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Station Camp– Middle Village

Environmental Assessment



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SUMMARY

Name of the Proposal: Park Improvements and Resource Protection at the Station Camp – Middle Village Site

Location: The Station Camp – Middle Village site is located along the Columbia River, adjacent to US Highway 10, between Fort Columbia State Park and the Astoria Bridge in southwest unincorporated Pacific County, Washington. The site, located one mile east of Fort Columbia State Park, near milepost 2.0, within Section 22 and the northeast quarter of Section 21, Township 9 North, Range 10 West of the Willamette Meridian.

Proposed Action: The park improvements and resource protection activities proposed at the Station Camp– Middle Village site would preserve, enhance, and protect cultural and natural resources, and expand visitor access and awareness of the full history of the site and region. Approximately 3.63 acres of the 7.63-acre site would be developed for visitor use, with the remaining 4.0 acres either being left in its natural condition or revegetated over time with native dune ecosystem plants and grasses. Views of the Columbia River, its confluence with the Pacific Ocean, and the surrounding cultural landscape would be maximized and the full interpretation potential of the site would be realized through additional interpretive exhibits and tribal art located in the developed area of the site. Gateway signage would initiate the visitor experience upon approach to the park on US Highway 101. NPS and related roadway signs would signify a new sense of place and arrival to the Station Camp – Middle Village unit. Access improvements and a parking area would facilitate safe ingress and egress to and from US Highway 101. Pathways would be developed on site to direct visitor circulation and provide access to key viewpoints and interpretive nodes. A trail linking Station Camp – Middle Village to Fort Columbia State Park would be extended from the west end of the site.

Lead Agency: National Park Service, US Department of the Interior

Public Involvement: The public is invited to attend a public meeting to provide comments on the Environmental Assessment. The meeting will be held on Friday, November 19th, 2010, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at Fort Columbia Theater, Fort Columbia State Park.

Date of Issuance: November 3, 2010

Comments Due: December 3, 2010

Availability of the EA and Contact Information:

This EA has been distributed to federal, state, and local agencies and tribes involved in project planning and can also be accessed by contacting:

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The EA is available for review through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/> Reviewers are encouraged to enter comments directly through this website, or alternatively, comments may be submitted to the contact above via US Mail or email.

In addition copies of the EA can be reviewed at the following locations:

Ilwaco Timberland Library
158 First Avenue North
Ilwaco, WA 98624

City of Ilwaco
120 First Avenue North
Ilwaco, WA 98624

Ocean Park Library
1308 256th Place
Ocean Park, WA 98640-0310

Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum
115 Lake Street SE
Ilwaco, WA 98624

Pacific County Department of Community Development
7013 Sandridge Road
Long Beach, WA 98631

Note to Reviewers and Respondents:

If you are unable to attend the public meeting and wish to comment on this Environmental Assessment, you may submit comments within 30 days to the PEPC website above or to the name and address above. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identification in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we would be able to do so.



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Station Camp – Middle Village Park
Washington

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ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

BE	Biological Evaluation
CARL	Critical Areas and Resource Lands
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
EA	Environmental Assessment
ESA	Environmental Site Assessment
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
GIS	Geographic Information System
MP	Milepost
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NPS	National Park Service
OHWM	Ordinary High Water Mark
SEPA	State Environmental Policy Act (Washington)
DAHP	Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
WSDFW	Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
WSDOT	Washington State Department of Transportation
WSHS	Washington State Historical Society
WSPRC	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service

