GOOSE LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA CHAPTER 6

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Location: Lake County. Fourteen miles south of Lakeview on Goose Lake. One mile west of Highway 395 at New Pine Creek. South park boundary marks California-Oregon state boundary.

Acreage: 64.10 acres.

Description: Broad open flood plain adjacent to Goose Lake supports riparian vegetation along the old New Pine Creek stream bed and in the new drainage ditch and along the lake. Nevada-California-Oregon Railroad bisects day-use picnic area near lake. Goose Lake lies in the Pacific Flyway and is a wintering area for waterfowl.

Day-Use Facilities: Tables and grass for picnicking, toilet facilities in camp area and a moderately developed boat ramp. Park has only boat ramp on Goose Lake.

Day-Use Attendance: 77,666 people visited this park in the 1988-89 fiscal year. A large group picnics here annually filling the parking area beyond capacity.

Overnight Facilities: 48 camping sites with electricity and water, but have no hookups. Flush toilets and showers. Dump station at entrance of campground.

Overnight Attendance: In fiscal year 1988-89, Goose Lake recorded 8,580 camper nights.

Manager’s Residence: Residence is located in east corner of site together with shop building and a yard.

Recreation Activities: Boating, swimming, picnicking, camping and birdwatching.

Handicap Accessibility: Restrooms and showers are not accessible to those confined to wheelchairs. No other facilities are currently accessible to those with disabilities. No provisions have been made for other disabilities.
LAND USE SUITABILITY PLAN

PROTECTION 18.6 Acres 29%
Riparian and high quality wetland areas

CONSERVATION 16 Acres 25%
Other wet soils and flood prone areas

INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT 29.5 Acres 46%
No site constraints, no valuable resources

SURPLUS 0 Acres
None

ACQUISITION RECOMMENDATION 0 Acres
None
Land Use Suitability Legend

I Intensive Development
P Protection
C Conservation
Park Issues

1. Currently the dayuse area visitors must use the toilet building in the camp area, which is across the creek and several hundred feet from the day use parking lots.

There is a need to construct a toilet building in the vicinity of the paved day use parking lot to serve the open grassy area and the lake shore area.

2. The existing camploop has no pull-through sites for large RV’s. There is enough space on the south side of the camp loop to construct a collector road to create pull-through sites. The existing camp sites need water hookups.

3. There is an interest by local groups to have corral accommodations for horses during overnight stays at the campground.

The large hay field adjacent to the camp area could be used for the construction of several small wooden corrals, to be used by overnight campers travelling with their horses, as an overflow camp.

4. There is no adequate boat ramp on Goose Lake. The existing ramp at the park is the only one on the lake. The lake has been studied for potential improvement of the ramp and it has been found to be impractical due to shallow conditions.

5. The existing shop building is filled to capacity with necessary equipment leaving no space for work to be done out of the weather and for the storage of additional equipment. The existing office space is extremely cramped and unusable due to space needed to access the toilet. A building is needed to store flammable materials in the shop yard.

Add four bays to the existing shop building including an adequate space for office furniture and gathering. Convert the existing office into space for employees to store coats, etc.

6. This park is zoned A-2, Agricultural Use Zone in Lake County. Public parks, playgrounds and campgrounds owned and operated by a state agency are a Type A conditional use. Type A conditional uses are permitted upon application and approval by the planning director and do not require a public hearing unless an adjacent landowner objects.

Recreation Opportunities and Needs

Current Use

The park is primarily used for transient camping by travelers on Highway 395. The large grassy area is used by a couple of large groups during the summer. Occasional day time visitors come to spend time near the lake. Local residents occasionally ride horses on the park access road.

Opportunities

There is an opportunity to interpret the birds which frequent the lake and adjacent riparian areas.
Needs

Park users have expressed a need for better toilet facilities in the day use area. Some campers would like to see some corrals for horses. The camp area needs water hookups at each site.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Objectives

1. Construct Type 4 toilet building in day use area.
2. Build connector road on south side of camp loop to create several pull-through sites.
3. Construct 6 small wooden horse corrals in hay field near north side of camp loop, should use local need arise.
4. If volunteer labor and materials for 6 horse corrals and gravel access road are available, this may be constructed in the alfalfa field.
5. Eliminate boat ramp use at park.

