



Carbon River Road Public Scoping June 30 – July 31, 2008 Preliminary Conceptual Alternatives

Alternative 1: No Action (Continue Current Management): Minor Road Stabilization to Reduce Further Deterioration of the Historic Carbon River Road. Maintain an Informal Multiuse (Hiking / Bicycling) Trail Within or Adjacent to the Historic Road Corridor.

Alternative 2: 2a (Short-term) Construct and Maintain a Formal Multiuse (Hiking/Bicycling) Trail Within or Adjacent to the Historic Road Corridor. *2b (Long-term):* Over Time Construct Additional Sections of Trail to Link the Sections of Former Roadway.

Alternative 3: 3a (Short-term) Maintain a Sustainable One Lane Road with Turnouts to Chenuis area and Construct and Maintain a Hiking / Bicycling Trail beyond Chenuis Within or Adjacent to the Historic Road Corridor. *3b (Long-term):* Over Time Construct a New Sustainable Hiking Only Trail Outside the Carbon River Road Corridor to Replace the Carbon River Road.

Alternative 1

- ◆ Informal hike and bike trail in historic road corridor
- ◆ Parking at Entrance
- ◆ Patrol Cabin relocated to Entrance or Ipsut Creek
- ◆ Continued picnicking at Chenuis and Ipsut
- ◆ As called for by General Management Plan (GMP), add picnic area at Entrance
- ◆ As called for by GMP, eventually remove facilities and relocate to boundary expansion area
- ◆ Ipsut Creek hike and bike camp

Alternative 2a (Short-term)

- ◆ Formal hike and bike trail in historic road corridor and/or within non-wilderness area
- ◆ Parking at Entrance
- ◆ Patrol Cabin at Ipsut Creek
- ◆ Ipsut Creek hike and bike camp
- ◆ Continued (informal) picnicking at Chenuis and Ipsut
- ◆ Create temporary access to decommission Ipsut Creek area (remove bridge and vaults)

Alternative 2b (Long-term)

- ◆ Same as Alternative 2a except:
- ◆ More sections of trail link intact sections of former roadway
- ◆ As called for by the GMP, eventually remove entrance station and maintenance facility and relocate bunkhouse to expand parking
- ◆ Intent is to maintain hiking and bicycling access to Ipsut Creek Campground, however, flood damage could eventually preclude a trail within the non-wilderness corridor adjacent to the road. If that happens, bicycling access would be discontinued (due to location of trail in wilderness).

Alternative 3a (Short-term)

- ◆ Similar to Alternative 2a except road access is reconstructed to near Chenuis
- ◆ One lane road with turnouts to Chenuis

- ◆ Parking at Entrance, Old Mine Trailhead and Green Lake Trailhead (selected areas)
- ◆ Expanded parking and turnaround near Chenuis
- ◆ Hiking and biking allowed along the road to Chenuis in historic road corridor, then on newly constructed trail to Ipsut Creek Campground within or adjacent to historic road corridor
- ◆ Patrol Cabin relocated near Green Lake Trailhead
- ◆ Picnicking may decrease at Chenuis in favor of expanded parking
- ◆ Ipsut Creek hike and bike camp until new trail is constructed in 3b
- ◆ Create temporary access to decommission Ipsut Creek area (remove bridge and vaults)

Alternative 3b (Long-term)

- ◆ Same as Alternative 3a except
- ◆ Parking at Entrance
- ◆ As called for by the GMP, eventually remove entrance station and maintenance facility and relocate bunkhouse to expand parking
- ◆ Construct new hiking only trail on high terrace outside historic road corridor in wilderness. (Trail shown is a conceptual line on a map and would likely begin near Old Mine Trailhead). It would include access to existing trails (Green Lake, Chenuis Falls).
- ◆ No bicycles would be allowed because some or all of the trail would be located in wilderness.
- ◆ New loop trails would link sections of old roadway and the new trail
- ◆ Ipsut Creek hike and bike camp would be replaced with a backcountry camp in a location to be determined.