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LETTER AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION NSA-14-39-L1

**APPLICANT/
OWNER:** Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission

FILE NO.: NSA-14-39-L1, Amendment to NSA-14-39

REFERENCE NO.: Administrative Decision for NSA-14-39, recorded as Skamania County Auditor's File #2015002296, recorded on November 9, 2015.

PROJECT: To construct a new kitchen shelter (30 ft. x 22 ft.) and an 80 ft. x 5 ft. asphalt trail in the Beacon Rock State Park day use area.

LOCATION: Beacon Rock State Park; Skamania, Section 35 of T2N, R6E, W.M. and is identified as Skamania County Tax Lot Number 02-06-35-0-0-0201-00

LEGAL: A portion of Beacon Rock State Park in Section 35, Township 2N, Range 6E, W.M. Skamania County, Washington

ZONING: Special Management Area – Public Recreation (P)

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March 21, 2016

Dear Ms. Wunsch,

The Community Development Department issued a final Administrative Decision on October 29, 2015, for the above referenced application, NSA-14-39. On March 14, 2016, we received a NSA Letter Amendment Application which proposes minor modifications to the approval.

The original decision included approval to construct a new kitchen shelter (30 ft. x 22 ft.) and an 80 ft. x 5 ft. asphalt trail in the Beacon Rock State Park day use area. The new asphalt trail is the primary access to the new kitchen shelter and connects to an existing asphalt trail which accesses the parking lot and other areas of the park.

You are now proposing to construct an additional trail which would create a more direct connection to the parking lot from the new kitchen shelter. This new trail is intended to discourage the creation of unsanctioned trails by park patrons by providing a more direct alternative route. This new trail would be approximately 5 ft. wide and 250 ft. long and surfaced in gravel. Vegetation removed for the trail construction consists primarily of native and non-native grasses, Himalayan blackberry, and some landscaping of snowberry. Once vegetation and the duff layer is cleared, the ground will require minimal grading and compaction of the uppermost surface. Approximately 30 cubic yards of $\frac{3}{4}$ minus crushed gravel will be laid and compacted to complete the trail. The attached site plan shows the location of the newly proposed trail.

Pursuant to SCC §22.06.080(B), a change or alteration to an approved action, if determined to be minor by the Director, may be "deemed consistent with the provisions of this Title and the findings and conclusions on the original application." The proposed trail constitutes a minor change and is consistent with the findings and conclusions in your original application; therefore, the original decision shall be amended as stated above.

The modified site plan attached to this Letter Amendment (see pg. 7) shall replace the site plan attached to the Administrative Decision. The amendment is hereby **approved**. All of the original conditions in the Administrative Decision are still valid and applicable to this development. **This letter amendment shall be recorded at the County Auditor's office prior to commencement of construction.** If you have any questions, please call me at 509-427-3900.

Sincerely,



Alan Peters
Planner

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cc: Skamania County Building Division
Persons w/in 500 feet
Yakama Indian Nation
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
Nez Perce Tribe
Columbia River Gorge Commission
U.S. Forest Service - NSA Office
Board of County Commissioners
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Washington Department of Commerce
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Attached: Letter Amendment Application
Modified Site Plan
Original Site Plan
Vicinity Map

APPEALS

The Director reserves the right to provide additional comment and findings of fact regarding this decision, if appealed.

This Administrative Decision shall be final unless reversed or modified on appeal. A written Notice of Appeal form must be filed by an interested person within 20 days from the date hereof. Appeals are to be made to the Skamania County Hearing Examiner, P.O. Box 1009, Stevenson, WA 98648. Notice of Appeal forms and mailing lists are available at the Community Development Department and must be accompanied by a \$2,450.00 nonrefundable-filing fee and a Certificate of Mailing.


The final determination of the Environmental Threshold Determination related to this underlying government action can be appealed to a court of competent jurisdiction, along with the underlying government action, only by the parties with standing to the Environmental Threshold Determination. If the underlying government action was exempt from SEPA review, this section does not apply.

Application

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NATIONAL SCENIC AREA LETTER AMENDMENT
(Please complete application in ink)

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Address: 1111 Israel Rd SW, PO Box 42650 Home: ()		
Olympia, WA 98504	Work: (360)	725-9755
RECEIVED SKAMANIA COUNTY		
Property Owner: same as above	E-mail:	MAR 14 2016
Address:	Home: ()	
	Work: ()	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Site Address: Beacon Rock State Park, 34841 State Road 14, Skamania, WA 98648		
Tax Lot/Parcel #: 02063500020100		
Location of Property: Beacon Rock State Park is located 35 miles east of Vancouver, WA in Skamania County		
Minor Modification Project Description (Attach additional sheets if necessary):		
Please see the attached letter and site plan modification. Parks proposed to construct a 250' x 5' gravel trail to accommodate anticipated pedestrian traffic from the parking area to the backside of the kitchen shelter.		
Attached Plans (if applicable): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modified Site Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Modified Elevation <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Applicant signature(s): 		Date: 3/10/16
Owner signature(s):		Date:
Signature of the property owner(s) authorizes the Community Development Department and other Agency personnel reasonable access to the site in order to evaluate the application.		

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Legal description attached: Yes / No	
Date received: 3/14/2016	Date complete: 3/14/2016
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Don Hoch
Director

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March 10, 2016

To: Alan Peters
Skamania County
Community Development Department
PO Box 1009
Stevenson, WA 98648

From: Alexandra Wunsch, SW Region Environmental Planner

Re: NSA Letter of Amendment for NSA-14-39

Please find enclosed the application for a Letter of Amendment for a proposed modification to permit # NSA-14-39, construction of a kitchen shelter in the day use area at Beacon Rock State Park. Please find enclosed modified site plans and a permit fee check

Minor Modification Request:

WSPRC proposes to construct a 250' x 5' gravel trail for pedestrian access from the parking area to the backside of the kitchen shelter. Please see the attached site plan dated 3-7-16.

