

PORT OF BROOKINGS HARBOR
Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Agenda
Port Office
16340 Lower Harbor Rd, Suite 103
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Friday, September 1, 2017 • 6:00 pm

Agenda

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Agenda Related Public Comments ***
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Suspending 14-day Stay Rule for Fire Evacuees at the RV Park**
6. **Non-Agenda Related Public Comments ***
7. **Executive Session – pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(b)**
 - a. **Personnel Issues**
8. **Adjournment**

* Limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. A “Public Comment Request”, located near the entrance, must be completed and turned into the Chairman prior to the beginning of the meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM

DATE: *September 1, 2017*
RE: *Suspending 14-day Stay Limit for Fire Evacuees at RV Park*
TO: *Port of Brookings Harbor, Board of Commissioners*
ISSUED BY: *Gary Dehlinger, Port Manager*

OVERVIEW

- Resolution No. 385 established the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department requirements.
- Resolution No. 404 established a policy to follow Land and Water Conservation Fund Act requirements.
- Port staff called OPRD and provided a statement from the conversation. The Port can amend stay limits and rates as it sees fit.
- Currently, there are two guests that will reach the 14-day limit on Sunday September 3, 2017, which were evacuated.

DOCUMENTS

- Resolution No. 385, 1 page
- Resolution No. 404, 1 page
- Statement from Port staff, 1 page
- LWCF Chapter 8, 18 pages
- LWCF Fund Grants, 1 page

COMMISSIONERS ACTION

- Board review, discussion and decision on suspending the 14-day limit for fire evacuees until USDA Forest Service reduces the evacuation levels.
- Recommended Motion: Suspend the 14-day limit for fire evacuees until USDA Forest Service reduce the evacuation levels.

PORT OF BROOKINGS HARBOR
CURRY COUNTY OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 385

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF BROOKINGS HARBOR AUTHORIZING
REGULATIONS FOR BEACHFRONT RV PARK

WHEREAS, the Beachfront RV Park is the year round economic stability of the Port of Brookings Harbor, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Brookings Harbor wishes to improve occupancy and public usage of the Beachfront RV Park, and

WHEREAS, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department requirements are as follows:

1. Fourteen day stay limit
2. Maintained for outdoor recreational use
3. Facilities must meet ADA requirements, and

WHEREAS, all federal, state and local laws apply and will be followed for the Beachfront RV Park, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Brookings Harbor hereby approve the regulations for the Beachfront RV Park and adopts the above Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's requirements as policy for the Port of Brookings Harbor's Beachfront RV Park.

ADOPTED by the Port of Brookings Harbor Board of Commissioners this 18th day of April, 2006.


Sue Gold, Chair

ATTEST:


Kathy Lindley, Secretary/Treasurer

**PORT OF BROOKINGS HARBOR
CURRY COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 404
A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF BROOKINGS HARBOR
ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE BEACHFRONT RV PARK**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Port of Brookings Harbor to operate the Sporthaven RV Park (Park) as an out door recreational facility for the pleasure and benefit of the general public. The Park will, at all times, be operated in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Land and Conservation Fund Act (LWCF), the funding source for the Park's development, and all local, state and federal laws governing such operations.

WHEREAS, it is the Port's policy to provide the greatest benefit to the general public by maximizing occupancy on a year-round basis. Seasonal adjustments to rate and stay will be made from time to time, as appropriate, to encourage visitors to come to the area, during the off-season months. The Port's management will periodically develop and implement promotional plans or programs to meet this objective. Any such plan or program shall take care to ensure that no semi-permanent or permanent occupancy occurs as a result thereof and that any such plan or program avoids the issues associated with Oregon's laws governing Landlord/Tenant relationships.

WHEREAS, the Port will strictly prohibit the building or placement of storage sheds or buildings of any size in campsites.

WHEREAS, the Port will permit only one vehicle, including tow vehicle, per campsite. Visitors must park in a designated parking area for such purpose.

WHEREAS, the Port reserves the right to exclude from occupancy any camping or recreational vehicle deemed to be unsafe or a danger to others in the Park.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Brookings Harbor:

ADOPTED by the Port of Brookings Harbor Commissioners this 18th day of November 2008.