Design Guidelines

1. Type 4 toilet building will be sited in east side of paved day use parking lot in area outside of wet soils limitations. Building should be of "big brick" of a color which harmonizes with the setting.
2. Connector road to create pull-through sites should be paved with asphalt. Two existing sites will be sacrificed to connect new road to existing road. Traffic circulation will continue in the same direction as the existing.
3. Horse corrals will be located several hundred feet from the existing camp loop to keep odors in the camp area to minimum. The corrals will be the standard small wooden designs as used in other State Park horse camps and will be sited 10-20’ apart. A separate gravel access road can be built to avoid taking horses and horse trailers through the campground.
4. The shop building addition, office space and flammable materials building will be standard park designs.
5. Post signs at existing boat ramp prohibiting vehicular access to the water.

Impacts of Proposed Park Development

Construction of the toilet building will affect an area of lawn near the parking lot which is currently heavily used only occasionally. The appearance of the building will compliment the site visually.
The addition of a connector road for pull-through sites in the camp area will lessen the usable grass area around those sites and will encroach on the adjacent riparian vegetation somewhat.

The construction of corrals in the adjacent hay field would affect the amount of area which could be used for hay harvesting. The construction of additional shop yard structures will have a minor visual impact on the area.
GOOSE LAKE
STATE RECREATION AREA

Development Plan

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COSTS & PHASING SUMMARY

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PARK MANAGEMENT

Goose Lake State Recreation Area is operated as a satellite park from the Collier Memorial State Park.

Maintenance Facilities

Maintenance facilities and the mobile home manager's residence are located at the NE corner of the park. Maintenance facilities include a two bay garage/shop which houses an very small office, and provides storage for small hand tools, small power equipment lawn mowers and equipment needed for upkeep of the park. A gas pump and storage area is also located in the maintenance yard.

Staff

One permanent assistant park manager and two seasonal aides are assigned to this park. This staff is also responsible for the maintenance and repair of Chandler and Booth State Waysides.

Management Goals

To protect, maintain, and improve the qualities of the park, public and employee health and safety, to provide developments to improve recreational benefits, and to maintain good relations with the public and local agencies.

Interagency Coordination

Fire: New Pine Creek/ Willow Ranch Volunteer Fire Department
Rescue: Lake County Search and Rescue

Police: Oregon State Police, Lake County Sheriff, Modac County Sheriff, Oregon State parks employee with citation authority.

Others: State Highway Department, Lake County Road Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon and National Forest Services

Emergency Procedures Program

Park staff have established emergency procedures for handling fire, medical assistance and other emergencies in the park. A phone booth is being installed in the campground to improve emergency response time.

Management Issues

1. A number of horseback groups have expressed a need for providing accommodations for camping with their horses. Because of site constraints and the relatively low demand for this type of camping in this area, it was not cost effective to construct new sites for horse campers. Because of conflicts with other campers it was not desirable to provide corrals close to existing sites. There is an opportunity to provide corrals in the adjacent hay field with a connecting gravel road. Horses should not be allowed in the camploop area. Horse trailers should be parked in the graveled overflow area. All materials and labor for the construction of the access road and corrals would be donated by the groups desiring the accommodations.

2. The park manager should work with visitors to educate them about the site limitations which make the construction of a boat ramp on Goose Lake impossible, i.e., shallow water, winds and ice.

3. Vegetation management
   
   - Protect and allow the increase of areas of riparian vegetation along Goose Lake and on drainage courses to improve wildlife habitat in the park. When it is necessary to dredge the drainage courses, care should be taken to preserve riparian vegetation on one side of the channel, to allow wildlife cover.
   
   - Protect trees for perching along farm edge, existing road and riparian areas.
   
   - Any unnecessary lawn areas should be allowed to grow up for a more natural appearance and to enhance wildlife use. These areas could be mowed twice a summer to keep the growth of brush and saplings down.
   
