



Kittitas County, Washington  
**PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Melinda Posner, Parks Planner  
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RE: Ginkgo/Wanapum C.A.M.P. Alternatives

Ms. Posner,

Kittitas County Public Lands Advisory Committee appreciates the opportunity to review the Ginkgo/Wanapum C.A.M.P. Alternatives provided through the public planning process. The committee supports the implementation of Alternative 3. This is the only option provided which maintains access to the WDFW Whiskey Dick Wildlife Area.

On June 9, 2016 the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners Adopted Resolution 2016-076 approving a county recreation plan. The Kittitas County Park, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan under Policy 6.5.1 states, "Coordinate and support a comprehensive system of off-road 4-wheel drive and all-terrain vehicle trails and backcountry roads that access scenic, environmental, historic, and open space attributes throughout Kittitas County expanding and linking existing trail systems in the urban and upper county areas into area-wide networks including the Wenatchee National Forest, Teanaway Community Forest, Naneum Ridge State Forest, LT Murray, Oak Creek, Wenas, Colockum, and **Whiskey Dick Wildlife Area**."

On March 25, 2019 the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2019-061. This is a position statement titled, "No Net Loss for Public Access on Public Roads". This resolution establishes that to achieve "No Net Loss" on any established road or roads that are currently open which are permanently eliminated for the use of public travel by way of motorized transportation on public land or a public road should be replaced in the system by another road giving passage into the same geographical area.

There has been no recent evidence that has been provided to the public that shows a history of abuse or off-road driving. Furthermore, there has been no evidence that motorized vehicle drivers are responsible for stealing petrified wood, vandalizing, or committing other violations.

The Kittitas County Public Lands Advisory Committee's By-Laws state, "Public lands are a vital community resource. The vision of the Public Lands Advisory Committee is to create cooperative relationships with public lands managers to ensure that public lands in Kittitas County provide access for the public and are sustainably managed for multiple uses while providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and economic benefit to County residents." We stand by this statement and strongly encourage the Washington State Parks Department to adopt "Alternative 3: Trail Emphasis Theme" of the Ginkgo/Wanapum C.A.M.P. planning process alternatives.

Respectfully,

Laura Osiadacz  
Public Lands Advisory Committee, Chair