Roy C. Davis, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jim Relaford, Secretary/Treasurer

On Thursday, August 31, 2017 at approximately 3:35pm I had phone conversations with:

Lisa Sumption, Director, OPRD

Chris Havel, Associate Director, OPRD

Anna Krug, Park Manager, Harris Beach

I spoke briefly with Lisa Sumption and Chris Havel, both of whom did not know of any reason why the Port of Brookings Harbor would be required to follow OPRD rules and regulations. They suggested that the Port review Land & Water Conservation Fund guidelines.

I spoke at length with Anna Krug. First, Anna clarified that her leadership team had indeed made an exception to their rules by allowing evacuees of the Chetco Bar Fire to stay free of charge at Harris Beach Campground for an extended (unknown) length of time. However, evacuees are limited to site availability, and may have to move multiple times to work around customers that have made reservations.

Anna went on to say that she believes the Port misunderstands their obligations in terms of the Land & Water Conservation Funds they have received. Because the Port has received grants from the LWCF, it is subject to the guidelines outlined in the LWCF State Assistance Program Manual, in perpetuity. However, this does not mean that the Port is obligated to operate Beachfront RV Park under OPRD rules and regulations. Anna said that the crucial factor associated with LWCF grants is land usage. She said that the Port does need to ensure the property is made available for public recreation, and that it never becomes exclusive in anyway. Anna went on to say that policy concerning rules and regulations of the Beachfront RV Park are almost entirely at the discretion of the Port, especially with regard to rates and stay limits.

Based on my conversations with representatives of the OPRD, it is my understanding that the Port Commission may amend the Beachfront RV Park stay limit as it sees fit.

I also printed out a list of the LWCF grants that the Port has received over the years, along with what I think to be the most relevant chapter of the LWCF State Assistance Program Manual: Chapter 8 – Post Completion and Stewardship.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Skylar Windham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Skylar Windham

CHAPTER 8 - POST-COMPLETION AND STEWARDSHIP

A. Purpose

Pursuant to Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act and 36 CFR 59.3, this chapter contains the requirements for maintaining LWCF assisted sites and facilities in public outdoor recreation use following project completion and to assure that LWCF-assisted areas remain accessible to the general public including non-residents of assisted jurisdictions. These post-completion responsibilities apply to each area or facility for which LWCF assistance is obtained, regardless of the extent of participation of the program in the assisted area or facility and consistent with the contractual agreement between NPS and the State. Responsibility for compliance and enforcement of these requirements rests with the State for both state and locally sponsored projects. The responsibilities cited herein are applicable to the area depicted or otherwise described on the 6(f)(3) boundary map and/or as described in other project documentation approved by the NPS.

B. Operation and Maintenance

Property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance shall be operated and maintained as follows:

1. The property shall be maintained so as to appear attractive and inviting to the public.
2. Sanitation and sanitary facilities shall be maintained in accordance with applicable health standards.
3. Properties shall be kept reasonably open, accessible, and safe for public use. Fire prevention, lifeguard, and similar activities shall be maintained for proper public safety.
4. Buildings, roads, trails, and other structures and improvements shall be kept in reasonable repair throughout their estimated lifetime to prevent undue deterioration and to encourage public use.
5. The facility shall be kept open for public use at reasonable hours and times of the year, according to the type of area or facility.
6. A posted LWCF acknowledgement sign shall remain displayed at the project site pursuant to Chapter 7.

C. Availability to Users

1. Discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance shall be open to entry and use by all persons regardless of race, color, or national origin, who are

otherwise eligible. Title 43, Part 17 (43 CFR 17), effectuates the provisions of Title VI. The prohibitions imposed by Title VI apply to park or recreation areas benefiting from federal assistance and to any other recreation areas administered by the state agency or local agency receiving the assistance. Discrimination is also prohibited on the basis of religion or sex.

2. Discrimination on the basis of residence. Section 6(f)(8) of the LWCF Act provides, with respect to property acquired and/or developed with LWCF assistance, discrimination on the basis of residence, including preferential reservation, membership or annual permit systems is prohibited except to the extent reasonable differences in admission and other fees may be maintained on the basis of residence.

Fees charged to nonresidents cannot exceed twice the amount charged to residents. Where there is no charge for residents, but a fee is charged to nonresidents, nonresident fees cannot exceed fees charged for residents at comparable state or local public facilities. Reservation, membership or annual permit systems available to residents must also be available to nonresidents and the period of availability must be the same for both residents and nonresidents.

