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Mr. Jason Spadaro
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Dear Mr. Spadaro:

Washington State Parks will celebrate its Centennial in 2013. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has adopted a Centennial Vision, which states:

“In 2013, Washington’s state parks will be premier destinations of uncommon quality, including state and regionally significant natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources that are outstanding for public experience, health, enjoyment and learning.”

As part of the plan to attain that vision, the Commission made commitments to “Enjoyment, health and learning” by providing park treasures for all citizens, and “Partnerships” by engaging enduring partnerships.

Staff appreciated participating in discussions with you and your consultants regarding concepts for the development of Broughton Landing and reviewing the Broughton Landing Master Plan. The concept of an environmentally sensitive, recreation-oriented area, with destination accommodations and associated facilities adjacent to Spring Creek Hatchery State Park is compatible with and supportive of State Parks’ Vision. It has the capability of adding to the significance of “The Hatchery” State Park.

As a world renowned windsurfing/kite boarding area, users of “The Hatchery” will occasionally be seeking accommodations or services your development will offer. Likewise, State Parks welcomes visitors of your facilities to take in the beauty of the Columbia Gorge as seen from “The Hatchery” with the thrill of watching recreational athletes use the forces of nature to skip from wave top to wave top with occasional acrobatic maneuvers, as boarders capture the power of the wind to launch from wave crests.

Your development has the potential to attract a more diverse public to experience this special place.



Additionally, the potential for cooperative efforts that can provide efficiencies and opportunities otherwise unavailable enhances the relationship. Possibilities discussed include: environmental sustainability practices, such as reclaimed wastewater from the development used to irrigate small areas of turf within the park; development of parking at the site, which serves multiple needs including state park users; and increased use of "The Hatchery" beyond prime boarding periods, improving the justification to develop trails and interpretation within the state park.

If accomplished with the environmental sensitivity you have expressed, State Parks would have no objections to the development and believes it could be beneficial to the objectives of Spring Creek Hatchery State Park.

I look forward to future discussion to continue to build the understanding and agreement of mutual benefits.

Sincerely,



Rex Derr
Director

cc: Washington State Parks Commission