After visiting Beacon Rock this past week, we noticed that all of the clearing and disturbance for the utilities and the construction access road has unintentionally created a situation where the public will try to access the backside of kitchen shelter from the parking lot. We are concerned that rather than using the paved pathways, some patrons will utilize this cleared area as a social trail in an attempt to shorten the distance between the parking area and the kitchen shelter. Even with restoration of the construction access and replanting, the temptation to cut through the backside of the site will remain.

To limit future disturbance in this area and the creation of unsanctioned trails, we are proposing to construct a 250' x 5' gravel surfaced trail from the backside of the kitchen shelter to the parking area. The trail will partially utilize the disturbed construction access and electrical trench area, and will follow closely to the edge of the parking area for the remainder of the length so as to minimize additional disturbance. Vegetation removal for the trail construction will be minimal. Vegetation removed consists primarily of native and non-native grasses, Himalayan blackberry, and some landscaping of snowberry (see attached). Once vegetation and the duff layer is cleared, the ground will require minimal grading and compaction of the uppermost

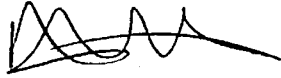
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surface. Approximately 30 cubic yards of $\frac{3}{4}$ minus crushed gravel will be laid and compacted to complete the trail. Equipment to be used includes a small bobcat or similar tracked equipment and various hand tools. Dependent upon funding and volunteer availability for construction, the trail will be completed in the summer of 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Alexandra Wunsch at (360) 725-9755.

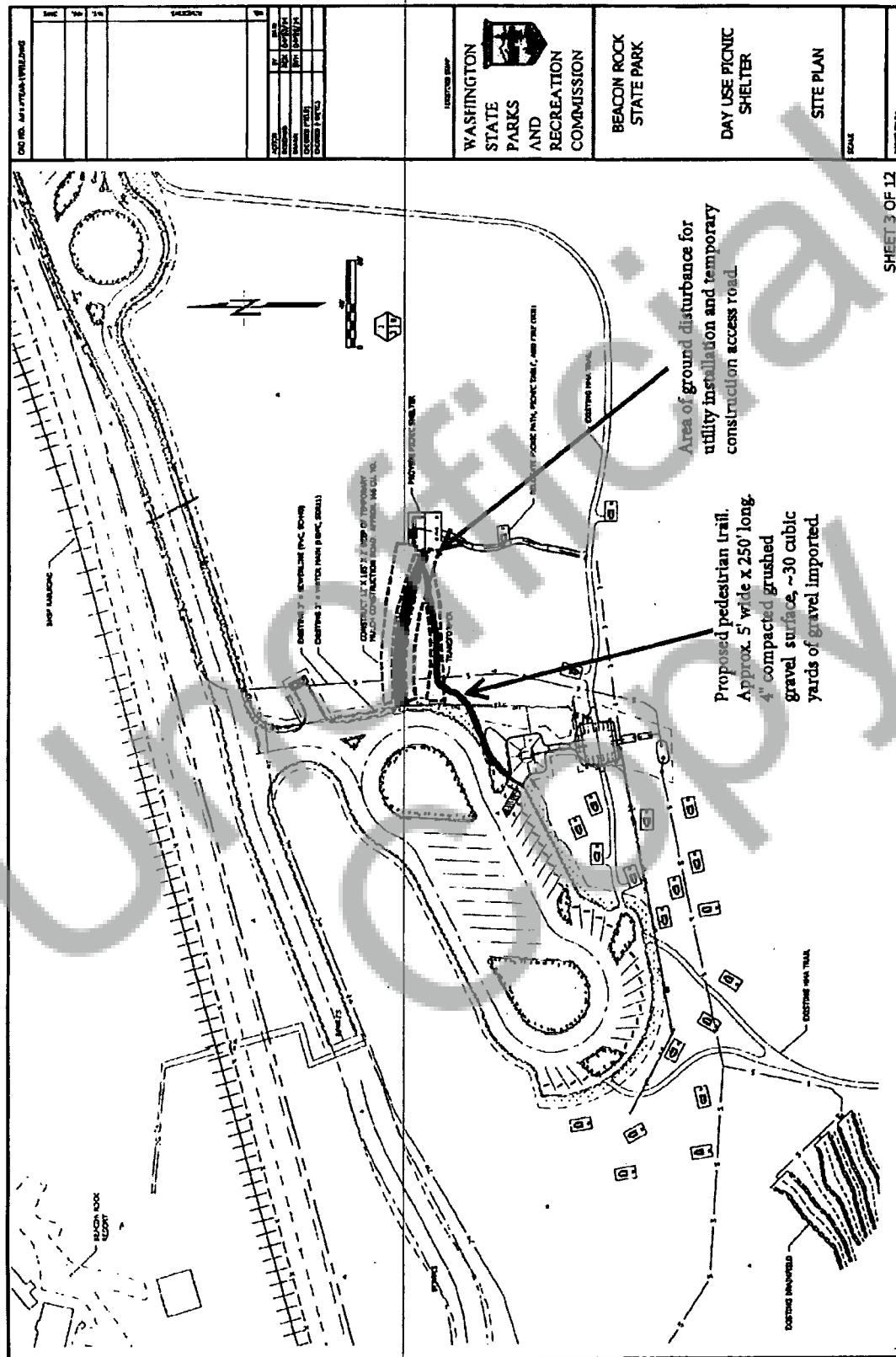
Thank you for your time,



Alexandra Wunsch
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Modified Site Plan

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Vicinity Map

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