   - The existing hayfield contract should be modified to accommodate horse corrals and access to them. Shade trees could be planted in the corral area.
   
   - The campground should have appropriate hardy shrubs planted to increase privacy in the sites.
4. Interpretive program

- The area around Goose Lake has a unique natural and cultural character which is not being interpreted for the public currently. A modest outdoor interpretive structure could be designed to cover the natural history of Goose Lake itself and habitation of the valley by early native Americans and by settlers. Of special interest are the extremely numerous species of birds which can be observed from the park.
EXISTING CONDITIONS

Location: Klamath County. West of Highway 232, three miles north of the Fort Klamath Junction, 15 miles northwest of Chiloquin.

Acreage: 19.44 acres.

Description: The headwaters of the transparent turquoise blue waters of the Wood River burst forth from an on site spring. The fir and pine uplands give way to wetland meadows and riparian edge of the river.

Day-Use Facilities: Picnic tables, camp stoves and pit toilets.

Day-Use Attendance: In 1988-89, 16,706 people used the day use facilities.

Overnight Facilities: Six undesignated tent camp sites are available.

Overnight Attendance: 649 people stayed overnight in 1988-89. While overnight attendance has increased, over the years, only 25% of the campsites are occupied during the summer season.

Recreation Activities: Primitive tent camping, canoeing, bank fishing for trout, picnicking and nature and wildlife study.

Handicap Accessibility: There are no facilities to accommodate the disabled.
LAND USE SUITABILITY PLAN

PROTECTION 13.4 Acres 70%
Riparian and wetland areas

CONSERVATION 5.45 Acres 37%
Forest areas

INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT 0 Acres

SURPLUS 0 Acres
None

ACQUISITION RECOMMENDATIONS 14.56 Acres
Contiguous parcel on western boundary

PRESERVATION 9.11 Acres 63%
Land Use Suitability Legend

- C Conservation
- P Protection
- Acquisition
Park Issues

1. Primitive camping is allowed but no water is available. There is a need to provide water for campers, if possible.

2. This park is zoned F-1, Forestry Use Zone in Klamath County. The current park uses are expressly permitted.

Recreation Opportunities and Needs

Current Use

The main recreational activity at Kimball is fishing on the Wood River. The park has approximately 1500' of river frontage for fishing access. Canoeists also access the Wood River from the park.

Visitors also visit the headwaters spring of the Wood River.

Opportunities

The adjacent parcel of land along the river would provide an additional 3000 feet of river frontage and 10 acres of natural area. Acquisition of this property would allow legitimate public access to this scenic stretch of river.

There is a potential to interpret the natural areas of the park and adjacent property, especially the Wood River natural system and its source.

Needs

Campers have expressed a desire for a drinking water source.

Canoeists need a designated area to put in their canoes.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Objectives

1. Acquire adjacent parcel and construct trail access along the river and back to the parking lot in a loop.

2. Provide a potable drinking water source for the park.

3. Provide a designated canoe put in area.
Design Guidelines

1. Construct trail to avoid wet soils, where possible, and to prevent erosion.

2. An interpretive sign could be erected along the trail to the spring to cover the river system material. A small sign should be posted to designate the area for canoe put in. Construction of the signs should be of a highly vandal-resistant material but should be visually unobtrusive in the landscape.

Impacts of Proposed Park Development

1. Trail construction will help lessen erosion caused by existing "volunteer" trails.

2. The signs will have a slight visual impact on the riverside portion of the park near the bridge and near the canoe put in area.
Note: A potable water well should be located on site and piped to camping area.
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## PARK MANAGEMENT

### Maintenance and Operation

Kimball State Park is operated as a satellite park from Collier Memorial District Park.

### Maintenance Facilities

There are no facilities located at the park. All equipment, tools are brought from Collier Memorial State Park.

### Staff

There is no permanent staff assigned to Kimball State Park. Staff from Collier Memorial State Park spends 5% of its time here.

### Management Goals

To protect and maintain the area in the most natural state possible.

