organization with a mission "to conserve and restore America's whitewater resources and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely."

Brehm Vineyards: Brehm Vineyards is a family enterprise based on the Underwood bench above the White Salmon River. We are dedicated to enhancing and improving soil and environment while providing fine wine grapes from our White Salmon Vineyard for commercial and home use.

Cabin Owners of Northwest Lake Association is a group of homeowners currently leasing land on the former Northwestern Lake now owned by PacifiCorp. The group is in the process of forming the White Salmon Co-op with the goal of purchasing the land to 1) preserve the community for the current and future residents; and 2) preserve the surrounding land for the benefit of the White Salmon and Columbia rivers' watersheds.

The Conservation Fund has worked in all 50 states to protect more than 7.8 million acres of land since 1985. The Conservation Fund blends economics and conservation to create innovative and enduring solutions that protect land with significant environmental and cultural significance while building strong communities.

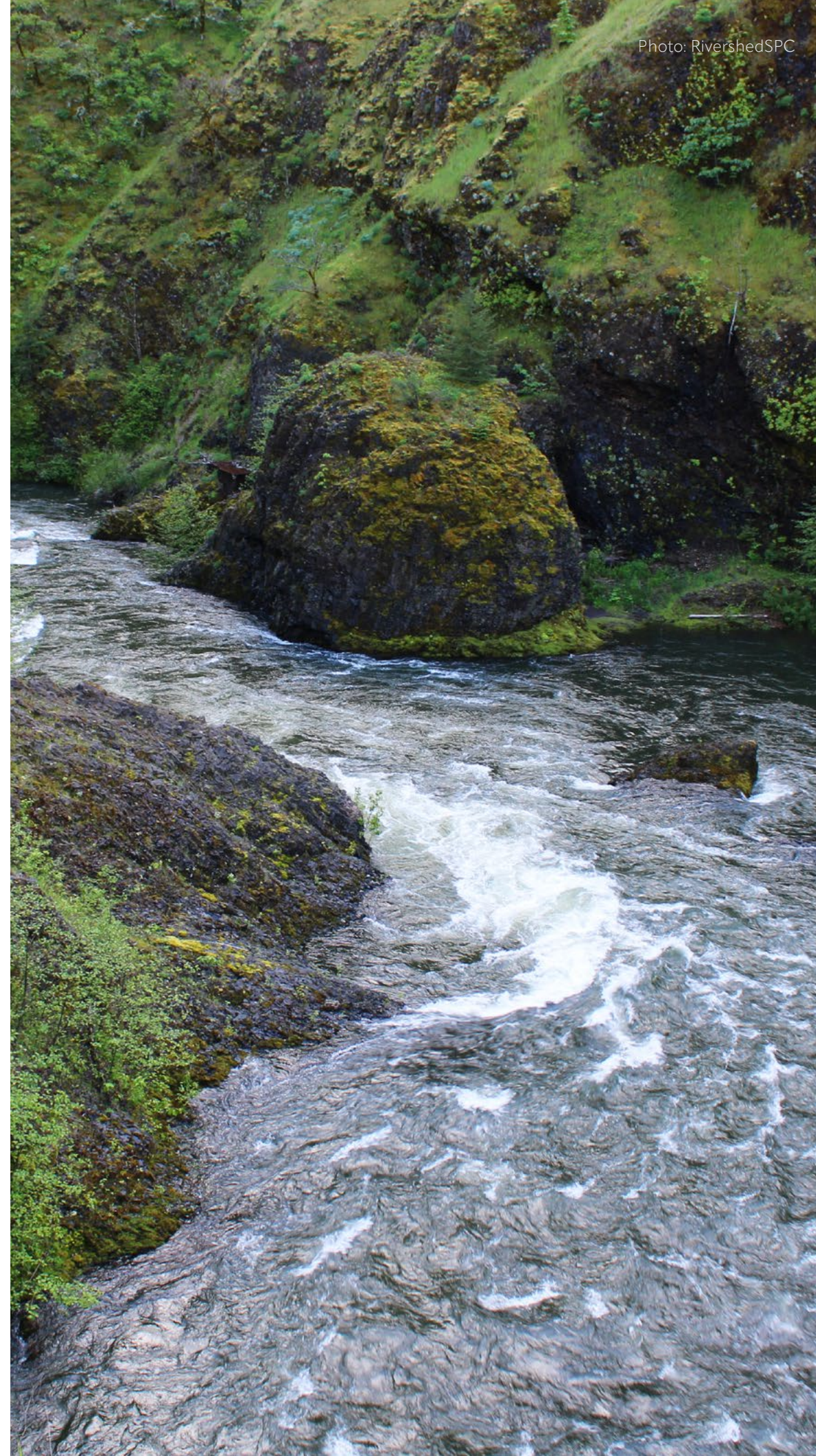
Friends of the Columbia Gorge is the only conservation organization entirely dedicated to protecting and enhancing the scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the Columbia Gorge. For more than four decades, we have successfully advocated to protect the Gorge from irresponsible development, purchased scenic and sensitive lands for long-term preservation, and worked with community partners to foster a larger culture of Gorge stewardship by connecting thousands of students and volunteers to the Gorge's wonders.

Friends of the White Salmon River was organized in 1976 to save the river from construction of additional dams. We work to protect the White Salmon River and its watershed and to restore naturally reproducing anadromous fish populations.

Lower Columbia Canoe Club promotes river safety, educates members, and works to protect and preserve northwest watersheds, rivers, and lakes.

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring wild salmon populations and their habitats through restoration, protection, education, and community involvement throughout our region.

Photo: RivershedSPC



Mt. Adams Resource Stewards works to promote sustainable connections between the land, local economies, and rural communities in the Mt. Adams Region. It works to create living wage jobs and economic opportunity around the region's natural resources through land stewardship that supports resilient ecosystems and land-based traditions.

Northwestern Lake Development Homeowners' Association consists of 30 homeowners in a development of privately owned parcels adjacent to the PacifiCorp property along the southwest side of the former Northwestern Lake. The HOA is a Washington state nonprofit corporation that works to maintain and improve the infrastructure and quality of life of its community, and support neighboring communities in doing the same.

Oregon Kayak and Canoe Club is a group of boaters in the Portland area who have banded together to pursue a common interest in whitewater boating.

Underwood Conservation District (UCD) engages landowners and land users throughout Skamania and west Klickitat Counties in the conservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of natural resources through voluntary stewardship. UCD provides technical assistance, cost-share assistance, project and water quality monitoring, community involvement and education, and support of local stakeholder groups within the district. As one of 45 conservation districts in Washington State, UCD was established in 1940 as a legal subdivision of state government that administers programs for the productive use and conservation of natural resources.

Underwood Parks and Recreation District UPRD: Formed by the residents of Underwood to preserve, maintain, and improve the Underwood Park and Community Center. The UPRD mission and vision are to use the park, community center, and post office as a central, historical, functional location for the enjoyment of the residents and greater community, and to build community through recreation, entertainment, education, health, and opportunity.

Wet Planet is a full-service outfitter that in 2010 became the first tour operator in the Columbia River Gorge to receive an Eco-Certification through Sustainable Travel International.

Zoller's Outdoor Odysseys pioneered whitewater outfitting and guiding on the White Salmon and Klickitat rivers more than 40 years ago and is in its third generation of family operation.

Advisory Participants

Various individuals participated in an advisory role with the coalition, some by attending multiple meetings, and some by presenting information on specific items that could impact the plan. Their contributions and knowledge were important to the process which led to the Vision Plan.

- Aiden Forsi, planner, *Columbia River Gorge Commission*
- Casey Andrews, *USFS, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area*
- Craig Haskell and other Underwood community members
- Miki Fujikawa, *USFS, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area*
- Nate Ulrich, *Columbia Land Trust*
- Penny Greenwood, *CONLA*
- Randy Gragg, *CONLA*
- Ryan Kreps, *Husum/BZ Community Council*
- Sally Newell, *Underwood*
- Staff from regional offices of Senator Maria Cantwell
- Staff from regional officers of Senator Patty Murray
- Yakama Nation Fisheries staff
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The moss-covered cliff walls of the "Narrows."



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Resources and Support Materials

Resource for: **Who is the Lower White Salmon Coalition?**

Lower White Salmon Fish Habitat Conservation Approach:
Study conducted by Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group published in December 2014. This study was funded by a Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant.

Resources for: **How Was the Vision Developed?**

NPS-RTCA Application: The CONLA and Friends of The White Salmon application to the National Park Service – Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (NPS-RTCA). Learn more about the program at: nps.gov/RTCA

PacifiCorp Press Release | Yakama Nation Right Of First Offer:
The announcement of the agreement between PacifiCorp and the Yakama Nation granting the Yakama Nation the Right of First Offer to purchase the land below the former Condit Dam site.

Report On Existing Recreation Conditions: The report from the Lower White Salmon Coalition Trails committee used to create the Opportunities for Recreation and Conservation materials.

Opportunities for Recreation and Conservation: Recreation and Conservation alternatives presented to community members for consideration as a part of the 2021 Community Survey.

Community Survey Results: Data from the 2021 survey (with individual contributor information removed).

Vision Plan Community Feedback: Data from the 2023 survey (with individual contributor information removed).



RESOURCE

Lower White Salmon Fish Habitat Conservation Approach

LOWER WHITE SALMON RIVER

LOWER WHITE SALMON RIVER FISH HABITAT CONSERVATION APPROACH



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Introduction

This document is the result of a year-long community process to identify community-based priorities for fish habitat conservation on the lands formerly affected by Condit Dam in the Lower White Salmon River. The effort had no regulatory component, but does reflect a desire on the part of many in the community to identify a vision and goals prior to future decision-making regarding land purchase, restoration or development. Because this effort was focused on developing a preliminary approach for fish habitat conservation, planners did not seek full consensus among community members.

The document reflects a point in time, based on information available to the participants. As such, it can and should change based on new or changed information. It is also worth noting that the focus for community discussion was artificially short-term: the next 10 years. There was an understanding among project planners that ecological restoration is a long-term undertaking – one that extends beyond the current land ownership structure.

Three findings were reinforced during this public process and created the lens by which recommendations were made:

- The focus of conservation was largely on undeveloped lands currently owned by PacifiCorp or adjacent to PacifiCorp parcels.
- Cabins developed on leased PacifiCorp land are assumed to remain on the land and to be privately owned, regardless of future land ownership.
- Nothing in this document precludes or supersedes existing private property rights.

History and Context

In the fall of 2011, after many years of planning, PacifiCorp breached Condit Dam, a nearly 100 year-old hydroelectric facility located in the White Salmon River about 3.3 miles upstream from the confluence with the Columbia River. PacifiCorp had faced the prospect of large expenses to provide upstream and downstream fish passage to relicense the dam. Instead, PacifiCorp signed an agreement in 1991 with conservation groups, local fisherman's groups, the Yakama Nation, and federal and state agencies to remove the dam and restore fish passage. The Settlement Agreement put a financial cap on the company's expenses in return for dam removal. The dam removal effort drained the historic reservoir, Northwestern Lake, upon which flat water recreation and a shoreline cabin community thrived, and left many questions unanswered. Divisions and distrust between various interest groups developed during the many years of planning and debate that preceded the removal of Condit Dam and some locals felt that their voices were not heard during the process.

During the settlement process, the disposition of PacifiCorp's 534 acres in the White Salmon River Basin was not discussed. PacifiCorp currently has no plans to sell or otherwise divest of the lands.

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group sought to ensure the river habitat and lands formerly affected by Condit Dam would be managed in a way to restore and protect key salmonid habitat. The focus of the effort is the lower six miles of the White Salmon River.

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group is a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring self-sustaining populations of salmon and steelhead by working with landowners and community partners to protect and restore fish habitat. In 1990, the Washington State Legislature created the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (RFEG) Program to involve local communities, citizen volunteers, and landowners in the state's salmon recovery efforts.

In 2012, Mid-Columbia Fisheries applied for and received a grant from the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The grant application identified development of a fish habitat conservation strategy for the Lower White Salmon River as an important planning step toward conserving key fish habitats in the lower river following the removal of Condit Dam.

The project included the following objectives:

- Identify priority habitats that warrant protection
- Identify future risks to these habitats
- Involve stakeholders in the development of protection strategies
- Create a plan that identifies conservation alternatives while addressing community issues and uses
- Analyze habitat protection scenarios and funding strategies for protecting the highest priority habitats for conservation

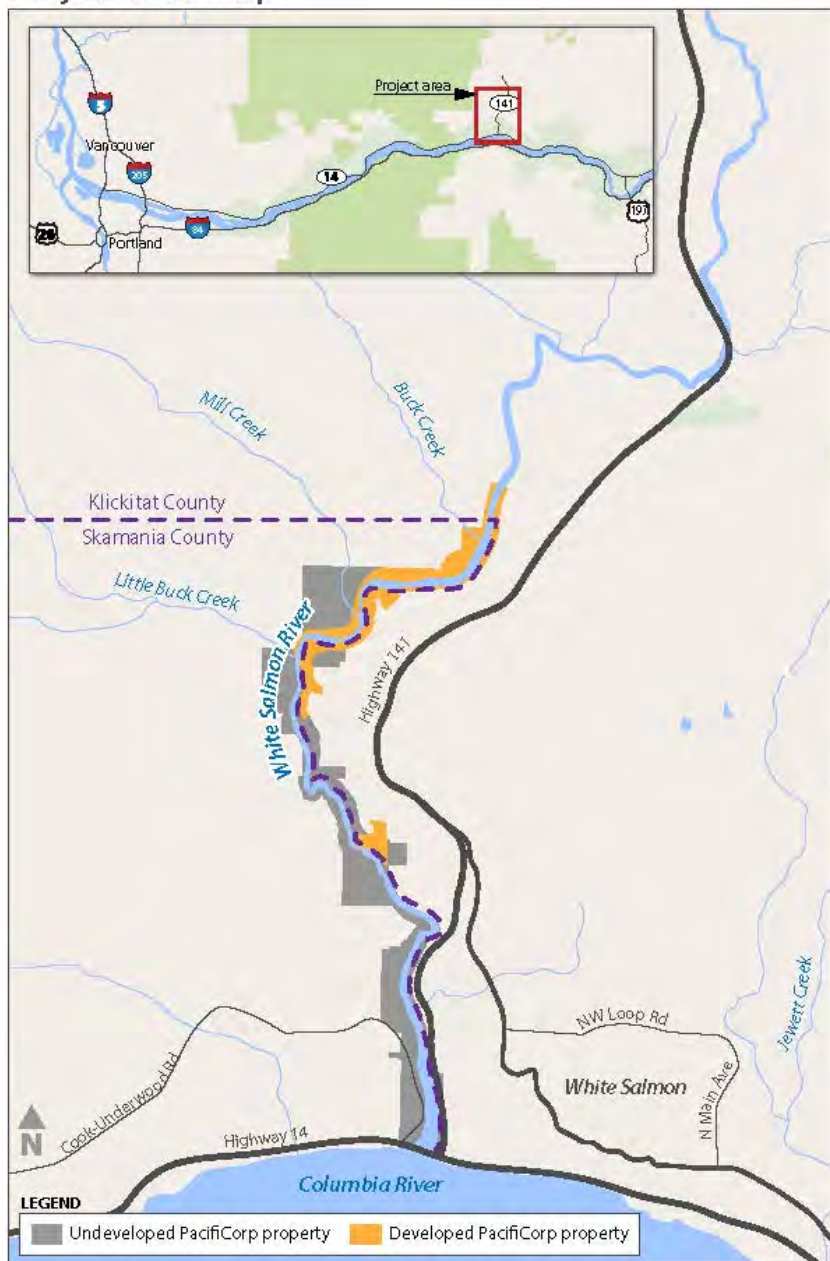
Work began in 2013 to achieve the first four objectives. Mid-Columbia Fisheries contracted with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct a fish habitat assessment and with Columbia Land Trust to conduct a high level review of development suitability. Both analyses focused on the six-mile corridor from the mouth of the river upstream to Buck Creek. In 2014, Mid-Columbia Fisheries contracted with EnviroIssues, a private firm that specializes in public involvement and communications, to engage the community and facilitate creation of a vision, goals and priority geographic focus areas for conservation of key salmon and steelhead habitat in the lower six miles of the White Salmon River.

Project Area Description

The White Salmon River drains approximately 386 sq. miles of Klickitat, Yakima, and Skamania counties. Land use in the lower river includes commercial timberland, irrigated cropland, orchards, and residential areas. The lowest three miles of the river are within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

The project focuses on the 534 acres held by PacifiCorp, including lands in the lower canyon of the White Salmon River as well as lands in the former reservoir area up to Buck Creek. (The area is referred to as the study or project area in this document). The town of White Salmon, population 2,200, is located just to the east of the mouth of the White Salmon River. The town of Bingen is adjacent to the town of White Salmon along the Columbia River. The unincorporated community of Husum is located along the White Salmon River just outside of the project study area about 7 miles north of the town of White Salmon. See *Development Suitability Analysis: PacifiCorp Ownership along the Lower White Salmon River* in the appendix for additional detail.

Project area map



Native American tribes traditionally fished the White Salmon River. The Treaty of 1855 between the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and the U.S. Government secured the right of the Yakama People to fish in “usual and accustomed places.” The White Salmon Subbasin is wholly within the area the Yakama Nation ceded to the federal government as a condition of the treaty, and the right to fish there is enshrined in the treaty. At the mouth of the river, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers established an “in lieu” fishing site for tribal members at the location of a traditional village to mitigate the flooding of other tribal fishing sites due to Columbia River dam construction. Tribal fishing is expected in the project area in the future.

A community of residents lease land for cabins from PacifiCorp on both the west and east sides of the White Salmon River in the former reservoir area. The Cabin Owners of Northwestern Lake Association (CONLA) represents most of the cabin owners in this area, many of whom are full-time residents. CONLA has negotiated a right of first refusal with PacifiCorp to purchase the cabin lands, approximately 105 acres, should the company decide to divest. Other homes and cabins adjacent to PacifiCorp land are owned privately. One community of homes adjacent to the project area is represented by the Northwestern Lake Homeowners Association.

Various users, including private and commercial boaters, bank fisherman, and others have interests in accessing shorelines in both the former reservoir area and further downstream. PacifiCorp allows recreational access on their lands, which include Northwestern Park with its day-use picnic area and boat ramp.

Historically and currently, local residents and visitors accessed the White Salmon River and Northwestern Lake for trout and salmon sport-fishing opportunities. Hikers, rock climbers, birders and native plant enthusiasts also have and continue to use PacifiCorp land to recreate. In more recent years, white water rafting and kayaking has become a leading draw. Several commercial rafting companies lead guided half-day trips down the river from BZ Corner past the town of Husum and over the Class IV falls of the same name. Since Condit Dam was removed, some private and commercial trips also are made through the former dam area to the mouth of the river.

Technical Review

Mid-Columbia Fisheries directed two analyses of the lower river to support development of the conservation approach.

Fish Habitat Assessment

Five migratory salmonid species listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act were historically found in the White Salmon River: Lower Columbia River Chinook, Lower Columbia River coho, Columbia River chum, Mid-Columbia River steelhead and Columbia River bull trout.

USGS analyzed existing data to assess aquatic habitat in the study area. A basalt canyon confines much of the lower mainstem of the White Salmon River, with a few openings in some parts of the former reservoir, particularly around Northwestern Park. Below the former site of Condit Dam and elsewhere bedrock creates waterfalls, such as Steelhead Falls about 2.6 miles from the mouth. The present instream habitat complexity is moderate with the overhanging bedrock shelves, boulders, and sparse large woody debris. In general, the river ecosystems are properly functioning and the habitat conditions are suitable for salmonids. Water quality (temperature, dissolved oxygen) and quantity are not limiting in the mainstem. Fish habitat conditions are likely to improve as ecosystem processes come to an equilibrium post dam removal, and re-vegetation projects and large wood debris recruitment occurs.

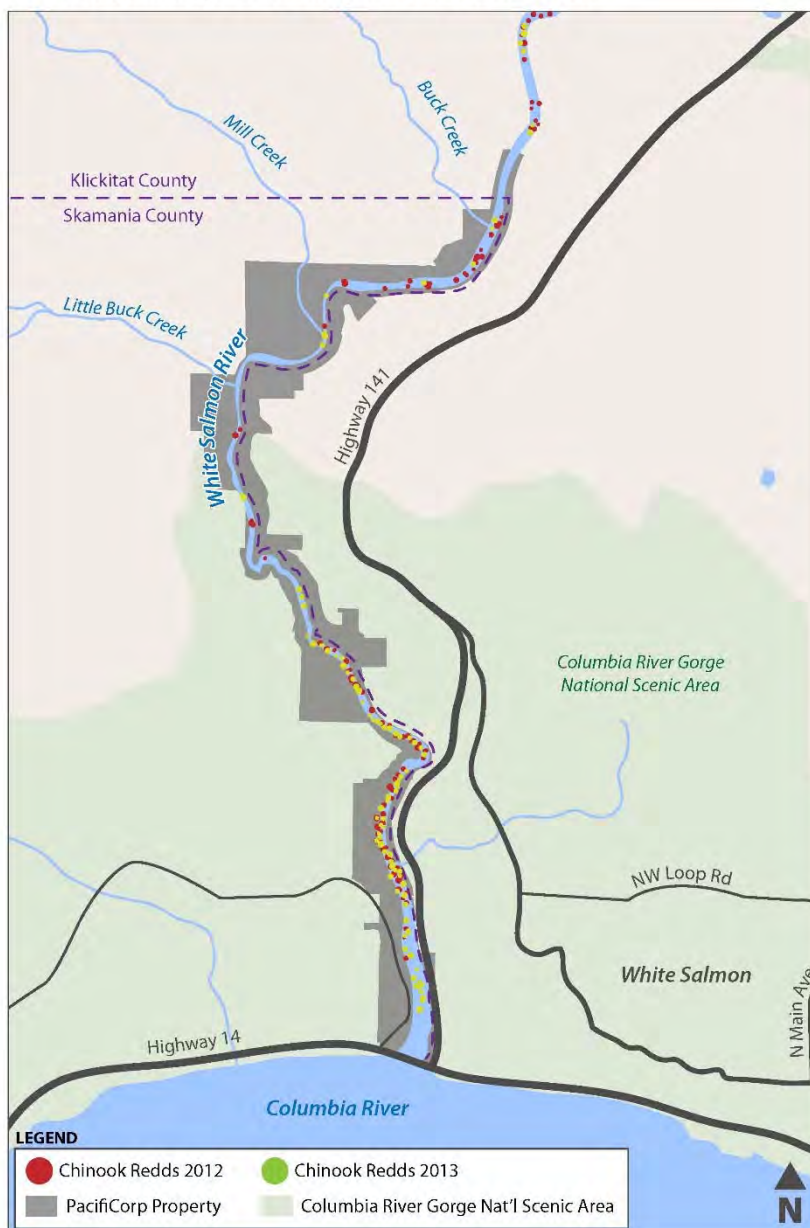
The USGS used existing LIDAR¹ data to create data sets for near-shore slopes and water elevation. These data were combined with USGS habitat data on bathymetry, river substrate and water flow to associate spawning survey data for 2012 and 2013 in eight different sections, or reaches, of the river.

USGS evaluated individual river reaches numerically based on fish use and/or habitat information as available for life history stages (See Table 1). Chinook redd² surveys provided the most complete data sets for evaluating fish use. A density value of number of redds per mile was estimated for each reach and the highest density values were given a one, and next highest a two, etc.

During 2012, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was only able to conduct limited redd surveys due to weather and river conditions as well as dam removal operations. The entire river from RM 7.6 to RM 0.0 was surveyed only three times. The 2012 results indicated the highest area of usage to be the lower two river miles from the mouth upstream. The redd survey data

collected by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) for 2013 resulted in a similar pattern to 2012 (Table 1) with the highest densities observed in the first two miles upstream from the confluence with the Columbia River. The survey performed in 2013 was more extensive than 2012. In 2013, spawning ground surveys were conducted weekly prior to start of spawning (early August) through completion of spawning (mid- December) and over the entire likely spawning area distribution. As a result, more redds were observed and superimposition of redds on top of redds in the highest density reaches was extensive, making weekly individual redd counts unfeasible for the individual runs.

Salmon Spawning Areas - Lower White Salmon River



¹ LIDAR, which stands for *Light Detection and Ranging*, is a remote sensing method that uses pulsed laser to generate precise, three-dimensional information about surface topography, riverbeds or lake beds.

² The spawning area or nest of trout or salmon.

Thus, adult Chinook salmon abundance was estimated using established analytical methods. The table below summarizes the results of the ranking data.

Preliminary results from 2014 spawning surveys indicate that about 215 spring Chinook salmon spawned in the White Salmon River, which is more than two times as many as in 2013. The preliminary fall Chinook salmon estimate in 2014 was also greater, with about 50 percent more fish than 2013 (J. T. Wilson, WDFW, unpublished data). A review of the spawning survey data from 2012-2014 conducted by USFWS, WDFW and the Yakama Nation concluded that returning adult Chinook and steelhead are moving into the mainstem and tributary river reaches that were previously inaccessible. Biologists found that more Chinook are spawning below the dam site than above and that spawning habitat has improved below the dam site due to new gravel recruitment, suitable depths, water velocities, etc. As numbers of salmon spawners increase it is likely that fish will move further upstream into other reaches with lower stream gradients such as those above the Northwestern bridge where redds have already been observed.

Evaluation of Lower White Salmon River Reaches				
Reach name	Description	White Salmon River miles	Redd 2012 density value	Redd 2013 density value
WS1	Confluence to end of Bonneville influence	0 – 1.1	2	1
WS2	End of Bonneville influence to powerhouse	1.1 – 2.2	1	2
WS3	Powerhouse to steelhead falls	2.2 – 2.6	6	3
WS4	Steelhead falls to Mouth of Mill Creek	2.6 – 4.2	5	4
WS5	Mouth of Mill Creek to mouth of Buck Creek	4.2 – 5.2	3	4
WS6	Mouth of Buck Creek to end of Study area	5.2 – 5.7	4	4

Table 1. Reach prioritization based on redd data from 2012 and 2013 for White Salmon River reaches. Prioritized ranking was assigned a 1 for the highest numbers of recorded redds from surveys by USFWS in 2012 and WDFW in 2013, and was sequential after that. For 2012, ranking was based on all observed redds from September to November. For 2013, data is summarized from Chinook salmon redd surveys from August to December (unpublished data, WDFW).

The USGS report noted the existing data gaps:

- Changes over time in substrate (i.e. gravel recruitment), pool numbers and depths, riparian cover, etc.
- Juvenile salmon rearing use and out-migration timing
- Spawning data on other species, such as steelhead, coho, chum, pink, and sockeye salmon (all of which were observed during spawning surveys in 2013; unpublished data WDFW)
- Invasive species

The USGS report concluded:

- The entire study area meets criteria for suitable habitat for all salmon life history stages
- The lowest two miles of the river have the highest observed redd densities
- Redd densities are higher in areas with lower slopes or gradients
- Re-vegetation projects within the river corridor will likely enhance salmon habitat by reducing erosion and adding cover, leaf litter and insects
- Large woody debris recruitment and retention would enhance development of pools and cover for salmon

USGS also identified potential threats to the salmon habitat. Primary threats include increased sediment from existing roads, or construction of new roads or buildings, particularly on steep slopes, leaking septic tanks, and increased surface or groundwater withdrawals. Other potential threats come from increased recreational use by anglers, rafters and kayakers, which could lead to damage to incubating eggs by humans or domestic animals stepping on redds, reduction of spawning success due to fish being scared away from spawning areas, illegal dumping or trash disposal, removal of riparian cover and invasive species establishment throughout the river corridor.

The full report may be accessed at www.midcolumbiafisheries.org.

Development Suitability Analysis

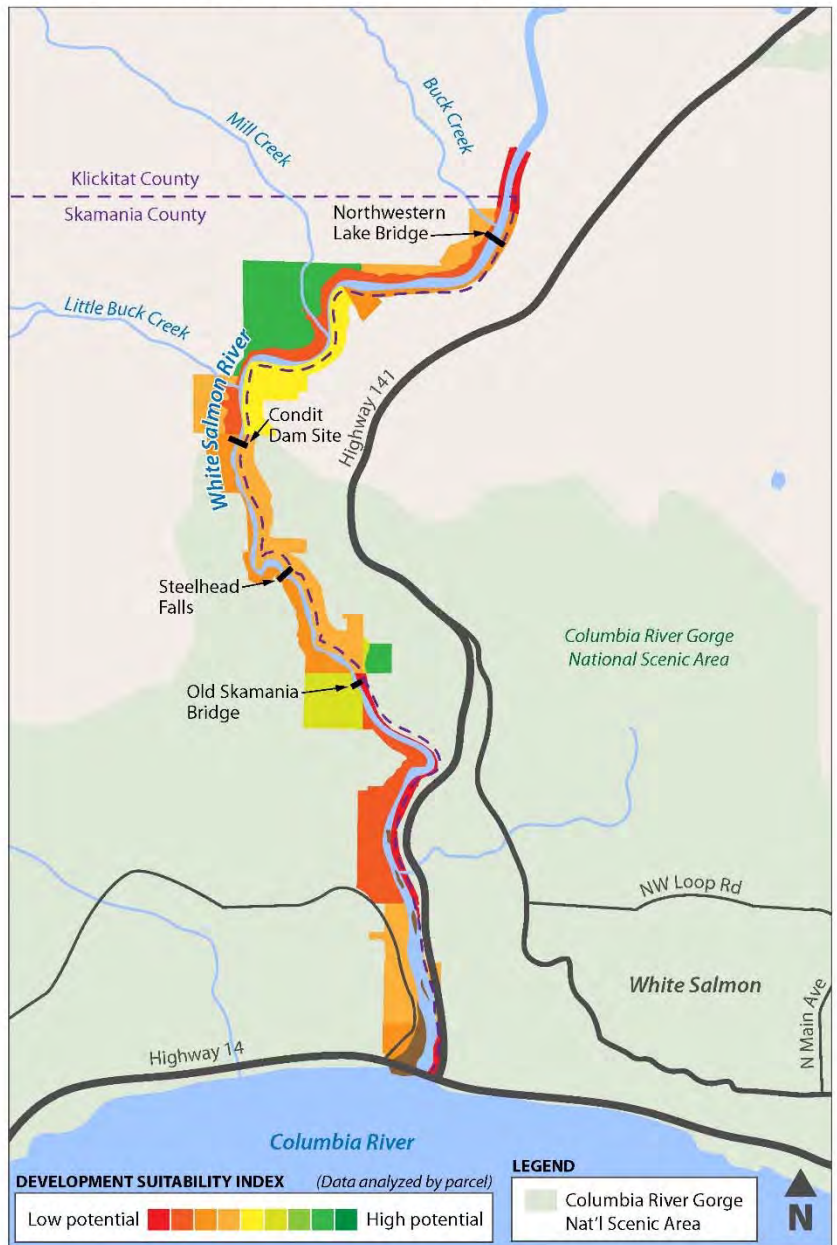
Columbia Land Trust used county, state and federal zoning and slope data to analyze development suitability. A development suitability analysis examines the regional landscape and identifies developable land that is not currently fully developed and/or protected. Such an assessment considers historical development trends, constraints and opportunities of the present landscape, and current land development conditions.

The analysis by Columbia Land Trust looked at land owned by PacifiCorp on a parcel-by-parcel basis. The analysis showed:

- Within the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area, open space zoning along the river is a restrictive zoning classification and generally protects the river corridor.
- Zoning designations in Skamania and Klickitat counties allow for some residential development in the project area, particularly around the cabin areas, and in parts of Klickitat County.
- Steep slopes in some parts of the project area corridor will make development difficult.

See Appendix for full report.

Development Suitability Index - PacifiCorp Parcels



The development suitability of parcels owned by PacifiCorp based on zoning regulations and slope data. See the study area map on page 3 for parcels that are currently developed.

Public Engagement

The process to engage the community on priorities for fish habitat conservation began with a stakeholder assessment in which eight interviews were held with people representing different community interests. EnviroIssues conducted the interviews February - March 2014 to learn values and concerns in the community and gain input to design the public engagement process.

A public in-person meeting was held in May 2014 and a companion public online meeting was held in June-July 2014 to share findings from the technical analyses and receive input for conservation planning. About 75 people actively participated in one or both of the meetings following wide notification via traditional media, social media, fliers and emails to stakeholders. White water boaters, conservationists, cabin owners, and residents were well-represented at the meeting. Yakama Nation tribal staff, federal natural resource agency staff and one county commissioner also attended.

During the first round of public meetings, participants heard the results of the fish habitat assessment and the development suitability analysis before breaking into small groups to discuss a future vision for the area, goals for fish habitat conservation and priority focus areas for conservation actions. An online meeting allowed participants access to the same information and comment on the same questions posed during the in-person meeting. In addition, comment forms were available on the Mid-Columbia Fisheries website, and fliers were provided at the White Salmon River Fest 2014 about the online meeting.

Based on the results, a follow-up online survey was conducted in October 2014 to reflect the public discussion and gain additional input. The survey, while not statistically significant, generated 128 responses and showed a high level of support for the draft vision and goals along with additional suggestions. The draft vision statements prompted 87-92 percent of respondents to say they agreed or strongly agreed with each. The draft goal statements led to 80-90 percent of respondents saying they agreed or strong agreed. In addition, 92 percent of respondents favored eventual public and/or trust ownership of undeveloped land owned by PacifiCorp and 8 percent said undeveloped lands should remain privately held without new conservation easements or restrictions.

In November 2014, Mid-Columbia Fisheries held a second in-person public meeting to present the results of the survey, the revised vision and goals, and gain additional input on priority focus areas. The meeting attracted about 30 participants with varied interests, including boating, cabin-owners, neighbors, conservation, and development. Large posters of the draft vision and draft goal statements were available for attendees to write on directly and identify needed edits or concerns. In addition, a "dot survey" was used to allow a priority ranking of geographic focus areas for future conservation actions.

A draft version of the *Lower White Salmon Fish Conservation Approach* was released for public review and comment in early December 2014 and generated more than a dozen detailed comments. The final document was completed based on the written comments.

The public engagement effort promoted productive conversations and strong support for the concepts discussed, but did not focus on achieving broad scale community consensus. Every effort was made to reflect the viewpoints heard from the community members who participated.

Summaries from the public meetings and online survey are available in the appendix.

Areas of General Agreement

Participants in the public process expressed a passionate connection to the White Salmon River. They cherish its beauty, the many natural and human activities in the watershed and the restoration process now underway. With that connection comes a dichotomy: people who value the river want others to share this same value. They see that providing public access to the river is necessary for this to occur. At the same time, there is a fear among some people that increased recreation and development pressure could change the very place they love.

It is worth noting that the community discussion focused on the short-term – the next 10 years. There was an understanding among project planners that ecological restoration is a long-term undertaking – one that extends beyond the current land ownership structure.

Many times during the public process, the concept of “balance” between multiple uses was communicated. Recreation, ecosystem health and economic health all are necessary in the basin, participants said. Some people said that economic health is dependent on a functioning ecosystem that supports fishing, boating and tourism. During conversations about their vision for the future of the lower river corridor, meeting participants generally agreed that additional residential construction would and could occur, but only if negative effects to aquatic resources are considered, minimized, and mitigated during the planning process.

Educating river users, visitors and landowners about aquatic functions, fish habitat, invasive species and existing regulations was identified repeatedly as a way to protect and support ecosystem restoration given the multiple uses already occurring in the basin.

Areas of general agreement emerged from the public process that can inform future planning, decision-making and priority setting in the project area. These areas included a vision, goals for the next 10 years, and priority geographic focus areas for fish habitat conservation on undeveloped lands currently owned by PacifiCorp in the corridor between the mouth of the White Salmon River up to Buck Creek.

Vision for Fish Habitat Conservation:

- Fish habitat supports all salmon life history stages and produces healthy fish runs for fishing.
- Effects on aquatic habitats are a key consideration when development decisions are made, particularly on steep slopes.
- The river and banks are in a natural state, including healthy riparian areas and functioning instream habitat.
- Natural ecological restoration continues over time.

- Undeveloped lands held in public or land trust ownership, or a mix of that ownership and private ownership, lead to protection of lands ill-suited to development due to steep slopes or proximity to the river.
- Defined public access points to the river balance needs for ecosystem function, landowner privacy, safety, recreational opportunities and economic benefits.
- Economically-beneficial uses such as rafting, fishing, and hiking continue in a manner that ensures protection of fish habitat.

Goals for Fish Habitat Conservation for the Next 10 Years:

- Re-vegetate riparian and upland areas with native vegetation to promote healthy stream banks, reduce sediment transport to the river, and enhance salmon habitat.
- Protect existing native riparian trees and shrubs from land clearing, as required by existing shoreline regulations.³
- Educate river users and landowners about components of high quality fish habitat and fish management goals, which would include large woody debris and its benefits to salmon, spawning gravel identification, prevention of invasive species transport, value of functioning riparian areas and public access rules and guidelines.
- Increase public or trust ownership of currently undeveloped parcels in the project area to reduce potential impacts to fish habitat from future property development adjacent to the river.
- Manage public access to the river so that it does not adversely impact in-river fish habitat, fish or adjacent riparian areas.
- Increase retention of naturally-occurring large woody debris to enhance development of pools and cover for salmon; re-locate large wood if necessary to reduce significant hazards to boaters.
- Enforce the counties' existing shoreline protection regulations.

Geographic Focus Areas for Fish Habitat Conservation Actions:

- ↑ Increasing Priority
1. Highly developable areas which are most vulnerable
 2. Fish spawning areas
 3. In-stream protection within and adjacent to the lowest two miles of the river, due to redd densities
 4. Public access to the river from Northwestern Park downstream about a half mile in Skamania County to where the canyon becomes inaccessible
 5. Fish passage blockages in Buck and Mill Creeks
 6. Entire corridor from mouth to Buck Creek
 7. Newly revealed (i.e. formerly submerged) lands downstream of Northwestern Park
 8. In-stream and riparian restoration in tributaries, including Buck Creek and Mill Creek

³ Includes Critical Area ordinances, Shoreline Management rules, National Scenic Area regulations and other applicable local, state and federal laws to protect land and water.

Fish Habitat Conservation Issues Requiring Additional Discussion

Several issues emerged during the public process where additional community discussion is needed to promote greater agreement or understanding.

Lands suitable for development: During final public review, many people expressed a desire to include a vision for lands that are suitable for some type of development based on slope, zoning and proximity to the river and wanted the vision to consider potential impacts to habitat, water quality or water quantity. Some people also said a definition is needed for “developable” and the type of activities that would or could occur. Others said that all undeveloped PacifiCorp lands should be protected, not just those ill-suited for development. The majority of CONLA members have expressed the desire for lands around their cabins to remain in a natural state, without new nearby large-scale development. One person wrote that a vision statement on developable lands needs to have clarity between PacifiCorp lands and other private lands.

This discussion and its related questions led participants to place “highly developable areas” as the top priority of geographic focus in any future public process.

Large woody debris: Many comments were made supporting the natural recruitment and retention of large woody debris to provide cover and habitat for salmonids. Some of the same commenters also strongly opposed the use of cables to artificially anchor large woody debris in the river for habitat restoration. Some other comments supported removing large woody debris because of safety concerns for boaters.

Watershed Planning: Throughout the public process, several statements from participants expressed support for reinitiating watershed planning for the White Salmon River (Water Resources Inventory Area 29B). Watershed Planning was initiated for the White Salmon River in 2000, in accordance with Washington State’s Watershed Planning Act administered by the Washington Department of Ecology. The process was discontinued in 2005 without adoption of a watershed plan. The goal of watershed planning in Washington State is to allow local citizens to work together to assess the status of the water resources in their watershed and determine how best to manage water resources. The plans address water quantity and recommend long term strategies to provide water in sufficient quantities to satisfy minimum instream flows and to provide water for future out-of-stream needs. Optional elements that may be addressed in a watershed plan include instream flow, water quality, and habitat.

Additionally, participants commented that water quantity constraints could have an impact on fish habitat and economic benefits associated with recreation and future development. Comments in this area generally focused on groundwater withdrawals, which have a hydrologic connection to the flows in the White Salmon River.

Native American fishing: Suggestions were made during the November public meeting to add a vision statement related to tribal fishing. These comments echoed other statements made at the May public meeting that tribal members will fulfill treaty rights to fish in usual and accustomed areas on the White Salmon River. The Treaty of 1855 between the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

and the U.S. Government secured the right of the Yakama People to fish in “usual and accustomed places.”