These provisions apply only to the recreation areas described in the project agreement. Nonresident fishing and hunting license fees are excluded from these requirements.

3. Discrimination on the basis of disability. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires no qualified person shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives or benefits from federal financial assistance. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (P.L. 100-336) simply references and reinforces these requirements for federally-assisted programs.
4. Reasonable use limitations. Project sponsors may impose reasonable limits on the type and extent of use of areas and facilities acquired and/or developed with Fund assistance when such a limitation is necessary for maintenance or preservation. Thus, limitations may be imposed on the numbers of person using an area or facility or the type of users, such as "hunters only" or "hikers only." All limitations shall be in accord with the applicable grant agreement and amendments.

D. Leasing and Concession Operations Within a Section 6(f)(3) Area

A project sponsor may provide for the operation of a Section 6(f)(3) area by leasing the area/facility to a private organization or individual or by entering into a concession agreement with an operator to provide a public outdoor recreation opportunity at the Fund-assisted site.

As the principal grantee, the State is ultimately accountable for assuring compliance with the applicable federal requirements, and, therefore, the delegation or transfer of certain responsibilities to subgrantees or lessees does not relieve the State of its compliance burden. As the grant recipient, the State has agreed to provide suitable replacement property should the

public use of the leased or concessioned area/facility be restricted or the outdoor recreation resource be compromised.

All lease documents and concession agreements for the operation of LWCF-assisted sites by private organizations or individuals must address the following:

1. In order to protect the public interest, the project sponsor must have a clear ability to periodically review the performance of the lessee/concessioner and terminate the lease/agreement if its terms and the provisions of the grant agreement, including standards of maintenance, public use, and accessibility, are not met.
2. The lease/agreement document should clearly indicate that the leased/concessioned area is to be operated by the lessee/concessioner for public outdoor recreation purposes in compliance with provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and implementing guidelines (36 CFR 59). As such, the document should require the area be identified as publicly owned and operated as a public outdoor recreation facility in all signs, literature and advertising, and is operated by a lessee/concessioner as identified in the public information to eliminate the perception the area is private.
3. The lease/agreement document should require all fees charged by the lessee/concessioner to the public must be competitive with similar private facilities.
4. The lease/agreement document should make clear compliance with all Civil Rights and accessibility legislation (e.g., Title VI of Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, and Americans with Disabilities Act) is required, and compliance will be indicated by signs posted in visible public areas, statements in public information brochures, etc.

E. Conversions of Use

Property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance shall be retained and used for public outdoor recreation. Any property so acquired and/or developed shall not be wholly or partly converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses without the approval of NPS pursuant to Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act and these regulations. The conversion provisions of Section 6(f)(3), 36 CFR Part 59, and these guidelines apply to each area or facility for which LWCF assistance is obtained, regardless of the extent of participation of the program in the assisted area or facility and consistent with the contractual agreement between NPS and the State.

Responsibility for compliance and enforcement of these provisions rests with the State for both state and locally sponsored projects. The responsibilities cited herein are applicable to the area depicted or otherwise described on the 6(f)(3) boundary map and/or as described in other project documentation approved by the Department of the Interior. This mutually agreed to area normally exceeds that actually receiving LWCF assistance so as to assure the protection of a viable recreation entity.

Local sponsors must consult early with the State LWCF manager when a conversion is under consideration or has been discovered. States must consult with their NPS-LWCF manager as early as possible in the conversion process for guidance and to sort out and discuss details of the conversion proposal to avoid mid-course corrections and unnecessary delays. **A critical first step is for the State and NPS to agree on the size of the Section 6(f) park land impacted by any non-recreation, non-public use, especially prior to any appraisal activity.** Any previous LWCF project agreements and actions must be identified and understood to determine the actual Section 6(f) boundary.

If the NPS is alerted or otherwise becomes aware of an ongoing conversion activity that has not been approved, NPS shall request the State Liaison Officer (SLO) to advise the project sponsor of the necessary prerequisites for approval of a conversion and to discontinue the unauthorized conversion activities. If the conversion activity continues, NPS shall formally notify the State it must take appropriate action to preclude the project sponsor from proceeding further with the conversion, use, and occupancy of the area pending NPS independent review and decision of a formal conversion proposal (see Section 10 below).

