Kittitas County Field & Stream Club

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

Dear Ms. Posner,

After careful review of the three alternatives presented by Washington State Parks, the Kittitas County Field & Stream Club (KCFSC) officers and board members have found Alternative 3 to be the only acceptable one. It is the only option that preserves reasonable motorized access through the Recreation Drive gate. As you know, this dirt road provides the only year-round access to the WDFW Whisky Dick Wildlife Area. This access has been in use for at least the last 40 years. There is no recent evidence of abuse or off-road driving. Many of our members use this road regularly for recreational access, and there are still a few property in-holders inside the Wildlife Area whose access depends on this road also.

We have seen no evidence presented that would indicate that drivers are stealing petrified wood, vandalizing, or committing other violations. The road has served well for many decades, and could continue to do so for many more. Neither is there any need for any maintenance on this road.

The KCFSC is the oldest continuously operating sportsmen's conservation organization in Washington State. We have been serving the outdoor recreationists here for over 100 years, and we take pride in our commitment to conserving the outdoor opportunities and resources of Kittitas County. We, the officers and board members, urge the Washington State Parks Department to adopt "Alternative 3: Trail Emphasis Theme" of the Ginkgo/Wanapum C.A.M.P. planning process alternatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
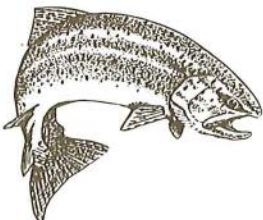
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