Tribal harvest is not expected to occur until five years after the breach of Condit Dam. In addition, during the stakeholder interviews held in early 2014, some apprehension was expressed about the potential for harvest platforms to be used on river banks by tribal fishers. A separate, but related comment, recommended enhancing the in-lieu fishing site for tribal use at the mouth of the White Salmon.

County tax revenue: There was strong support for transferring ownership of undeveloped PacifiCorp lands outside of the cabin area to a public entity or land trust. However, there is a concern with the resulting effect to county finances. Currently, PacifiCorp pays property taxes; government ownership would generate less county revenue for needed public services. This concern is especially acute for Skamania County, where the private property tax base is already limited by significant quantities of public lands.

Other Concepts Discussed

Several other recommendations were made during community discussions about the river corridor that were not directly related to fish habitat conservation. Agreement was not reached on these comments, but they were expressed numerous times. These concepts will be passed along to the appropriate public and private entities and include:

- There are many opportunities and ideas for how to enhance public recreational access within the project area, including how to ensure people with mobility constraints may access the river. One potential public access site is the former flow line site on the east side of the river between the former dam site and the powerhouse. This site could also be connected to Underwood by reconstructing a bridge to connect with an existing (gated) road (Northwestern Dam Road), currently used by the community as an unofficial trail.
- Northwestern Park should remain a public park.
- Condit Dam was removed primarily to improve fish habitat.
- PacifiCorp needs to follow through on commitments and permit obligations under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to mitigate the effects on private property owners and recreationists from the removal of Condit Dam.
- The uncertainty of future land ownership of PacifiCorp-owned property in the project area concerns many people.
- Property-owners are concerned about the impacts to their property and their solitude due to increased river recreation.
- There is a need to improve and enhance emergency access and response time to the river and shoreline residences (e.g. search and rescue, fire suppression).
- Residents are concerned about wildfire risk.
- Protection of oak woodlands, wildlife habitat and wildlife is important in the watershed.
- Transparent processes that allow cooperation between PacifiCorp, county governments, landowners, cabin owners and residents with river-related investments as well as other members of the public are needed to move ahead with decision-making.

Conclusion

The process to create and develop this fish habitat conservation approach promoted community discussion and strong support for where the next areas of action should or could occur. Additional work will be needed to further the discussions and promote decision-making once funding is available or PacifiCorp announces its intention to divest of its lands in the White Salmon River corridor. This project allowed a dialogue to begin and showed a community willingness to participate in a productive way.

To promote implementation and further discussion, Mid-Columbia Fisheries will share this approach with interested parties, including the following entities, to use when crafting salmonid habitat protection, restoration, or other projects and to communicate the concerns that were beyond the scope of this project:

- American Rivers
- American Whitewater
- Cabin Owners of Northwestern Lake Association
- Columbia Land Trust
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Friends of the Columbia Gorge
- Friends of the White Salmon River
- Klickitat and Skamania counties
- Klickitat Lead Entity
- Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Northwestern Lake Homeowners Association
- PacifiCorp
- The Columbia River Gorge Commission
- The Conservation Fund
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Underwood Conservation District
- Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board
- White Salmon River Watershed Management Committee
- Other partners and stakeholders interested in salmonid recovery in the lower White Salmon River, and any other signatories to the settlement agreement for removal of Condit Dam.

Appendix

- Development Suitability Analysis
- Public engagement summaries
 - May 17, 2014, public meeting summary
 - Online public meeting summary
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 - November 15, 2014, public meeting summary



RESOURCE

NPS-RTCA Application

LOWER WHITE SALMON RIVER



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- Set priorities and build consensus
- Identify funding strategies
- Develop a sustainable organizational framework to support the project
- Create project management and strategic action plans
- Coaching teams, groups, and partnership networks

National Park Service Mission

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Application Process and Timeline

We recommend consulting an NPS RTCA staff member prior to the application deadline to help identify how our expertise can complement your project and to answer questions regarding the application. Please see the contact list at the end of this document to identify the Program Manager who serves your state.

- Application deadline: June 30
- Email completed applications to the Program Manager who serves your state (*see list at the end of the application*)
- Please include the following in your Application Package:
 1. Completed application form
 2. Site location map
 3. Support letters from 3 or more project partners
 4. Optional supplemental information that can help us learn more about your project (background documents, examples of media coverage, additional maps, list of links to resources, project photos, etc.)
- Applicants will be notified of decisions before November 1.
- Project start times will be coordinated with you.

Project Selection Criteria

Applications for support from the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program are competitively evaluated based on the following criteria:

- The project has specific goals and results for conservation and outdoor recreation expected in the near future.
- Roles and contributions of project partners are significant and well-defined.
- There is evidence of broad community support for the project.
- The project fits with our areas of focus (although proposals falling outside these areas are considered).



Application Form

Date:

Project Name:

City and State:

Congressional District(s) Number(s):

Primary Applicant Organization(s):

Primary Contact:

Title:

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City:

State/Territory:

Zip Code:

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1. Project Summary

Address the following points in a concise project description:

a. Summary of project goal(s):

b. Project area (ex. location, geography, demographics, etc.):

2. Roles

- a. Describe your organization, its role in the project, and the time and resources that will be contributed:
- b. In the chart below, list the key partners involved with the project and their anticipated role and impact:

Organization Name	Project Role and Contribution

4. NPS Support Requested (continued)

- b. What types of assistance are you seeking from the NPS staff that would complement your team?

5. How Did You Hear About Us?

How did you hear about our program (i.e. from a colleague, online search, NPS website, Facebook, email, grants.gov, or other)?

6. Attachments

Please include the following attachments with this completed application by June 30:

- Site location map
- Support letters from 3 or more project partners
- Optional supplemental information that can help us learn more about your project (background documents, examples of media coverage, additional maps, list of links to resources, project photos, etc.)

Submitting Your Application

Please email your completed application to the Program Manager for your region and state:

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RESOURCE

PacifiCorp Press Release
Yakama Nation Right Of First Offer

LOWER WHITE SALMON RIVER

PacifiCorp and Yakama Nation reach Right of First Offer agreement for lands in White Salmon River canyon

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Following months of negotiation, PacifiCorp and the Yakama Nation have agreed that the Nation will have a Right of First Offer for as much as 289 acres of land along the White Salmon River in south central Washington.

PacifiCorp, which has owned the land since the early 1900s as part of the operation of the Condit Hydroelectric Project, recently satisfied all federal requirements concerning the river's rehabilitation following the removal of the Condit Dam in 2012. The company may look to sell the property in the future, but no timeline for putting the property on the market exists. At this time, the property is not for sale.

"We wanted to be as transparent as possible," said Todd Olson, director of hydro compliance. "Having been involved in the White Salmon community for more than a century, we know there is a tremendous amount of interest in what happens to the lands on both sides of the river below the former dam site. The agreement with the Nation is not a sale agreement, but demonstrates our intention and the values we share with the Yakama and the people who use and love the river."

"The Yakama Nation and PacifiCorp have worked together for decades in the White Salmon Basin and elsewhere in our traditional homelands," said Virgil Lewis Sr., Tribal Council Vice-Chairman. "We are pleased to jointly announce this Right of First Offer of PacifiCorp's lands along the lower White Salmon River: a unique opportunity to preserve in perpetuity critical river and upland habitats that sustain our way of life. We will continue to work with our partners throughout the Yakama Nation's traditional territories in order to honor, protect and restore our culture and the natural resources on which it depends, and to uphold our promise to the Creator to speak for those resources that cannot speak for themselves."

The land included in the agreement begins at the former dam site down river to where the White Salmon flows into the Columbia. The still standing Condit Powerhouse is part of the property covered by the agreement. The agreement does not include company-owned property further upriver where leased cabin sites and Northwestern Park are located.



RESOURCE

Report On Existing Recreation Conditions

LOWER WHITE SALMON RIVER

REPORT

Existing Recreation Conditions on Lower White Salmon River PacifiCorp Lands

The 6-mile, 550-acre sweep of the Lower White Salmon River, owned and controlled by PacifiCorp for over a century, is a critical segment of White Salmon and Columbia river watersheds. The Lower White Salmon Coalition is a group representing 11 community, business, and conservation organizations devoted to creating a long-range strategy to wisely, sustainably manage this stretch of the river in perpetuity. *For member roster and goals, please see appendix 1 and 2.*

The Coalition developed this inventory of existing recreation-related opportunities on the PacifiCorp lands from Northwestern Park to the confluence of the Columbia. It is not a vision or a plan. Rather it is a documentation of how the public currently uses the Lower White Salmon Corridor. The Coalition chose not to include all of the fishing trails and game trails in this inventory. Only the main or more commonly used trails are detailed in this report.

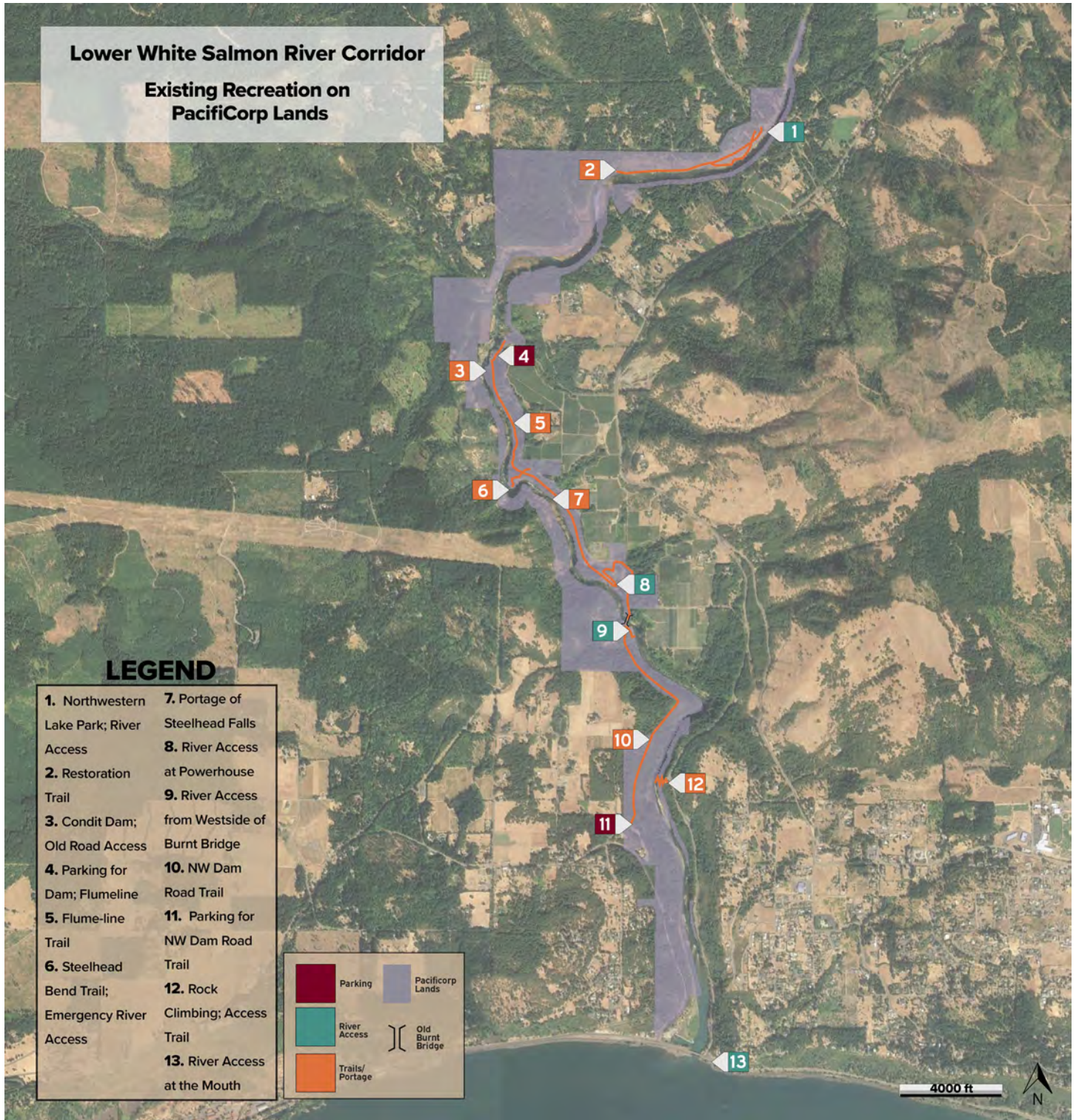


*Restoration Trail at Northwestern Park
Photo Credit: Trover.com*



*Rafters on the Lower Section of the White Salmon River
Photo Credit: Wet Planet*

Lower White Salmon Existing Recreation Conditions Map



Lower White Salmon Existing Recreation Conditions

1. Northwestern Park & River Access

Northwestern Park has parking, a porta-potty, picnic tables, BBQ pits and river access. The river access serves as both a take-out for the Lower run of the White Salmon River and a put-in for the Lower-Lower section of the White Salmon River.

2. Restoration Trail

The existing Restoration Trail (approximately .65 miles one way) and Yakama Nation Restoration Site provide a great short hiking opportunity for visitors at Northwestern Park. There are plans for interpretive signage here to tell the restoration story. This trail is relatively flat and good for limited mobility people (but not wheelchairs). There is a short loop contained within the trail that allows for river access.

3. Condit Dam Site & Old Road Access

Currently, people are accessing the old dam site by walking on the old road across from the private residence on Powerhouse Road that is above the dam site. Walkers then go to the dam site and often continue on the Flumeline Trail to Steelhead Bend and the Powerhouse. The walk from Powerhouse Road to the old dam site is roughly 750 feet. *See Detail Map 1.*

4. Parking for Dam Site & Flumeline Trail

Trail users park at the pull-out just past the lone residence on Powerhouse Road. They walk back up Powerhouse road for approximately 350 feet and then drop down the old access road as discussed above. There is parking here for 3-4 automobiles. *See Detail Map 1.*

5. Flumeline Trail

Currently, this trail is on an old pipeline (penstock) corridor that was used when the dam and powerhouse were functioning. The corridor is approximately 20' wide and relatively flat. There is one section of the flumeline bed that has slumped and slid down into the river below but it is still walkable. Total length of the Flumeline Trail is approximately one mile.

6. Steelhead Bend Trail & Emergency River Access

This is a popular river access trail that drops off of Powerhouse Road and crosses the Flumeliine Trail and goes down to Steelhead Bend. This is a critical emergency access route in case of emergencies at Steelhead Bend and Steelhead Falls.

This trail is the quickest way to evacuate injured people from here and to access emergencies occurring in the Steelhead Falls area. If the entrance to Steelhead Falls or Narrows becomes impassable, this trail is the only exit from the river. The entire trail is less than 1,000 feet in length.

7. Portage of Steelhead Falls

Steelhead Falls is a class 5/6 waterfall. Most everyone portages Steelhead Falls. There is an established portage trail around Steelhead Falls that is maintained mostly by river guides to ensure their clients are safe on this section of river. This is an essential safety portage. Without it, numerous injuries are likely to occur. The portage is approximately 800 feet in length.

8. River Access at Powerhouse

Currently, only a few river runners use this site as a take-out because of the long distance to haul their boats up to Powerhouse Road. River access at the Powerhouse site, and the possibility of ten parking spaces under Scenic Area regulations, is important in several ways.

The site has been used in the past for emergency access to the river, and this would continue. The site may provide lower end access to the Flumeline Trail. It may be needed for fishing, and the site could be very useful as a boater take-out, allowing paddlers to avoid floating over downstream redds (in season) and as an alternate to the hazardous takeout at the mouth of the river.

9. River Access Trail from the west-side of the Burnt Bridge

This short trail goes from the end of Northwest Dam Road to the bank of the White Salmon just below the burnt bridge. Total length of this trail is less than 350 feet.

10. Northwest Dam Road Trail

This is a popular hiking trail for local residents. The trail (less than one mile in length) is on the gravel road bed which allows for people of limited mobility to enjoy the river corridor. It should be noted that this old road is most likely owned by Skamania County and not Pacificorp.

11. Parking for Northwest Dam Road Trail

The existing parking for the Northwest Dam Road Trail is just in front of the gate closing the road to motorized traffic. There is parking for 4-6 cars here. The current parking is on Northwest Dam Road and is within the road right-of-way, which is owned by Skamania County.

12. Rock Climbing & Access Trail

A climbing area popular with local rock climbers, this area has a small pull-out for 2-3 cars and a trail that leads to the climbing area and down to the river. Trail length is approximately 500 feet. The parking area is within WADOT right-of-way and the trail and climbing area may be as well.

13. River Access at the Mouth

This river access site is used by river runners as a take-out and stand up paddle boarders as a put-in and take-out. There is parking here for vehicles, buses and trailers. The parking often is filled and people are forced to walk along 141-alternate. The fast automobile traffic on Hwy 14 and 141-alternate make this site less than ideal for a river access point but it is essential to meet the needs of the recreation community.

This river access is actually on WSDOT right-of-way and not PacificCorp land. It is listed here to show where boaters are primarily taking out for this section of the White Salmon River.

Lower White Salmon Existing Conditions Details Map



Appendix 1

The Lower White Salmon Coalition includes representatives from:

- Cabin Owners of Northwest Lake Association
- The Conservation Fund
- Friends of the Columbia Gorge
- Friends of White Salmon River
- Lower Columbia Canoe Club
- Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group
- Mount Adams Resource Stewards
- Oregon Kayak and Canoe Club
- Northwestern Lake Development Homeowners' Association
- Underwood Conservation District
- Wet Planet Whitewater
- Zoller Outdoor Odysseys

Technical assistance provided by:

National Park Service - Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance

Appendix 2

Lower White Salmon River Coalition's goals include:

- Develop local consensus around the future of the PacifiCorp lands
- Promote and participate in the stewardship, restoration, and enhancement of natural stream, riparian and upland habitat
- Recognize Native American treaty rights and protection of cultural resources
- Support efforts to preserve and reuse the Condit powerhouse in accordance with the PacifiCorp "Historic Properties and Cultural Resources Management Plan"
- Preserve and carefully enhance public access for compatible recreational activities
- Support long-term ownership for Cabin Owners of Northwest Lake Association
- Support recovery of native salmon, trout, and lamprey
- Work with stakeholders and groups with useful expertise and knowledge to identify environmentally sensitive areas, cabin and cabin infrastructure, recreational uses, and treaty and cultural resource areas on the PacifiCorp parcels
- Facilitate transfer of ownership of PacifiCorp parcels not related to cabin owners' leaseholds to organizations, private or public, with the capacity and willingness to own and manage the property for uses identified in our River Corridor Plan
- Work cooperatively with PacifiCorp toward a mutually beneficial outcome.



RESOURCE

Opportunities for Recreation and Conservation

LOWER WHITE SALMON RIVER

Lower White Salmon Vision: Potential Opportunities for Recreation & Conservation on Pacificorp Land on the White Salmon River

The 6-mile, 550-acre sweep of the Lower White Salmon River, owned and controlled by Pacificorp for over a century, is a critical segment of the White Salmon and Columbia river watersheds. The Lower White Salmon Coalition is devoted to creating a long-range vision for this stretch of the river.

The following details the conditions and opportunities identified by the White Salmon Coalition. It is hoped that stakeholders and surrounding communities will provide further input. The Coalition will utilize this feedback to develop a vision for the river corridor to provide guidance to current and future owners of the Pacificorp lands.

Pacificorp Lands – Background & Opportunity

For over a century Pacificorp has owned and managed about 550 acres in Klickitat and Skamania counties, including the entire shoreline of the White Salmon River from just above Northwestern Park to the Columbia River. Throughout Pacificorp's ownership, the local community has enjoyed access to the land for informal recreational uses. The final decommissioning of Condit Dam represents an opportunity to think about the future of the Lower White Salmon River and what might happen with the Pacificorp lands. Pacificorp still owns the land, but a group of locals has come together to discuss possibilities.

Coalition members have discussed and agreed on common broad goals including stewardship and enhancement of natural resources, protection of historic and cultural resources, recreational access including whitewater boating, fishing, trails, and opportunities for cabin owners to own, rather than lease, the land where the cabins are located.

Recreation & Conservation Alternatives & Potential Outcomes

Below is a list of potential alternatives and outcomes of each alternative developed by the working committees of the LWSC. The task is to review these proposed alternatives and make edits/suggestions to them, identify missing alternatives, and note what visuals/materials will likely be needed at the planned upcoming open houses (Underwood, Husum & White Salmon). Ideally, at the end of July 25th, the Coalition will have agreement that these are the alternatives that we want to put forth to the public and move forward with.

For the purposes of this document, potential recommendations such as where signs might go, discussions regarding stream crossings and the need for bridges, where areas might be good to have viewing areas, and where emergency access routes could be are not detailed but will all come after the open houses and community survey. These details will be part of the process of developing the actual vision plan for the LWSC.



Lower White Salmon Coalition

This group has grown and is actively reaching out to people who use, live nearby, or are otherwise invested in this land's future. We call ourselves the Lower White Salmon Coalition. Members of the Coalition include adjacent landowners, local business owners, interested citizens, and local non-profits.



Importance of Community Input

Above all, Coalition members believe that the community and local values should determine the future of this critically important stretch of the lower White Salmon River. Our interests vary widely. Nevertheless, we are committed to developing local consensus on the river corridor's future.

We would like your feedback about the various alternatives and opportunities so that we can craft a vision that reflects the community and stakeholders who live in and around the Lower White Salmon River.



People rafting the White Salmon River

TRAILS

Lower White Salmon River Trails

The following are the different trail alternatives for the Lower White Salmon Corridor. It should be noted that these alternatives were developed by groups of stakeholders and interested citizens. These groups met regularly and went on numerous site visits to research the potential opportunities.



A hiker and dog walk along the overgrown Flume Line Trail

Alternative 1

Leave As Is

This status quo alternative would not develop any new sections of trail.

- The existing gravel road (continuation of Northwestern Dam Road) off of Cook-Underwood Road would be open as a trail (closed to motorized with the gate).
- The Restoration Trail on the Western bank of the White Salmon River that goes for about 3/4 of a mile downstream of Northwestern Park would also remain open to the public.
- The old flume-line from the old dam site to the historic powerhouse building could be utilized as a trail but would not be further developed as such.

Potential Outcomes

- Use would likely remain as it is today with a slow but steady increase due to population and recreation use pressures.
- The White Salmon River, despite miles of riverfront, would still remain largely inaccessible with little hiking opportunities along it.

Alternative 2

Enhance the Old Flume Line Into a Trail

- Keep existing trails discussed above
- Enhance the old flume-line into a trail which would include brushing, delineating the tread on the wide "road" bed, and elevating all water crossings.
- Parking could be at either/both the Dam site or Powerhouse site which are both on Powerhouse Road. (Scenic Area zoning permitting?)

Potential Outcomes

- Use would likely increase on the old Flume Line.
- The need for more parking at the old dam site (upriver start of the Flume Line) and near the old powerhouse would increase. Currently there are no parking areas but a small pullout (2-3 cars) near the dam site on Powerhouse Road. People are also just parking at the end of Powerhouse Road (1-2 cars).
- This could increase vehicular traffic on Powerhouse Road.

Alternative 3

Create a Contiguous Trail on the East Side of The River

- Keep existing trails
- Develop a trail from the powerhouse site to Northwestern Lake Road
- Enhance the Flume Line and connect it to the old Condit Dam site to Northwestern Lake Road.
- This 1.75-mile section of trail would be hiker-only and have steep steps and narrow tread (2-4 feet in width).
- Main trailhead would be Northwestern Park

Due to ownership and/or topography this trail might not be feasible.

Potential Outcomes

- Introducing a new use (trail) from Northwestern Lake Road to the old Condit Dam site (1.75 miles).
- Introducing a new use (trail) from Northwestern Lake Road to the old Condit Dam site (1.75 miles).
- This alternative would create a contiguous trail (3.25 miles) from the powerhouse site to Northwestern Lake Road.
- Use would likely increase due to the additional mileage which would put more people and vehicles at the parking areas. Most people would likely start this hike at Northwestern Park but some might park along Powerhouse Road.

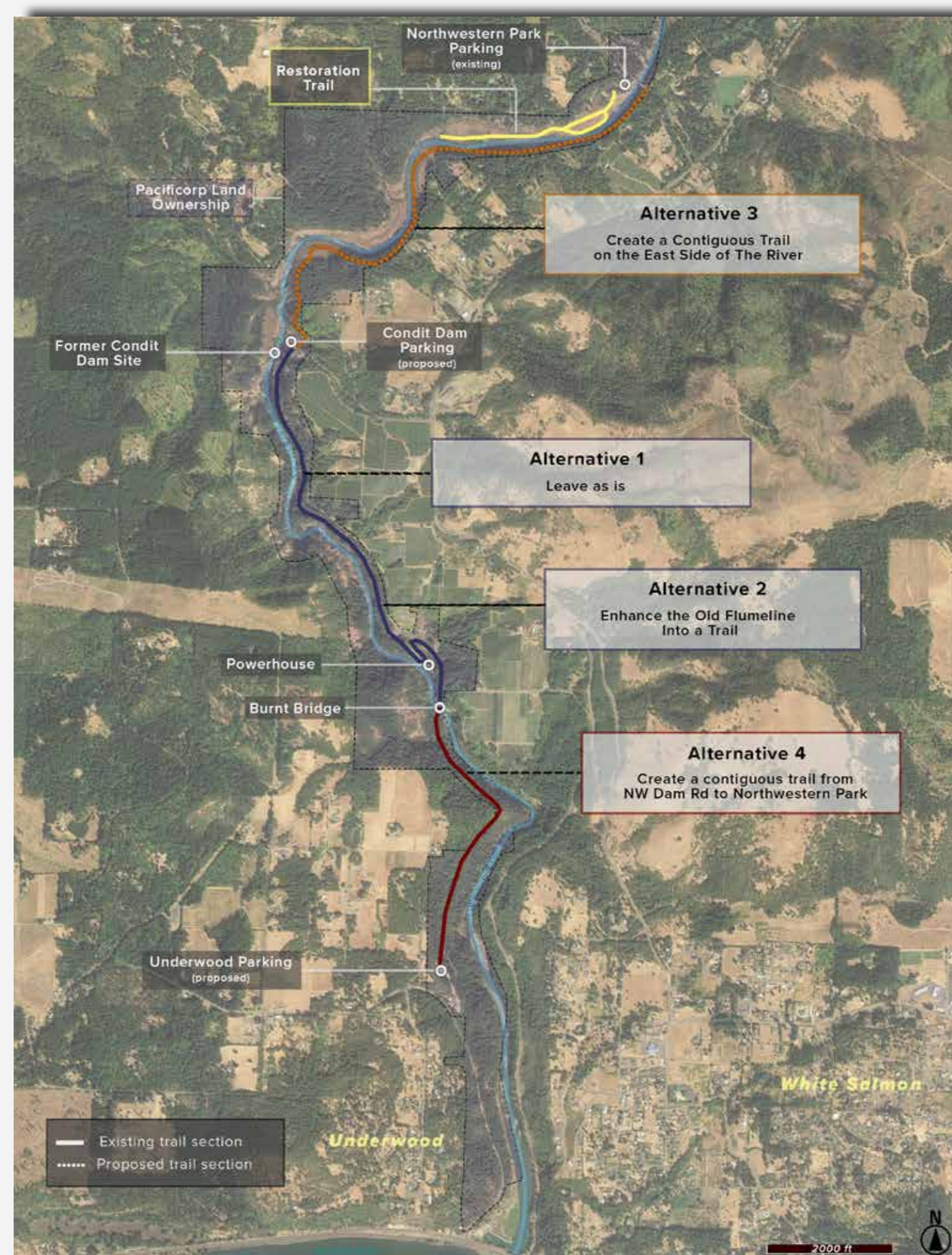
Alternative 4

Create a contiguous trail from NW Dam Rd to Northwestern Park

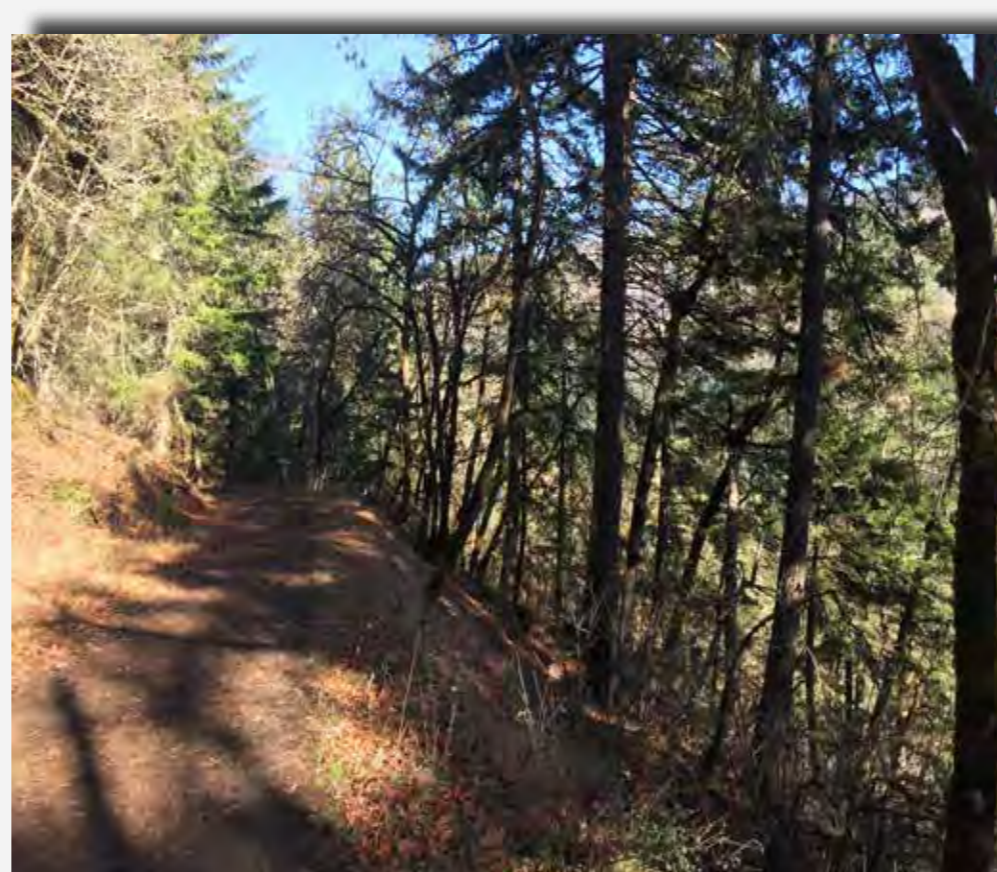
- Similar Alternative 3 but would make a contiguous trail from Underwood (Northwestern Dam Road) to Northwestern Park by re-decking the old burnt bridge and making it open to non-motorized traffic.
- This alternative would create a 4.25 mile long trail.
- Main trailhead would be Northwestern Park.

Potential Outcomes

- People from Underwood could access the entire length of trail.
- Because Northwestern Dam Road (Underwood) would connect all the way to Northwestern Park, use of the Underwood side of the trail would likely increase by locals and visitors alike. It could be that despite efforts to steer people to Northwestern Park, many might park at Northwestern Dam Road (Underwood) since this would be the closest parking to Hood River, Stevenson, and the I-5 corridor. A new parking area would probably be needed on the Underwood side.



Restoration Trail near Northwestern Park



NW Dam Road Trail near Underwood



Photo Credit: Gorge Heritage Museum, (Ingens, WA) archives

Aerial view looking upstream along Condit Dam penstock flume pipe

TRAILS

Trail Alternatives Analyzed but Dropped

Trail From Skamania County Gravel Pit (Northwestern Dam Road) to Cook Underwood Road

There is an existing old road bed that could connect to Cook Underwood Road and could allow people to park on the East shoulder of Cook Underwood Road between Northwestern Dam Road and Hwy 14. This was eliminated from further discussion because of the high likelihood of a vehicular collision and lack of space to create a turn-around.

Extending the Restoration Trail

This alternative was dropped from further discussion because of the large creek crossings (Spring Creek, Mill Creek & Little Buck Creek) that would be involved. Each creek would require a 25 foot plus bridge (each bridge would be roughly \$750k-\$1mill). In addition, the West-side of the White Salmon River is dramatically steeper than the East-side. The Trail Planning Committee determined that construction and maintenance costs would be prohibitive.

Trail From Skamania County Gravel Pit (Northwestern Dam Road) to Hwy 14

This would be an extension of the above eliminated trail but would cross Cook Underwood Road and drop down to Hwy 14. This alternative was dropped because of the danger involved in crossing Cook Underwood Road and the inability to locate an adequate parking area on Hwy 14.

Continuation of the Northwestern Dam Road on the West-side of the River (Underwood)

This alternative would construct new trail heading up river at the end of Northwestern Dam Road (at the old burnt bridge) but was dropped because of the steepness of slope and the construction and maintenance costs that would be involved.

Trail Use

Depending upon the trail alternative that is selected, use for the entire trail or sections of trail will need to be determined. Pedestrian use will take place along whatever sections of trail are developed. Because of the lack of adequate trailhead facilities for equestrian, the trail committee believes it is best to keep horses off this trail but have signage/information that lets people know that there are over 20 miles of equestrian trails in the Buck Creek/Nestor Peak Trail System immediately north of Northwestern Park.

The trail committee also believes because of the relatively short distance (under 4 miles one-way) and likelihood to increase use tremendously, mountain biking should be prohibited on these trails. Bikes could be allowed on the Underwood section of the Lower White Salmon River Trail as long as the bridge is not re-decked (see below for Old Burnt Bridge discussion).

BRIDGE

Old Burnt Bridge

There is an existing bridge over the White Salmon River that connects Northwestern Dam Road (Skamania side) and Powerhouse Road. The bridge decking (wood) was burnt years ago and the bridge was eventually closed and barricaded but still poses potential risks. Based upon an initial consultation, the bridge structure itself appears to be sound enough for non-motorized traffic. This could be a unique and valuable resource in the future. Who owns the bridge has yet to be determined.



Bridge with barrier and lack of decking



View of the bridge from the river

Alternative 1

Leave As Is

Don't replace the old burnt wood decking on the bridge and leave it closed and barricaded.

Potential Outcomes

- The trail would not be contiguous from Underwood to the Powerhouse, old dam site, and Northwestern Park.
- The portion of Northwestern Dam now closed to vehicles would likely remain a local walking and fishing access trail.

Alternative 2

Remove the Bridge

Remove the bridge so that it is no longer usable by anyone and does not pose a safety risk in the future

Potential Outcome

- Same outcomes as Alternative 1 but would require coordination for construction to remove bridge.

Alternative 3

Re-open the Bridge

Replace the decking on the bridge and open it to non-motorized traffic.

Potential Outcomes

- The trail would connect Underwood to the Powerhouse, old dam site, and Northwestern Park in a single, 4.25-mile stretch.
- With new connections to Northwestern Dam Road and Northwestern Park, use of the Underwood side of the trail would likely increase by locals and visitors alike.
- Because Northwestern Dam Road (Underwood) would connect all the way to Northwestern Park, use of the Underwood side of the trail would likely increase by locals and visitors alike. It could be that despite efforts to steer people to Northwestern Park, many might park at Northwestern Dam Road (Underwood) since this would be the closest parking to Hood River, Stevenson, and the I-5 corridor. A new parking area somewhere on the Underwood side would probably be needed.
- Residents of Underwood and others would be able to hike the entire length of trail from Underwood and have access to the related exercise and health benefits of a non-motorized trail of this length.
- Residents of Underwood and others would be able to bike to White Salmon without going on Highway 14 or 141 alternate.

HABITAT

The river corridor provides important natural values and habitat, including:

- The entire corridor is important for multiple ESA-listed and non-listed fish species migration, spawning, rearing, dip-in, and Columbia River conditions. Continuity is important.
- The entire corridor provides important wildlife habitat and connection to upland habitat. The corridor provides habitat to specially-protected wildlife including Western grey squirrel, bats, waterfowl.
- The corridors include special features, such as waterfalls, the Narrows, steep slopes, talus slopes, Oregon White Oak woodlands and mature conifer forests.
- Important water resources include tributaries, shorelines, wetlands, seeps and springs.



Photo Credit: Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group

Smolt trap on the White Salmon River at river mile 1.4



Photo Credit: Jason Crockett

Team conducts a fish count on the Lower White Salmon

Native Vegetation

Native trees and shrubs were planted in the former Condit reservoir. Many survived and are growing well. There are some places where native trees are lacking and invasive plants are gaining a foothold. Downstream of the former reservoir, the vegetation in the riparian corridor is healthy. However, there are areas where people are still dumping garbage.



Photo Credit: Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group

Volunteers plant native trees along the White Salmon River

Alternative 1

Leave As Is

This alternative would not address or mitigate the current vegetation

Potential Outcomes

- No action alternative results in no improvement in habitat for fish and wildlife (or decreased habitat for fish and wildlife).
- A further increase in invasive and noxious weeds populations in the corridor.

Alternative 2

Improve condition of native vegetation within the project area, including along the river and tributaries

This alternative would incorporate native, riparian plantings, removal of invasive weeds, educating residents and river users, removal of any garbage, continued protection of native shoreline vegetation, oak woodlands, wetlands, seeps, springs, and tributaries.

Potential Outcomes

- Improved habitat for fish and wildlife.
- Improved slope stability.
- Reduced spread of invasive species, and more diverse and healthy plant communities.

Aquatic Life

The Lower White Salmon River serves as an important cold water refuge for fish species including steelhead and salmon. The decommissioning of Condit Dam has opened new opportunities for these fish. Further actions could be taken to assist salmonid recovery in the river.

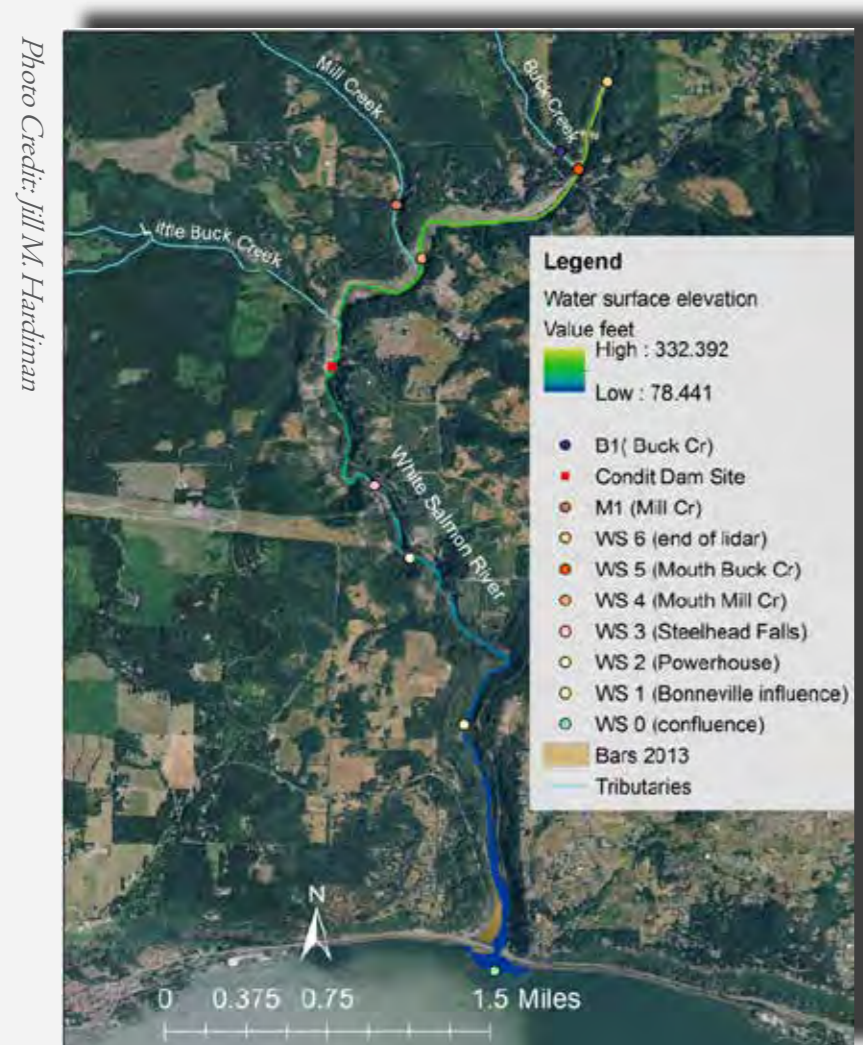


Photo Credit: Jill M. Handman

Map of water elevation along Lower White Salmon

Alternative 1

Leave As Is

This alternative would leave the current aquatic environment as is.