The NPS Regional Director has the authority to disapprove conversion requests and/or to reject proposed property substitutions. This approval is a discretionary action and should not be considered a right of the project sponsor.

1. Situations that trigger a conversion include:
 - a. Property interests are conveyed for private use or non-public outdoor recreation uses.
 - b. Non-outdoor recreation uses (public or private) are made of the project area, or a portion thereof, including those occurring on pre-existing rights-of-way and easements, or by a lessor.
 - c. Unallowable indoor facilities are developed within the project area without NPS approval, such as unauthorized public facilities and sheltering of an outdoor facility.
 - d. Public outdoor recreation use of property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance is terminated.
2. Situations that may not trigger a conversion if NPS determines that certain criteria are met include:
 - a. Underground utility easements that do not impact the recreational use of the park and is restored to its original surface condition (see Section F below).
 - b. Proposals to construct public facilities, such as recreation centers and indoor pool buildings, within a Section 6(f)(3) protected area where it can be shown there is a gain or increased benefit to the public outdoor recreational opportunity. These proposals must be reviewed by the NPS as a “public facility request” (see Section H below). The

State should consult with the NPS early in the formative stages of developing proposals to construct indoor facilities on Section 6(f)(3) protected land (see Section H below).

- c. Proposals for "temporary non-conforming uses," that is temporary non-recreation activities of less than a six-month duration within a Section 6(f)(3) protected area, must be reviewed by the NPS (see Section I below).
 - d. Proposals to build sheltered facilities or to shelter existing facilities within a Section 6(f)(3) protected area provided they do not change the overall public outdoor recreation characteristics and otherwise meet the sheltering criteria in Chapter 3. The NPS review and approval of such proposals will not trigger a conversion (see Section J below).
 - e. Proposals for changing the overall outdoor recreation use of a Section 6(f)(3) area from that intended in the original LWCF project agreement. These proposals must be reviewed by the NPS (see Section L below).
3. Prerequisites to the NPS consideration of conversions. Formal requests from the project sponsor for permission to convert LWCF assisted properties in whole or in part to other than public outdoor recreation uses must be submitted by the State Liaison Officer to NPS in writing and conform to the prerequisites set forth in 36 CFR 59.

States shall consult with NPS when conversions are proposed or discovered and prior to making the formal request to NPS. States shall use the Proposal Description and Environmental Screening Form (PD/ESF) to prepare its conversion proposal (see Chapter 4). The PD/ESF guides the development of the conversion proposal, including the incorporation of the following prerequisites that must be met before NPS will consider the formal conversion request:

- a. All practical alternatives to the conversion have been evaluated and rejected on a sound basis.
- b. The fair market value of the property to be converted has been established and the property proposed for substitution is of at least equal fair market value as established by a state approved appraisal (see Chapter 4 for appraisal guidance) excluding the value of structures or facilities that will not directly enhance its outdoor recreation utility.
- c. The property proposed for replacement is of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location as that being converted. Depending on the situation, and at the discretion of the NPS, the replacement property need not provide identical recreation experiences or be located at the same site, provided it is in a reasonably equivalent location. Generally, the replacement property should be administered by the same political jurisdiction as the converted property. NPS will consider state requests to change the project sponsor for any replacement property when it is determined a different political jurisdiction can meet the criteria for replacement properties. Equivalent usefulness and location will be determined based on the following criteria:

- (1) Property to be converted must be evaluated in order to determine what recreation needs are being fulfilled by the facilities which exist and the types of outdoor recreation resources and opportunities available. The property being proposed for substitution must then be evaluated in a similar manner to determine if it will meet recreation needs that are at least like in magnitude and impact to the user community as the converted site. This criterion is applicable in the consideration of all conversion requests with the exception of those where wetlands are proposed as replacement property.

Wetland areas and interests therein shall be considered to be of reasonably equivalent usefulness as compared to the recreational usefulness of the property proposed for conversion if they have been identified in the wetlands provisions of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) in accordance with Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act as amended (36 CFR 59.3) by Section 303 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986.