### Interagency Coordination

Police: Klamath County Sheriff, State Police.

Other: U.S. Forest Service, State Forest Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
Emergency Procedures Program

None. Because there is no field staff on site and the nearest telephone is 5 miles away, no plans have been developed.

Management Issues

1. Camp fees for the primitive camp are higher than for other similar primitive camps in the area. Compare costs and facilities and make recommendation to fee committee.
KLAMATH FALLS/LAKEVIEW FOREST WAYSIDE
CHAPTER 8

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Location: Klamath County. On Highway 140, at milepost 22, twenty three miles east of Klamath Falls. Highway runs through middle of site.

Acreage: 80.00 acres.

Description: Highway 140 bisects the site. Wildhorse Creek, an intermittent stream traverses the north half. Rich riparian vegetation flanks the steep slopes. The south side of the site is marked by a small group of ponderosa pine and junipers and large scabland areas.

Day-Use Facilities: None.

Day-Use Attendance: None.

Overnight Facilities: None.

Recreation Activities: Wildlife and nature study. Unique geologic formations called biscuits scablands can be interpreted.

Handicap Accessibility: No facilities exist on site.
LAND USE SUITABILITY PLAN

PROTECTION ___________________________ 50 Acres 62.5%
Riparian area and high quality scabland vegetation and forest

CONSERVATION _________________________ 22 Acres 27.5%
Lower quality scabland

INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT ________________ 8 Acres 10%
Future pulloff areas and roadside

SURPLUS _______________________________ 0 Acres
None

ACQUISITION RECOMMENDATIONS __________ 0 Acres
None
Park Issues

1. The park is used primarily for pulling off of the highway. The area currently used as a pull-off is on a dangerous curve and hill. No recreation or interpretive access currently exists on this property. However, those who commute between Lakeview and Klamath Falls use this area as an undesignated rest area.

There is a need to accommodate a safer highway pull-off and toilet facilities. This could be located in the north-east corner of the park on both sides of the road. Construction of the pulloff area should be done by the District Highway crew, with review by parks personnel.

2. Klamath Falls-Lakeview Wayside is zoned FR, Forestry/Range. As this park is not developed; all current uses are in compliance with the zoning.

Recreation Opportunities and Needs

Current Use

None

Opportunities

The property has some unique plant communities which could be accessed by those travelers who are interested in botany. There is potential for trail access to the Wild Horse Creek canyon and to the biscuit scabland area on each side of the road.

Needs

Pull off and toilet facilities

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Objectives

1. Better pulloff areas and toilet facilities, to be done by highway division.

2. Trail access and interpretation of natural area on each side of the road.

Design Guidelines

1. Pull-off area could be gravel surfaced but should be contained in some way to prevent additional vehicular access to the open areas of the site. Well-placed native rocks would be
adequate. The existing pull-off should be eliminated with the use of well-place, partially buried native rocks.

Mark trail on each side of road with vandal-resistant interpretive sign of low height and limited to approximately 18" by 24" sign area.

**Impacts of Proposed Park Development**

1. Pull-out areas will have a moderate visual impact on the scenic quality of this corridor, which will be offset by the safety factor of providing an adequate location for leaving and entering the highway.

2. There would be a limited impact on the plant communities of the wayside by increased foot traffic along a designated trail.
Note: No park development is planned.
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## PARK MANAGEMENT

### Maintenance and Operation

Klamath Falls-Lakeview Wayside is managed as a satellite park from Collier Memorial District Park.

### Management Issues

1. Parks staff should continue work with district highway staff to insure that roadside pull-off areas are done according to park needs for scenic quality and highway needs for safety.
BEAVER MARSH

This parcel of land has no recreation or interpretive potential and should be surplused. No endangered species are known to exist on the property.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Location: Klamath County.

Acreage: 362.08 acres.

Description: Ponderosa pine on gentle slopes.

Day-Use Facilities: None.

Overnight Facilities: None.

Recreation Activities: No potential for recreation activities.
NOTE: This property is currently undeveloped and designated as surplus.