Potential Outcome

- No action alternative could result in disturbance or trampling of redds and native vegetation and other habitat degradation.



Photo Credit: Visit Hood River

Native Steelhead

Alternative 2

Protection of aquatic life (salmon & steelhead)

- Educate river users about best practices to ensure that fish redds (spawning areas) are not disturbed, native vegetation is protected, large wood is maintained instream, and aquatic invasive organisms are not introduced.
- Support development of a boater take out above the lowest 1.5 mile of the White Salmon River. This section of river has the highest concentrations of salmonid redds in the entire river system and providing a good take-out for boaters above these redds is likely to be beneficial.
- Support responsible and appropriate recreational infrastructure, including restrooms, signage and garbage receptacles at high-impact areas, and sound trail planning rather than user built trails that might not protect sensitive habitats.

Potential Outcome

- Improved and protected aquatic life, including salmon and steelhead.
- Enhance riparian zone through additional plantings and controlling invasive weeds.

PARKING

Condit Powerhouse

Currently, there is no developed parking at or near the Powerhouse. This location could serve as a parking area for both the proposed White Salmon River Trail and as the main take-out for paddlers (particularly raft companies) that are running the Lower White Salmon. The rest of the river trip gets progressively easier and just past the USFWS site (at the end of Arnett Rd), the River slows considerably.

While this entire corridor serves as key salmonid habitat, there is a larger concentration of redds below the Powerhouse. Getting more river runners out of the water here instead of downstream at the mouth may help to reduce impacts to redds. Plans for parking at the Powerhouse may be limited by Open Space zoning in the Scenic Area jurisdiction.



PacifiCorp Powerhouse seen from the river



PacifiCorp building currently at the site

Alternative

1

Leave the Powerhouse area as is/Do Nothing

This alternative would leave the Powerhouse area alone and not develop any parking in the area.

Potential Outcomes

- Without parking, this area could not become a take-out for guided and private boater trips. River runners would have to float down to the mouth and over more fish redds. The de-facto take-out at the mouth, which is not adequate (or safe) to meet the future demands, would continue to be the main take-out.
- If trail use increases between the dam site and the powerhouse site, people may park on the side of the road and potentially blocking EMS or nearby driveways.

Alternative

2

Develop the above discussed parking at the Powerhouse

You could fit 10+ trailer spots (cars could park two to a space).

Potential Outcomes

- This would become the main take-out for commercial boaters and some private boaters. It would reduce potential river recreation-related impacts to redds that are downstream of the powerhouse.
- If this parking area is developed, a raft/kayak slide or similar enhancement will be needed upstream of the Powerhouse. This will help boaters safely get off of the river and reduce impacts to the shoreline.
- If developed, this parking area would increase traffic on Powerhouse Road particularly from commercial raft traffic (vans with trailers). These drivers are likely to be more respectful of nearby residents than your average driver.



Alternative

3

Develop additional parking

If the PacifiCorp buildings here were to be torn down and the land retained, this could serve as an excellent parking area or overflow parking area and easily add 15+ trailer spots (cars could park two to a spot).

Potential Outcome

- If developed, this additional parking area would incur the same potential outcomes as stated in Alternative 2. This option would be adding more potential parking than in Alternative 2 and outcomes might be exacerbated.

Underwood (NW Dam Rd)

Currently, 2-3 cars can park in a space just past the private residence on NW Dam Road. There is a locked gate that leads to an old gravel pit owned by Skamania County. The pit, or land just beyond, could be turned into additional parking for 10+ vehicles.



Cars parked at the gate on NW Dam Rd

Alternative

1

Leaving As Is

Currently there is parking in front of the gate just past the only private residence on Northwestern Dam Road. There is enough room for 2-3 cars here. The gate is locked. People use the gated gravel road down to the old burnt bridge as a trail to walk their dogs, hike and access the White Salmon River.

Potential Outcomes

- If the demand for parking increases, there is not enough space here and trail users might park in ways that interfere with the local residence or block the gated road so that EMS and Fire could not use it as an access point.
- No signs and a lack of development could help keep the Underwood side of the trail less utilized by non-locals. However, if the trail is connected to the other side by re-decking the bridge, it is likely that a larger parking area would need to be built or parking issues would occur.

Alternative

2

Develop a Larger Parking Area

This alternative would involve moving the current gate to allow vehicular access to the old gravel pit (owned by Skamania County) or just beyond this point if Skamania County did not want this spot used as a parking area. The gate would be reinstalled past this parking area so that private vehicles could not access the gravel road to the old burnt out bridge. If this alternative were implemented there is ample room for 10+ cars.

Potential Outcomes

- If you build it, people will come". While Northwestern Park is meant to be the signed and preferred trailhead for the Lower White Salmon River Trail (if developed), many people from Hood River, Stevenson and the I-5 corridor (Portland & Vancouver) might use this parking area since it is closer to drive to.
- Ample parking could be developed so that people are not interfering with the local residence here.

PARKING

Northwestern Park

Northwestern Park is well suited as the main trailhead as it has existing infrastructure- restrooms (porta-potties), picnic tables and ample parking. This is the main take-out for local outfitter companies and private boaters because the lot provides the ability to maneuver buses and trailers to pick up passengers and boats. Also, access to five or six cabins runs through the west side of the park.



River access and parking at Northwestern Park

Alternative

1

Leave the parking alone at Northwestern Park/ Do Nothing

This alternative would not increase parking at Northwestern Park and would "leave things as they are".

Potential Outcome

- If the demand for parking increases, there is not enough space here and trail users and river runners might park in ways that interfere with local residences.

Alternative

2

Restructure parking

This would change the existing parking to maximize the number of spaces at the site.

Potential Outcome

- More parking spaces is likely to mean more visitors which could potentially increase traffic leading to Northwestern Park and increase the number of visitors at the park.

Condit Dam Site

Currently, there is a small 2-3 car pullout on Powerhouse Road. It is immediately above the dam site but there are large rip-rap boulders and a steep descent requiring people wanting to get to the dam site and old flume-line to backtrack on Powerhouse Road past the existing residence and drop down an old existing access road.



Site of the of Condit Dam



A viewing area above the river where the dam once stood

Alternative

1

Leave the parking alone at the dam site/ Do Nothing

This alternative would not increase parking at the dam site and would "leave things as they are".

Potential Outcomes

- If the demand for parking increases, there is not enough space here and trail users park in ways that interfere with local residence.
- Trail users will be walking on Powerhouse Road past the residence in order to gain access to the old dam site.

Alternative

2

Develop a new parking area that utilizes the old access road

This parking area could have 15+ cars. There may be an issue with ownership at the intersection of the old dirt road (access to parking) and Powerhouse road.

Potential Outcomes

- There is likely to be an increase in traffic to the old dam site if this parking area is developed and more people will be driving on Powerhouse Road to access road immediately prior to the residence.
- The residence is likely to hear noise from the parking area that will be out of site but downslope of their property.
- There will be less traffic both car and pedestrians walking by the private residence because they will be turning off of Powerhouse Road before their house.
- People (especially those of limited mobility) will have easy access to the old dam site.



Parking Alternatives in Underwood Analyzed but Dropped

Parking on the river-side of Cook Underwood Road – The wide pull-out on the uphill section of Cook-Underwood Road between Hwy 14 and Northwestern Dam Road has ample room to have parking along it. There is an old logging road that would allow people to hike from here directly to the gravel pit and bypass the portion of Northwestern Dam Road that goes by the lone residence. This alternative was dropped from discussion because the planning committee

believed it to be too dangerous with the potential of car collisions and the need for cars to find a place to turn-around.

Hwy 14 Parking – The planning committee attempted to find an area for parking on Hwy 14 near the confluence of the White Salmon and Columbia Rivers but were unsuccessful. This idea has been removed as a viable option.



Confluence of White Salmon and Columbia River



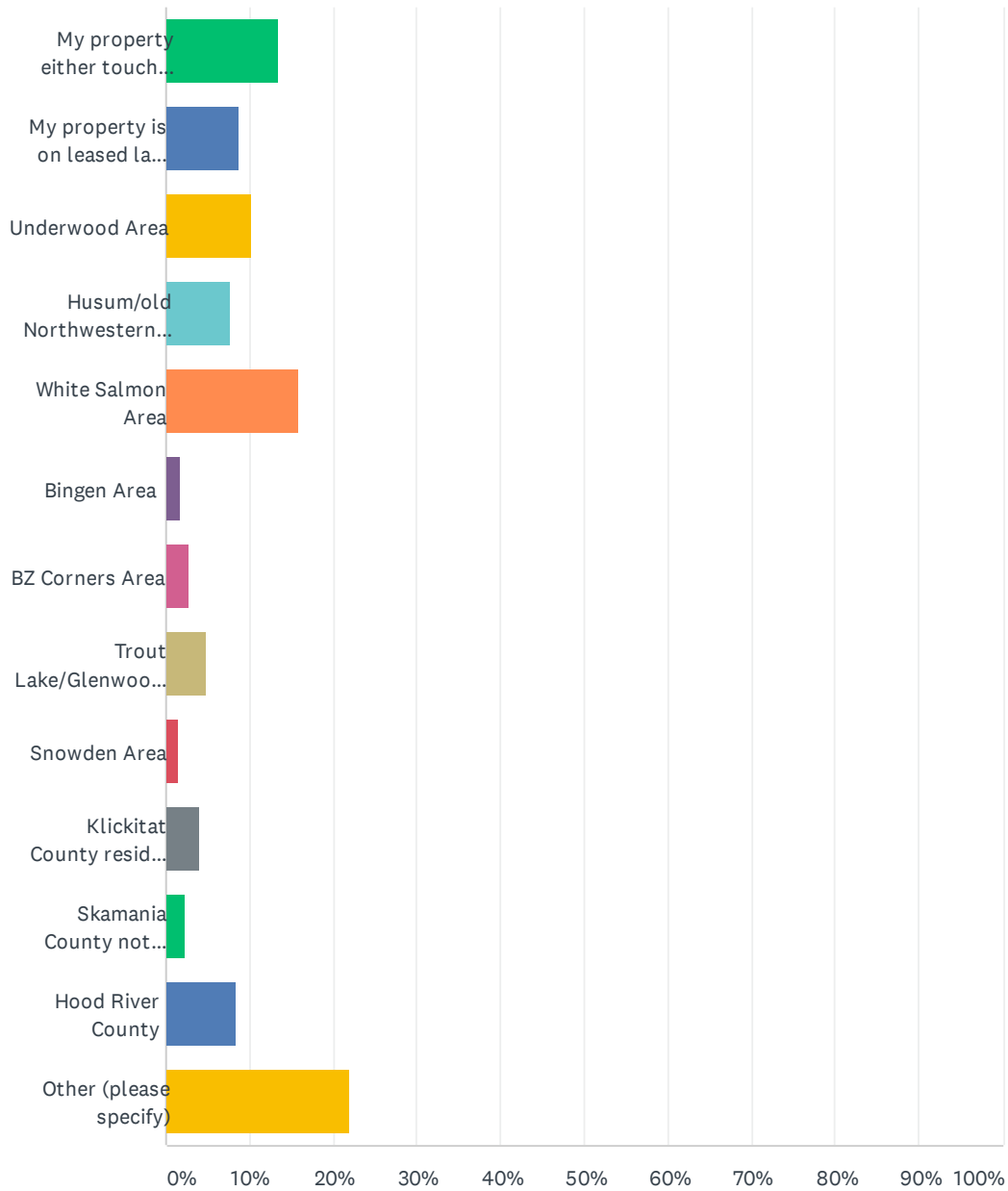
RESOURCE

Community Survey Results

LOWER WHITE SALMON RIVER

Q1 Where do you live or own property? You can pick only one response.

Answered: 466 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
My property either touches or is adjacent to the PacifiCorp lands within the Lower White Salmon River corridor	13.30% 62
My property is on leased land on PacifiCorp property	8.80% 41
Underwood Area	10.30% 48
Husum/old Northwestern Lake Area	7.73% 36
White Salmon Area	15.88% 74
Bingen Area	1.72% 8
BZ Corners Area	2.79% 13
Trout Lake/Glenwood Area	4.72% 22
Snowden Area	1.50% 7
Klickitat County resident not including the above areas	4.08% 19
Skamania County not including the above areas	2.36% 11
Hood River County	8.37% 39
Other (please specify)	21.89% 102
Total Respondents: 466	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Sammamish, WA	5/26/2021 8:16 PM
2	Vancouver	5/26/2021 8:13 PM
3	Seattle	5/23/2021 4:25 PM
4	bend	5/23/2021 2:10 AM
5	Portland	5/22/2021 6:24 AM
6	Wasco County	5/21/2021 12:23 PM
7	Portland	5/20/2021 10:20 PM
8	Oak Ridge Road, Husum/BZ Corner	5/20/2021 7:53 PM
9	Gig harbor	5/20/2021 4:58 PM
10	Portland	5/20/2021 10:40 AM
11	Out of town	5/19/2021 5:15 PM
12	Willamette Valley	5/19/2021 4:21 PM
13	Olympia	5/8/2021 8:42 AM
14	Seasonal worker	5/7/2021 6:22 PM
15	Portland, OR	5/7/2021 10:45 AM
16	..	5/5/2021 8:19 AM
17	PDX	5/3/2021 12:52 PM
18	Beaverton, OR	5/3/2021 9:25 AM
19	Hillsboro	4/30/2021 3:29 PM

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20	Portland	4/29/2021 7:24 PM
21	Portland	4/29/2021 3:43 PM
22	Portland, OR	4/28/2021 8:19 AM
23	Portland	4/27/2021 4:04 PM
24	Carbondale, co. I visit The white salmon area often.	4/27/2021 2:42 PM
25	None	4/25/2021 4:22 PM
26	Milwaukie, OR	4/24/2021 4:00 PM
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29	Portland	4/23/2021 10:07 AM
30	Portland, OR	4/23/2021 8:46 AM
31	Portland	4/23/2021 8:31 AM
32	Bend	4/23/2021 12:47 AM
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34	Renton, WA near Maple Valley	4/22/2021 7:09 PM
35	Hillsboro Oregon	4/22/2021 6:59 PM
36	King county	4/22/2021 6:31 PM
37	portland	4/22/2021 5:55 PM
38	Vancouver	4/22/2021 4:13 PM
39	Cowlitz County	4/22/2021 4:03 PM
40	Washington County, OR	4/22/2021 3:41 PM
41	Washington county	4/22/2021 3:16 PM
42	Portland, OR	4/22/2021 2:19 PM
43	Portland, Oregon	4/22/2021 1:29 PM
44	Portland	4/22/2021 1:29 PM
45	portland	4/22/2021 12:48 PM
46	Clackamas County	4/22/2021 10:28 AM
47	Portland	4/22/2021 9:14 AM
48	Toppenish, WA	4/22/2021 9:12 AM
49	Deschutes County	4/22/2021 9:07 AM
50	Vancouver	4/22/2021 8:36 AM
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52	Multnomah Cnty OR	4/22/2021 8:25 AM
53	Clark County, WA	4/21/2021 9:53 PM
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55	Portland	4/21/2021 9:27 PM
56	Portland	4/21/2021 9:15 PM
57	portland	4/21/2021 9:14 PM

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60	Wasco County	4/21/2021 8:38 PM
61	Colorado	4/21/2021 8:33 PM
62	Beaverton, OR	4/21/2021 8:32 PM
63	Corvallis, OR	4/21/2021 8:29 PM
64	Multnomah county	4/21/2021 8:08 PM
65	Portland	4/21/2021 7:51 PM
66	Rhododendron but I paddle the river a lot	4/21/2021 7:48 PM
67	Olympia, washington	4/21/2021 5:17 PM
68	Vancouver	4/21/2021 5:15 PM
69	Portland	4/21/2021 5:07 PM
70	Pdx	4/21/2021 4:57 PM
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73	Salem OT	4/21/2021 4:08 PM
74	Portland	4/21/2021 4:05 PM
75	Portland Metro	4/21/2021 4:02 PM
76	Portland, OR	4/21/2021 3:35 PM
77	Portland	4/21/2021 3:32 PM
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81	Multnomah County	4/21/2021 3:11 PM
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83	PDX	4/21/2021 3:09 PM
84	Portland Metro	4/21/2021 3:08 PM
85	Portland	4/21/2021 3:07 PM
86	Wilsonville` Oregon	4/21/2021 3:07 PM
87	San Diego Calif	4/21/2021 3:06 PM
88	Portland	4/21/2021 3:00 PM
89	Clark county Washington	4/21/2021 2:24 PM
90	Northwestern Lake	4/20/2021 9:25 AM
91	My family lives in Underwood	4/17/2021 7:44 AM
92	Yakima County	4/15/2021 9:03 AM
93	Former Western Klickitat County Resident of 16 years -	4/14/2021 11:02 AM
94	other	4/14/2021 9:29 AM
95	Portland	4/12/2021 3:34 PM

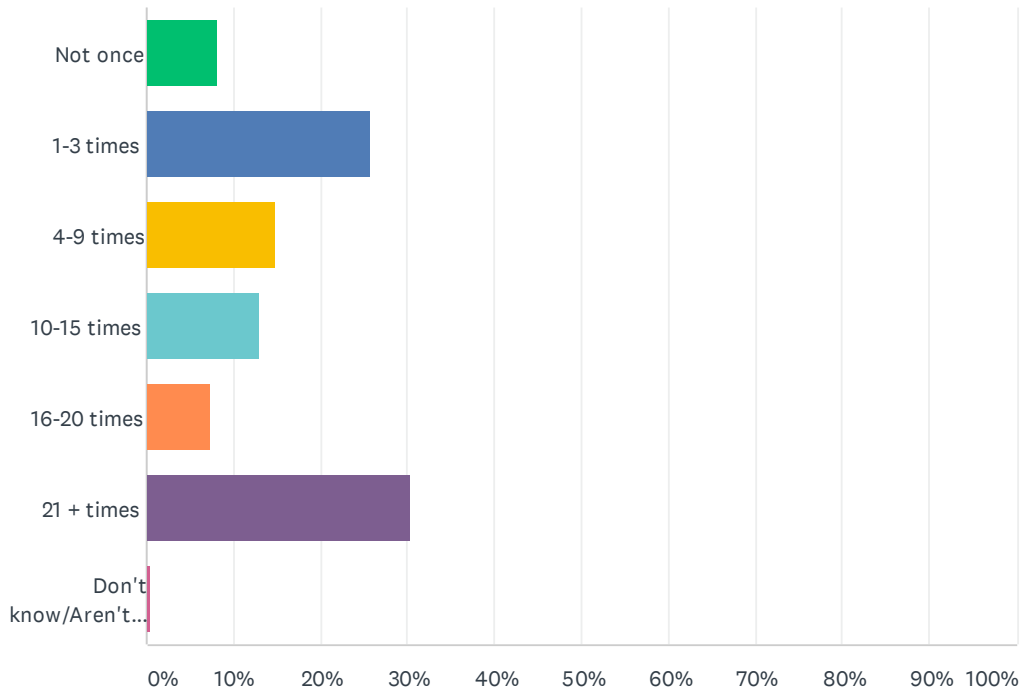
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98	Portland	4/11/2021 3:47 PM
99	Damascus Or	4/10/2021 9:57 AM
100	Eugene, Oregon	4/10/2021 9:30 AM
101	Oak Ridge (between Husum & BZ Corner)	4/9/2021 9:45 AM
102	former resident on PC Leased Land	4/6/2021 8:56 AM

Q2 Approximately how many times in the past 12 months have you engaged in recreation or fishing on or along the Lower White Salmon River? From Northwestern Park down to the mouth of the White Salmon.

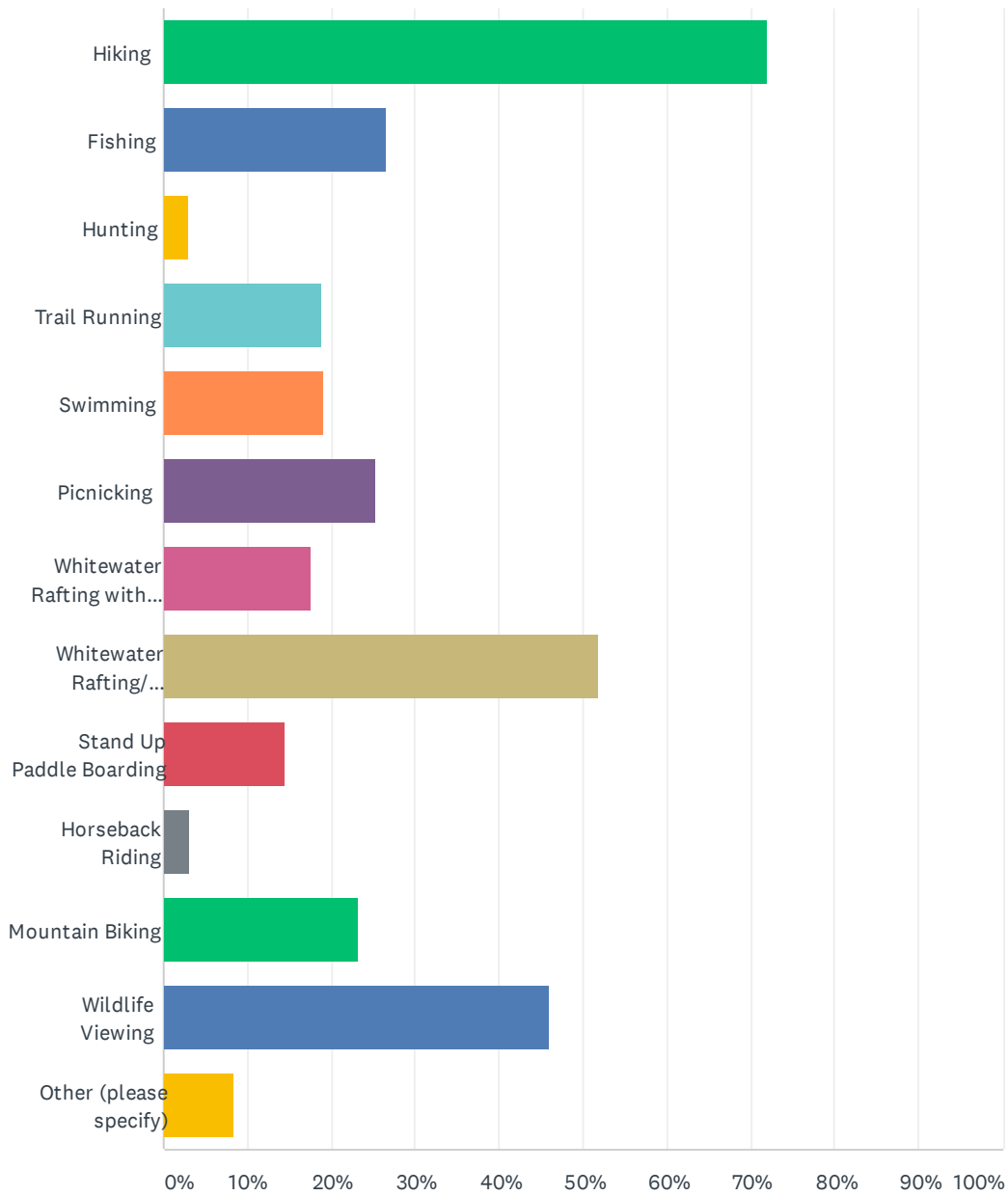
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not once	8.25%	35
1-3 times	25.71%	109
4-9 times	14.86%	63
10-15 times	12.97%	55
16-20 times	7.31%	31
21 + times	30.42%	129
Don't know/Aren't Sure	0.47%	2
TOTAL		424

Q3 What activities do you enjoy when you go to the Lower White Salmon River corridor? Answer all that apply.

Answered: 421 Skipped: 45



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hiking	71.97%	303
Fishing	26.60%	112
Hunting	2.85%	12
Trail Running	18.76%	79
Swimming	19.00%	80
Picnicking	25.42%	107
Whitewater Rafting with an outfitter	17.58%	74
Whitewater Rafting/ kayaking private	51.78%	218
Stand Up Paddle Boarding	14.49%	61
Horseback Riding	3.09%	13
Mountain Biking	23.28%	98
Wildlife Viewing	46.08%	194
Other (please specify)	8.31%	35
Total Respondents: 421		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	dog walking	5/31/2021 10:19 PM
2	Motor boating at the mouth	5/27/2021 8:41 AM
3	Trail clearing and park maintenance	5/23/2021 10:56 AM
4	Mushroom hunting	5/22/2021 7:07 AM
5	Experiencing solitude in nature	5/21/2021 4:35 PM
6	Wildflower viewing	5/20/2021 8:00 PM
7	Hanging out	5/20/2021 5:06 PM
8	walking my dog	5/11/2021 7:54 PM
9	::	5/5/2021 8:21 AM
10	bird watching	5/4/2021 10:47 AM
11	relaxing by the river	5/4/2021 8:19 AM
12	Sitting next to river just being present.	5/3/2021 2:41 PM
13	Dog walking	5/1/2021 1:23 PM
14	walking dogs	4/30/2021 11:31 AM
15	Dog walking	4/25/2021 8:39 PM
16	Walking my dog off leash and letting him swim in the river	4/25/2021 6:47 PM
17	living	4/24/2021 1:22 PM
18	Prayer	4/23/2021 8:46 AM
19	kayaking	4/22/2021 3:45 PM

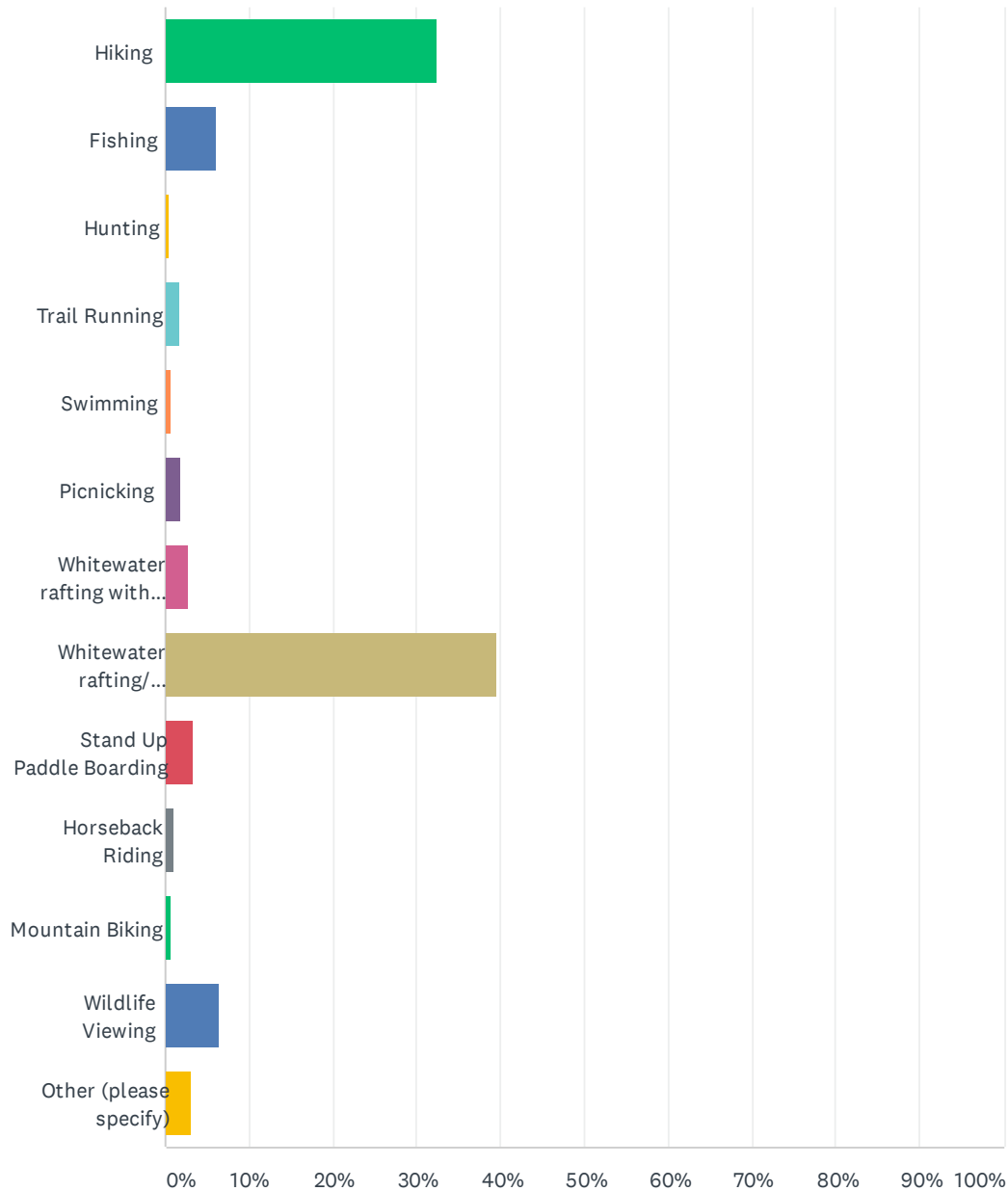
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20	canoeing	4/21/2021 8:34 PM
21	Botanizing	4/21/2021 3:15 PM
22	taking a quiet walk on NW dam rd. and enjoying the wildlife	4/20/2021 9:52 PM
23	Dog walking	4/20/2021 12:05 PM
24	Just looking at it. My home overlooks the lower white salmon	4/17/2021 12:15 PM
25	Playing with my toddler at the beach and watching the boaters	4/16/2021 10:21 PM
26	OneWheel	4/16/2021 9:59 AM
27	canoeing	4/14/2021 12:07 PM
28	River Watching	4/14/2021 11:08 AM
29	Bird Watching	4/14/2021 9:37 AM
30	wildflowers	4/12/2021 7:38 PM
31	Meditation and contemplating.	4/12/2021 2:46 PM
32	Wildflowers	4/9/2021 10:59 AM
33	My children and I go to the park every day and walk the trail. The park has changed so much over the years since the dam was removed, but we still enjoy it. I would like to see it become a place for people to form community around the way it used to be, though it has been neglected in the past 8 years.	4/9/2021 9:31 AM
34	surfski kayak paddling	4/8/2021 8:55 AM
35	maintain cabin	4/5/2021 8:52 PM

Q4 Which activity do you do the most when you go to the Lower White Salmon River corridor? (From Northwestern Park down to the mouth of the White Salmon.) Check only one.

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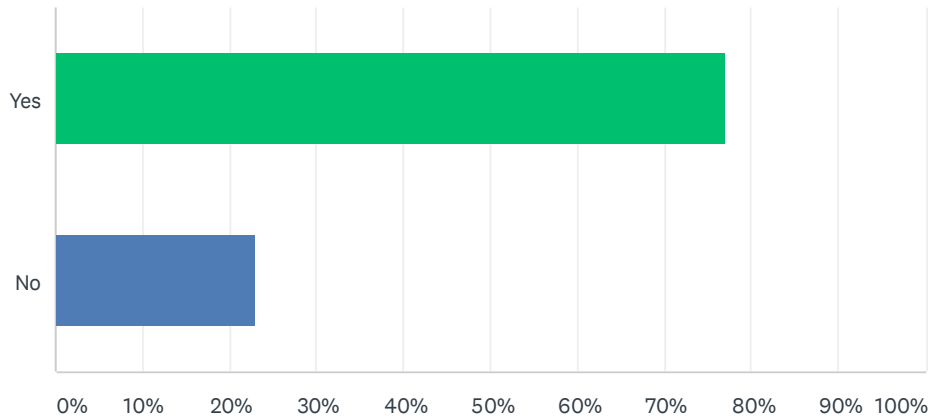


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hiking	32.46%	136
Fishing	5.97%	25
Hunting	0.48%	2
Trail Running	1.67%	7
Swimming	0.72%	3
Picnicking	1.91%	8
Whitewater rafting with an outfitter	2.63%	11
Whitewater rafting/ kayaking private	39.62%	166
Stand Up Paddle Boarding	3.34%	14
Horseback Riding	0.95%	4
Mountain Biking	0.72%	3
Wildlife Viewing	6.44%	27
Other (please specify)	3.10%	13
TOTAL		419

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Motor boating at the mouth	5/27/2021 8:41 AM
2	Walking my dog	5/20/2021 8:00 PM
3	Hanging out with locals	5/20/2021 5:06 PM
4	walking my dog	5/11/2021 7:54 PM
5	kk	5/5/2021 8:21 AM
6	kayaking	4/22/2021 3:45 PM
7	Dog walks	4/20/2021 12:05 PM
8	Observing the river and wildlife (e.g. eagles)	4/17/2021 12:15 PM
9	Bird Watching	4/14/2021 9:37 AM
10	wildflowers	4/12/2021 7:38 PM
11	Guiding whitewater trips	4/8/2021 7:59 PM
12	kayaking	4/8/2021 8:55 AM
13	Visiting other cabin owners	4/6/2021 9:00 AM

Q5 Are you aware that almost all of the lands along the lower river corridor (From Northwestern Park down to the mouth of the White Salmon) are owned by PacifiCorp?

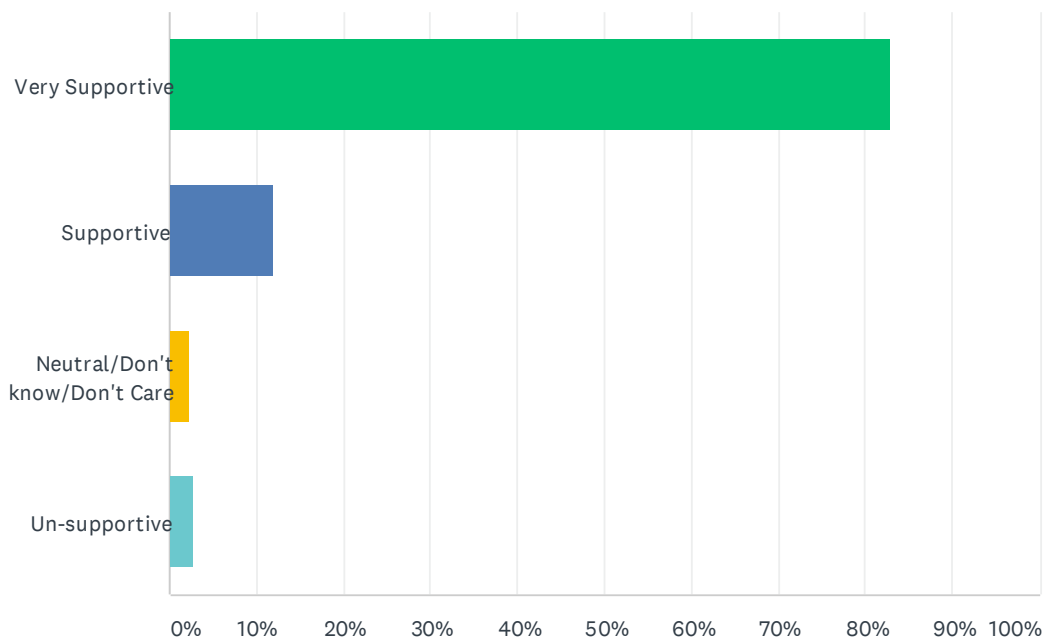
Answered: 423 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.07%	326
No	22.93%	97
TOTAL		423

Q6 The Lower White Salmon Coalition (LWSC) members have agreed to a mission devoted to creating a long-range strategy to transfer these lands to new ownership and wisely, sustainably manage them in perpetuity. The LWSC goals include: Promote and participate in the stewardship, restoration, and enhancement of natural stream, riparian and upland habitat Preserve and carefully enhance public access for hiking, sport fishing, whitewater boating, and other compatible recreational activities Support recovery of native salmon, trout, and lamprey How supportive of these goals are you?

Answered: 425 Skipped: 41



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Supportive	82.82%	352
Supportive	12.00%	51
Neutral/Don't know/Don't Care	2.35%	10
Un-supportive	2.82%	12
TOTAL		425

Q7 Please tell us anything you would like to about the goals of the Lower White Salmon Coalition which are listed above.