- (2) Replacement property need not necessarily be directly adjacent to or close by the converted site. This policy provides the administrative flexibility to determine location recognizing that the property should meet existing public outdoor recreation needs. While generally this will involve the selection of a site serving the same community(ies) or area as the converted site, there may be exceptions. For example, if property being converted is in an area undergoing major demographic change and the area has no existing or anticipated future need for outdoor recreation, then the project sponsor should seek to locate the substitute area at another location within the jurisdiction.
 - (3) Should a local project sponsor be unable to replace converted property, the State would be responsible, as the primary recipient of federal assistance, for assuring compliance with these requirements and for the substitution of replacement property.
 - (4) The acquisition of one parcel of land may be used in satisfaction of several approved conversions (see Section 6 below) and vice versa.
- d. The property proposed for replacement meets the eligibility requirements for LWCF assisted acquisition (see Chapter 3). The replacement property must constitute or be part of a viable recreation area. Viability and recreational usefulness is dependent upon the proposed outdoor recreation development plan and timetable for the development of the replacement parks. If full development of the replacement site(s) will be delayed beyond three years from the date of conversion approval, the conversion proposal shall explain why this is necessary (see Chapter 3.B.7).

For proposed replacement property with a history of contamination, proposals must address the nature of the contamination, how the contaminated area has been or will be

remediated, how the area will be developed into a safe, public outdoor recreation area, and how provisions will be put in place to monitor the new replacement parkland to ensure public health and safety in perpetuity. Certain contaminated areas may not meet the equal or greater recreational usefulness prerequisite for replacement land. Early coordination with NPS for conversion proposals involving contaminated replacement land, even if remediated, is required (see 3.4 below).

Unless each of the following additional conditions (also see Chapter 3) is met, land currently owned by another public agency may not be used as replacement land for land acquired as part of an LWCF project:

- (1) The replacement land was not originally acquired by the sponsor or selling agency for recreation.
- (2) The replacement land has not been previously dedicated or managed for recreational purposes while in public ownership.
- (3) No federal assistance was provided in the replacement land's original acquisition unless the assistance was provided under a program expressly authorized to match or supplement LWCF assistance.
- (4) Where the project sponsor acquires replacement land from another public agency, the selling agency must be required by law to receive payment for the land so acquired (see Chapter 3.A.9).

An exception may be made to this condition only in the case of development projects for which the project sponsor's match was not derived from the cost of the purchase or value of a donation of the land to be converted, but from the value of the development itself. In this case, public land that has not been previously dedicated or managed for recreation/conservation use may be used as replacement land even if this land is currently owned by the project sponsor or is transferred from one public agency to another without cost.

- e. In the case of Section 6(f)(3) protected areas that are partially rather than wholly converted, the impact of the converted portion on the remaining area shall be considered. If such a conversion is approved, the unconverted area must remain recreationally viable or be replaced as well.
- f. All necessary coordination with other federal agencies has been satisfactorily accomplished including, for example, compliance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.
- g. The guidelines for environmental review under NEPA have been satisfactorily completed and considered by NPS during its review of the proposed Section 6(f)(3) action. In cases where the proposed conversion arises from another federal action, NPS

final review of the State's proposal shall not occur until the NPS is assured all environmental review requirements for the other federal action have been met, e.g., Army Corps of Engineer permits.

The environmental review process must analyze not only the Section 6(f)(3) area proposed for conversion, but also the development of the replacement parkland. The purpose and scope of the environmental review must focus on the impacts on the "human environment" resulting from the loss of the Section 6(f)(3) parkland, impacts on any remaining Section 6(f)(3) parkland for partial conversions, and the development of new Section 6(f)(3) replacement park(s). The scope of the environmental review should not include impacts of the action precipitating the conversion on resources beyond the Section 6(f)(3) boundary, such as impacts of a new housing development or a school on a neighborhood.

The environmental analysis must be conducted in a neutral and factual manner and result in statements that reflect this same neutrality so the interested and affected public can focus on and understand the details of the proposed federal action of converting parkland including the replacement of new parkland according to 36 CFR 59. The environmental analysis documents should not include statements that promote or justify the action precipitating the conversion, such as proclaiming that the subject parkland is the best location for a new fire station.

For detailed guidance on NEPA and how to conduct environmental reviews for LWCF conversions, consult Chapter 4 of this manual, and the NPS.

- h. Adherence to state intergovernmental review procedures as appropriate (see Chapter 4).
 - i. The proposed conversion and substitution are in accord with the SCORP.
4. State preparation of conversion proposal for NPS review: To avoid any unnecessary delays, duplication of effort, and mid-course corrections, the States shall consult with NPS early when conversions are proposed or discovered to ensure:
- a. the extent of impact from the conversion activity on Section 6(f)(3) protected area is mutually agreed upon; and
 - b. the acceptability of proposed replacement parkland has been explored prior to State/local sponsor expenditure of resources on appraisals and the required environmental review process to be undertaken in accordance with NEPA.