Answered: 151 Skipped: 315

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I hope your plans include a large presence of local tribes in decision-making.	6/1/2021 5:13 PM
2	Protect fish habitat. Prevent trash accumulation and riverbank erosion by trail users.	5/31/2021 10:19 PM
3	The recovery of native fish and plant life since the dam removal is wonderful to see. I love walking along the river from Northwestern Park, seeing and smelling the wildflowers, evidence of beaver, stopping at a bench to look and listen to the river. Thank you for your good efforts.	5/31/2021 1:27 PM
4	I live on Powerhouse and would not like to see an increase in traffic, other than what will gradually happen without changing anything.	5/27/2021 12:48 PM
5	Support native fish habitat, hiking trail additional, parking at take out at the mouth and parking at power house access. Open up the old bridge crossing white Salmon to pedestrian, bikes and horses only	5/27/2021 8:08 AM
6	The lower White Salmon is a beautiful section of river. Thank you for your work to preserve it!	5/26/2021 8:23 PM
7	I support all trail possibilities except #4.	5/26/2021 7:47 PM
8	All inportant	5/24/2021 9:07 AM
9	I live on power house road I do not like the thought of tourists parking and causing havoc on or near my proper I live in the area to be away from people not to have people invade my living space.	5/24/2021 1:36 AM
10	I do not want rafting take out at Powerhouse. Too much traffic and too disruptive.	5/23/2021 7:24 PM
11	I support the stewardship of land and natural habitat, but don't support adding elements that would draw in more people. People often scare off wildlife and harm habitats. They also present a threat of forest fires.	5/23/2021 7:03 PM
12	I'm all about supporting stewardship and restoration of these lands...	5/23/2021 10:56 AM
13	I would love to see partnerships with local tribal people prioritized and to follow the lead of Native people in doing any work regarding river access and restoration.	5/23/2021 7:11 AM
14	All information indicates a bias toward possessing and controlling the property. The no action alternatives are dismissed with prejudice. A large percentage of the property is not developable or usable. Leaving it natural and doing nothing should be considered more seriously. Recreation improvements and developments have serious negative impacts, including traffic impacts, on the resources and surrounding areas that are being ignored. Restoration efforts can take place without creating recreation developments and that have negative impacts.	5/22/2021 2:33 PM
15	Having a man made play wave or series of at northwestern would help promote recreation and even conservation for the white salmon. The play waves can be designed with fish population in mind to ensure features allow adequate opportunities for fish to easily travel upstream.	5/22/2021 5:40 AM
16	I feel working with home owners on pacificorp property is important; they're very concerned about the future of these lands as well	5/21/2021 10:05 PM
17	Feedback from a 13 year old: Access should be free, keeping the area from being over- visited and over used, abused. Keeping it low profile. Moms comments: all for preservation of habitat concerned about the balance of increased use/ access and natural resource preservation	5/21/2021 4:35 PM
18	I would really like to see access and possibly a multi-business lease opportunity located at the old Pacific Corp building near the railroad bridge. Every time I raft past it I imagine having a beer on a deck built off the side of the building. Public access to the old fish hatchery/ladders would be cool too.	5/21/2021 12:29 PM

19	Should we explore requesting State of Washington Parks and Recreation assistance?	5/21/2021 9:50 AM
20	Since this grand experiment open up this river is has come back to closer to a natural state. It seems quite successful and this area deserves continued restoration.	5/20/2021 5:06 PM
21	Preserve and enhance access	5/20/2021 5:45 AM
22	It gives me hope when large companies make an effort to create value in the community through restoration of natural resources rather than exploiting them.	5/19/2021 4:26 PM
23	Will need to anticipate the parking demand once the "hidden gem" is discovered, and mitigate for litter in these areas.	5/8/2021 8:19 PM
24	Would like to see some integration / recognition of tribal interests.	5/5/2021 1:53 PM
25	kk	5/5/2021 8:21 AM
26	These are wonderful goals, and I am sure you'd get many volunteers to help with realizing these, when the time comes.	5/5/2021 7:55 AM
27	Those are great goals....many would volunteer time and energy to support them	5/5/2021 2:18 AM
28	there will need to be a balance between human access and restoration work. There is a chance that we by opening the corridor to many more people we will "love it to death".	5/4/2021 10:47 AM
29	Would like more inclusion for hunting/trapping.	5/4/2021 8:38 AM
30	maintain the natural state of the river	5/4/2021 8:19 AM
31	facilitate paddling, establish and maintain river access/putin and takeout	5/3/2021 12:54 PM
32	why not have the forest service acquire it. would that be the same as a public organization acquiring them? see note below...	5/3/2021 9:56 AM
33	I'm especially supportive of promoting the stewardship, restoration, and enhancement of natural stream and riparian habitat while allowing carefully considered recreational access.	5/3/2021 9:29 AM
34	Restoration of fisheries	5/2/2021 1:38 PM
35	Preserve the green space as much as possible - but giving opportunities to the community to purchase land first before land is opened to a broader reach.	5/1/2021 7:16 PM
36	I am very supportive of the coalition and their goals. This is a pristine area of Washington which needs to be cherished and protected for generations to come.	4/30/2021 3:35 PM
37	preserve/conservate forest cover and fish & wildlife habitat. Water quality and non-consumptive recreation.	4/30/2021 11:31 AM
38	Please just leave the river alone. Its already a natural river, lets just let it do its thing. My career has been in fish restoration, and habitat conservation for 15 years. It is VERY unque to have a place like the White Salmon River which is wild feeling and un disturbed by humans. Please, no trails, no roads, no humans. The fish will recover.	4/30/2021 10:46 AM
39	I am very supportive of well planned and implemented public access points and trails along the river. Planned access and recreation can manage and redirect users away from sensitive areas i.e. salmon redds.	4/29/2021 9:23 AM
40	I support the goals 100%!	4/28/2021 8:23 AM
41	It would be nice to have a nice long hiking trail but it seems that every where you guys are thinking of putting parking it will interfere with the residence in the area. It sounds like there will be an issue with parking. Parking lots are going to have to be a lot more than 3 or 4 parking spaces.	4/28/2021 12:01 AM
42	I'm thrilled to hear the LWSC's goals. This is a huge opportunity for coordinated care and stewardship vs. something else. Especially supportive of recovery of native fish species, which could mean curtailing certain activities at certain times of the year.	4/27/2021 4:11 PM
43	Thank you for taking on this very important work. I believe the Lower White Salmon river is one of the most magical and special places on the planet and I am so glad it is being managed wisely and with the long term in mind.	4/27/2021 2:47 PM

44	Recreational goals and conservation goals will require rules and monitoring to mitigate conflicts between them, i.e. reduce instream recreation when salmon redds exist in the Lower White Salmon River.	4/27/2021 11:56 AM
45	MAINTAIN PUBLIC ACCESS	4/27/2021 10:05 AM
46	Less air bnb, less signs telling everyone what to do, no more tiny homes	4/26/2021 9:10 AM
47	Please do not put in large parking lots. We like the area because its not crowed and full of people. Please keep it that way.	4/25/2021 8:39 PM
48	I think you need to preserve it by leaving it alone. It is a very wild place and best kept that way	4/25/2021 6:47 PM
49	Maintaining river access for whitewater kayaks while also supporting plant and fish habitats.	4/25/2021 4:27 PM
50	I do not support changing the area or enhancing public access that would be the end of this wonderful place. It would become a parking lot , garbage dump ,shooting gallery, dog park I would have to fence off my property put up no trespassing signs. Any noise from visitors would be heard from my kitchen and dinging room. I am 100% against any increased public access !!!!	4/25/2021 3:53 PM
51	I enjoy looking forward to seeing the positive changes in this area.	4/24/2021 4:05 PM
52	I support the above stated goals.	4/24/2021 1:22 PM
53	I think it is very important to balance public access with preservation/restoration of the area to increase fish, wildlife, and fauna. While people should have access, this access cannot be to the detriment of the beauty, tranquility, and wildness of the land, water, air. There is a need not to make the area a "Disneyland". Keep it wild and scenic.	4/24/2021 12:07 PM
54	These are terrific goals. I'd love to see the LWSC eventually have more of public facing role so these goals are more widely known to the larger community. I know you are all volunteers and this is hard work. Thank you for your commitment!	4/24/2021 11:26 AM
55	Stewardship is important to me as well as supporting recovery of this beautiful area	4/23/2021 6:01 PM
56	Don't want the Northwestern Dam road and adjacent area to change. No parks or advertised trails.	4/23/2021 4:52 PM
57	The Powerhouse site should be opened for public use as a river takeout. The Hwy 141 takeout is unsafe with traffic, steep and difficult, and boats floating that far downstream can negatively affect spawning salmon.	4/23/2021 11:53 AM
58	Please ensure that you are working with the Yakama tribe and other indigenous groups as we collectivize access to this land.	4/23/2021 8:46 AM
59	We need to be stewards of the land for restoration, recreation and preservation fir future generations	4/23/2021 7:37 AM
60	Better take-out options	4/23/2021 12:49 AM
61	Great	4/22/2021 10:39 PM
62	Most interested in recreational activities among habitat restoration.	4/22/2021 7:18 PM
63	I believe fish habitat should have a higher priority than peoples adrenaline hobbies, i.e. rafting and kayaking. I don't see how habitat can improve if every log crossing the river is removed for these hobbies.	4/22/2021 6:02 PM
64	Avoid overcrowding!	4/22/2021 4:58 PM
65	More parking near the powerhouse	4/22/2021 3:45 PM
66	The Lower White Salmon is a true gem. The rapids, history, scenery, and summer-long flows make it a premier attraction for whitewater boaters. I've paddled the White Salmon since the mid-1980s, was thrilled by the opening of the Lower White Salmon, and want to see access preserved for current and future generations of whitewater enthusiasts, together with safe, ample parking at the put in(s) and take out(s).	4/22/2021 2:25 PM
67	It would be great if a good access point is created for a rafting take out for rafts and other water craft at the lower portion.	4/22/2021 1:32 PM

68	I hope that we will have good "take out" options for kayaking the lower section of WS	4/22/2021 12:52 PM
69	Since the removal of the dam, this has become a whitewater boating classic that draws people from all over the area and beyond. Preservation of this run is extremely important, as is preservation of its return to being a good habitat for many native fish, fowl, plants.	4/22/2021 9:19 AM
70	Maintain both public access and access for recreation provided to the public by professional outfitters.	4/22/2021 8:46 AM
71	Better boat take out	4/22/2021 8:14 AM
72	kayaker/rafter takeout at the powerhouse	4/22/2021 7:10 AM
73	It is critical that this land be preserved for all to enjoy. The LWSC seems to have a clear stewardship plan.	4/21/2021 9:52 PM
74	Rare to have such a scenic stretch that is still relatively undeveloped. It will continue to be a treasure if kept that way.	4/21/2021 9:21 PM
75	they look good	4/21/2021 9:16 PM
76	I hope that the land alongside the river is preserved as is and not developed.	4/21/2021 9:01 PM
77	I strongly support these goals Free flowing Rivers are important for fish, wildlife, and the environment as a whole.	4/21/2021 8:11 PM
78	I think that you are right on track with these goals	4/21/2021 7:55 PM
79	Keep the river as easy to access as possible!	4/21/2021 7:53 PM
80	Great goals I would support	4/21/2021 7:33 PM
81	It's time for our generation to take the hard look & make the necessary choices to restore & enhance habitat	4/21/2021 5:10 PM
82	Please allow parking at powerhouse.	4/21/2021 4:36 PM
83	Take out access is becoming more difficult, many times in summer the pull out at the mouth is completely full and congested.	4/21/2021 3:59 PM
84	Include preserving access to the Lower White Salmon put in and take out	4/21/2021 3:23 PM
85	fix the wording of this question: did you mean "change"? if so, no, I like the goals expressed.	4/21/2021 3:15 PM
86	Boat take out access near the old powerhouse Station would not only be very beneficial but it would be much safer than trying to get myself and my kids up a steep Bank at a very busy intersection at the mouth of the White Salmon near the Columbia River.	4/21/2021 3:06 PM
87	Preserve riparian corridor first and recreation second above all else.	4/21/2021 2:28 PM
88	Preserving the natural integrity of these waters is essential to the long term survival of our region's quality of life. They have to be kept whole.	4/21/2021 9:05 AM
89	Currently the Dam road is used by locals for walking, dog walking and river access. I would NOT like to see the access developed to the point that it draws folks from out of the immediate area.	4/21/2021 7:31 AM
90	the property should be left as is for those that already enjoy walking and not turned into another dog mountain with lots of cars , a parking lot and bathrooms.	4/20/2021 9:52 PM
91	Keen on stewardship of natural habitat. Not keen on enhancing public access	4/20/2021 12:05 PM
92	The White Salmon is one of the last best places. It should be preserved and respectfully enjoyed by the citizens of this country,	4/20/2021 10:04 AM
93	Maintain healthy environment for fish and trees.	4/20/2021 9:29 AM
94	I would not "enhance" too much in the way of hiking trails. I would prefer to leave it as natural, untouched, and 'undiscovered' as possible. More trails means more impact.	4/20/2021 8:44 AM
95	I like the emphasis on multi-use and sustainable use that helps promote recreational access while preserving and enhancing natural resources.	4/20/2021 8:28 AM

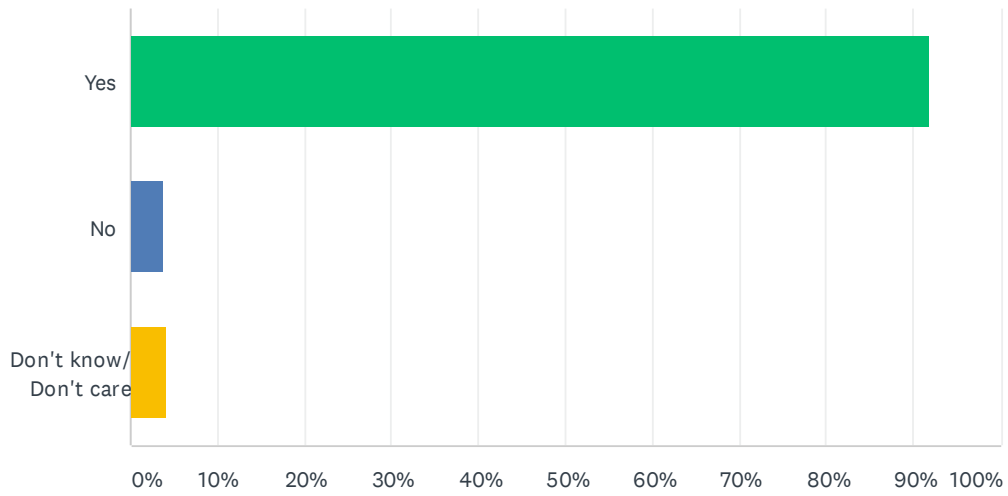
96	Make the bridge on Northwest Damn Rd into a walking bridge	4/19/2021 10:43 PM
97	Transferring land to conservation group control.	4/19/2021 6:53 PM
98	With over-logging and over-development all wild or semi-wild lands need to be conserved. It is land like this accessible to the public which makes this area such a perfect place to live. But most importantly, this little bits of wild land are critically important for the future generations to explore and develop a sense of place and awareness of the natural world.	4/19/2021 3:56 PM
99	I SO hope they are realized.	4/19/2021 10:21 AM
100	Maintain the road behind the gate (toward the bridge) open for public access. Make take-out near Columbia safer and/or more convenient with improvement; or open a new take-out upstream. Turn powerhouse into brew pub. Seriously!	4/18/2021 7:14 PM
101	Base decisions on scientifically informed information and also allow modified decisions when those decisions will NOT cause harm to the LWS.	4/17/2021 7:54 AM
102	The leased land along northwestern park should be made part of the park. These out of code rental units and shacks are an eyesore to the community. They are not holding true to the R-5 zoning that is more or less universal in the area. They are not built to code, and block access to the park. I dislike that PacifiCorp has already begun selling parcels of land off in the area (see 40 acres on Lakeview rd). These lands should be made public.	4/16/2021 11:46 PM
103	Thank you of taking the lead. What we need are visions and plans that create an underlying mission that can guide future development and activity as well as leave space for improvement and restoration. Without a vision it will be difficult to manage a sustainable place to inhabit.	4/16/2021 10:50 PM
104	I think finding the balance between preservation and recreation is very important	4/16/2021 10:21 PM
105	Think this should be in tribal partnership	4/16/2021 3:19 PM
106	The White Salmon River is and has been exploited by commercial operations for an extended period of time. Selectively picking and choosing what activities is allowed on properties is hypocritical. If we want to stop free-market enterprise, we need to uniformly cease all of them.	4/16/2021 2:56 PM
107	I really feel that the land owners have the right to do as they want. It's there land no one else's. So that doesn't give others the right to say what they can or cannot do. Period.	4/16/2021 2:27 PM
108	I thought it was scenic area so the gorge commission has management. They would not let us divide our land along the corridor.	4/16/2021 1:48 PM
109	enhance fish habitat, keep motor vehicle away	4/16/2021 1:18 PM
110	Good stewardship for preservation of habitat and riparian areas.	4/16/2021 11:43 AM
111	This is a short hike down to the burnt bridge from the limited parking by the locked gate just past Ken & Roxie's residence. We walk to the gate, choosing not to drive & park so as not to create dust & noise for those residents. They have already had issues with speeding, dust, noise, crowded parking, trash, etc. Developing this access into a major jump off point for an enhanced trail system that would include a re-built burnt bridge (should that happen) would/should necessitate buying out the current residents. Parking at the Underwood Community Center makes the most sense for walking down to the NW Dam Rd access. It eliminates the need for parking down there. Perhaps some thought should be given to provide safer walking paths along CU Rd from the Com Ctr down to NW Dam Rd and then following the south & east side of the road (ie, away from the private residence) as much as possible. There is a natural walk through the Underwood Cemetery down to where we cross CU Rd to NW Dam Rd. We lean towards hiking & fishing access only. No biking or horses. If the bridge gets fixed, and the trail lengthened extensively, we might be supportive of non motorized bikes at certain times or days.	4/16/2021 11:07 AM
112	Anything we can do to get the land back to its native state!!	4/15/2021 6:51 PM
113	Not really interested in enhancing access and brining more people into this stretch of river.	4/14/2021 10:19 PM
114	This area is an absolute treasure that must be preserved. I have revered this area for 40 years and it's one of my favorite places to find solitude and beauty.	4/14/2021 8:31 PM
115	More hiking trails built along lower WS River.	4/14/2021 7:43 PM

116	Regarding future upgrades to recreational amenities to the area, assuming we can get public ownership, I would like to see improvements and additions but would wish to keep obvious and visible draws to a minimum. Here in the middle gorge we have become overrun with non local recreators, to the extent that we literally have few places to go anymore in the areas around where we live. Nice trails, yes, but LOW KEY.	4/14/2021 6:35 PM
117	It needs to be nature - don't try to turn it into another dog mountain	4/14/2021 3:07 PM
118	We don't need more government oversight of private lands.	4/14/2021 1:54 PM
119	Commercialization of any sort of the White Salmon River would destroy historically and ascetically everything the Columbia River Gorge and White Salmon community treasures.	4/14/2021 12:07 PM
120	Better and safer river access and parking is needed into and from the WS river at it enters the Columbia River. Commercial outfitters should not be aloud to LONG TERM Park busses/ Vans and raft trailers - Loading and Unloading only.- limiting access for others.	4/14/2021 11:08 AM
121	How will ownership of these lands be transferred? If via purchase, where would the funds for purchase come from, and who would be the new owner?	4/14/2021 10:04 AM
122	Totally supportive of these goals.	4/14/2021 9:43 AM
123	As an adjacent land owner I am worried about the increase in recreation & people, literally, in my backyard. We have enjoyed privacy for decades.	4/12/2021 9:10 PM
124	The goals are fine, but may need public or Yakama ownership to accomplish.	4/12/2021 7:38 PM
125	I live on the 141 side of northwestern lake. I hike the mile trail every single day for the last 6 years. I own my land.	4/12/2021 1:39 PM
126	Keep kayaking access.	4/11/2021 7:56 PM
127	Keep LWSC wild and scenic. No further development (housing, trials, etc.) along the river.	4/11/2021 9:17 AM
128	Cautious about enhancing public access. Too much human activity overwhelms the fragility of non-human activity. Ref other Gorge locations trampled and trashed by sheer volume of visitors.	4/10/2021 8:13 PM
129	Because of my age I would most enjoy this area along the river by hiking on trails, viewing and enjoying the river and its surrounding environment.	4/10/2021 6:04 PM
130	I am very concerned that there are multiple evacuation routes in case of wildfire.	4/10/2021 3:30 PM
131	To keep it open for public to hike the entire river	4/10/2021 3:24 PM
132	Bring back the salmon fishing	4/10/2021 2:45 PM
133	I would like for the owners of houses to have the option buy the property over time from pacificorp.	4/10/2021 11:19 AM
134	Seems like you should be in partnership with Friends of the White Salmon River. And maybe Friends of the Columbia River Gorge. Combined might wield more influence.	4/10/2021 10:31 AM
135	Please address the commercial rafting take out at the intersection of 14 + 141.	4/10/2021 10:01 AM
136	This piece of land needs to be preserved for all to enjoy, be it human or wildlife. The last thing we need is to have million dollar homes built along the rim of the lower white.	4/10/2021 9:33 AM
137	Consideration of tribal rights/usage.	4/9/2021 6:19 PM
138	Re: public access..... this goal should not infringe on the rights to privacy for land owners adjacent to these properties. For example - putting in additional parking to allow more of the public to access the trail off Northwestern Dam Road would DEFINITELY be an infringement of privacy to the residents who live there.	4/9/2021 10:59 AM
139	Give it all back to the first nations.	4/9/2021 9:50 AM
140	I'd like to see something about fostering human community. I would also like to see recovery of bat populations. Thank you.	4/9/2021 9:31 AM
141	I am excited that you are taking this on. This area is too precious to allow outside interests to take over and control what happens here.	4/9/2021 6:13 AM

142	I hope that commercial outfitters and private whitewater boaters will still have lots of safe access and parking to enjoy this section of river.	4/8/2021 7:59 PM
143	Devil is in the details when you say a goal is to "enhance" access.	4/8/2021 2:55 PM
144	I would like the old bridge fixed so you don't have to ride up Highway 141.	4/8/2021 10:10 AM
145	Keep it natural/restore to original habitat	4/8/2021 9:54 AM
146	Privately held but maintains reasonable public access so the area is respected and well maintained unlike the in-lieu fish camp at the mouth of the White Salmon River.	4/8/2021 8:54 AM
147	In past have been actively involved in developing these goals as part of CONLA and past Board Member	4/6/2021 9:00 AM
148	I'm supportive of any entity that protects our rivers and environment.	3/11/2021 6:10 PM
149	Cabin owners need to own their land. whitewater access must remain. these are the most important pieces of the puzzle.	11/9/2020 5:47 PM
150	Trail system sounds amazing. But increase in use, parking, and destruction of this place from people worries me that this place I adore will be ruined	11/3/2020 1:18 PM
151	I greatly support whitewater access at the Powerhouse. I also support trail development, but not if it encroaches on existing homes (against Alternative 3).	10/26/2020 8:18 PM

Q8 If PacifiCorp decides to sell these lands, would you support either a public or a non-profit organization acquiring them?

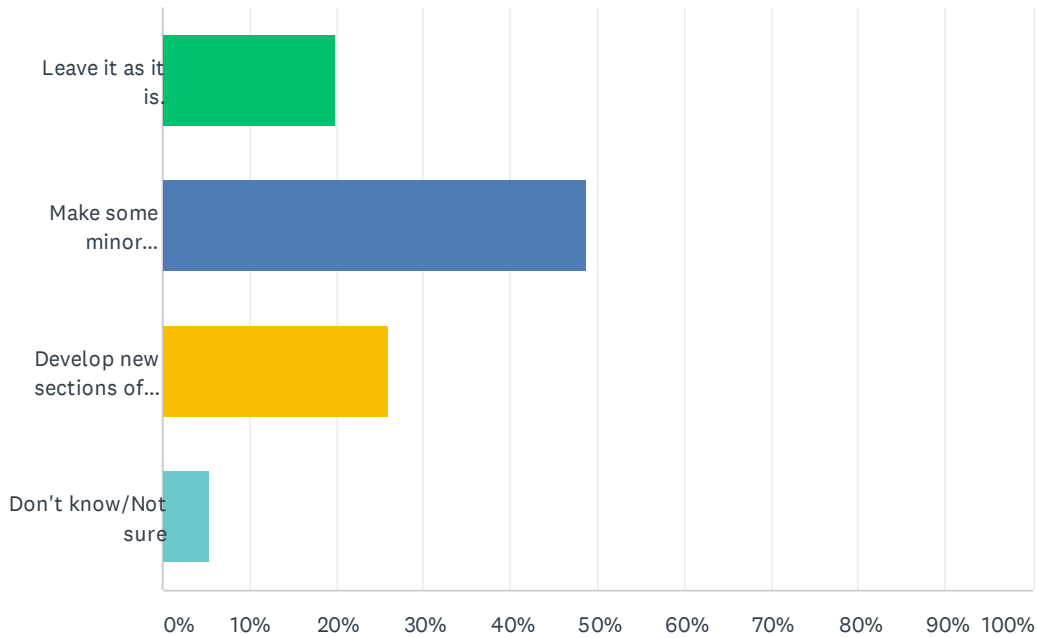
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.90%	386
No	3.81%	16
Don't know/ Don't care	4.29%	18
TOTAL		420

Q9 In terms of recreation, what would you like to see happen with the PacifiCorp lands along the lower White Salmon River (From Northwestern Park down to the mouth of the White Salmon)?

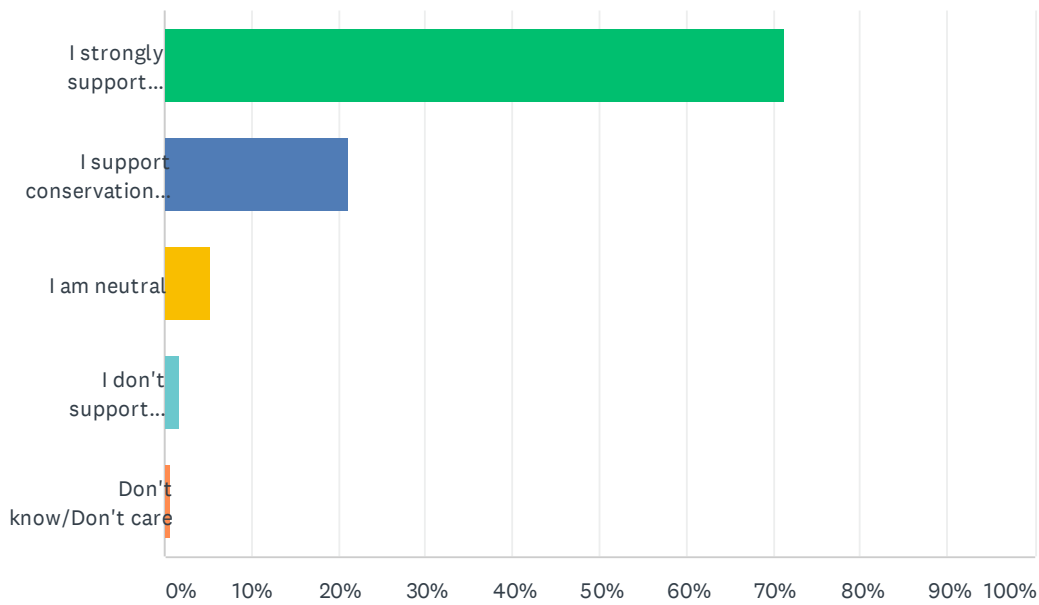
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Leave it as it is.	19.81%	84
Make some minor recreation improvements (an improved river take-out for boaters and enhancing the existing trails).	48.82%	207
Develop new sections of trail, increase parking and develop other recreation amenities such as viewing platforms and at least one section of trail that is ADA compliant.	25.94%	110
Don't know/Not sure	5.42%	23
TOTAL		424

Q10 How much do you support locally-led and locally-driven conservation (land acquisition of willing sellers) along the Lower White Salmon Corridor (from Northwestern Lake down to the Mouth).

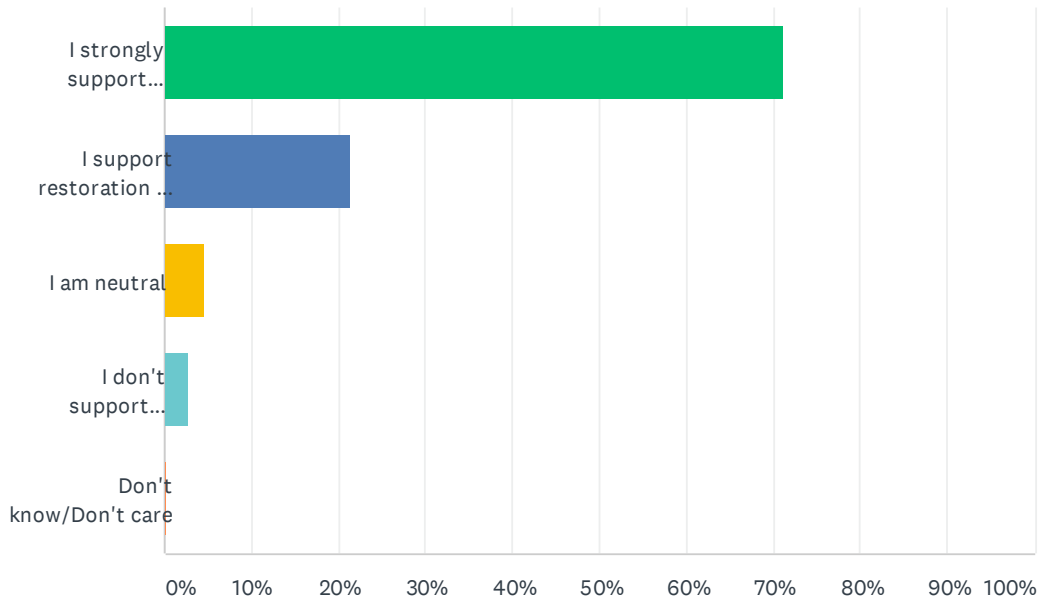
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I strongly support conservation in the corridor	71.29%	298
I support conservation in the corridor	21.05%	88
I am neutral	5.26%	22
I don't support conservation in the corridor	1.67%	7
Don't know/Don't care	0.72%	3
TOTAL		418

Q11 How much do you support restoration efforts in the lower corridor including habitat enhancement, removal of invasive species, restoration of degraded areas, etc.?

Answered: 413 Skipped: 53



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I strongly support restoration in the corridor	71.19%	294
I support restoration in the corridor	21.31%	88
I am neutral	4.60%	19
I don't support restoration in the corridor	2.66%	11
Don't know/Don't care	0.24%	1
TOTAL		413

Q12 In your own words, please feel free to tell us what you envision for the PacifiCorp lands along the lower White Salmon River. If you don't want to, just hit next.

Answered: 155 Skipped: 311

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More hiking access, but also protecting fish and wildlife and preventing garbage accumulation, and trail erosion into river.	5/31/2021 10:19 PM
2	I do think improved access and parking where it is most feasible (like the powerhouse) makes sense. This area will be treasured and protected by more if more use it. I am cautious about maximizing access, though, as it is the local users who will be most protective of the area.	5/31/2021 1:27 PM
3	I support some conservation organization owning the corridor and not developing it at all and have it remain unchanged.	5/27/2021 12:48 PM
4	Public access for future generations for all uses with consideration to fish habitat.	5/27/2021 8:08 AM
5	It's amazing now but an improved boater takeout location near the would be great!	5/26/2021 8:23 PM
6	Protect and restore this AMAZING corridor before it's too late!	5/26/2021 2:23 PM
7	A trail that runs from the NW Lake down to the mouth of the White Salmon would be a great addition to the area. I don't think it should be the trail equivalent of a highway (So akin to how the majority of the PCT looks would be great). The take out doesn't really affect me and seems fine the way it is. Maybe with fewer potholes.	5/26/2021 9:59 AM
8	Leave them as wild as possible. This is a wild and scenic river!	5/24/2021 9:07 AM
9	I envision a natural setting that does not cause a bunch of tourists ruining my home I was born and raised in the area I do not support outside groups or the building of multiple homes in the area	5/24/2021 1:36 AM
10	Clean up Powerhouse (again.) clear invasives along trail and river. Remove the manufactured home that is being vandalized. Protect 100+ year old craftsman style home for historic preservation. It's older than the dam was!! Put in interpretive signage that shows dam, Generators, flumes, workers, river etc.	5/23/2021 7:24 PM
11	I would like to see private property protected. As it is now, the public freely comes onto private property with no respect that it is someone's home or a private neighborhood.	5/23/2021 7:14 PM
12	My first choice would be to leave the land as it is. If that's not an option then I would love for it to be used for environmental education. If schools could use it during the day for lessons on nature and environmental sciences, not only would the children directly benefit, but the knowledge they would use for the rest of their lives would ultimately benefit the environment. I do NOT want to draw more recreational use, more foot traffic, risk of fires, litter, and inevitably frightening off wildlife.	5/23/2021 7:03 PM
13	I support conservation efforts and I am willing to help in those efforts. I fear public control of the land.	5/23/2021 1:22 PM
14	Non-profit that is committed to the above mentioned goals owning these lands would be my choice.	5/23/2021 10:56 AM
15	Leave the river as it and conserve it. I don't want to see pacific corp selling the land to developers like they did on lake view rd. where they logged it and ruined property. I want to keep it safe and protected. We see to many people coming to the park and over using it. The fishing should be protected and make it a fly fishing river. Our house borders the River the land should be protected so it is not sold to private people who can come in and do what they want.	5/23/2021 10:02 AM
16	Leave them as nature intended. The River is on a fast track to overuse with out of town rafting companies setting up shop in the park all weekend. Then the mess at the mouth trying to take	5/23/2021 9:51 AM

	out. No on developing any permanent takeout!! If you run the River then carry it out! It's getting so crowded on the River you can hardly fish sometimes.	
17	A corridor of undeveloped land along the river shoreline. NO INCREASE IN RECREATION DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED IMPACTS SHOULD BE PURSUED. Recreation development is DEVELOPMENT and will bring with it a series of negative impacts to the surrounding areas.	5/22/2021 2:33 PM
18	For northwestern park to develop into a whitewater park similar to those in Bend, OR BV, CO and Steamboat, CO Where the man made features promote recreation activities for whitewater enthusiasts and others but also provides easy access to other recreational activities	5/22/2021 5:40 AM
19	A compromise that both benefits home owners with a path to becoming land owners for the property they live on and conservation/restoration efforts with some increased access	5/21/2021 10:05 PM
20	I support "wild" recreation: Ways to get outdoors that have minimal impact: Fishing, water recreation, hiking on established and policed trails. Re-decking the old bridge would make an excellent, no-impact trail using existing roadways.	5/21/2021 3:24 PM
21	I would like to see a strong conservation effort and addition to the wild and scenic corridor, with the exception of the old power building and fish ladder areas.	5/21/2021 12:29 PM
22	It would be great to see the land in long-term conservation ownership with opportunities for recreation access. Centering Yakama Nation interests should be a very high priority.	5/20/2021 10:24 PM
23	Making the trail longer with minimal impact, no major other enhancements. Keep number of parking spots at Northwestern Park the same to peeve in overcrowding during peak times	5/20/2021 8:00 PM
24	I know people that live in homes along what was lake before the removal of the dam. They are stewards of this area and one of my hopes is for them to be able to acquire the land under their homes.	5/20/2021 5:06 PM
25	I would love for it to stay the same, it's truly a treasure for our community and brings in a lot of tourism which supports our small businesses. Would be a shame to loose access and or have the land surrounding the river developed after the damn removal and restoration efforts over the last decade.	5/20/2021 5:45 AM
26	If left to be, the land will eventually return to it's natural state. I do support some enhancement of trail systems and parking that will concentrate people on developed infrastructure and allow the rest to be wild and unmolested.	5/19/2021 4:26 PM
27	Restoration, preservation but I tend towards not wanting things to change in any significant way. Walking down the Northwestern Dam Rd. in it's present state is very appealing to me. It's quiet, beautiful, no crowds and dogs can run loose which is a difficult situation to find in the area.	5/11/2021 7:54 PM
28	Love the idea of habitat enhancement first, recreation second. Recreation has an inherent impact on habitat. That said, I would love to be able to hike/run from my house to NW Park.	5/8/2021 8:19 PM
29	Keeping this valuable resource in good shape from an ecological point of view; maintaining but not expanding recreational opportunities.....if you just expand parking for example, even more human activity will occur in this area which can negatively impact your other goals.	5/5/2021 7:55 AM
30	To keep it / maintain it as it is for recreation but improve riparian, health of the natural ecosystem it exists within.	5/5/2021 2:18 AM
31	Keep it wild	5/4/2021 12:55 PM
32	restored habitat with limited human impact. The Columbia Gorge trails are packed with tourists now....a greatly enhanced Lower White Salmon Trail System would likely be over run as well.	5/4/2021 10:47 AM
33	maintain or restore the river corridor to its original natural state	5/4/2021 8:19 AM
34	There needs to be careful consideration if the Yakima Tribe decides to purchase land along the river. On one hand it is right to restore native fishing grounds. On the other hand, it comes with some potential issues. First off, the potential for a hatchery to support commercial fishing is real. The Klickitat River is a prime example of this strategy. If this is allowed to happen future wild fish management becomes impossible. Secondly, access could become another hurdle. The warm springs tribe has used their land/access on the Deschutes to leverage the BLM for their agenda. Obviously this is a sensitive subject. I would encourage anyone building a plan to	5/4/2021 7:12 AM

	reach out to agencies and outfitters in an effort to see what their experience has been on the Deschutes. -Both the good and the bad. I was a guide/outfitter for many years on both the Deschutes and Klickitat. Additionally, I was a founding member/board member of the Deschutes River Alliance. Happy to give my perspective. skagitcast@gmail.com	
35	can it be donated/transferred to a conservation trust. what will happen to the cabins/homes that used to be on the lake? will they be offered a chance to buy the land under them and then have septic systems installed that don't leach into the river....a concern. there is an example of the Metolous river in camp sherman, Oregon where i believe the forest service manages/leases the land along a stretch of the river so people can continue to keep their summer homes/can't live full time/or have special drain fields installed if year round rental cabins. just a concern as once people live on the river and more people want to live along it it can only take so much liveability.....	5/3/2021 9:56 AM
36	Keep as natural as possible	5/2/2021 11:01 AM
37	I think it is hard to maintain public support for a Wild and Scenic River without some public access. That's why I support some modest improvements to access/trails on the lower corridor.	5/1/2021 1:23 PM
38	Recreation improvements including trails and a safe take-out at the mouth of the river. Improvements for access to fishing and SUP.	4/30/2021 3:35 PM
39	possible increased fishing access. Enforcement of fishing regs. Strict enforcement and strong penalties for litterbugs, possible poachers and other negative activities.	4/30/2021 11:31 AM
40	The lower corridor has been restored by removing the dam. There is literally NOTHING that needs to be done. Lets let it be. I hope the Pacific Corp Lands are acquired by a large entity that has no interest in dividing or developing it. I hope there are gates preventing people from driving to the river and no trails built. Keep it WILD!	4/30/2021 10:46 AM
41	Public use area.	4/29/2021 9:14 AM
42	I envision that if the burnt bridge is restored and the trail developed that I will look out my living room window and see a sea of cars that will be parking where ever they want to access a trail. We already see it all the other hiking trails in our area. Where do you think all the over flow is going to park? I bet it is not going to be in your back yard. I envision people driving very fast past our house because we already have a lot of people who do. I also envision my dog constantly barking at all the traffic that will be driving 20 feet from my house. I envision all of the garbage that inconsiderate people will leave on the trail and where they park. I envision all the poop bags that pet owner leave behind when they pick up after their dogs but fail to take the bag with them. I envision being woke up during the night when traffic will be going in and out at all hours if the night. I envision having absolutely no privacy sitting on my back porch. I may as well live in town. I am the resident on Northwestern Dam Road. My husband and I have lived here for 22 years. Northwestern Dam Road trail has become a very popular dog walking trail since we have lived here. I don't even want to envision how many people this will attract to our once quiet little road.	4/28/2021 12:01 AM
43	The Pacific Corps lands seem to represent a real opportunity for restoration and maintaining public access. The lower White Salmon corridor doesn't seem like an area conducive to heavy public use given the remoteness of the location and the unique opportunity to preserve a largely undeveloped river stretch. Limiting significant development and increase use seems prudent.	4/27/2021 8:15 PM
44	Preservation, better management of parking options, reduce erosion and invasive species, while leaving it as wild as possible. Ideally.	4/27/2021 4:11 PM
45	I hope that the Pacific Corp lands will be managed wisely and with the natural habitat in mind. I would prefer that humans visit minimally, and that it might remain a place largely cut off from the outside world. The tender and unbelievably pristine nature of the lower canyon, despite all the damming and destruction previously proves it's unique and otherworldly characteristics. It is truly valuable and I hope that animals and wildlife might be able to reclaim it as a home with minimal impacts from humans in the area. Thank you.	4/27/2021 2:47 PM
46	I prefer maximum conservation efforts along the lower White Salmon River but understand that other interests are at play - recreation, potential commercial interest and Pacific Corp's right to decide to whom they sell the land. I would hope that county zoning ordinances would protect the lower White Salmon River from commercial impacts.	4/27/2021 11:56 AM

47	RESTORE AND MAINTAIN THE NATURAL STATE OF THE LOWER CANYON FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT AND PUBLIC RECREATION	4/27/2021 10:05 AM
48	Preserve them and prevent development, prevent air bnb	4/26/2021 9:10 AM
49	A land management agency should keep the land wild.	4/25/2021 8:39 PM
50	Keep it wild. Keep it open	4/25/2021 6:47 PM
51	Leave the land as it is to be enjoyed by local residents as it been for many years	4/25/2021 3:53 PM
52	My vision is a wild and scenic river and environs. The restoration of the area for fish and other wildlife is most important. Improving public access must be done carefully so as not to destroy the beauty of the Lower White Salmon River.	4/24/2021 12:07 PM
53	I'd love to see some well designed/researched signage and/or educational opportunities about the history of the land in partnership with regional tribes (Yakama Nation and others) . The history of the dam and dam removal efforts too. This is all incredibly important history that should not be forgotten or washed over.	4/24/2021 11:26 AM
54	I envision better stewardship with education for how to leave no trace when using this area. Parking lots or trails would have bathrooms and garbage and possible gloves to help pick up other people's garbage. Educational areas with kiosks about the wildlife and salmon would be interesting. As well it would be nice to include kids/schools in being stewards of the area.	4/23/2021 6:01 PM
55	Leave it alone except were absolutely necessary	4/23/2021 4:52 PM
56	Outfitter use should not be prevented, but should be limited to include room for private boaters. Outfitters already account for the vast majority of river use in the BZ Corner to NW Park section so they should share the Lower White Salmon from NW Park to the mouth on a more equal basis. The Power house site should not become a trailhead parking lot. There are plenty of other places to park and hike into the corridor. New trails should be carefully planned with overlook points more than riverside trails.	4/23/2021 11:53 AM
57	Make sure it is inclusive and accessible for all	4/23/2021 10:01 AM
58	A place of commons. Where communities can come together to partake of, and give back to, the land.	4/23/2021 8:46 AM
59	I support expanded parking at the Powerhouse as the boating take out.	4/22/2021 7:18 PM
60	Public ownership with habitat restoration/conservation should be pursued, otherwise give it back to Native Americans.	4/22/2021 6:02 PM
61	As natural as possible	4/22/2021 4:58 PM
62	Keep it in a natural state.	4/22/2021 4:05 PM
63	More parking near the powerhouse. Trails.	4/22/2021 3:45 PM
64	Let them remain accessible for public use. Expand parking at the former powerhouse site and develop the site as a river access point for kayaking/rafting.	4/22/2021 3:20 PM
65	The river is great. The key to enjoying it is being able to access it. I'd love to see parking expanded at the Powerhouse, as the boating take out.	4/22/2021 2:25 PM
66	Restoration, minimal access improvement.	4/22/2021 1:32 PM
67	Increased access for recreation with parking & road improvements to support it. Support for conservation efforts, too.	4/22/2021 10:05 AM
68	It would be great to see these lands adhere to the Wild and Scenic river designations even if it isn't classified under that federally.	4/22/2021 8:46 AM
69	They should be transferred to public land agency (Forest Service/BLM or non profit organization).	4/22/2021 8:29 AM
70	I would like to ensure that the river can continue to be used by kayakers and rafters.	4/21/2021 9:16 PM
71	The land preserved as is with some improvement to river access. No development.	4/21/2021 9:01 PM
72	To preserve and protect this gem of a River and provide some improved amenities for	4/21/2021 4:36 PM

	recreational uses.	
73	Expanded parking near the powerhouse for white water kayaking takeout would be very much appreciated, since I'm told the parking near the mouth is not a long term solution. Thank you for asking for input	4/21/2021 4:04 PM
74	I would like to add that "habitat enhancement" should be done with whitewater boaters in mind. Adding large wood to the river could be extremely dangerous to river users when it inevitably moves.	4/21/2021 3:33 PM
75	Exclude private homes/buildings from the riparian zone and/or corridor	4/21/2021 3:23 PM
76	I am vision and much safer area for the public to access the White Salmon River. I envision an area where families have easy access to enjoy taking their watercraft out of the river as well as fishing opportunities on the river. I also envision some additional trail work to allow families to opportunity to hike and or bike along the river and enjoy the white salmon Corridor	4/21/2021 3:06 PM
77	Improved recitational access.	4/21/2021 2:28 PM
78	I see a small river mouth park which can be made accessible for those who are elderly or unable to hike along the deeper trails, rugged less structured interior hikes for those who would like to explore, and the opportunity for natural/educational tours.	4/21/2021 9:05 AM
79	I would like to see the river and surrounding lands protected from development. I am particularly concerned about the Klickitat Co side of the river as they don't seem to enforce any invasive building on the river corridor.	4/21/2021 7:31 AM
80	the fishing we enjoyed years ago is ruined so leave the land and blocked off road as it is, before all the wildlife are chased out of the area. overcrowding with people and cars and parking will drop the value of homes along those areas and bring in chances of fires, etc	4/20/2021 9:52 PM
81	Preserve the habitat, make improvements to NW Lake parking and maybe a trail from NW Lake to the old dam site	4/20/2021 12:05 PM
82	Keep it natural, healthy for fish, improve trails somewhat.	4/20/2021 9:29 AM
83	I support mindful conservation efforts. I've appreciated many of UCD's seamless restoration projects - doing what really helps wildlife and nature but not overdoing or overmanaging riparian zones. I also worry that an expanded trail system would lead to an overuse of the area, thereby destroying what's left of the 'naturalness' down there. It sounds selfish, but I think newcomers to the area should have to put out some effort to find their special places. There are many recreation areas available in the gorge, and I feel we should preserve the more secluded of them.	4/20/2021 8:44 AM
84	I'd like to preserve the wild character of the area. I support a fully connected trail system, but hope it would be designed to blend into the surroundings and not detract from boating experiences on the water.	4/20/2021 8:28 AM
85	number 1 priority would be to fix the bridge for pedestrian and bike traffic only, foot/bike path linking Underwood and Northwestern Lake	4/20/2021 7:19 AM
86	We desperately need to develop this area into a public Park with access by trails. The Klickitat linear trail comes to mind.	4/19/2021 10:43 PM
87	I strongly prefer to see the integrity of bio-diversity and wilderness preserved in the river corridor. We are expected to loose 50% of all species by the end of this century. There is no undoing or remediation for extinction. It is critical to maintain and preserve the last tracts of wildland for future generations. This is one of those places.	4/19/2021 3:56 PM
88	Preserve for recreation and public access! Whatever happens please do not let them build home along the river!!!	4/19/2021 9:32 AM
89	Conservation of wildlife, limited public access, recreation opportunities including kayaking/rafting, hiking, and running.	4/18/2021 7:14 PM
90	I own a home in White Salmon on the bench immediately above the lower White Salmon, near its mouth. I can look down from my windows right into the river. I enjoy watching the eagles and other wildlife and I would hate to see large-scale home building or other development. I would love to see the tribal fishing area near the mouth cleaned up, it is a real mess.	4/17/2021 12:15 PM

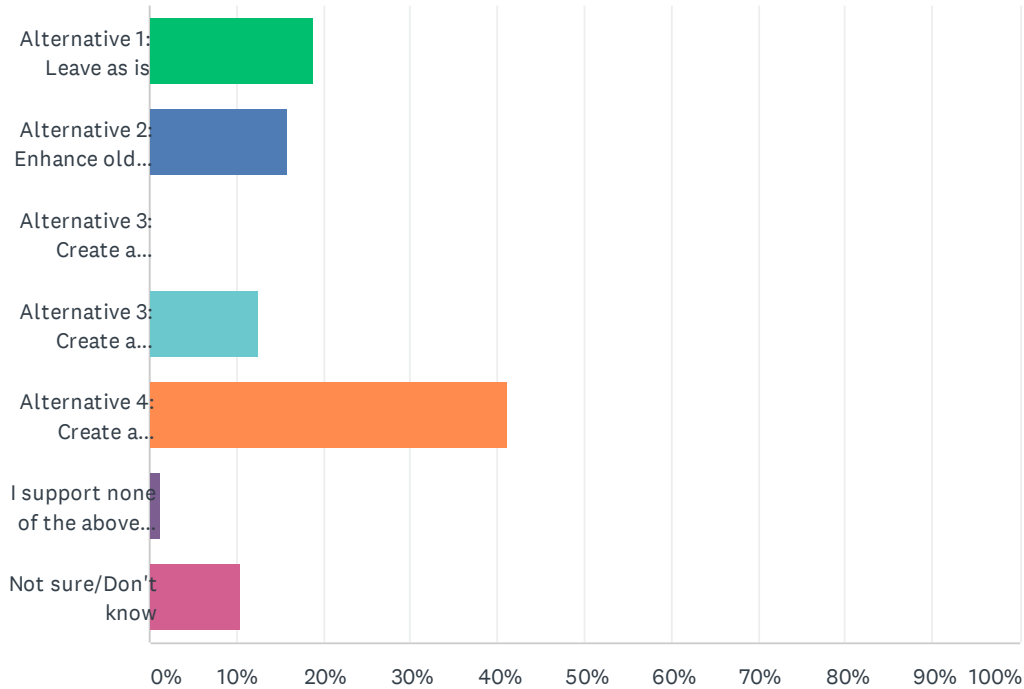
91	Support and restoration for native habitat balanced with wilderness recreation opportunities. I like the recreation being managed via facilities (trails, etc.) that promote targeted use. Overall, I believe being able to access and use the wilderness in a managed way helped ensure its standing and protection in the long term.	4/17/2021 11:32 AM
92	This corridor is key to protecting the reverend the upper habitat as well as protecting communities from fire and visitor impacts. we need to plan for increased visitation but take a sustainable and restorative approach to creating sideboards and community based processes in order to guide us into the future.	4/16/2021 10:50 PM
93	I think it would be great to see this special land given the caring attention it deserves, so it may in turn be more available as habitat for native plants and animals, while providing a connection to nature that is very accessible to many in our community. I think the park area has a lot of potential, given some more attention and care from the community. I also dream of a play structure or naturescape in the picnic area, which I think would be a great resource for the youth and families in our neighborhood, as well as the greater community. Thank you!!	4/16/2021 10:21 PM
94	Give it back to the tribes it was stolen from	4/16/2021 9:58 PM
95	It is scenic area anyway. I don't think a private buyer could develop the land for houses, etc.	4/16/2021 1:48 PM
96	I envision eventually the ability to buy the land of you are currently leasing land that your house is on and then the rest continuing to preserve the natural habitat that stewards and promotes the natural beauty of the white salmon.	4/16/2021 1:31 PM
97	Hiking trail, more river access	4/16/2021 1:18 PM
98	I believe those who have cabins on leased land should have first option to purchase at reasonable price.	4/16/2021 1:04 PM
99	It is still somewhat undiscovered and should remain that way. Once it get's into the Gorge Magazine it is trampled and over run.	4/16/2021 11:44 AM
100	Leave it as it is with users under obligation to leave no trace of having been there.	4/16/2021 11:43 AM
101	Refer to goals above	4/16/2021 11:07 AM
102	No changes on the ground, ownership changes only.	4/16/2021 10:17 AM
103	preservation of the corridor as a recreational resource vs any residential development	4/16/2021 10:11 AM
104	We particularly access the NW Dam road to hike with our dog, to the river. I can't imagine not having this great, easy, community hike and river access. This is a very social, dog friendly trail.	4/16/2021 9:57 AM
105	a new fish hatchery. boat ramp. homes. trail along the river, wide enough for horses or emergency rigs, and for recreation (fishing). hatchery salmon and steelhead. hatchery trout. a few camping areas. a few day use picnic areas. more businesses.	4/15/2021 2:05 PM
106	Leave it wild and as is.	4/14/2021 10:19 PM
107	an easily available experience for our grand children, a present prize for the people	4/14/2021 10:04 PM
108	Although I would like to see the area stay as it is with rehabilitation of some aspects that have deteriorated, I know that some accommodation must be made to prevent damage from overuse. Human waste, garbage, trampling, unwanted trails, tree and plant damage, dogs running loose, excess noise, guns, parking, and too many people are some of the problems that must be planned for so as not to lose the important resources that make this area special.	4/14/2021 8:31 PM
109	Public input should be local residents who have lived in area 20+ years.	4/14/2021 7:43 PM
110	A lovely place for local people to go for hiking and nature viewing, without tourist crowds.	4/14/2021 6:35 PM
111	Let nature manage the corridor.	4/14/2021 4:33 PM
112	Let nature do its own thing.	4/14/2021 1:54 PM
113	The LWSC mission mirrors my own vision.	4/14/2021 11:30 AM
114	My preference would be for a non-profit to acquire the property, without the use of local tax dollars.	4/14/2021 10:04 AM

115	Leaving it as it is, with a few enhancements for recreational users, such as better trails, boating access, and parking.	4/14/2021 9:43 AM
116	Keep it as natural as possible for wildlife & bird habitat knowing it will continue to be used by rafts, small fishing boats, kayakers.	4/14/2021 9:37 AM
117	maintain them for their natural values, particularly the riparian forests.	4/13/2021 12:57 PM
118	I'm not sure, I would like to be a part of these conversations	4/12/2021 9:10 PM
119	I would like the land to be managed for habitat & wildlife protection.	4/12/2021 7:38 PM
120	I would like to see it stay how it currently is. Enhanced trails and bridges will bring more folks to the trail and take away from the quiet secluded nature of the area. In particular, wildlife would be driven away as more folks use the area. Also things like fire danger, garbage and noise would increase. Let's protect this area for plants, animals, and those of us who love the quiet. Thank you!	4/12/2021 6:44 PM
121	Divide the land into 5 acre parcels that would meet both counties zoning minimums for rural dwellings.	4/12/2021 2:46 PM
122	Please put me on your list. I own my house and land on the white salmon river. I walk the trail more often than everyone. Once a day for 6 years. Every. Day.	4/12/2021 1:39 PM
123	Low development. Limited access. Keep natural or it will be lost forever.	4/12/2021 7:40 AM
124	LWSC protected by wild and scenic designation. No further development (housing, trails, etc.) along the river.	4/11/2021 9:17 AM
125	No more pacificorps	4/10/2021 6:20 PM
126	A trail that was designed to feature the best of this environment, including some platforms would be very desirable, but in keeping with the best environmental thinking.	4/10/2021 6:04 PM
127	private ownership so that the land stays on the tax rolls	4/10/2021 6:01 PM
128	Equal use outdoor space for native species and responsible human use.	4/10/2021 5:30 PM
129	A trail from the old lake to the Columbia River	4/10/2021 3:24 PM
130	As the White salmon and hood river area become more crowded, its important to preserve this wild and scenic river, and prevent more housing development which will destroy the natural environment. Make the whole a area a new wild and scenic park, with minimal development.	4/10/2021 2:45 PM
131	Ownership and management consistent with the Coalition's Mission Statement.	4/10/2021 1:14 PM
132	I think that homeowners should have the option to purchase the land their house is on if they choose to.	4/10/2021 11:19 AM
133	I would like to see an extension of northwestern dam road into a trail that meets up with buck creek, non motorized. Along with that there will probably be some minor upgrades to parking but primarily I would like to keep it natural. Viewing platform would be appropriate along alt 141 and other roads but that's it.	4/10/2021 9:33 AM
134	I am struggling with the "locally led conservation" effort question above. In theory, it sounds wonderful. In practice, I need more information to voice support.... I would prefer to see something wild and natural rather than parked out, interpretive signage, paved parking, full of tourists.	4/9/2021 6:19 PM
135	For small parcels of land that are scattered and NOT directly adjacent to the corridor (river) - these parcels should be offered for purchase by adjacent land owners and not be allowed to be developed. i.e., zoned forest land, etc.	4/9/2021 10:59 AM
136	Make it part of the local native peoples land/reservation. Gove it back to the original inhabitants of this land.	4/9/2021 9:50 AM
137	As a homeowner on the PacifiCorp land, I obviously have my own interests and would ultimately like to own the parcel immediately around my home. However, I would love to see a community/public non-profit help managethe area for restoration and conservation.	4/9/2021 9:50 AM
138	I envision the lands being left to reclaim themselves, allowing valuable access to the flora and fauna that are being perpetually pushed away from their habitats. I envision a place where	4/9/2021 9:31 AM

	balance is restored, and animals and people live harmoniously.	
139	Please protect the rural neighborhoods along the river. The top o the fan trail already gets packed with cars in the summer.	4/9/2021 9:21 AM
140	Would love to see a trail that goes from the Columbia River all the way to Northwestern Park. That may be difficult considering the terrain, but what an awesome trail it would be!	4/9/2021 8:07 AM
141	A beautiful, conserved area with access for various interests, but without private, restricted access for only the wealthy or for corporate interests. This would be an area where wildlife and natural plants are in abundance.	4/9/2021 6:13 AM
142	In the last decade it has become increasingly difficult for smaller commercial outfitters to survive on the white salmon. The white salmon river is in danger of being completely monopolized by big companies such as Wet Planet and Zooraft. Smaller outfitters that don't have private river access points and depend upon public access points like BZ Corner, Husum, Northwestern Park, and the Mouth of the White Salmon are often severely limited during the summer because of lack of parking and space at these public access points. I support anything that increases access to to the river and makes it less difficult for smaller outfitters to survive on the White Salmon.	4/8/2021 7:59 PM
143	I would like to see the Forest Service acquire it not a private nonprofit. Washington State acquisition would be ok too	4/8/2021 2:55 PM
144	I would like the old bridge fixed so you don't have to ride up Highway 141. Some trails along the river would be nice too	4/8/2021 10:10 AM
145	Restore to natural state with limited accommodation for water sports, hiking, and viewing	4/8/2021 9:54 AM
146	The White Salmon is a gem that needs to be preserved for future generations (of wildlife and humans!).	4/8/2021 8:55 AM
147	I feel strongly about managing these lands with respect for environment first and liw impact recreational use.	4/8/2021 8:54 AM
148	save the cabin lands including sale of these lands to cabin owners	4/5/2021 8:52 PM
149	Maintaining the river as a wild and scenic river is my priority. Maximizing recreation is unattractive.	11/14/2020 2:31 PM
150	I would like to see it preserved in its curren state as a wild and scenic river with no further development.	11/9/2020 9:33 PM
151	It needs to be turned into USFS or other managed recreation sites, private ownership with trail easements for those the adjoining parcels and cabin owners.	11/9/2020 5:47 PM
152	It should continue to be a community resource balancing conservation/restoration and recreation. The park and trails need a management plan!	11/9/2020 3:48 PM
153	To keep it protected and sustainable	11/3/2020 1:18 PM
154	Long term existense of Cabins that are currently on leased land, with the cabinlands property eventually purchased by cabin owners. Continued and enhanced whitewater access, specifically want to see access at the powerhouse or at the fish counting facility that is a little further downstream. In favor of trail improvements and additions, but not the section on the East side of the river that would encroach on existing homes. I am OK with restoration of the bridge below the powerhouse, but not if it involves continuation including a trail onto an east side (i.e. Alternative 4, without Alternative 3.	10/26/2020 8:18 PM
155	Boater take-out at the Powerhouse with better parking. I also think that the trail enhancement that involves restoring the burned out bridge so that there is a continuous 4 mile stretch of trail is a great idea.	10/25/2020 5:05 PM

Q13 Which of the following trail alternatives are you most in favor of?

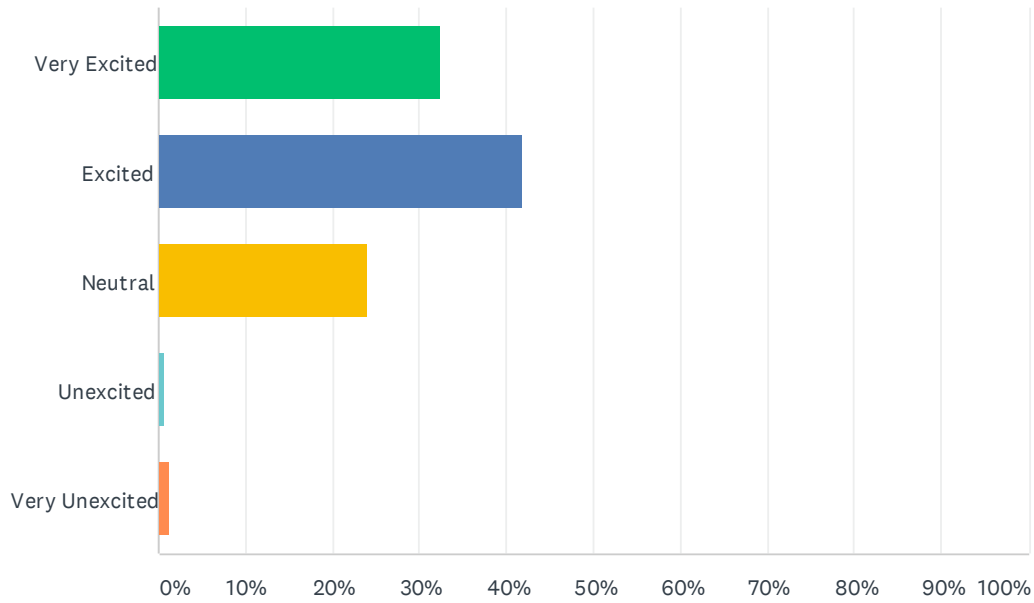
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alternative 1: Leave as is	18.84%	65
Alternative 2: Enhance old Flumeline (better define tread, rebuild eroded section, etc.)	15.94%	55
Alternative 3: Create a contiguous trail from NW Dam Rd to Northwestern Park	0.00%	0
Alternative 3: Create a contiguous trail on the East side of the river	12.46%	43
Alternative 4: Create a contiguous trail from NW Dam Rd (Underwood) to Northwestern Park	41.16%	142
I support none of the above options	1.16%	4
Not sure/Don't know	10.43%	36
TOTAL		345

Q14 How excited are you about the alternative you are most in favor of?

Answered: 342 Skipped: 124



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Excited	32.46%	111
Excited	41.81%	143
Neutral	23.98%	82
Unexcited	0.58%	2
Very Unexcited	1.17%	4
TOTAL		342

Q15 Is there anything else you want to tell us about this alternative? If no, click next.

Answered: 90 Skipped: 376

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thank you for creating this survey!	6/2/2021 8:13 PM
2	Any Eastside trail addition whether 1.75 or 3.25 miles would be great new hiking option , much better than the existing short 3/4 mile westside trail(not long enough). It also would better protect the lower river habitat than a full length trail as in option 4 with the bridge. Would also cost less. The lower river fish and wildlife habitat still needs to be protected regardless of what alternative is developed.	5/31/2021 10:35 PM
3	I would go with Alternative 2 if the easements needed for Alternative 3 are unavailable. Alternative 4 is great too; I just don't know how to weigh the risks of the additional access (traffic, trash, carelessness) with the value to the community of users and residents. Since I am accessing from the east side, it's easier for me to back away from that in favor of lower usage and less change.	5/31/2021 1:35 PM
4	Plank the Burnt bridge no matter which alternative is chosen	5/27/2021 11:40 AM
5	Access to the lower White Salmon would enhance our family use as it did in the past. If the bridge was in use. we have many plans for hiking, horse back riding and cycling that we once used	5/27/2021 8:22 AM
6	A lot of trails could degrade the area so leaving it as is may be best.	5/26/2021 8:26 PM
7	This is a wild and scenic river. Leave it as is!	5/24/2021 9:09 AM
8	This seems to be a weird question	5/24/2021 1:38 AM
9	There is already way too much traffic on Powerhouse road due to kayaker take out. I live above the powerhouse and have to dodge people speeding around corners as they rush to shuttle back & forth. I manually (with a shovel!) fill potholes and call the county for grading. No one else does. I constantly try to keep on top of vandals and trespassers. Bringing in more people might seem great to those coming into hike , but it brings others too. This road is narrow, un-paved and not supportive of the current traffic, let alone commercial raft companies and dozens of hikers.	5/23/2021 7:35 PM
10	Please may this be maintained for all generations to come.	5/23/2021 11:05 AM
11	I want to see the land and the river protected	5/23/2021 10:13 AM
12	I don't really want to weigh in on any of the options without considering first the voices of tribal groups and people who live in these areas.	5/23/2021 7:13 AM
13	Leave it alone. Improvements in trails bring traffic, fire risks, impacts, etc.	5/22/2021 2:35 PM
14	We do not want a new trail in from our our home.	5/22/2021 7:44 AM
15	As someone who lives near powerhouse road and walks there with my young children frequently this feels complicated. I'd be sad to have our quiet neighborhood and walking areas attracting more cars and creating unsafe walking. Selfishly , I know what a treasure we have and don't want it trashed, busy and loud or bringing others here. My kids and I seek refuge exploring the woods, biking to the powerhouse, and observing nature. I do also strongly believe in natural areas being accessed by all and usable in a responsible way. On the one hand, a connected trail from Underwood to northwest lake sounds amazing. I am curious what the environmental impact of making these areas accessible are. It seems that bridge connection would allow so many more to experience the beauty of that section of the river. We frequently see evidence of bear, cougar and Bobcat - deer, coyote etc...in the areas that would become trails. How does a formal, used trail impact them? Will they be in danger or will others feel threatened by them? Will people be coming up To our neighborhood from the trail? How do we	5/21/2021 5:22 PM

project or understand how much use a trail Might get ve the work effort? How does a trail system support the conservation goals or not. Lots of questions and thoughts here. I'm grateful you are giving the future of the lands such detailed thought.

16	The remote beauty of the lower white salmon is rare along this river and I feel it is important to preserve that aspect over encouraging more recreational users	5/21/2021 11:28 AM
17	I worked on conservation issues along the White Salmon River for nearly a decade and a well-designed trail - compatible with salmon, Oregon white oak woodland preservation, and Yakama Nation interests, would be a great way to celebrate the river.	5/20/2021 10:29 PM
18	Please keep all trails open for dogs to use.	5/20/2021 8:21 PM
19	How will it be funded?	5/20/2021 5:54 PM
20	I would need more information and hear more discussion before I could make an informed choice	5/11/2021 8:58 PM
21	If people are already using these areas, then traffic will inevitably increase over time. We should build up and prepare these spaces for heavier use in the future whenever possible.	5/5/2021 9:40 PM
22	Leave it alone for the sake of fish/animal refugia. Not everywhere in the NW needs a parking lot for instagrammers and fat people.	5/4/2021 8:40 AM
23	i think that nw lake park would have to be addressed more parking/toilets/maintance/etc. who is responsible for that now and would that change if one of these alternatives is adopted.	5/3/2021 10:05 AM
24	I would enjoy trail running along a continuous trail	5/3/2021 9:32 AM
25	the descriptions are a little tricky to follow. I assume #4 creates the most trail and the most public use possibilities	4/30/2021 11:59 AM
26	PLEASE!!! DO NOT develop anything here. Trail construction and enhanced recreation IS A FORM OF DEVELOPEMENT which has serious impacts on the environment that cannot be reversed. The Hood River Pipeline trail is a great example. Lots of people, trash, dog waste, graffitti on everything, riparian plants are smashed, drifters hanging out and giving the place a sketchy feel, road is horribly maintained, too many fisherman	4/30/2021 10:51 AM
27	If the old bridge is restored to increase the trail length I believe there will not be near enough parking to accommodate all of the people it will attract	4/28/2021 12:33 AM
28	See previous answer related to the unique opportunity presented for restoration and limited public use but discouraging significant increased use beyond whitewater.	4/27/2021 8:18 PM
29	I see the various options but considerations like cost, access, parking, are not all clear in my mind. i like seeing the trail options, want to know who they benefit most with least environmental and local impact. I support turning the old burnt bridge to non-motorized traffic, and creating parking at the Powerhouse. So however that fits in to the options...	4/27/2021 4:35 PM
30	The popularity of hiking as demonstrated during the COVID 19 pandemic by over crowded parking at popular trails throughout the Gorge means that whatever parking options we provide, demand will overwhelm and create problems for residents and the health of the river. Too little parking, people will park along roadways and hike in. More parking means more will come still overwhelming the spaces available and the river. People who bring their dogs create fecal waste problems for all, as the Klickitat Trail has demonstrated. Not an easy solution to this aspect of recreational use of the river corridor.	4/27/2021 12:14 PM
31	Fixing the bridge would be wonderful also more parking on powerhouse rd	4/26/2021 9:14 AM
32	No added parking. Leave underwood alone!	4/25/2021 8:43 PM
33	I am not excited about the idea of bringing more traffic to the Underwood area, which I think expanding any trail access would do	4/25/2021 8:10 AM
34	While I am excited about Alt 4, I am also concerned about too many people using the area. How will use be controlled? Will there be a plan for a permit use basis if the trail becomes overused?	4/24/2021 12:21 PM
35	It seems parking would be a primary challenge and this would be a highly desirable hike. Is there any way of having limited parking or different parking alternatives along the trail so it's not all in one spot?	4/24/2021 11:30 AM

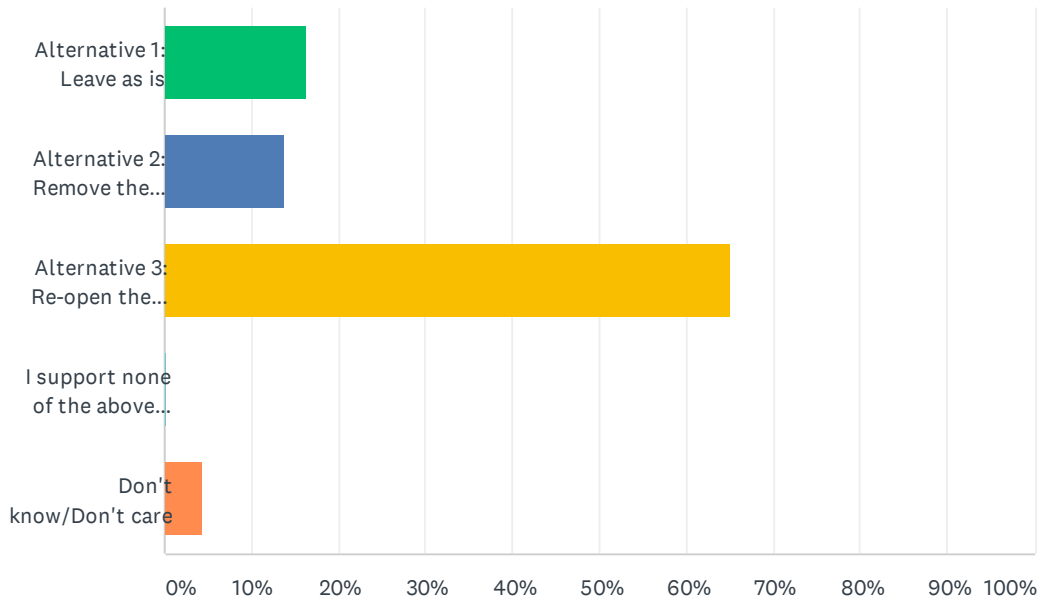
36	It would be very cool to have a trail that more or less follows the lower river	4/23/2021 9:30 PM
37	NW Park parking should be increased. Steps should be taken to discourage parking at the Power House site. As a boater, I do not mind paying more to park for riverside access.	4/23/2021 12:07 PM
38	Thank you for this!	4/23/2021 8:47 AM
39	Should do alternatives 2, 3 AND 4	4/22/2021 10:49 PM
40	It helps with river views for those boaters and rafters scouting lower runs of the river.	4/22/2021 7:28 PM
41	Boat ramp at the confluence with the Columbia would be good	4/22/2021 6:36 PM
42	building new trails on steep terrain would invite erosion as well as more damage to the land from humans and more stress on the wildlife that live down there.	4/22/2021 6:06 PM
43	I like the idea of access on both sides of the river (at the different places listed).	4/22/2021 10:09 AM
44	I think it would be great to have a trail along the entire stretch, but I have to admit I would rarely hike it as I regularly paddle this section instead.	4/22/2021 9:23 AM
45	Boaters definitely need a better takeout option for running the Lower Lower. Would be nice to have a better place but only if it doesn't increase the negative impact that the dirtbags of the general public bring to our natural resources. Perhaps a takeout owned/operated and only accessible to members of American Whitewater or other club/organization as an example.	4/22/2021 8:38 AM
46	I'm unsure if I am accurately assessing the impact of Alt 4, my favored alternative. I like the idea of a continuous trail, but only if it does not dramatically change the nature of this section of river.	4/21/2021 9:37 PM
47	parking may be an issue for the many users at NW Park	4/21/2021 9:19 PM
48	Parking for boaters, please!	4/21/2021 8:47 PM
49	As any changes occur more people will show up, which inevitably means more adverse impacts on the local ecosystem. More cars, more people, more problems. The WS is a gem and adding more people and unceasing impacts is very worrisome.	4/21/2021 3:40 PM
50	The trail should allow bikes. Then kayakers could bike their shuttle and avoid the highway.	4/21/2021 3:39 PM
51	I believe any additional safe parking for the take out on the lower lower White Salmon would be much appreciated not only by users of the river but also by locals in the area since you would not have as many cars and or pedestrians on the roadway near the intersection of the Columbia river in the White Salmon River.	4/21/2021 3:09 PM
52	I expect hikers will make "citizen trails" if formal trails are not built.	4/21/2021 2:31 PM
53	yes my neighbors and I will be looking at a parking lot and listening to cars, dogs, horns honking and people yelling all day and smelling stinky bathrooms. I love when people have plans that don't affect them or their property value.	4/20/2021 10:21 PM
54	I hate the idea of a big parking area on Powerhouse Rd. Keep the parking at NW Lake Park	4/20/2021 12:09 PM
55	A full-length trail would be an amazing resource for locals, especially if designed in a way to maintain the wild character of this lower corridor. I worry a bit about crowding once the word gets out and the impacts that heavy use might have on neighbors, the trail, and the river corridor.	4/20/2021 8:30 AM
56	There is a community of individuals that would be willing to volunteer time and effort to make this happen!	4/20/2021 7:20 AM
57	Buy out the property owners at Underwood and restore the bridge and make a continuous trail from Underwood. approach the state for funding	4/19/2021 11:00 PM
58	I'm worried about the increased use and tourism.	4/19/2021 10:23 AM
59	I voted for option 2, but also like option 3. Very important to improve safety and convenience of take-out near the Columbia.	4/18/2021 7:18 PM
60	I think this is the best as it improves livability for those in Underwood to not have to drive to a trail. This is a sustainable thing and also an asset to the people that live in area. tho could	4/16/2021 10:57 PM

	impact their neighborhood so not sure if that's a major issue - could be.	
61	I don't live on the river, I imagine folks who would be more impacted by the increased traffic might not be excited about developing a trail as explained. Very interesting to consider the possibility!	4/16/2021 10:25 PM
62	Love the idea of having more trails along the river!	4/16/2021 1:34 PM
63	The idea of a longer trail is good, BUT that means more people, traffic and garbage. Also hikers and bikers do not mix well if trail system is heavily used. Currently this is a nice dog walk trail....more people & dogs will necessitate regular clean up of trash and poo bags. Can't really pick an alternative until we see a complete plan/funding/scope.	4/16/2021 11:16 AM
64	I would like to see a combination of alternatives 2&3 without connecting it to Underwood. I would oppose redecking the bridge which would make it a busy destination with unlimited pressure which would destroy the local flavor of the resource.	4/16/2021 10:27 AM
65	needs to be horse and emergency vehicle ready. need a boat launch. camping areas. picnic areas.	4/15/2021 2:08 PM
66	links both sides of the river in case of an emergency	4/14/2021 10:06 PM
67	The downside is attracting too many people, but having a trail for them might reduce damage from people creating their own trails.	4/14/2021 8:38 PM
68	Fixing up the bridge for bike passage would be wonderful	4/14/2021 11:21 AM
69	No tax dollars for the project, I'm happy. Use tax dollars, I'm not happy.	4/14/2021 10:12 AM
70	This would be a very popular trail so more parking would be needed.	4/14/2021 9:48 AM
71	I'm conflicted between leave it as is and completely open it up for more hiking. Can't choose.	4/14/2021 8:57 AM
72	I support 2 or 4 but not 3. If we can get landowner buy in for 3, we should go all the way with 4.	4/12/2021 9:17 PM
73	I live here- please include me!	4/12/2021 1:42 PM
74	I think part of what makes that section of river special is that it is mostly inaccessible by land.	4/11/2021 5:42 PM
75	Keep the LWSC wild and scenic. Restore any degraded areas to natural state. Trails will chase out native wildlife, particularly when dogs are also allowed.	4/11/2021 9:39 AM
76	Trails are unnecessary through these areas and would be more trouble than they are worth.	4/10/2021 6:24 PM
77	per the access options/concerns mentioned in the description for alternative 4, we would be concerned about increased traffic from the Underwood access end. If there is some way to mitigate or reduce the number of vehicles that could access or park at that end it would be more favorable to the Underwood residents. We are excited at the idea of extending and connecting to the Northwest Lake trail system, from Underwood.	4/10/2021 5:36 PM
78	Parking at the mouth is already crowded and dangerous. Introducing a contiguous trail (a la Klickitat) would definitely increase usage. The gorge has a special talent for loving places to death. If you respect or care for this river, add an access point or two, but through traffic would be disastrous for the unique wilderness character of the lower river.	4/9/2021 6:23 PM
79	I believe with any of the alternatives, as you already mentioned - If you build it, they will come. I think the Gorge has seen enough of that this last year and we need to draw the line for expansion at some point!	4/9/2021 11:16 AM
80	Give it back to the native first nations peoples.	4/9/2021 9:52 AM
81	I have lived in this neighborhood for almost 20 years, and in the past 3 years have seen an exponential increase in traffic as more and more people discover the Big Buck Creek & Mill Creek watersheds. I have watched the area explode, but not the infrastructure or resources to accommodate this shift. Adding more trails to the area would only increase these stressors. Additionally, the community feel of the park area was really "washed away" when the dam was removed, I saw it happen very clearly. Slowly, the community has been rebuilding and the park area has just recently become a spot for engagement and connection for locals. If it is developed, I fear it will reverse the momentum of rebuilding community.	4/9/2021 9:39 AM
82	Please do not create a contiguous trail, it will greatly impact local neighborhoods.	4/9/2021 9:23 AM

83	Not in favor of more crowds of people. If it was developed, consideration of biker/hiker multi-use trail, wider and dog friendly.	4/9/2021 4:38 AM
84	Parking is a major concern for small outfitters on the White Salmon. If Access is increased and trails are developed without any increased parking, smaller outfitters will be unable to operate on the White Salmon.	4/8/2021 8:02 PM
85	It is important to have adequate parking and police presence. Absolutely do NOT want trails on the west side.	4/8/2021 8:56 AM
86	If cost of these is prohibitive and happy with an Eastside trail.	4/6/2021 9:02 AM
87	I can't tell if any of the trail will be wheelchair accessible. Spaces for Accessible parking would need to be considered as well.	3/11/2021 6:20 PM
88	I wish we could at least preserve the old burnt bridge.	11/9/2020 3:49 PM
89	It's a hard balance to manage. Parking is always an issue and if ppl increase use this precious river will be ruined. Maybe just the fluke trail would be a little something nice but not the entire river. Or connecting underwood over the bridge only to the flume trail would be nice? Not entire length of the river	11/3/2020 1:22 PM
90	I would like to see the bridge restored, even if nothing else is done.	10/26/2020 8:18 PM

Q16 Which of the following alternatives are you most in favor of?

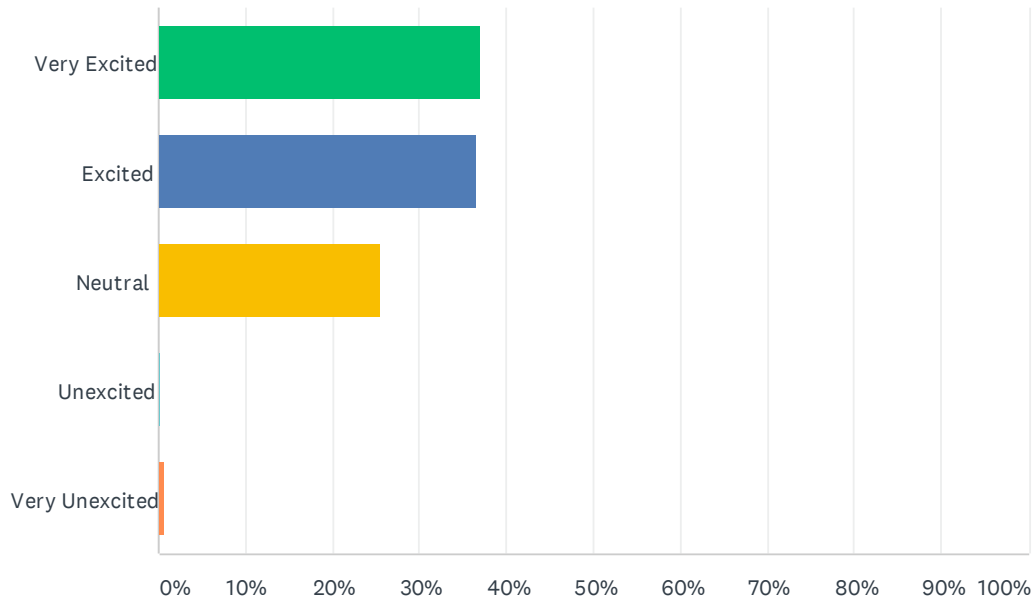
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alternative 1: Leave as is	16.42%	55
Alternative 2: Remove the bridge	13.73%	46
Alternative 3: Re-open the bridge to pedestrian traffic	65.07%	218
I support none of the above alternatives	0.30%	1
Don't know/Don't care	4.48%	15
TOTAL		335

Q17 How excited are you about the alternative you are most in favor of?

Answered: 334 Skipped: 132



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Excited	37.13%	124
Excited	36.53%	122
Neutral	25.45%	85
Unexcited	0.30%	1
Very Unexcited	0.60%	2
TOTAL		334

Q18 Is there anything else you want to tell us about this alternative? If no, click next.

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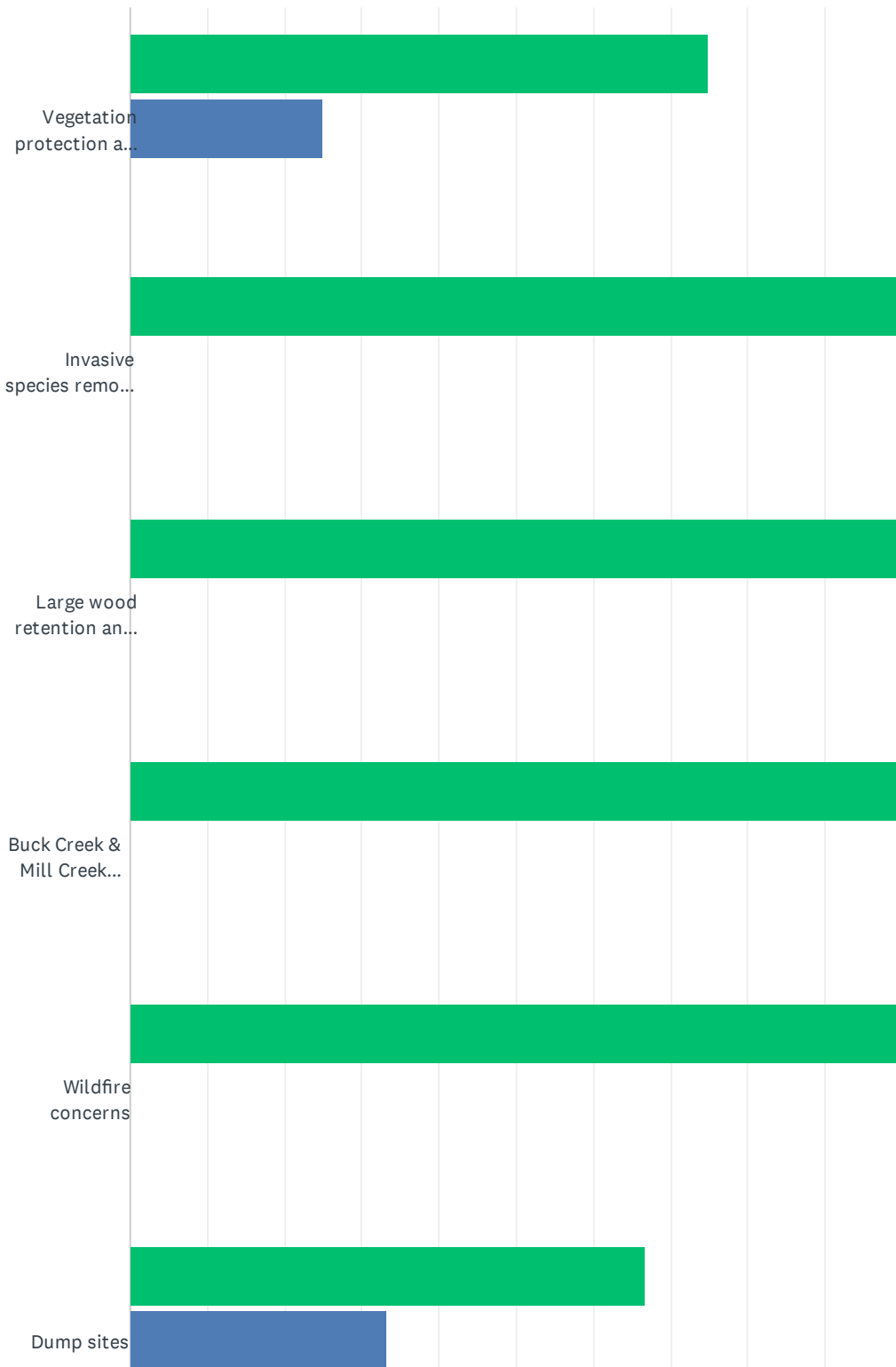
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1	I think there may be more problems associated with reopening the bridge than folks realize	5/31/2021 10:46 PM
2	I'm not sure how Alt 3 of the bridge is different from Alt 4 of the trail question. I have concerns about the level of increased usage, but the statement for Alt 3 of the bridge question is compelling, giving Underwood residents better exercise/recreation and non-motorized access both to the trails and to White Salmon.	5/31/2021 1:39 PM
3	You did not give the alternative of redecking the bridge, but not extending the trail to Northwestern Park. It was walkable 30 years ago and used casually by hikers to move from Underwood down to powerhouse rd. That is plenty of hiking without complicating things by trying to create trails through lease property.	5/23/2021 7:40 PM
4	Dangerous...please remove!	5/23/2021 11:05 AM
5	Restoration activities and clean up, such as bridge removal, is fine but do not make improvements to the area. Leave it as is.	5/22/2021 2:36 PM
6	Funding for the redecking - how will that be funded?	5/20/2021 5:54 PM
7	If people feel strongly about another option, I wouldn't want my vote to influence otherwise.	5/19/2021 4:29 PM
8	Love that old thing and have good memories of it. Would love to see it return to pedestrian glory... ;)	5/8/2021 11:06 AM
9	My secondary opinion would be to remove the bridge so it isn't a safety hazard. I don't think it should be left as-is, in any case.	5/3/2021 9:34 AM
10	There are very dangerous pieces of burnt wood on the bridge just waiting to fall off. Removal is best choice	4/30/2021 10:52 AM
11	Ensure bridge safety i.e. people jumping off the bridge!	4/29/2021 9:27 AM
12	I would like to see the decking replaced but would be afraid most visitors would start in Underwood instead of at northwestern park.	4/28/2021 12:37 AM
13	Answered some of my previous inquiry/thoughts. I think the idea of folks being able to walk/bike across the river without going on the highway is great.	4/27/2021 4:37 PM
14	This seems like a great way to help the people of underwood commute to work, not too mention, if the bridge is removed, it will likely NEVER come back which seems aggressive	4/27/2021 2:52 PM
15	See comments on Trails alternatives. Parking demand will overwhelm all alternatives to the detriment of the river.	4/27/2021 12:15 PM
16	Fix the bridge	4/26/2021 9:14 AM
17	As an Underwood resident, I do not wish to see any more traffic brought to the area, and enjoy looking at the old bridge (as is!).	4/25/2021 8:18 AM
18	Same message -- keep a balance between increasing use and maintain the wild nature of the River and Environs.	4/24/2021 12:22 PM
19	There would be lots of opportunity to have signage and educational opportunities around this section of trail around dam removal and the history of local tribes.	4/24/2021 11:32 AM
20	It would be a good place for recreationists to view boaters and nature and would be nearby a possible access point at the end of Powerhouse Rd.	4/22/2021 7:35 PM
21	We will need parking at the powerhouse.	4/22/2021 4:10 PM

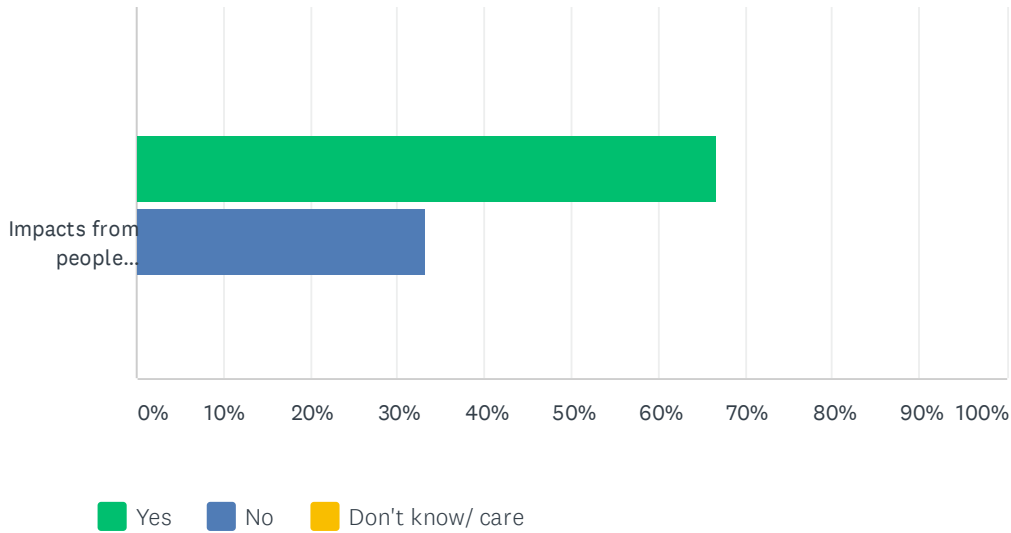
22	I think the bridge would be a major draw for people wanting to hike the area.	4/22/2021 9:25 AM
23	It's a hazard and liability to whoever winds up owning it. Repairing and maintaining it costs \$.	4/22/2021 8:40 AM
24	Mildly excited but also worried about potential impacts.	4/21/2021 9:40 PM
25	Bridge should allow bikes, as well as pedestrians.	4/21/2021 3:40 PM
26	Either leave the old bridge as is or take it out. Underwood is a residential area and we don't need day use people driving up and down the Cook-Underwood Rd. Increased use of NW Dam trail would be a disaster for Underwood residents	4/20/2021 12:11 PM
27	It seems incongruous with my previous statements, but re-decking the bridge for foot traffic is exciting to me. I am STONGLY opposed to opening this whole area to biking, though. Bikes do not mix with preserved areas. They are destructive to the land, the quiet, and the peace. There are plenty of dedicated biking areas nearby.	4/20/2021 8:48 AM
28	Fixing the bridge for foot and bike traffic is the number 1 priority	4/20/2021 7:21 AM
29	I'm open to re-opening the bridge if traffic and parking can be managed effectively.	4/18/2021 7:19 PM
30	I know its the right thing to make non driving options available. we need more spaces not less to spread us out.	4/16/2021 10:58 PM
31	I would love to see dedicated parking on the west side of the river to minimize the impact on the property owners who currently live at the start of the Underwood side	4/16/2021 12:27 PM
32	Lengthens a short hike & if done properly should eliminate parking issues at NW Dam Rd, keeping the local Underwood access smaller as folks are directed to powerhouse or Condit parking.	4/16/2021 11:20 AM
33	the trail and bridge needs to be wide enough for hikers, horses and emergency vehicles.	4/15/2021 2:10 PM
34	Again, this encourages use, but it also builds support for the area. The struggle is always to balance preservation and overuse, but political support is essential regardless of what alternatives are chosen.	4/14/2021 8:40 PM
35	I like the idea of the Underwood section of trail crossing the restored bridge and following the old flume line trail, ending at the old dam site. I don't think it is feasible to continue the trail north to NW Park because it would have to cross some private property along the route.	4/14/2021 11:44 AM
36	Please include cyclist traffic in addition to pedestrian traffic!!	4/14/2021 11:22 AM
37	I personally don't live in the area anymore but I still have interest in the area. I grew up in Underwood used the road , bridge and northwestern park quiet a bit. I was really happy when they took out the dam. So I don't know if my input will be considered. I answered how I felt. Thank you	4/14/2021 11:07 AM
38	Bridge should also consider equestrian users - open to horse traffic.	4/14/2021 10:15 AM
39	There is historical value in the old bridge and the connection of the area to Underwood	4/12/2021 9:18 PM
40	I fear that wildlife will leave the area if more folks use the new trail. Also increased fire risk as well as garbage and noise. I'd like to leave it as is, and protect the quiet nature of the area.	4/12/2021 6:56 PM
41	concerned about degradation of the shoreline with human presence	4/10/2021 6:09 PM
42	Really like the idea of having a bike/ped connection to White Salmon and Underwood area, without having to go to Hwy 14 which is very dangerous for biking.	4/10/2021 5:38 PM
43	I'm Very nervous about the influx of people and parking issues should the bridge reopen. Also concerned for the Salmon that spawn in the river in that area if we get more people using this trail	4/10/2021 8:48 AM
44	I'm not in favor of increasing traffic, but I agree the bridge is an eyesore/safety hazard.	4/9/2021 6:26 PM
45	Short of removing the bridge (which would be costly), maybe making the bridge look like less of a hazard and put up decent barriers to prevent anyone from trying to get to the bridge. Just spruce it up a bit.....	4/9/2021 11:19 AM
46	Give it all back to the local tribes.	4/9/2021 9:52 AM

47	Fix the bridge or get rid of it. Its sketchy, and an eye sore as is.	4/8/2021 8:03 PM
48	I am concerned that residents of privately owned land will put up a major resistance to an Eastside and thru trail.	4/6/2021 9:05 AM
49	I want to make sure that there is an opportunity for future community members to make a decision on what to do about the bridge and bridge access and want it preserved.	11/9/2020 3:51 PM
50	I'd like to see the bridge restored, but not the east side trail beyond the old dam site.	10/26/2020 8:22 PM

Q19 There are a number of natural resource issues that the Lower White Salmon Coalition have identified as being important enough to address. Would you support long-term management to address the following concerns?

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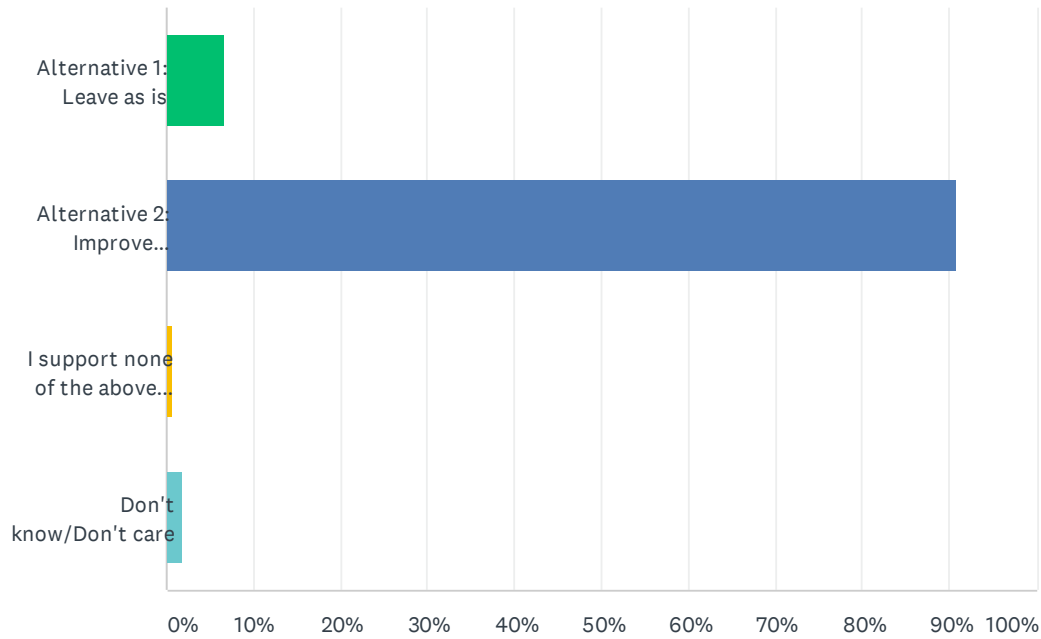




	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/ CARE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Vegetation protection and re-establishment	75.00% 3	25.00% 1	0.00% 0	4	1.25
Invasive species removal and prevention, aquatic and terrestrial	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3	1.00
Large wood retention and recruitment needed to increase pools and cover	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3	1.00
Buck Creek & Mill Creek erosion, slope instability and lack of riparian vegetation near cabins	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3	1.00
Wildfire concerns	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3	1.00
Dump sites	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	3	1.33
Impacts from people recreating on the lower river corridor. For example: sanitation, trash, wood removal, impacts to redds, impacts to native vegetation, dispersed camping and unsanctioned trail building/social trails.	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	3	1.33

Q20 Which of the following alternatives are you most in favor of?

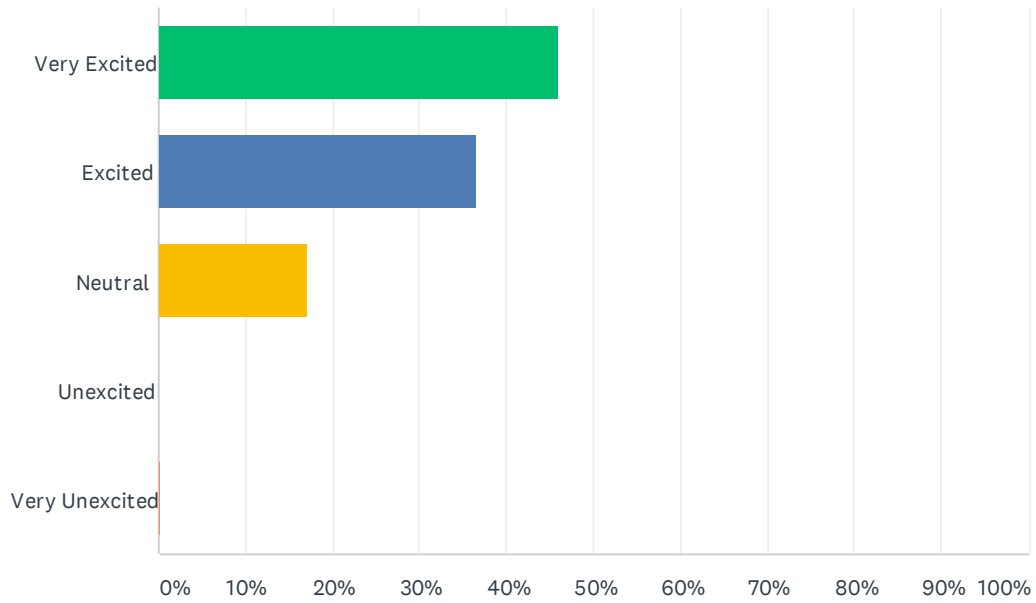
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alternative 1: Leave as is	6.69%	22
Alternative 2: Improve condition of native vegetation along the river and tributaries, including along the river and tributaries	90.88%	299
I support none of the above alternatives	0.61%	2
Don't know/Don't care	1.82%	6
TOTAL		329

Q21 How excited are you about the alternative you are most in favor of?

Answered: 328 Skipped: 138



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Excited	46.04%	151
Excited	36.59%	120
Neutral	17.07%	56
Unexcited	0.00%	0
Very Unexcited	0.30%	1
TOTAL		328

Q22 Is there anything else you want to tell us about this alternative? If no, click next.

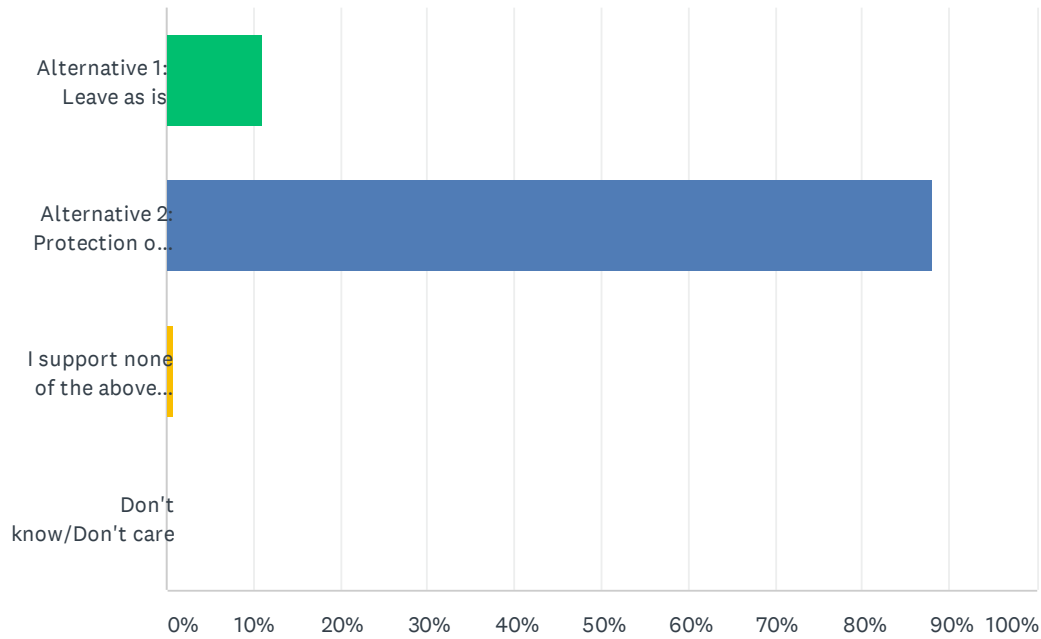
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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Restrict any form of private development along the river corridor that includes clearcutting vegetation removal or could lead to loss of wildlife habitat, visual disruption to hikers experience or river bank bank destabilization.	5/31/2021 10:53 PM
2	There is tremendous value in removing invasives and improving conditions for native vegetation. And increased usage will mean increased potential for trash, etc., so we need a mechanism for protecting these areas from invasive weeds and garbage.	5/31/2021 1:41 PM
3	They will still leave garbage. Perhaps partnering with a sanitation company through the county would help.	5/23/2021 7:42 PM
4	The areas are recolonizing with natural vegetation on their own. Removal of invasives is fine but most areas should be left alone.	5/22/2021 2:37 PM
5	There are invasive species popping up in the former lakebed. Needs to be managed to protect restored native habitat	5/22/2021 7:46 AM
6	Would love to help with this	5/21/2021 5:23 PM
7	I'd be more excited about enhanced vegetation if previous restoration projects had not been so aggressive. Minor involvement to help nature expedite it's own recovery would be my hope. I am especially opposed to aggressive woody debris delivery into a river system without boater input.	5/19/2021 4:31 PM
8	There are NO invasive plants along the river corridor except some black berry. LEAVE IT AS IT IS	4/30/2021 10:53 AM
9	This should be an essential component of all alternatives.	4/29/2021 9:30 AM
10	Maybe do more in this area later?	4/29/2021 9:17 AM
11	I strongly support restoration activities in the corridor.	4/27/2021 8:21 PM
12	It's just very good.	4/27/2021 4:37 PM
13	The invasive are terrible	4/26/2021 9:15 AM
14	This is the most important goal -- to improve native vegetation. This should be done first before improving trails and parking.	4/24/2021 12:24 PM
15	Improvement is critical to ensure invasive species don't fill the space left by the dam removal.	4/23/2021 8:49 AM
16	Educating locals and garbage removal is important. We value a clean pristine environment for recreation.	4/22/2021 7:37 PM
17	How on earth do you remove the blackberry brambles covering the hillside by the old powerhouse?	4/22/2021 6:09 PM
18	The better care we take of the area, the more enjoyable it will be to hike/bike/boat there.	4/22/2021 10:11 AM
19	Restoring natives is crucial to preserving rivers.	4/22/2021 9:27 AM
20	Very important	4/21/2021 9:41 PM
21	I'm excited as long as the fish habitat people don't use up the whole budget. We need to some land-based plant management.	4/21/2021 3:18 PM
22	need to clean up the mess	4/21/2021 2:33 PM
23	Good summer work for young adults	4/20/2021 12:13 PM

24	Removing invasive species of plants and animals is very important. Again, I've appreciated UCD's low impact approach in the past.	4/20/2021 8:51 AM
25	Stewarding this area will help improve conditions for everyone - fish, wildlife, and human visitors. Coordinated volunteer days could help continue to build community support and connection to the corridor.	4/20/2021 8:32 AM
26	I support the removal of invasive species, so long as this means manual removal and not applying toxic chemicals.	4/20/2021 4:44 AM
27	This is great if we can also get local involvement and buy in for volunteering and maintaining healthy trash free areas - which could be helped in some ways by increased visitorship as well. "friends of underwood" anyone?	4/16/2021 11:00 PM
28	Scotch broom sucks..	4/16/2021 11:21 AM
29	As an Underwood resident I was initially excited about the prospect of resurfacing the bridge to provide a longer hiking option, but the reality of the increased parking and usage is a deal killer for me. The trail as is, is a quiet social, community trail that is very dog friendly and user friendly, As	4/16/2021 11:10 AM
30	pending thoughts.	4/15/2021 2:12 PM
31	It is doing fine on its own. Leave it alone.	4/14/2021 1:57 PM
32	Again - non profit funds to move forward, not tax dollars.	4/14/2021 10:28 AM
33	Keep LWSC wild and scenic. Restore wildlife habitat and remove trails. There is no point in restoring habitat if trails get built and people come to hike or bike (with or without dogs). Illegal camping / partying may also start to occur, as this area is close to town.	4/11/2021 9:47 AM
34	highly supportive of restoration of native vegetation and habitat - and getting rid of invasives as much as possible - yes on the maintenance plan and ongoing education	4/10/2021 5:39 PM
35	I think this goes without saying - especially these days!	4/9/2021 11:19 AM
36	Give it all back to the local tribes.	4/9/2021 9:53 AM
37	Now that the post dam removal plantings are maturing a management plan needs to be developed for both those areas and areas that were not addressed post dam decommission (Buck Creek, areas not previously underwater that have never been managed.)	11/9/2020 3:53 PM

Q23 Which of the following alternatives are you most in favor of?

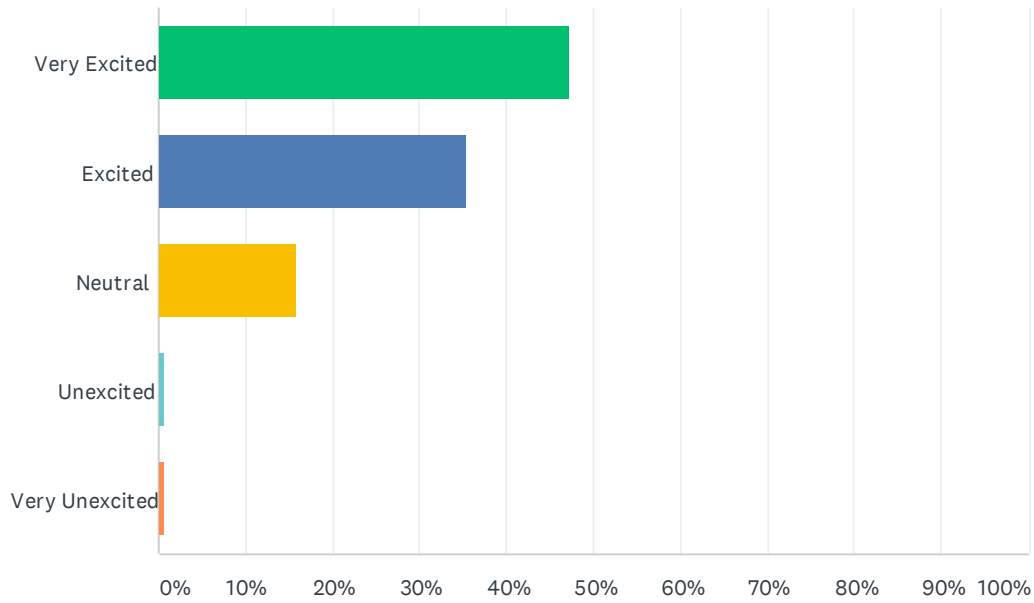
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alternative 1: Leave as is	11.08%	36
Alternative 2: Protection of aquatic life	88.00%	286
I support none of the above alternatives	0.92%	3
Don't know/Don't care	0.00%	0
TOTAL		325

Q24 How excited are you about the alternative you are most in favor of?

Answered: 325 Skipped: 141



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Excited	47.38%	154
Excited	35.38%	115
Neutral	16.00%	52
Unexcited	0.62%	2
Very Unexcited	0.62%	2
TOTAL		325

Q25 Is there anything else you want to tell us about this alternative? If no, click next.

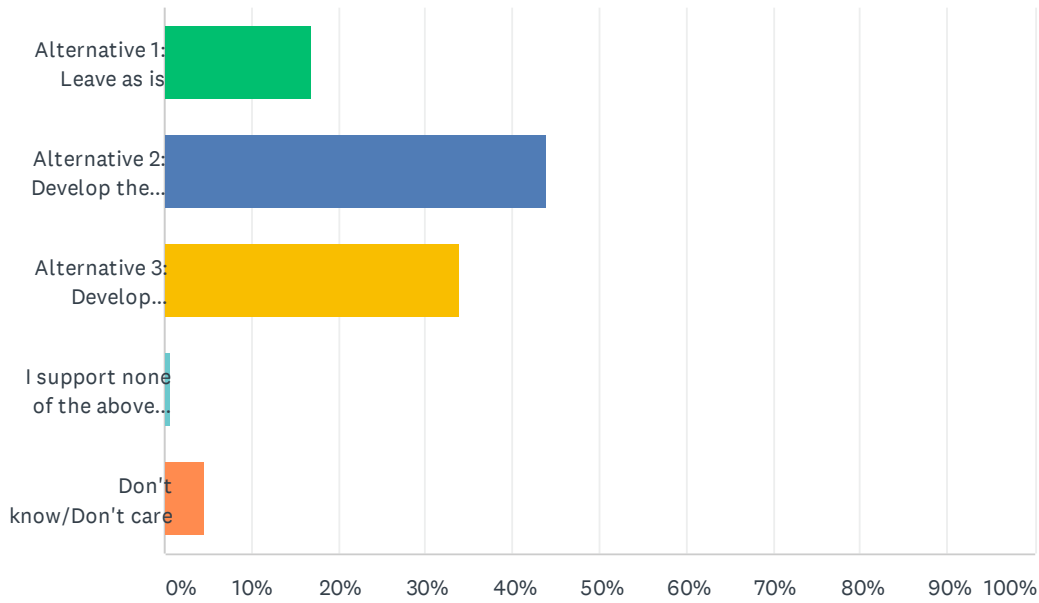
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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The dam removal has given us an opportunity to make this even more of a treasure and contribution to the biodiversity and beauty and productivity of the river. Users for the most part (hopefully) want to protect the habitat, and need education and resources to make it easy for them to do.	5/31/2021 1:45 PM
2	It is insane to think that raft companies would be able to tow a trailer with a van to the Powerhouse down the single lane steep windy road. Build something more suitable at the mouth of the river where it is paved and they can turn around and load.	5/23/2021 7:47 PM
3	Limit the amount of boater traffic!! Educate on where the nests are and how best to or not use those sections of the river. Catch and release Fly fishing only!!	5/23/2021 9:59 AM
4	Leave as is!!	5/22/2021 2:38 PM
5	There needs to be a takeout option at the powerhouse above the gravel bars. This is especially true for rafters and outfitters.	5/22/2021 8:56 AM
6	This sounds like a good compromise between responsible river use in the summers and protecting salmon redds. The gravel bars near the mouth become difficult to navigate in a raft (especially commercially) and having a higher take out would be a great option	5/21/2021 11:34 AM
7	My experience as a boater has been that when paddling the lower lower, folks want to paddle all the way to the mouth of the Columbia for the experience. If that's causing redds to be disturbed I'd like to see marking or education.	5/20/2021 10:49 AM
8	I'd be more inclined to be open to alt 2 if I trusted the artificial injection of woody debris would not pose a safety risk to boaters, and the placement of the debris would be done with boater input. However, the numerous times boaters safety has been disregarded on other streams around the PNW has made me extremely opposed to how this practice is carried out (rather than being opposed to the practice itself).	5/19/2021 4:37 PM
9	This is a great way to get a win-win for recreation and habitat.	5/8/2021 8:22 PM
10	Exposure historically equals pressure on threatened salmonids, despite best intentions. Leave them alone.	5/4/2021 8:43 AM
11	Removing the Condit Dam is all that was needed to restore this place. By educating people on the importance of the spawning habitat we are exposing people to the spawning habitat. Sometimes less information means less harm. The last thing that is needed is people being curious about the spawning salmon and coming down to look for them and scaring them.	4/30/2021 10:55 AM
12	This alternative manages users away for sensitive habitats.	4/29/2021 9:32 AM
13	Us fishermen need to stop trampling the redds.	4/29/2021 9:18 AM
14	I don't see how there is any better alternative than this!! It was so absolutely thrilling the first year after the dam was gone to see a salmon trying to jump up Husum Falls! We (the dam, etc.) have been in their way far too long.	4/27/2021 4:41 PM
15	Air bnb have made swimming areas that damage spawning habits. These need to be banned	4/26/2021 9:17 AM
16	That's the best option for fish. The more people, the more people in fish habitat. Leave em alone	4/25/2021 8:45 PM
17	Improvement of aquatic life and improvement of vegetation are the key elements. Public access is secondary.	4/24/2021 12:26 PM
18	I believe that salmon will begin to spawn further and further upstream over the years as they	4/23/2021 12:10 PM

	learn that Condit Dam is no longer present.	
19	A boater take out above the lowest 1.5 mile of WS River and appropriate recreational infrastructure, including restrooms and garbage receptacles is valuable to boaters and other recreationalists.	4/22/2021 7:41 PM
20	Better boating take-out plus salmon & steelhead support - win-win!	4/22/2021 10:12 AM
21	Introduce a Steelhead broodstock program... Leaving these fish to fend for themselves will be a complete failure..	4/22/2021 8:56 AM
22	very important	4/21/2021 9:42 PM
23	I would not support restricting use of the lower river, but promoting use of an alternate (more convenient) take-out would be a good strategy	4/21/2021 5:21 PM
24	Habitat improvements should not include the placement of large woody debris (LWD). LWD always moves eventually and can become very dangerous to river users.	4/21/2021 3:42 PM
25	Great for the salmon to remove boat traffic from the area near the mouth.	4/21/2021 3:19 PM
26	It would have impact, but I strongly support a boating takeout 1.5 miles up from the mouth. It would help protect the lower shallow river.	4/20/2021 8:55 AM
27	I don't know that it would be feasible to develop another boating takeout given topography. Plus, there is a kind of aesthetic to boating all the way to the mouth. Additionally, lots of paddleboarders and kayakers enter the lower White Salmon from the Columbia and lots of hikers and fisherman hike in and access this area from the bank, so would a different takeout really mitigate impacts? I would consider other stewardship options: e.g. education/signage about spawning season and the need to limit stops in the spawning area; a no-stop policy for certain river segments during spawning season, etc.	4/20/2021 8:36 AM
28	I support education, responsible use, and restoration, but do not support construction of a new take out. That would be quite disruptive to the canyon environment.	4/19/2021 9:19 PM
29	its essential	4/16/2021 11:00 PM
30	Excited to protect the wildlife but worried about the location of bathrooms and infrastructure.	4/16/2021 11:59 AM
31	Wild fish only! No hatchery fish!	4/16/2021 11:22 AM
32	Unless forced to take out, boaters would likely prefer to float the remaining length of river and takeout at highway 14.	4/16/2021 10:34 AM
33	push for increase in hatchery fish. large boat ramps (several) fish hatchery. picnic areas and camping areas. trail from hwy 14 to the GP	4/15/2021 2:16 PM
34	Its not broke and doesn't need fixing.	4/14/2021 1:58 PM
35	Again - non profit dollars, not tax dollars for improvements	4/14/2021 10:32 AM
36	As a boater, I like the convenience of the takeout at the mouth, but I see the importance of this move.	4/11/2021 5:45 PM
37	let nature run its course	4/10/2021 6:12 PM
38	very supportive of this alternative to help fish habitat recover and stabilize	4/10/2021 5:41 PM
39	Emphasize the new boater takeout.	4/10/2021 9:06 AM
40	Again, stop paving additional parking areas. For a conservation effort, ya'll love some impermeable surfaces. However, educational efforts would go a long way with the boating community (who are largely ignorant to salmonid needs). Think outside the box here, no one actually reads signage and social media/word of mouth are cheaper anyways.	4/9/2021 6:30 PM
41	They already took out the Condit Dam - might as well carry through with the vision they had.	4/9/2021 11:20 AM
42	An improved boater take out at the powerhouse or possibly Underwood dam road protecting Salmon habitat on the lowest section of the river would be well received as most kayakers don't enjoy paddling the last section in low-flow and high wind	4/9/2021 9:56 AM
43	Give it all back to the native peoples.	4/9/2021 9:54 AM

Q26 Which of the following alternatives are you most in favor of?

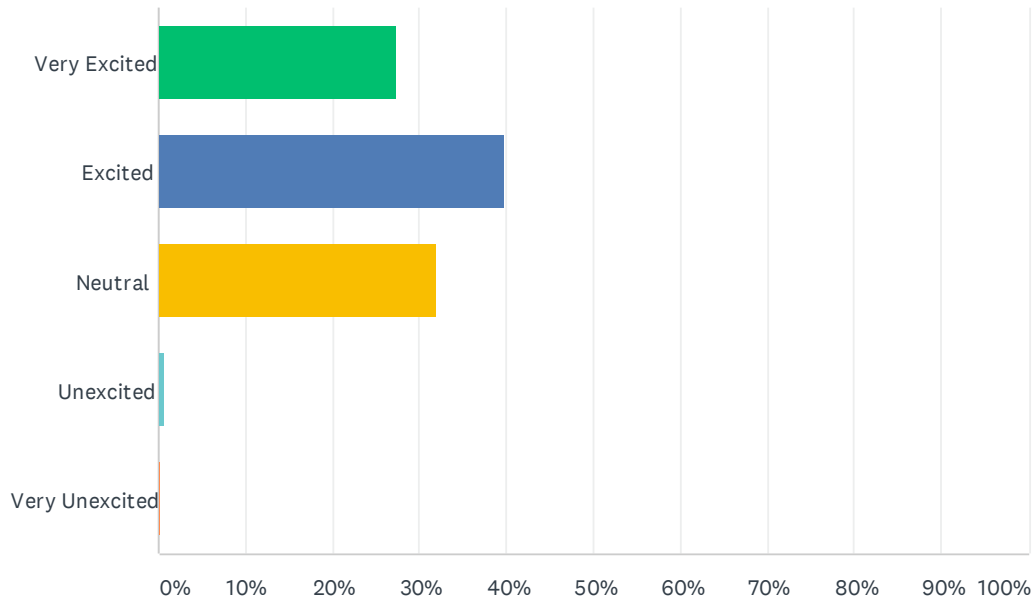
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alternative 1: Leave as is	16.92%	55
Alternative 2: Develop the above discussed parking at the Powerhouse	44.00%	143
Alternative 3: Develop additional parking	33.85%	110
I support none of the above alternatives	0.62%	2
Don't know/Don't care	4.62%	15
TOTAL		325

Q27 How excited are you about the alternative you are most in favor of?

Answered: 322 Skipped: 144



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Excited	27.33%	88
Excited	39.75%	128
Neutral	31.99%	103
Unexcited	0.62%	2
Very Unexcited	0.31%	1
TOTAL		322

Q28 Is there anything else you want to tell us about this alternative? If no, click next.

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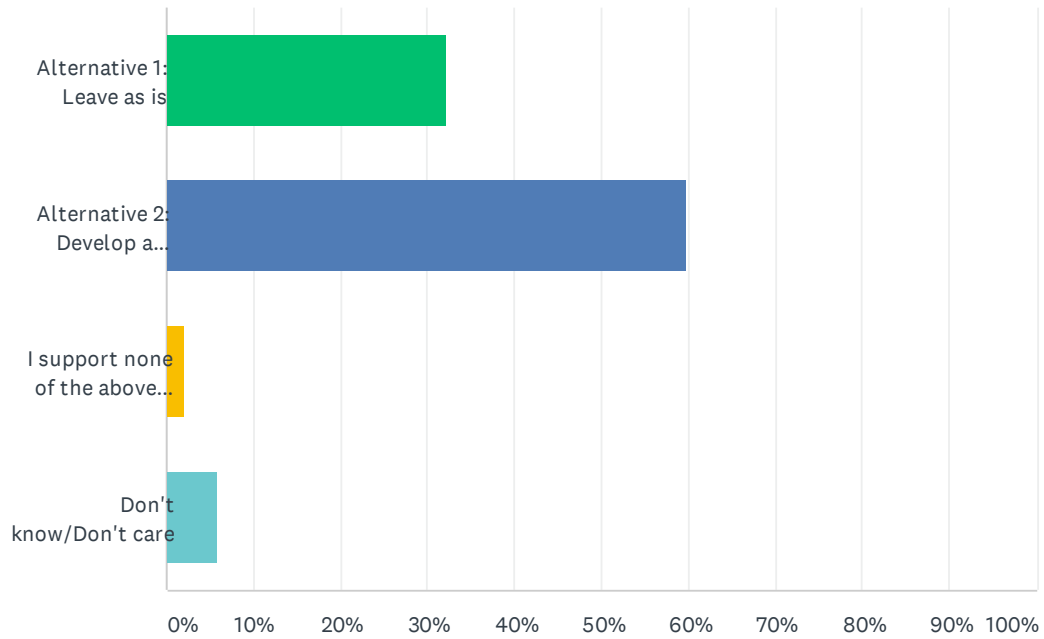
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1	The more parking, the better. We all know that as the years go by, the number of people using the river is going to increase. We need to plan for that.	6/1/2021 5:21 PM
2	I don't know to what extent the increased traffic from Alt 3 is a problem, but it seems if we want the rafters to take out at the Powerhouse in order to protect the salmon, we don't want parking and access to be a scarce resource, so make as much available as practical, doing whatever can be done to make traffic bearable.	5/31/2021 1:49 PM
3	The craftsman style wooden house is historically protected. All this is in the scenic act. Developing another raft site here would bring a lot of traffic,noise, dust, and disruption. Emphatic NO.	5/23/2021 7:52 PM
4	Not interested in spending public money in making this section of the river useable by commerical outfitters	5/23/2021 4:35 PM
5	NO IMPROVEMENTS!!!! NO ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AND RECREATION IMPACTS ARE ACCEPTABLE.	5/22/2021 2:39 PM
6	This is tricky- only as a neighborhood local wanting to keep traffic down do I hesitate on opening up for a river take out. It does seem a good location. I could be persuaded to support it	5/21/2021 5:26 PM
7	Again - how would this be funded?	5/20/2021 5:55 PM
8	Consider slalom gates at the powerhouse rapids.	5/19/2021 4:47 PM
9	It sounds as if the effort to reward ratio is favorable. I would use this take out, and believe it would help reduce boater traffic downstream without restricting it.	5/19/2021 4:39 PM
10	Need more information	5/11/2021 9:06 PM
11	With PDX population growth, that first parking lot will be filled on a regular basis as soon as its finished.	5/8/2021 8:24 PM
12	what is going to happen with the powerhouse building? can it have a use?will pacific core be selling it or keeping it?	5/3/2021 10:15 AM
13	Gate the road at the old dam site and PREVENT cars from getting close to the river. KEEP IT WILD	4/30/2021 10:56 AM
14	Could the sale of the existing house help provide funding? Generally I support additional parking at preferred access points on the river. I fully support getting rafters off of the river to avoid salmon redds and the dangerous access point at the mouth of the river.	4/29/2021 9:40 AM
15	Win for the fish!	4/29/2021 9:19 AM
16	It doesn't sound like there would be enough parking. Parking needs to be a lot bigger and not around any residences.	4/28/2021 12:52 AM
17	Significant increases in parking would seem to encourage a proportional increase in use of the area for whitewater but also hikers and others. To me the lower corridor is a special and unique opportunity to restore and conserve a very special river area that currently doesn't get over utilized and thus we don't need to take away anything to allow restoration to happen.	4/27/2021 8:27 PM
18	It's a great take out for rafts/kayaks. there would probably be pressure on the weekends, and I think another takeout would be necessary to truly keep boaters off the lower 1.5 miles of the White Salmon R. I like the old powerhouse and wonder if it could be put to a creative use rather than the cost and energy to remove it just for five more parking spaces.	4/27/2021 4:44 PM

19	The people there yell at anyone who wants to park. Having a parking area may help alleviate this problem	4/26/2021 9:19 AM
20	Excited because Alt 2 would protect more fish.	4/24/2021 12:27 PM
21	I am torn about this one. Part of me really wants to see the Powerhouse redeveloped into something that is educational/recreational (an amenity for the community and visitors) but I also see a downside to it. This site would be a good candidate for more community input and thinking. I hate to think of it as *just* parking when it has such an important history. I imagine people have strong feelings in all directions, especially folks who live on or near Powerhouse Rd. I will be interested what this survey reveals (and who filled out the survey vs. where they live).	4/24/2021 11:38 AM
22	Protecting down river fish habitat by making this a more desirable and safe takeout is a win win!	4/24/2021 9:10 AM
23	More parking at NW Park too!	4/23/2021 12:11 PM
24	Could add more parking later if needed	4/22/2021 10:51 PM
25	Rafters and some boaters have boat trailers that need the extra room. As all recreation is popularized the 3rd option can accommodate more parking for more people especially during COVID times.	4/22/2021 7:46 PM
26	seems to be the best of the worst. The pull out at the 14/141 junction has gotten out of hand with increased use. But powerhouse road has residents and is gravel, would increase greatly the amount of dust kicked up into the corridor forest and be an increased nuisance to residents.	4/22/2021 6:14 PM
27	Better access for boaters.	4/22/2021 4:13 PM
28	This development is also critical for human safety. The takeout at hwy 141 is very busy and asking for a vehicle/pedestrian crash. I strongly support an alternative takeout option for boaters.	4/22/2021 3:28 PM
29	#2 is OK, but #3 is better. Taking out here is a good choice, vs the mouth of the river.	4/22/2021 10:16 AM
30	Parking will be important. I'd rather it not be "trailer" parking, but just ordinary car parking.	4/22/2021 9:30 AM
31	Start with Alt 2 than later consider removing buildings once we have a better idea of actual usage and impact.	4/22/2021 8:43 AM
32	The additional parking is needed to accommodate hikers as well as boaters.	4/21/2021 9:44 PM
33	Huge opportunity to save fish downstream while also helping the local economy.	4/21/2021 8:52 PM
34	I support some parking but not an extensive development catering to commercial interests	4/21/2021 5:29 PM
35	How exciting is parking anyway? We need enough but not too much. Once the access is established we'll see if there's more interest than parking, and at that time the expansion could occur.	4/21/2021 3:22 PM
36	We do not need any additional trailer parking trailer parking would quickly be overrun by commercial use and is therefore not needed by the public the public needs individual car parking spot	4/21/2021 3:12 PM
37	P2 does not have adequate parking, cars will end up on the road and/or there will be user conflicts.	4/21/2021 2:36 PM
38	I do not wish to see a large increase in boat traffic along the river.	4/21/2021 9:10 AM
39	I guess it is inevitable to see this sort of development, but the residents on Powerhouse Rd will have dust, noise and traffic to deal with	4/20/2021 12:16 PM
40	I hate tearing down useful buildings. I think developing a small parking area is necessary and would be extremely useful. I'm worried about the HEAVY traffic of commercial rafting operations, though. I appreciate when rafting operations contribute, through spirit and physical help, to conservation efforts.	4/20/2021 9:06 AM
41	I think more parking is needed but I don't support this area being used as a commercial takeout. It would put a lot of use on this small road. Also, I don't support tearing down the old	4/20/2021 8:38 AM

	structures - there's a nice element of history.	
42	Not really a viable take out spot. Extremely steep road and lack of room. Also, powerhouse road is not set up to handle the increased traffic.	4/19/2021 9:22 PM
43	The old buildings are wonderful, kinda creepy, very historic. I'd hate to see them torn down.	4/19/2021 10:26 AM
44	Don't forget, turn powerhouse into brew pub!	4/18/2021 7:21 PM
45	one step at a time	4/16/2021 11:01 PM
46	This sounds good but please make sure people don't go DOWN the river from there --it could create more of a problem-- I like the idea of P3 but not if people can go down river.	4/16/2021 12:04 PM
47	Tearing down that historic powerhouse seems a shame....summer brew pub??	4/16/2021 11:24 AM
48	need lots of parking and a huge boat ramp. picnic area and camping area.	4/15/2021 2:18 PM
49	Leave as is due to cost	4/14/2021 10:33 AM
50	start small	4/13/2021 8:21 AM
51	That area is currently "dangerous" to local hikers/kids as it is known for attracting nefarious and delinquent behavior. Not sure if making it more public would make it safer or create more space for drinking, drugging and sex, etc.	4/12/2021 9:23 PM
52	Develop a takeout for river boats, but no adjacent trails.	4/11/2021 9:52 AM
53	Concerned about cost	4/10/2021 11:36 PM
54	allow private development	4/10/2021 6:15 PM
55	alternative 3 may help to keep the traffic reduced at the underwood end of the trail, if they are connected.	4/10/2021 5:43 PM
56	I think the powerhouse should be maintained and retrofitted, such a beautiful piece of history that would be great to develop	4/10/2021 9:15 AM
57	Need to hear more to make an informed decision...	4/9/2021 6:31 PM
58	I think anything having to do with the Powerhouse Road area should really be up to the residents adjacent to that area. They are the ones that would be affected most.	4/9/2021 11:21 AM
59	I think the old pacificorp building could be turned into something useful rather than torn down!	4/9/2021 9:57 AM
60	Leave it all to the local original tribes.	4/9/2021 9:55 AM
61	I like alternative 3 as well but am not sure that the added Open Space Issues would be worth the investment.	4/6/2021 9:09 AM
62	It seems there may be another location for longer-term shuttle parking further towards 141.	11/9/2020 3:56 PM
63	You show a trailer turnaround area near the powerhouse itself, however, there is a gate on the road that accesses this area. I understand that parking will be above the gate, but will people have an opportunity to bring vehicles to the turnaround for loading boats (but no parking). If so, how will the gate be managed? Will certain users be provided keys to the gate? Will the gate be left open, with signage to prohibit parking at the turnaround? The reason I ask is that it would be quite a strenuous climb to haul equipment on foot from the river ramp to the parking area.	10/26/2020 8:34 PM

Q29 Which of the following alternatives are you most in favor of?

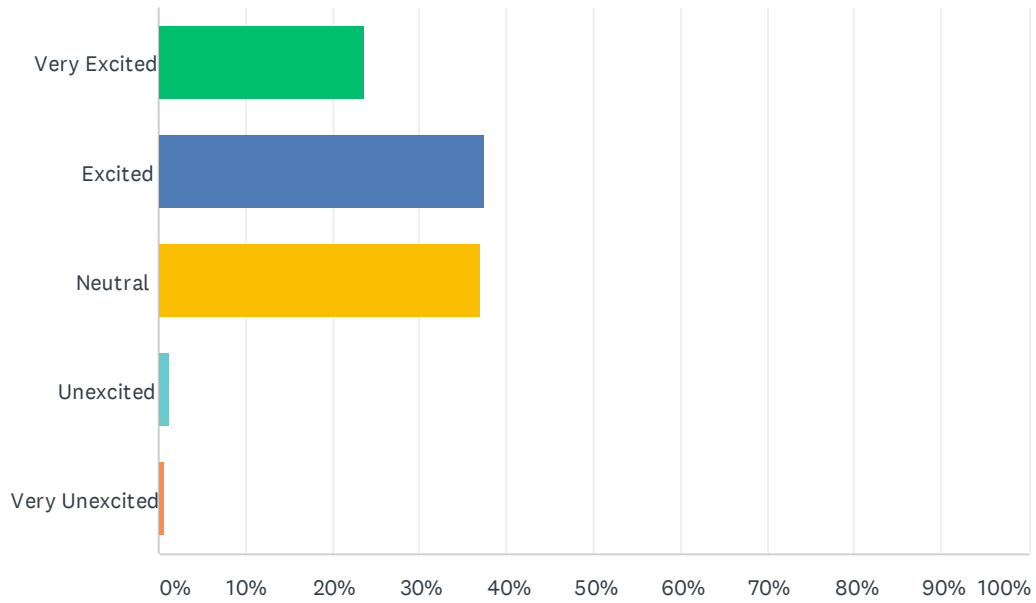
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alternative 1: Leave as is	32.20%	104
Alternative 2: Develop a larger parking area	59.75%	193
I support none of the above alternatives	2.17%	7
Don't know/Don't care	5.88%	19
TOTAL		323

Q30 How excited are you about the alternative you are most in favor of?

Answered: 321 Skipped: 145



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Excited	23.68%	76
Excited	37.38%	120
Neutral	37.07%	119
Unexcited	1.25%	4
Very Unexcited	0.62%	2
TOTAL		321

Q31 Is there anything else you want to tell us about this alternative? If no, click next.

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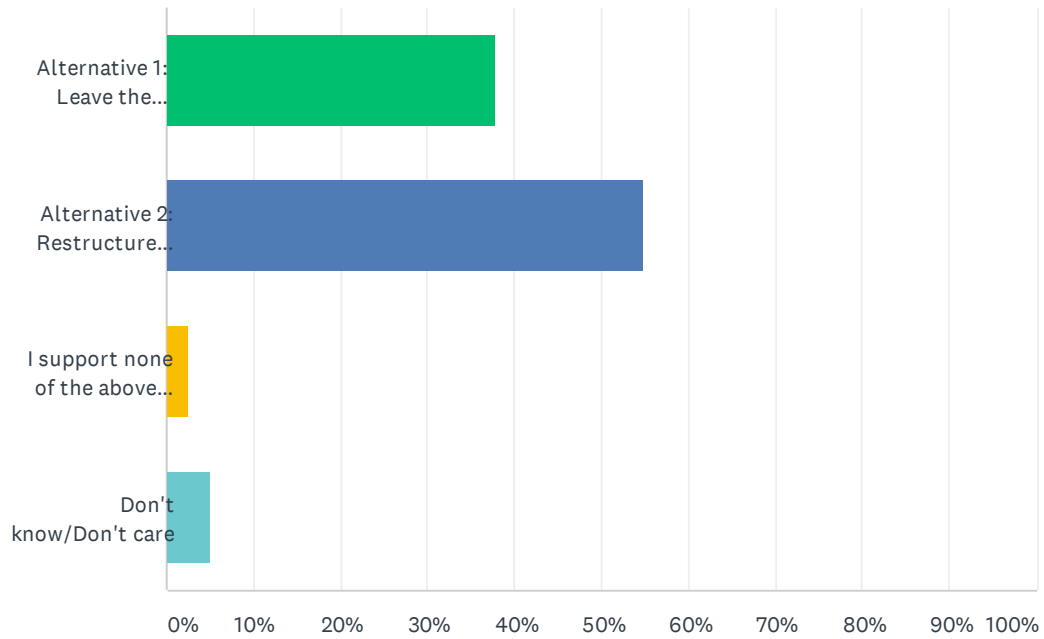
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1	I think the private residence should be respected and not burdened by excessive use and new traffic. The bridge decision comes first. If it is to be removed this parking is not needed. It is a safety hazard now, and might remain a safety hazard even if redecked.	5/31/2021 11:04 PM
2	10+ cars is reasonable, and in the absence of safe planned parking there will be less safe unplanned parking.	5/31/2021 1:50 PM
3	The choice of reconstructing the bridge only adds a mile or so of trail. I think the disruption that parking issues at the Underwood side of the trail is not worth the extension.	5/26/2021 7:58 PM
4	Attracting more cars will ultimately result in people driving up Larson Rd by mistake and disrupting me and my neighbors.	5/23/2021 7:10 PM
5	There has to be limited commercial access. It's getting to overrun by out of towners. The take out at the end and parking is bad and could get worse if nothing is done.	5/23/2021 10:51 AM
6	I don't see how there is space for parking lot here. Also interested in what it takes to make it safer as a formal Park/ hiking area. Access to open rock cliffs could be dangerous as is (if it is a formal park) The former powerhouse would be a better parking spot.	5/21/2021 5:28 PM
7	Larger parking would need to be carefully designed to be compatible with the rural residential area. It may not be a great fit, but it's also a very unique opportunity to connect the community to the landscape.	5/20/2021 10:34 PM
8	I'd prefer to leave this decision up to the user group that would be affected by it. I don't believe I would hike that trail much.	5/19/2021 4:40 PM
9	Less people accessing the river means the river will be in better shape. KEEP IT WILD	4/30/2021 10:57 AM
10	Once again, a well planned trail system with adequate parking and river access will be a proactive way to manage future use. I see this whole project as a fabulous benefit for the community. Signage and user education will be key to the project's success, especially given the sensitivity of the river and adjoining habitats.	4/29/2021 9:49 AM
11	10 plus parking spaces will not be near enough. If the Underwood trail is joined to northwestern park the amount of users will tremendously increase. The overflow of cars will park where ever they please as the do at Dog Mountain and east of Bingen at other popular hiking trails. There is also the issue if there are not any garbage cans or restrooms people will just leave there trash and messes behind.	4/28/2021 1:06 AM
12	I think the proximity to 14 and the bridge would make this an access area that could be easily overwhelmed. Increasing the available space and development here seems like it has significant potential for unintended consequences.	4/27/2021 8:29 PM
13	Not as familiar with this area but it's easy to see the issue, and some better ways to increase parking/not piss off the neighbors.	4/27/2021 4:47 PM
14	Fix the bridge	4/26/2021 9:21 AM
15	REALLY do not want to bring more traffic in to my neighborhood, and to my "local" trail.	4/25/2021 8:20 AM
16	Leave as is to keep the area from getting too overrun by visitors.	4/24/2021 12:28 PM
17	This is another tough one and I worry for the private residence there. This would be a popular parking area.	4/24/2021 11:39 AM
18	Been walking that road for over 20yrs. Do not want it to become a tourist mess//PLEASE PIEASE	4/23/2021 4:57 PM

19	Best to relieve pressure on the locals. The public can be thoughtless about respecting local property. We love recreation and we don't want to lose access.	4/22/2021 7:51 PM
20	If you build it they will come. Do we really want more auto traffic clogging the area and polluting the air? I just don't understand this huge valuing of recreation/tourism over people being able to live peacefully in their homes and on their properties.	4/22/2021 6:16 PM
21	It's much better to keep on good terms with local homeowners and not block or disturb them.	4/22/2021 10:21 AM
22	If you build it, they will come. They are coming whether you build it or not. Please improve access.	4/21/2021 8:54 PM
23	Do not want more people in the area. Restricting people means a healthier ecosystem.	4/21/2021 3:44 PM
24	We need less trailer parking and more personal car parking trailer parking is often used up by commercial users which do not serve the public or locals in the area they only serve the owner of the commercial business	4/21/2021 3:13 PM
25	I don't think 'Excited' is the right word, but I would like to see this part of the plan remain as it is. Underwood is a very quiet residential area with very little access for recreation. This keeps the community safe and quiet. Please to not make it easier for day use people to swarm into Underwood.	4/20/2021 12:19 PM
26	We need to leave this area as is.	4/20/2021 9:07 AM
27	Outreach and support of the private landowner will be key. It's hard to imagine a parking area like the lower end of the Klickitat Trail has here. I'd also add that this road enters Cook Underwood at a significant blind corner - if trail use/parking increases dramatically, I'd be very concerned about accident increases. It's also the most slippery/icy corner in winter. Is there any other access point in Underwood where parking could be created?	4/20/2021 8:40 AM
28	Buy out the current resident. Put the parking area there.	4/19/2021 11:06 PM
29	a potential bridge it changes the need. see what locals want. parking may be helpful. but make sure it's necessary. it could potentially help overloading traffic on the other side if there is a bridge. could help balance.	4/16/2021 11:04 PM
30	If this is created people will start parking up and down cook underwood road because 10 won't be enough. This is very concerning.	4/16/2021 12:07 PM
31	Access here should be via short walk down from Community Center... no or minimal parking AND signage to protect privacy of current residents if they are not bought out.	4/16/2021 11:27 AM
32	I think the additional parking option should be largely decided by Ken & Roxy, the existing residents. If they are in favor of increasing parking, then I would be in favor as well. Parking would need to have a useable turn-around to eliminate having to use their private driveway.	4/16/2021 11:23 AM
33	If the bridge were decked, 10 car parking would be inadequate, the existing road would be a nightmare for the existing house on that road and any local flavor would be lost.	4/16/2021 10:42 AM
34	very large parking area. picnic area and camping area	4/15/2021 2:19 PM
35	let it develop as demand requires	4/14/2021 10:12 PM
36	No tax dollars	4/14/2021 10:34 AM
37	If we are increasing the trail use and bridge access, we will need more parking. I like the idea of moving the parking down the road, away from the landowner's yard for their privacy.	4/12/2021 9:24 PM
38	I don't want to see more traffic on cook/Underwood road, noise and garbage in the area, and more people using our quiet local trail. I strongly favor leaving this segment of the trail as is.	4/12/2021 6:59 PM
39	If powerhouse parking is expanded, then this is low priority. If no parking @ powerhouse, then this could be worthwhile to me	4/11/2021 3:54 PM
40	No further expansion here. People already use this area to run their dogs. Any habitat restoration for wildlife will be pointless if this trail gets developed with a new bridge, etc. Wildlife also needs access to the river (water), so cutting them off by building trails and adding hikers with dogs will affect them.	4/11/2021 9:58 AM
41	allow private development	4/10/2021 6:17 PM

42	In favor of developing additional parking to decrease overflow around the private residence. 10+ seems like a lot - maybe 10 should be the maximum	4/10/2021 5:45 PM
43	It sounds like the 2-3 cars currently parking are utilizing a locals secret. Have you considered contacting Curious Gorge publishers to fund these new parking pursuits?	4/9/2021 6:42 PM
44	It's worked well this way for the last 23 years.	4/9/2021 11:22 AM
45	Do not encourage more visitors to the area. Make it native land. No public access.	4/9/2021 9:55 AM
46	Encourage parking at Northwestern Park though...don't advertise the other end's parking, no services.	4/9/2021 8:15 AM
47	Eliminate all parking at Lower Dam Rd.	4/8/2021 9:00 AM
48	Not as knowledgeable about Northwestern Dam Rd as other parts of the overall plan.	4/6/2021 9:11 AM
49	Unless the bridge is repaired, there is no reason to expand this parking area.	11/9/2020 3:56 PM

Q32 Which of the following alternatives are you most in favor of?

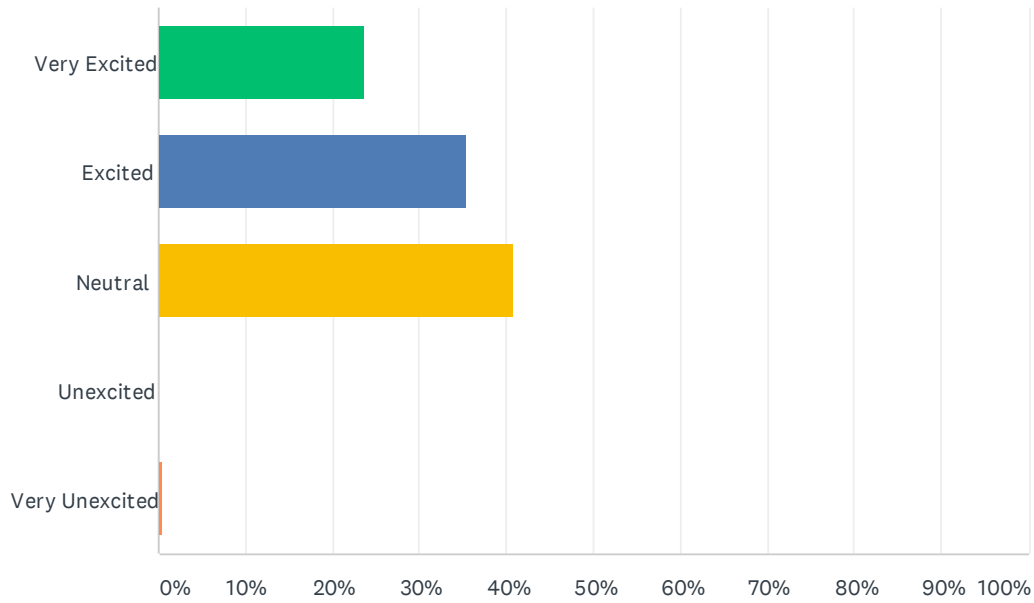
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alternative 1: Leave the parking alone at NW Park/ Do nothing	37.77%	122
Alternative 2: Restructure parking	54.80%	177
I support none of the above alternatives	2.48%	8
Don't know/Don't care	4.95%	16
TOTAL		323

Q33 How excited are you about the alternative you are most in favor of?

Answered: 317 Skipped: 149



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Excited	23.66%	75
Excited	35.33%	112
Neutral	40.69%	129
Unexcited	0.00%	0
Very Unexcited	0.32%	1
TOTAL		317

Q34 Is there anything else you want to tell us about this alternative? If no, click next.

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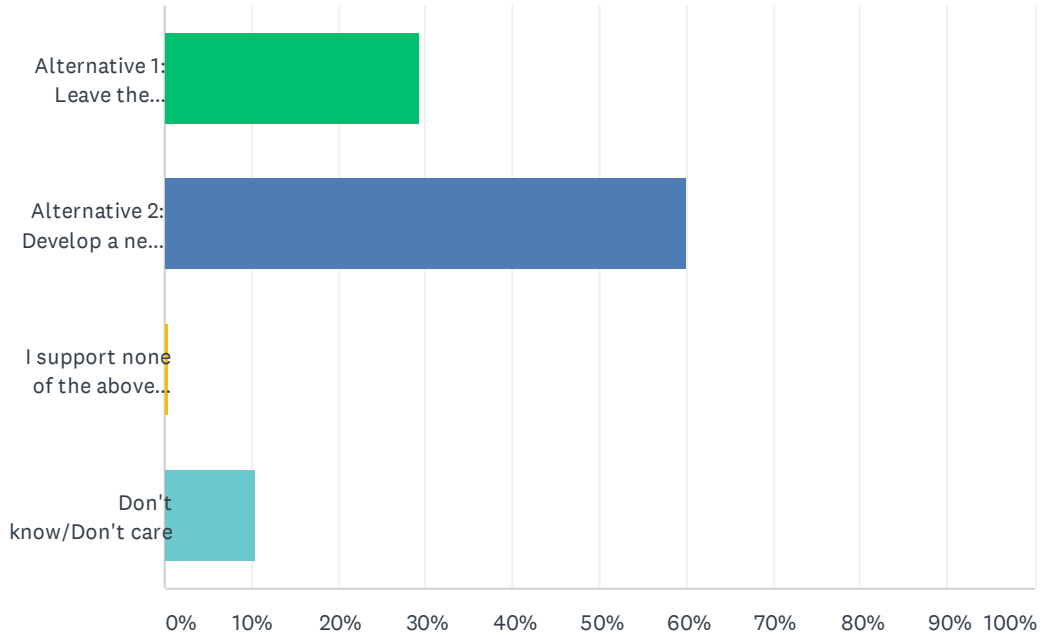
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There is already lots of parking there.	5/31/2021 11:05 PM
2	I tend to go early in the morning when there are few users. If we are leaving the trails as is, parking seems sufficient to me. But if we are making them longer and more attractive to users, we need to provide more parking.	5/31/2021 1:53 PM
3	I do not want to attract more traffic to our area.	5/23/2021 7:11 PM
4	The park needs help with the pot holes and maintenance with all the rafters and kayaks using it	5/23/2021 10:54 AM
5	Increasing parking means increasing use and impacts. Leave it alone.	5/22/2021 2:40 PM
6	There is seldom more cars than spots.	5/22/2021 7:48 AM
7	I'm not aware of how busy this park currently gets in the spring/ summer.	5/21/2021 5:29 PM
8	Space doesn't seem to have become an issue at this point. However, the parking lot is seriously in need of some maintenance. If it appears that the demand is there, I would support restructuring the parking	5/21/2021 11:39 AM
9	I'd prefer to leave this up to locals and hikers.	5/19/2021 4:41 PM
10	Repair current parking lot to drivable condition but don't expand and invite more pressure to the riparian zone.	5/4/2021 8:45 AM
11	the potholes at the driveway and in the parking area are the worst in the Gorge that I know of. Awful. Fix & pave & repave.	4/30/2021 12:02 PM
12	Make parking more restrictive. Issue permits so there is a limited number of users on the river. KEEP IT WILD	4/30/2021 10:58 AM
13	same as previous comment	4/29/2021 9:50 AM
14	Northwestern Park has been a park for many years and should remain as such.	4/28/2021 1:11 AM
15	People already go here, it already has a park like atmosphere - it seems to make sense to invest in getting the best use of the space.	4/27/2021 8:31 PM
16	It's a great park but I know how crowded it gets occasionally even now, without all the proposed improvements. Want to make sure to leave room for families picnicking too, etc. If parking could be better, then why not? Just don't take out any trees!!!!	4/27/2021 4:49 PM
17	Too many signs and a horrible layout. The north end of the park could be rearranged as it is barely used	4/26/2021 9:23 AM
18	Since parking is already developed in this area, it seems like increasing parking would have less of a negative impact than increasing parking in other proposed areas.	4/24/2021 12:30 PM
19	The parking and general condition of the Northwestern Park lot is terrible. This is not news. I'd welcome the parking here to be restructured and the picnic areas rehabbed. The firepits need to go away. The picnic tables need rehabbing. The whole park has such incredible potential as a hub of a new trail system and educational opportunities. Smart parking is essential.	4/24/2021 11:42 AM
20	The park needs to be better maintained before considering any expansion for additional use. The dumpster is almost always overflowing which is a health hazard to myself and immediate neighbors.	4/24/2021 9:13 AM
21	Don't just restructure the parking. Increase space for parking on the downstream side of the	4/23/2021 12:30 PM

	existing parking along the hillside away from the river.	
22	I think there is already plenty of parking access but at NW lake but the lot needs a lot of maintenance that has been neglected for several years.	4/23/2021 9:30 AM
23	The current situation is terrible	4/22/2021 10:51 PM
24	Best to relieve pressure on the locals. Maximized number of parking spaces reduces overflow.	4/22/2021 7:55 PM
25	I would support a fee to park if permanent restrooms were installed & maintained.	4/22/2021 10:22 AM
26	I see this as important to do because there will be increased use and this is already a busy area in summer.	4/22/2021 9:31 AM
27	The amount of local and non-local boaters/river users is continuing to increase so we need to make more parking here.	4/22/2021 8:51 AM
28	Seems like it'll be needed if trails are connected and more boaters are attracted to the section by a new take out at old powerhouse.	4/21/2021 9:47 PM
29	That parking lot needs to be replaced badly	4/21/2021 9:05 PM
30	More people, more scars upon the land (John Denver)	4/21/2021 3:45 PM
31	More individual car parking and less trailer parking would allow more of the public to use northwestern Park	4/21/2021 3:14 PM
32	It is already a mess on summer weekends, better layout of existing space is needed.	4/21/2021 2:38 PM
33	This is the appropriate place to develop parking for White Salmon River recreational access.	4/20/2021 12:20 PM
34	Northwestern Park is the heart and soul of access to the lower river. It is plenty big and spread out to accommodate boating usage. It also has a nice, traditional, even old-fashioned feel and appeal. I suppose it could use a pit toilet, but we enjoy how it is rustic and encourages and not too modern feeling. Let's keep it as is!	4/20/2021 9:39 AM
35	This park already sees heavy use and demand. I would not want to increase the parking area (i.e. destroy more of the park) or reduce commercial access/use. Paving or addressing potholes could increase functionality. Permanent bathrooms would also be nice (similar to BZ put-in)	4/20/2021 8:42 AM
36	not sure about this. developing this with the amount of users in mind. don't just maximize. providing interpretation and learning opportunities for kids here would be cool. maybe leave a portion of it aside for outdoor school. check with the campaign outdoor school for all WA. maybe you need to set space aside for learning groups to park and work and be.	4/16/2021 11:06 PM
37	There is already plenty of parking there I feel like.	4/16/2021 1:57 PM
38	Leave the way it is unless it becomes too crowded or unsafe...future funding to keep area clean and policed	4/16/2021 11:29 AM
39	Maximizing the parking at the North Western Lake site would result in the same type of situation as Dog Mountain or Catherine Creek which would be an unfavorable outcome for the local area.	4/16/2021 10:46 AM
40	very large parking area. boat launch and ramp. camping area and picnic area.	4/15/2021 2:20 PM
41	not broke. don't fix.	4/14/2021 2:01 PM
42	No tax dollars	4/14/2021 10:35 AM
43	There's plenty of parking. No need to add more and destroy the root systems of the remaining trees.	4/14/2021 7:32 AM
44	necessary if we are going to increase recreational traffic	4/12/2021 9:25 PM
45	This impacts me significantly. In the last two years - with many more Airbnb rentals on the pacific core side the tourist travel is up 10x. I have an accurate count because I am on the trail every day.	4/12/2021 1:49 PM
46	It's fine as it is. I never see parking overflow, so expansion is not necessary.	4/11/2021 9:59 AM

47	It seems like there is mainly enough parking, but the road needs some love for sure!	4/10/2021 9:17 AM
48	1- Includes restrooms is EXTREMELY generous statement. 2- Restructure parking to include fewer potholes, but please maintain gravel. "Paved paradise and put in a pdx Prius convention..."	4/9/2021 6:45 PM
49	Do not encourage more use.	4/9/2021 9:56 AM
50	I do not want to see changes, however, I will say this. I will use strong language: The parking area absolutely cannot be improved without lowering the speed limit, putting a mirror at the top of NW Lake Rd and 141, and mitigating dust for residents. There also needs to be on-going maintenance of the park.	4/9/2021 9:45 AM
51	This would be a great addition and very beneficial to the cabin residents who live at the far end of the park	4/6/2021 9:12 AM
52	There is not much room to expand, but the roads and parking areas need significant grade work done.	11/9/2020 3:57 PM
53	I am in favor of added parking, only if it is deemed necessary. If in the end, the park usage does not increase, then I see no need to make the expenditure. However, if usage increases, we should make changes so as not to impact the local residents due to overflow parking on the nearby streets.	10/26/2020 8:39 PM

Q35 Which of the following alternatives are you most in favor of?

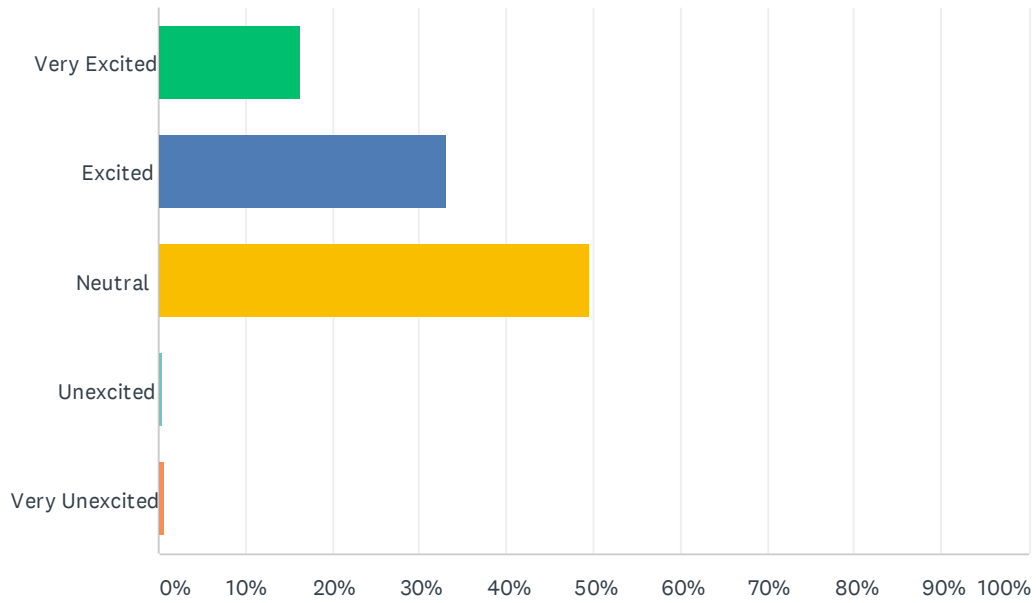
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alternative 1: Leave the parking alone at the dam site/ Do nothing	29.25%	93
Alternative 2: Develop a new parking area that utilizes the old access road	60.06%	191
I support none of the above alternatives	0.31%	1
Don't know/Don't care	10.38%	33
TOTAL		318

Q36 How excited are you about the alternative you are most in favor of?

Answered: 312 Skipped: 154



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Excited	16.35%	51
Excited	33.01%	103
Neutral	49.68%	155
Unexcited	0.32%	1
Very Unexcited	0.64%	2
TOTAL		312

Q37 Is there anything else you want to tell us about this alternative? If no, click next.

Answered: 32 Skipped: 434

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Do not support parking if new east side trail is not developed, and am a bit concerned about private residence right to peace and quiet and privacy/	5/31/2021 11:12 PM
2	While it is unfortunate for the residents to have more noise downslope, the home(s) can be retrofitted with additional insulation and triple-glazed windows to reduce the noise. This is costly, and I don't know whether these folks have money or not. But we all see change and increased density and noise wherever we live, and in the end I feel the increased access is more important than the futility of trying to protect the residents from the effects of change in their area, at least at the level of increased noise coming from additional parking access.	5/31/2021 2:01 PM
3	My answer is to do nothing that is not an alternative	5/24/2021 1:44 AM
4	This is the old boat launch site to the lake years ago. It might make a good place for some interpretive signage.	5/23/2021 7:57 PM
5	One concern is for the residents of the area	5/20/2021 5:58 PM
6	I'd be interested in hiking this trail.	5/19/2021 4:44 PM
7	Do Nothing. Leave it Alone. KEEP IT WILD	4/30/2021 11:01 AM
8	Like the idea but not a high priority.	4/29/2021 9:21 AM
9	There is no reason to spend the money to build a parking lot for only a few cars unless u make it strictly for people with disabilities.	4/28/2021 1:39 AM
10	Really not sure about this one, it seems like it really depends on if the east side trail there gets developed or not. If so, than it will surely be needed.	4/27/2021 4:54 PM
11	How much more parking do we need if the other parking alternatives are developed? We should give the neighbors some peace and quiet.	4/22/2021 8:04 PM
12	"If the demand for parking increases, there is not enough space here and trail users park in ways that interfere with local residence" Again, if you build it, they will come. And when it overflows you will still have this problem.	4/22/2021 6:24 PM
13	Is this parking needed if parking is provided at the old powerhouse site?	4/21/2021 9:50 PM
14	People are going to park somewhere...help us out. We'll pay fees.	4/21/2021 8:57 PM
15	A parking lot at the old powerhouse station next to the river would be the most ideal solution and should be the most sought after solution	4/21/2021 3:14 PM
16	I would defer to the wishes of the affected residents.	4/21/2021 9:12 AM
17	Develop the parking at the Powerhouse site for trail users	4/20/2021 12:25 PM
18	I'm down there often and have not seen a need for more parking. Once again, if we develop an area we are asking for more usage, more disturbance.	4/20/2021 9:42 AM
19	This is the lowest priority in terms of parking development. Priority should go towards: 1 Underwood 2 Northwestern 3 Former Condit	4/20/2021 7:26 AM
20	Progress is not always progress. Safe parking for a half dozen vehicles seems reasonable for now.	4/16/2021 11:32 AM
21	make a very large parking area. picnic and camping areas. a trail to the river for the swimmers and fishermen.	4/15/2021 2:26 PM

22	Generally, it is better to plan ahead for increased parking, anticipating the increased use that is coming rapidly everywhere in the Gorge. Trying to reduce use by not providing services simply results in what has happened in places like Dog Mountain Trail. People will come anyway and create problems, requiring some sort of additional management costs.	4/14/2021 8:54 PM
23	No tax dollars	4/14/2021 10:36 AM
24	In 2011, the Condit dam was completely removed (via long FERC process) with the mandate that no evidence remained that there ever was a dam. Intentionally!! Now you want to tinker by adding parking, perhaps a viewpoint, etc.???? No, just leave it alone!!!	4/14/2021 7:44 AM
25	Yay! increasing trails would require more parking and get the traffic away from the homeowners right there on the corner.	4/12/2021 9:27 PM
26	see previous responses	4/10/2021 6:25 PM
27	if alternative 2 is followed through with, careful siting of the new parking area for least amount of disturbed should be addressed.	4/10/2021 5:49 PM
28	Wild and natural scenic areas like this one will become more and more difficult to protect from overdevelopment. Don't Californicate the White Salmon.	4/10/2021 2:54 PM
29	Expanding parking seems good where it will protect habitat, otherwise let's leave as is as a natural permitting system to make sure are trails and areas aren't overrun.	4/10/2021 9:18 AM
30	I've said enough.	4/9/2021 6:50 PM
31	Do not encourage more public use.	4/9/2021 9:57 AM
32	Again, only make improvements if increased usage of the flumeline trail necessitates the additional parking. Since I do not favor the additional trail to the north, there would be no parking needed for that trail (if not developed). For the following pages, I do not see an opportunity to provide my contact info for participating in future activities. Here it is: Jeff James, jeff.rea.james@gmail.com, 503-849-322	10/26/2020 8:47 PM

Q38 Is there anything else you want to tell us about regarding this effort or about the Lower White Salmon River Corridor?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 403

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I would attend planning meetings, but not on-line. Let me know if you go back to live in person meetings.	5/31/2021 11:12 PM
2	Thank you! It is a real treasure for residents and visitors alike, and your efforts to support our native fish and wildlife and plants while enabling more access to these important recreational areas is a difficult balance, and an important one. Good luck!	5/31/2021 2:01 PM
3	I think this corridor is a pristine and wild pocket that should be left in it's present state for future generations.	5/27/2021 12:57 PM
4	I do not like agencies that want to change the area anymore than it has.tourism brings low paying jobs and higher rents to locals	5/24/2021 1:44 AM
5	Powerhouse rd is narrow snd in paved snd already gets more traffic than it as designed fir. Additional traffic including vans snd trailers will create erosion and garbage. How will this be addressed?	5/23/2021 7:57 PM
6	Please work diligently and tenaciously to find non-profit committed to care of these lands.	5/23/2021 11:12 AM
7	So grateful for your work and efforts to solicit feedback.	5/21/2021 5:30 PM
8	Please reach out to the local river companies/guides as they spend the most time on the river and are likely to have valuable insights regarding development and conservation. Many also live locally	5/21/2021 11:41 AM
9	Appreciate Pacific Corp allow usage of their land and no fees being charged	5/20/2021 8:32 PM
10	Again, this is a nice wishlist but how will it be funded if it is approved?	5/20/2021 5:58 PM
11	I'd implore authorities to use this opportunity to build a bridge between boaters and restoration opportunists in regard to woody debris. This is building towards a braking point, and it would be great to see a collaborate effort where boaters help decide where in stream wood goes (example: along the edges of streams, and out of the main current and rapids).	5/19/2021 4:44 PM
12	explore idea of possible private buyers who would be required to out the land in a permanent conservation easement with land use restrictions, as part of the larger strategy.	4/30/2021 12:04 PM
13	If a person is really motivated to access and enjoy the peace and quiet of the Lower WS River, there are hundreds of access sites already there, no crowds and it is perfect. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, do not encourage ANY development. There are countless places that we can learn from, such as the Lower Hood River trail which show us what will happen. You are opening the flood gates for recreation and human disturbance. If you really care about the river you would leave it alone.	4/30/2021 11:01 AM
14	I love this project! Such a great benefit for the community. Thank you!	4/29/2021 10:02 AM
15	Make it public access as best you can.	4/29/2021 9:21 AM
16	I think it would be very unfair to develop a trail to draw in more and more people if you are not able to accommodate the parking for all of them. There needs to be an area that has several parking spaces. garbage cans and restrooms and it should not be located so close to the residence of our community.	4/28/2021 1:39 AM
17	It's very extensive. I'm all for it, just curious how it will pan out, what will be prioritized.	4/27/2021 4:54 PM
18	If we leave all parking sites as they are today, either people will eventually get the message on limited parking availability, or the local residents will demand enforcement of parking rules for safety and local residents' quality of life. Overwhelmed parking at popular sites since COVID-	4/27/2021 12:27 PM

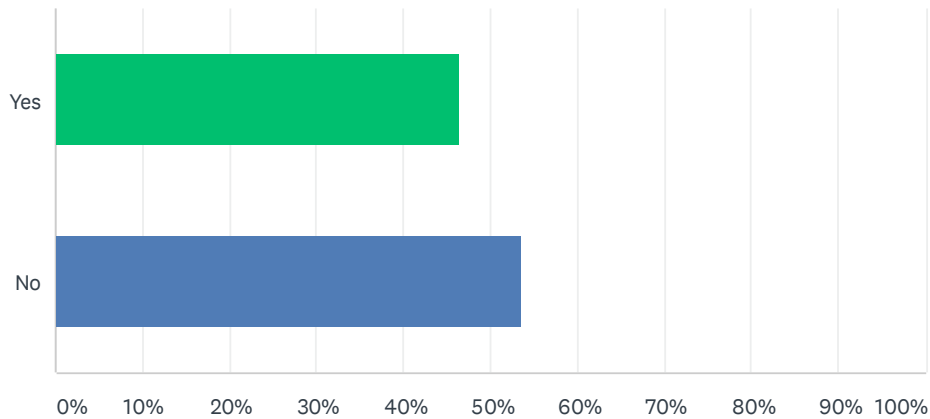
	19 and resident's frustrations with Klickitat Trail users give us a picture of what the lower White Salmon River will face.	
19	Ban air bnb	4/26/2021 9:24 AM
20	Allow bikes, dogs off leash and allowed to swim in the river	4/25/2021 7:03 PM
21	Thank you for including Underwood putting together such a comprehensive survey!	4/25/2021 8:22 AM
22	It is a beautiful Corridor and we need to maintain the beauty and not overdevelop the Corridor while allowing some development.	4/24/2021 12:32 PM
23	I am so grateful to all of you who are working on this effort to sustainably secure the lands for possible public use. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I hope Pacificcorp does the right thing and that efforts like this are listened to by the suits. I want the community to make A LOT of noise and band together to shame PC if they are capitalist jerks. It will be interesting to see what happens with the SDS lands and if that in anyway sets a precedent for what PC will do? I know it is different land and context but it's an important domino in this whole conservation/recreation/development game of our little corner of the region.	4/24/2021 11:48 AM
24	Keep up the good work!	4/23/2021 9:41 PM
25	We love nature, wildlife and recreation. We appreciate all the parking and infrastructure we can get to keep things clean, in the right places, and to support our natural ecosystem. Thanks for taking my input.	4/22/2021 8:04 PM
26	Increased human access will only increase automobile pollution, increase nuisances and problems between residents and tourists, and put even more stress on already-struggling wildlife from salmon to the bears that live along the river. If anything, habitat improvements and greater restrictions on commercial rafting/kayaking trips to the mouth should be pursued. Unfortunately human desires will probably win out over human needs, with the needs of all other living things swept to the side but given plenty of lip service.	4/22/2021 6:24 PM
27	Restrooms (porta potties) at parking areas plus permanent ones at NW Park would be great!	4/22/2021 10:24 AM
28	I understand the hypocrisy of me wanting better access for an alternative take out for the lower lower but not wanting dirtbag general public to have same access. But since there are so many POS ppl out there who break into ppls vehicles and/or dump garbage and vandalize our access points I'm hesitant to want to provide those fuckers access too!	4/22/2021 8:50 AM
29	Honestly, I like it the way it is, but realize that the impetus to get and keep it in public hands may be the promise of more and better recreational opportunities. Habitat improvements should happen in any event.	4/21/2021 9:50 PM
30	Thank you!	4/21/2021 5:18 PM
31	Thank You	4/21/2021 4:37 PM
32	Water quality is important: all construction efforts must do better than the requirements and actually protect the river.	4/21/2021 3:25 PM
33	Fish first, recreation second, "develop" the lower river NEVER.	4/21/2021 2:39 PM
34	Leave as is.	4/20/2021 8:37 PM
35	I support modest development that opens up some access to the river, but please respect local residents. We don't want people camping in parking areas that aren't designed for overnight stays. We also don't want development of tourist parking in the Underwood residential community.	4/20/2021 12:25 PM
36	I would love to see it all purchased by a land conservation group and managed as much as possible like a wildlife/wildland preserved area.	4/20/2021 9:42 AM
37	Given the high trail use of other Gorge trails (e.g. Klickitat Trail) during peak times, really careful consideration of traffic, crowding and use impacts should continue to be considered, especially if a full-trail alternative is selected. I support balancing outdoor use with education on history and natural resources. This is a complicated project and I appreciate your efforts!	4/20/2021 8:44 AM
38	Let's do it	4/19/2021 11:07 PM
39	Just, thank you.	4/19/2021 10:29 AM

40	thank you for collecting input!	4/19/2021 9:38 AM
41	i think we need to build a vision that involves sitting down with various communities (Latinx etc.) and local tribes in the area	4/16/2021 11:11 PM
42	Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.	4/16/2021 12:10 PM
43	Congrats on a good effort & great communication.	4/16/2021 11:32 AM
44	If you increase parking and public use facilities at four locations along this stretch of river, you should label it as development rather than preservation. This would have a devastating impact on the river and surrounding property.	4/16/2021 10:50 AM
45	My only concern is bringing more people aware of our local hiking spots. I love that we are able to hike in our community and not have the crowds that many of the other Gorge hikes have.	4/16/2021 8:56 AM
46	get/keep the area out of public ownership. except for the maintance of the roads and trails. also the parks. charge fees for day use and camping. that will pay for the upkeep. trail along the river from hwy 14 up to the GP. the land from the trail to the river is open to all. NO FISHING PLATFORMS.	4/15/2021 2:26 PM
47	I am very pleased with this entire effort. Having spent many hours in the lower canyon over the last 40 years, I know its value to future generations and it simply must be conserved for public use.	4/14/2021 8:54 PM
48	Totally uncalled for and a further waste of taxpayer money. More encroachment on the rights of private land owners.	4/14/2021 2:03 PM
49	Keep up the good work!	4/14/2021 11:47 AM
50	Expanding hiking and mountain bike trails here would be awesome!	4/14/2021 11:25 AM
51	vehicle traffic along 141/14 interchange is very problematic. Increasing vehicle volume in this corridor is not a safe choice	4/14/2021 11:18 AM
52	No tax dollars - use non-profits and donations for any proposed improvements	4/14/2021 10:36 AM
53	I don't see anything in this survey that speaks to a long term vision or timeline for gradual improvements and expansion of access to the Lower White Salmon River. I support efforts to protect this uniquely beautiful area, to improve and protect the health of the watershed, and to increase opportunities for low impact enjoyment of the area. Ideally this land will remain accessible to the public, will see zero non-recreational development, and will be managed with a very careful, conservative, gradual, and long-term vision, with incremental steps rather than going big all at once and creating yet another place in the Gorge that is "loved to death."	4/13/2021 8:28 AM
54	I would really like to be part of future conversations and help in this work. Eileen Fordonski efordonski@gmail.com Thank you for the tremendous amount of time and energy you all have put into this project!!	4/12/2021 9:27 PM
55	Thank you for all your efforts!	4/12/2021 7:00 PM
56	Thank you for starting this! I just found out about it on the NW lake .5 trail. The increase in tourists and their dogs on the hiking trail is motivating me to get involved. They are coming, we need to plan it.	4/12/2021 1:56 PM
57	the shorelines management act prohibits any soil or plant degradation. How does opening up human traffic to the shore meet the state goal?	4/10/2021 6:25 PM
58	regardless of what options are chosen, keep trails open for public use!!	4/10/2021 5:49 PM
59	Protect it, but do not develop it!	4/10/2021 2:54 PM
60	Please consider tribal rights, maybe restitution, something? All I'm seeing from this effort is an invitation for additional recreation. This corridor is at capacity for maintaining its unique character. I can see you folks are bored, would recommend volunteering for the warming shelter, learning Spanish, sourdough bread baking is currently trending... Figure it out, but please let special places remain wild.	4/9/2021 6:50 PM
61	Make small improvements where necessary. Keep things natural! Allow adjacent landowners to purchase small pieces of land that aren't connected to the river corridor.	4/9/2021 11:25 AM

62	Do not encourage more use by the public. Give all the land back to the local tribes.	4/9/2021 9:57 AM
63	The overall plan is excellent. The major issue I see is money and keeping the enthusiasm for the project high.	4/6/2021 9:14 AM

Q39 The Lower White Salmon Coalition is planning to host an online open house for anyone who would like to discuss the alternatives and overall vision for the PacifiCorps lands along the Lower White Salmon River. Would you be interested in participating in a discussion/ planning group?

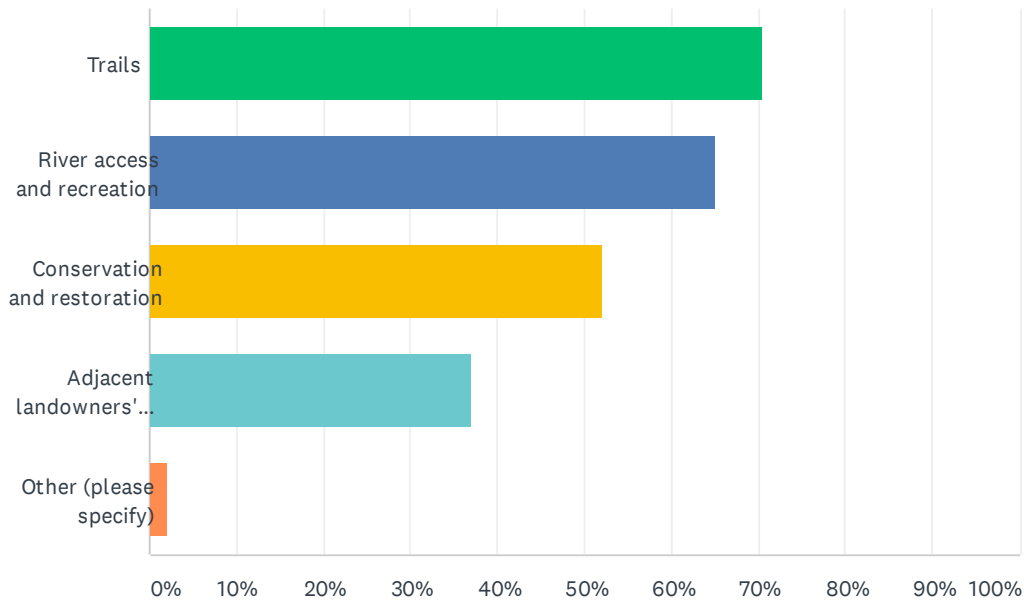
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.37%	147
No	53.63%	170
TOTAL		317

Q40 Which of the following discussion groups would you like to be a part of? Check all that apply.

Answered: 146 Skipped: 320

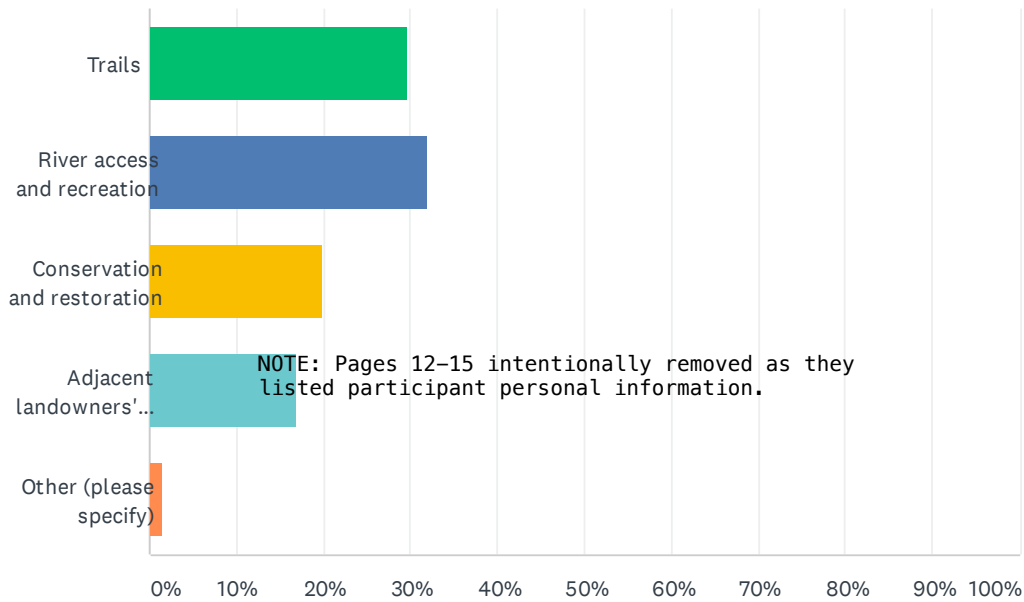


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Trails	70.55% 103
River access and recreation	65.07% 95
Conservation and restoration	52.05% 76
Adjacent landowners' discussion	36.99% 54
Other (please specify)	2.05% 3
Total Respondents: 146	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Parking	4/28/2021 1:44 AM
2	Education opportunities	4/24/2021 11:48 AM
3	Leave the lower white salmon alone	4/20/2021 8:41 PM

Q41 In case we can't get you in to all of your choices which discussion topic is the most important to you?

Answered: 141 Skipped: 325



NOTE: Pages 12-15 intentionally removed as they listed participant personal information.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Trails	29.79% 42
River access and recreation	31.91% 45
Conservation and restoration	19.86% 28
Adjacent landowners' discussion	17.02% 24
Other (please specify)	1.42% 2
TOTAL	141

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	All	5/22/2021 2:42 PM
2	private property development	4/10/2021 6:27 PM

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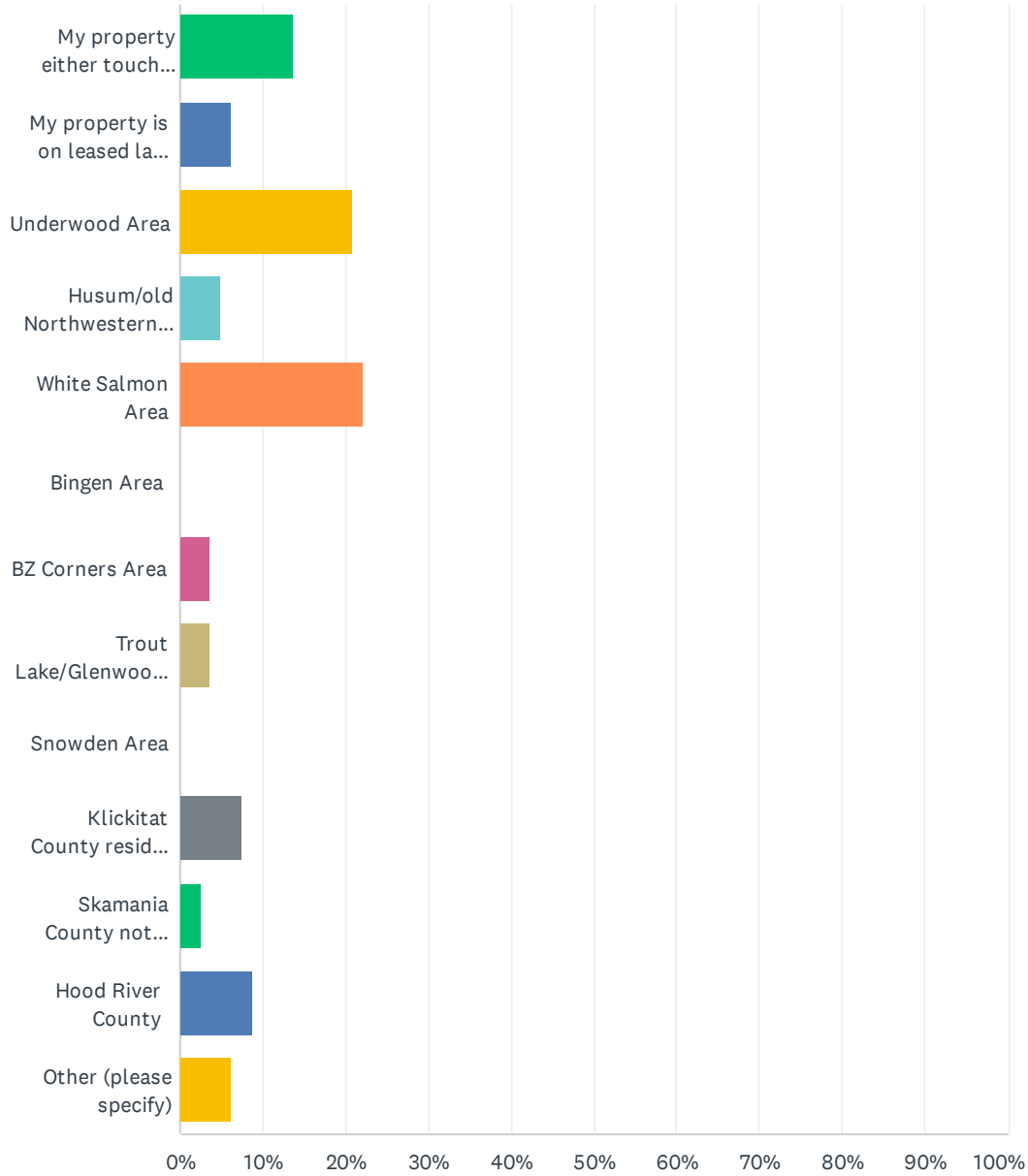
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Vision Plan Community Feedback

LOWER WHITE SALMON RIVER

Q1 Where do you live or own property? You can choose only one so choose the answer that best describes where you live or own property.

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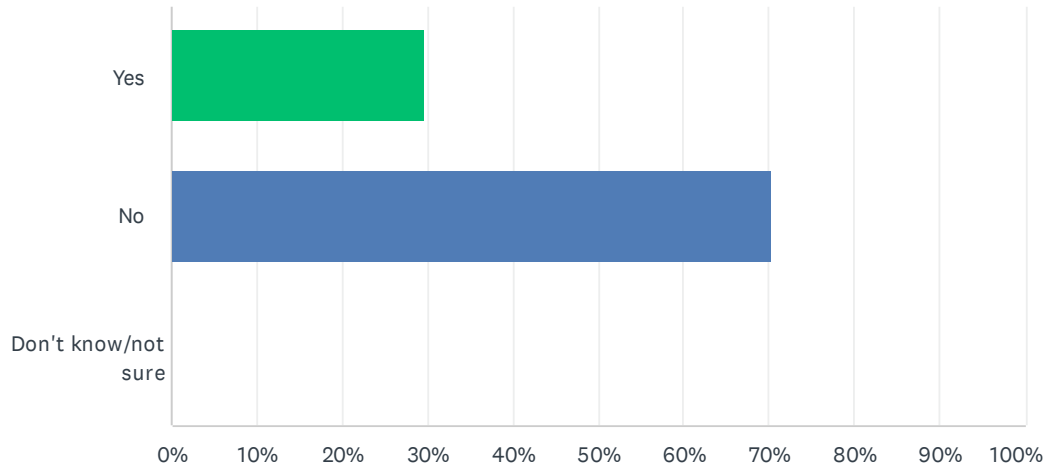


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My property either touches or is adjacent to the PacifiCorp lands within the Lower White Salmon River corridor	13.58%	11
My property is on leased land on PacifiCorp property	6.17%	5
Underwood Area	20.99%	17
Husum/old Northwestern Lake Area	4.94%	4
White Salmon Area	22.22%	18
Bingen Area	0.00%	0
BZ Corners Area	3.70%	3
Trout Lake/Glenwood Area	3.70%	3
Snowden Area	0.00%	0
Klickitat County resident not including the above areas	7.41%	6
Skamania County not including the above areas	2.47%	2
Hood River County	8.64%	7
Other (please specify)	6.17%	5
TOTAL		81

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1	The Dalles	4/21/2023 12:40 PM
2	The Dalles, OR	4/21/2023 8:23 AM
3	Wasco County	4/21/2023 6:56 AM
4	Former owner of Klickitat Cty property adjacent to Pacificorp land	4/7/2023 9:12 AM
5	Clark County	4/2/2023 9:46 AM

Q2 Is this your first time hearing or learning about the Lower White Salmon Coalition's Vision planning process

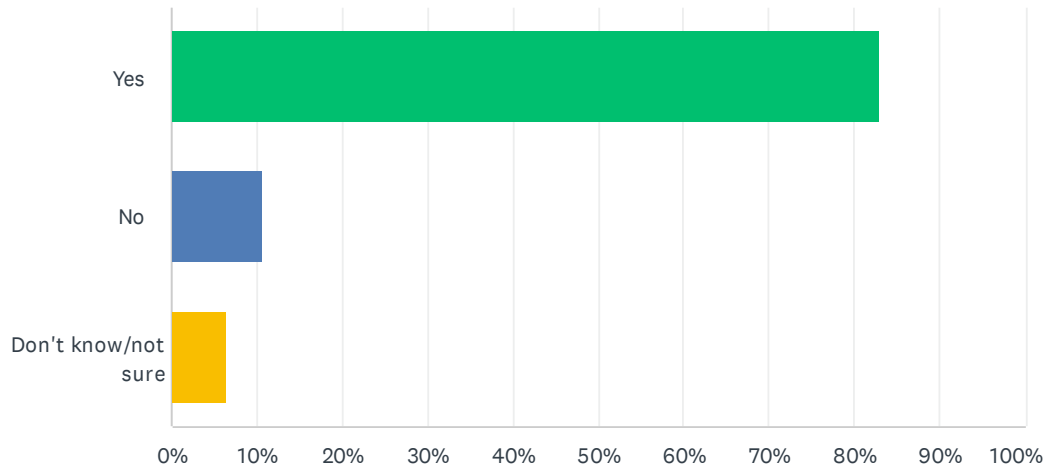
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.63%	24
No	70.37%	57
Don't know/not sure	0.00%	0
TOTAL		81

Q3 Did you take the original Lower White Salmon Coalition's online survey a couple of years ago that was used to help guide the development of the Vision Plan?

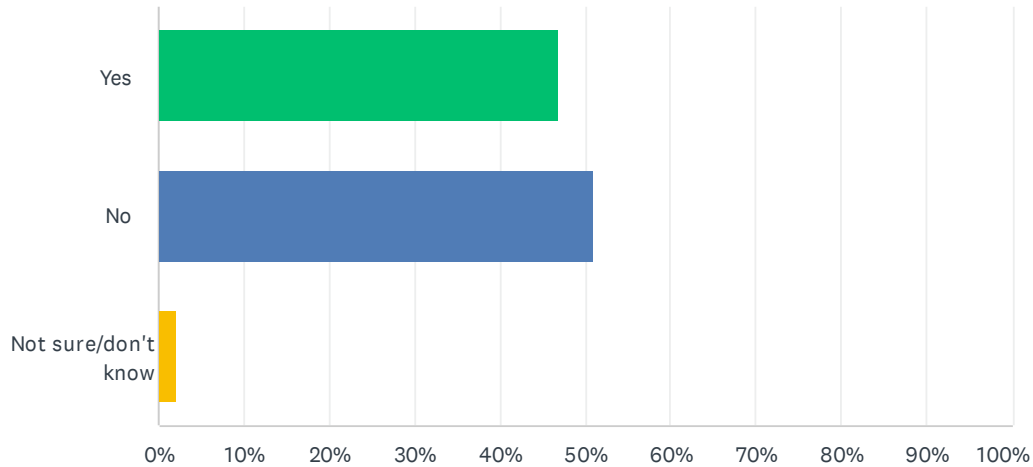
Answered: 47 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.98%	39
No	10.64%	5
Don't know/not sure	6.38%	3
TOTAL		47

Q4 Did you attend any of the online focus groups (Zoom meetings) or the in-person meetings hosted prior to the development of this Vision Plan

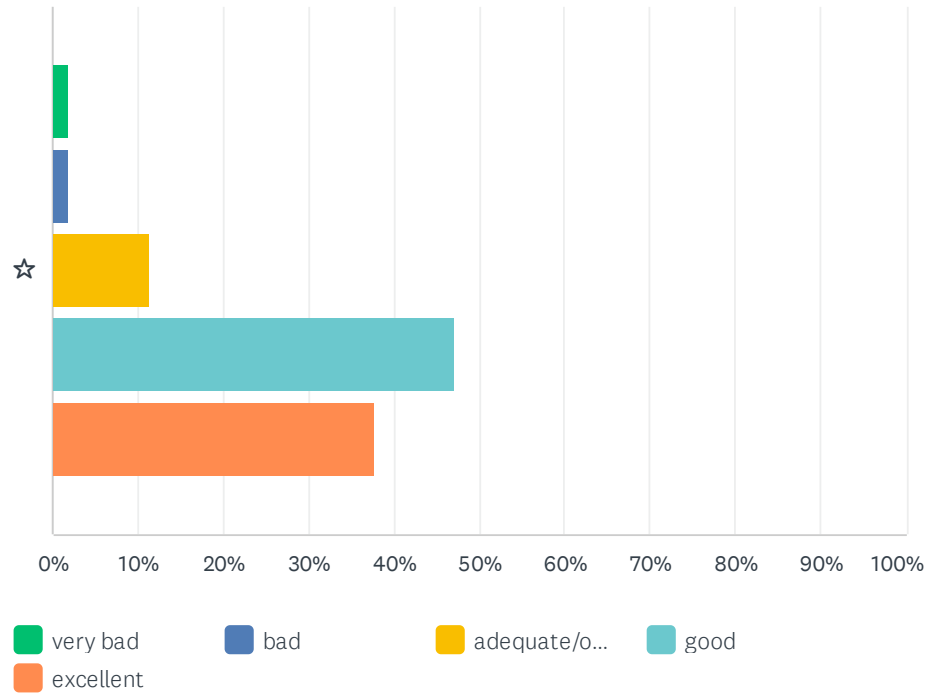
Answered: 47 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	46.81% 22
No	51.06% 24
Not sure/don't know	2.13% 1
TOTAL	47

Q5 How do you think the Coalition did on the Vision Plan?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 28



	VERY BAD	BAD	ADEQUATE/OKAY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	1.89% 1	1.89% 1	11.32% 6	47.17% 25	37.74% 20	53	4.17

Q6 In your words, please tell us what you like in the Vision Plan

Answered: 49 Skipped: 32

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I like the idea of reopening old burnt bridge.	4/22/2023 4:41 PM
2	I like that numerous user groups were represented.	4/21/2023 12:41 PM
3	I liked that it community concerns were sought out.	4/21/2023 8:46 AM
4	I like the idea of creating a more long trail connecting Underwood to Northwestern Park and the Husum area.	4/21/2023 8:38 AM
5	It does a nice job including many voices and perspectives. It also effectively delineates the points of consensus and points of contention.	4/21/2023 8:26 AM
6	Trail development and public access.	4/21/2023 6:36 AM
7	Highlighted consensus items which keeps the vision simple, was practical, and captured the local mood well.	4/21/2023 4:10 AM
8	Well balanced plan recognizing the existence of competing interests.	4/20/2023 1:53 PM
9	To make a bridge across White Salmon River so you do not have to ride your bike up highway 142.	4/18/2023 9:16 AM
10	Respect for tribal lands and non-human species. Addressing stakeholder desires without resorting to dilutive compromise that becomes a mediocre plan.	4/13/2023 8:22 AM
11	I think you did an excellent job telling the story of how we got here, great background with lots of detail. I also appreciate how you highlighted where there is agreement and where there is not, while including lots of interesting detail. So much passion and great work went into this! Great work.	4/12/2023 10:04 PM
12	I am sure there will be some developments made no matter who purchases PPLs land. My first vision is to leave the area as it is but as someone said at the last meeting, "Change is coming and it is better to be prepared." I would like to see the landscape and water areas stay as natural as possible. I would also like to see the adjacent landowners also be impacted as little as possible. I would like to see the parking area for the Northwestern Dam Road have a different entrance. The old Cook-Underwood road is located just before Northwestern Dam Road. The old road is still there but full of debris that would need hauled away. This entrance and exit to the parking area would be safer from the Cook-Underwood road. It would cut down or possibly eliminate the traffic past our home. Or if relocating entrance to the parking area is not possible putting speed bumps or something similar to slow traffic past our home. Also making sure the parking area is clearly marked and NO Parking signs are put where parking is not allowed.	4/12/2023 12:11 PM
13	New trails to access the beautiful river.	4/11/2023 7:31 AM
14	Trails and parking	4/10/2023 2:48 PM
15	The details. This Vision Plan is so detailed that it allows anyone new to this plan a very good understanding of every aspect. Thank you!	4/9/2023 8:49 PM
16	I liked that fish and wildlife species were a high priority and that neighboring home owner concerns were captured.	4/9/2023 1:31 PM
17	Well organized groups looking to utilize our vast recreation opportunities for a large population of users.	4/9/2023 12:41 PM
18	Tries to be fair to a great amount of people/interests	4/9/2023 11:58 AM
19	Emphasis on outdoor recreation and preserving fish habitat.	4/9/2023 10:11 AM

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20	I like that there is a lot of neighbor input being considered.	4/9/2023 9:03 AM
21	I like there were more trails and parking access.	4/8/2023 5:07 PM
22	They seemed open to developing the land and the ideas of restoring the bridge.	4/8/2023 4:44 PM
23	Thought and balanced	4/8/2023 9:10 AM
24	Inclusive of known stakeholders Diverse for land use & preservation Specific of land areas and use Realistic vision for stakeholders & future generations	4/7/2023 1:25 PM
25	Pretty much everything	4/7/2023 1:02 PM
26	Good context and overview. Good consensus building.	4/7/2023 11:24 AM
27	Presented relevant information in one plan with excellent maps. Listed all stakeholders involved and their specific interests and objectives.	4/7/2023 9:16 AM
28	it seems well thought out and is taking into account public opinion where possible and applicable	4/7/2023 5:53 AM
29	Comprehensive, reflects most issues/concerns, objective	4/6/2023 9:05 PM
30	Conservation, Supporting cabin owners, Leaving NW Dam Rd mostly as is, Creating river access at Power House	4/6/2023 8:35 PM
31	I like how it just clearly laid out where we are at and where we do and don't have consensus.	4/6/2023 8:34 PM
32	I like the separation of items that were generally agreeable from those on which opinions differed.	4/6/2023 2:43 PM
33	Taking multiple interested parties' perspectives into account.	4/6/2023 11:53 AM
34	It is a clear vision that accounts for the interests of many stakeholders, and this is clearly a very complicated and challenging vision to develop.	4/5/2023 2:40 PM
35	Overall, broad plan of conservation as well as recreation for the area. Robust participation of various organizations.	4/5/2023 9:10 AM
36	I like that there is thought going into the future of this area and that it focuses on recreation.	4/4/2023 6:24 PM
37	Took into consideration diverse points of views and called out areas of non-consensus which need further study/resolution.	4/3/2023 4:46 PM
38	Provides a coherent and collaborative plan for the area.	4/3/2023 3:04 PM
39	nothing. Leave the trail as is. If I wanted Portland in my backyard I would have moved there. A few of the coalition own property close by and wouldn't want that next to them	4/3/2023 1:43 PM
40	Whitewater park at Northwestern Park	4/3/2023 10:43 AM
41	Wide variety of inputs, use of grant to organize and cover all bases. Admission to areas of non-agreement and clarity of why.	4/3/2023 9:52 AM
42	It's balanced approach and factual basis.	4/3/2023 8:53 AM
43	I think it does a good job of identifying issues and stakeholders	4/3/2023 8:40 AM
44	It's balanced, inclusive, forward-thinking, durable	4/3/2023 7:47 AM
45	Trying to take into consideration all needs and wants from the community and those affected by land use in the Lower White Salmon area.	4/3/2023 7:39 AM
46	I am pleased that such a diverse group of people and set of ideas are challenging Pacificorp to do the right thing. There time as stewards is over.	4/3/2023 3:49 AM
47	protecting the river	4/2/2023 10:44 PM
48	Preserved Whitewater access. Salmon habitat. Limiting development.	4/2/2023 9:50 AM
49	The consensus items are well done.	4/1/2023 9:48 AM

Q7 In your own words, what didn't you like about the Vision Plan

Answered: 43 Skipped: 38

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Creating a Vision Plan for property you do not own nor control is overreach at its best. Buy the property if you want to control it.	4/21/2023 9:24 AM
2	I honestly don't know.	4/21/2023 8:38 AM
3	As a regular user of the zone, the lack of direct coordination with Pacificorp is worrisome as illustrated by the sale of the 39 acres to a residential developer. However, this is no fault of the Plan.	4/21/2023 8:26 AM
4	No comment	4/21/2023 6:36 AM
5	Nothing yet comes to mind	4/21/2023 4:10 AM
6	I like the whole plan.	4/18/2023 9:16 AM
7	We could always do more to honor ancestral lands and restore habitat.	4/13/2023 8:22 AM
8	In the first survey, I remember there were several different maps and diagrams that helped illustrate the trail alignments and help people envision what different options could look like and where they would go. I would love to see some more visuals in this final document or perhaps create an executive summary that could be a shorter, visual summary of the key takeaways from the report.	4/12/2023 10:04 PM
9	I didn't like the vision of the entrance to the parking area on Northwestern Dam Road go past my home. We have lived here for 24 years. We believe putting in the parking area by our home is going to decrease the value of our property. We also believe the parking area is not going to accommodate all the people it will draw in. We have seen an increase of people over the years and on a nice day there could be more than 5 cars parked back by the gate. The most I have seen back there at one time is 7 but if the new parking area is only 10 spaces we r worried people will park any and every where. My husband drives a logging truck and the road to his shop is closer to the gate where people park to access the trail. He has had problems in the past when he has to take his log truck to the shop when there are several people parked by the trail head. We have also seen an increase in garbage and dog poo bags left behind. There is also a number of walkers who do not leash their dogs.	4/12/2023 12:11 PM
10	Got lost on some of the details of ownership but basically don't have a dislike comment.	4/11/2023 7:31 AM
11	I thought the plan was great	4/9/2023 8:49 PM
12	Not enough acknowledgment that expanding recreation trails and thus expanding human use of riparian areas has impacts to fish and wildlife use as refugia. Need to leave some riparian areas undeveloped to provide for this refugia. Also did not see how fire danger from potential expansion of recreation trail and development would be addressed. What entity would take on this liability as it relates to adjacent private land owners upslope of the river corridor? As adjacent land owner to Pacificorp land, also concerned about trespassing (but that was addressed). This currently happens now regularly in the summer, where people park in our driveway and try to access the river despite "private drive" and "no trespassing" signs.	4/9/2023 1:31 PM
13	Anything of a commercial nature.	4/9/2023 12:41 PM
14	Hard to say, this is a very dynamic situation near impossible to please everyone. I am biased as a cabin owner, however, I would like to see more parking and recreation at the Lake T/O. I am opposed to traffic in and around the cabins.	4/9/2023 11:58 AM
15	More visuals/mapping would have been helpful. I also would have liked to see more involvement/leadership from Yakima Nation/Native Americans who historically owned this land.	4/9/2023 10:11 AM
16	The plan doesn't seem to have answers for the issues that affect the Underwood residents in close proximity to the trail....parking is an important one.	4/9/2023 9:03 AM

17	You have a "vision plan" for property that you do not own nor will you ever own it seems. Either raise the funds to purchase the property/ies or let the owners do what they are entitled to do with their "private" property.	4/8/2023 6:36 PM
18	Where the parking access is?	4/8/2023 5:07 PM
19	The time line.	4/8/2023 4:44 PM
20	N/A	4/8/2023 9:10 AM
21	none	4/7/2023 1:25 PM
22	That the lowest stretch is being called the "Lower Lower" Bottom White Salmon is a much more appropriate and less confusing term and is more in line with how river sections are typically named.	4/7/2023 1:02 PM
23	Underwood - seems a little bit like 'not in my backyard' - I think they need to accept that they life in a beauty spot and begin to share	4/7/2023 5:53 AM
24	It describes the situation but doesn't sufficiently propose a specific vision.	4/6/2023 9:05 PM
25	The burnt bridge. Let'a leave it as is	4/6/2023 8:35 PM
26	No complaints.	4/6/2023 8:34 PM
27	I don't think there's agreement that the current Hwy 14 river access is unworkable.	4/6/2023 2:43 PM
28	n/a	4/6/2023 11:53 AM
29	It seems to me that it's the best vision possible at this point given the resources and information available.	4/5/2023 2:40 PM
30	No big adverse issues to note	4/5/2023 9:10 AM
31	I don't like the idea of taking out above the last rapids of the lower lower, but I'd prefer it to parking along the highway.	4/4/2023 6:24 PM
32	Couldn't ID parking alternative for taking out rafts above last mile of the White Salmon River so people don't continue to park at the intersection of 141 and Hwy 14.	4/3/2023 4:46 PM
33	The lack of action or vision on the burnt-out bridge is disappointing. Yes, a small handful of adjacent residents will oppose public trails, etc., including bridge decking and use -- this is classic NIMBYism. But the Vision Plan shouldn't entirely punt. Rather, there should a clear, well, vision for re-decking and using the bridge for pedestrian access. Just saying more work needs done essentially lets it fall out of the conversation altogether. The larger community wants that bridge decked and the trails linked. Call it out. Ask the county to lead on it, or whomever; use some of your grant money to start investigating the stability or some other unanswered question.	4/3/2023 3:04 PM
34	We have to blend our houses in for the gorge beautification, but u want us to stare at a parking lot originally for 60 cars. and smell portable toilets in the hot summer months. build next to one of your property lines and see how the value of your house will drop to nothing. We already have enough people wandering around. it will bring in broken down cars, tents, drugs and the list goes on.	4/3/2023 1:43 PM
35	No plans for a whitewater park at northwestern park	4/3/2023 10:43 AM
36	I'm not sure, maybe its potential futility.	4/3/2023 8:53 AM
37	I don't dislike it. However some of the potential paths forward have practical hurdles unlikely to be overcome in the near future including need for significant funding unlikely to materialize	4/3/2023 8:40 AM
38	It's a little long....	4/3/2023 7:47 AM
39	As a land owner adjacent to PacifiCorp land that was under Northwestern Lake, I would like a first right of refusal option to purchase the land that was part of my original parcel that was acquired by PacifiCorp (survey from 1905).	4/3/2023 7:39 AM
40	Powerhouse rd is gravel. There is already speeding traffic and dust from kayakers. A takeout there would multiply this exponentially. How will this be addressed if it comes to pass. Pavement and speed bumps plz. Also, an interpretive sign of some sort should be put up at Northwestern lake explaining the dam and removal process.	4/3/2023 3:49 AM

41	not enough to enhance the recreation of the area. fishing, hiking, camping, hunting. homes, industrial uses. a fish hatchery above Trout lake would be great.	4/2/2023 10:44 PM
42	No river access at the Columbia confluence	4/2/2023 9:50 AM
43	I wish there were more certain information about future ownership	4/1/2023 9:48 AM

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