The State shall coordinate the development of the conversion proposal including ensuring the project sponsor complies with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and permit requirements. As the proposal is developed, the State may enlist the assistance of NPS to provide technical guidance as needed, especially for complex and controversial conversions. A State's submission of a formal conversion request to NPS is a State's

endorsement of the conversion. If a State does not concur or endorse the conversion, then the proposal should not be forwarded to NPS for formal review and decision.

5. NPS review of the State conversion proposal. NPS will conduct an independent review of the proposal using the conversion prerequisites and any other critical factors that may have arisen during proposal development. If the State has adequately addressed the prerequisites, and NPS finds no other reason to deny the request, the NPS administrative record will be documented as such and an amendment will be signed approving the conversion.
6. Banking excess fair market value of replacement land for future conversions. The acquisition of one parcel of replacement land may be used in satisfaction of several approved conversions.

Excess fair market value (FMV) of a replacement property can be “banked” for a period not to exceed five years from the date of the initial conversion amendment. During this time period, the same project sponsor may use the remaining value to make up the FMV difference in cases where the subsequent proposed replacement property satisfies the equal usefulness criterion but its appraised FMV falls short of the equal fair market value requirement.

The initial replacement property with the excess fair market value may not be used to satisfy the equal usefulness criterion for subsequent conversions unless additional conversions are anticipated by the sponsor at the time of the original conversion request and the accompanying documentation clearly addresses how the replacement property would satisfy the equal usefulness criteria for the original conversion as well as those that are anticipated.

7. Conversions on leased land. Should a conversion occur on leased land during the term of the lease, the State must comply with the conversion requirements of Section 6(f)(3) including the provision of replacement land. In this instance, the conversion of the original lease can be replaced with a leasehold interest for a period of time that is not less than the time remaining on the original lease, and, which fulfills the recreation commitment agreed to in the original lease agreement.

For existing projects that involve leases, the responsibility for retaining the property in recreation terminates at the end of the lease period unless the grant agreement calls for some other arrangement. Lease agreements containing a renewal clause that can be exercised by the lessee must be reviewed to ensure that Section 6(f)(3) compliance will continue throughout the duration of the next lease period.

8. Conversion proposal documentation. A conversion requires an amendment to the original project agreement. Therefore, the amendment should be submitted concurrently with the formal conversion request or at such time as all details of the conversion have been worked out with NPS.

The formal conversion proposal submission to NPS must include the following items:

- a. A transmittal letter briefly describing the conversion proposal and requesting NPS review and approval
- b. Standard Form 424 for amendments (see Chapter 7)
- c. PD/ESF including Step 4, the environmental screening form, and an environmental assessment document analyzing the entire conversion proposal (the converted parkland and the replacement parkland in one document).
- d. LWCF project amendment form identifying changes to the original Section 6(f)(3) boundary caused by the conversion and to establish a new 6(f) boundary around the replacement site(s)
- e. Signed and dated Section 6(f)(3) boundary map for any remaining parkland resulting from a partial conversion, and for the replacement site(s)
- f. Description and Notification Form (DNF)

Once the conversion has been approved by NPS, replacement property should be immediately acquired and developed according to the replacement proposal timetable. If development will be delayed beyond three years from the date of NPS conversion approval, then a request for delayed development beyond three years with a justification for the delay must be made to NPS (See Chapter 3.B.7.c).

9. **Small conversions.** Small conversions are composed of small portions of Section 6(f)(3) protected areas that amount to no more than 10 percent of the 6(f) protected area or five acres, whichever is less. States should consult with NPS prior to developing the small conversion proposal.

Because small conversion proposals are less complex, NPS review and decision can be facilitated when:

- a. Minor or no environmental impacts would occur on resources being removed from Section 6(f)(3) protection, on the remaining Section 6(f)(3) area, and on the contiguous new replacement parkland by placing it under Section 6(f)(3) protection per the environmental screening form. This includes consideration of impacts to historic resources per the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act. The entire conversion proposal is categorically excluded from further environmental review under NEPA (see Chapter 4).
- b. The proposed conversion is not controversial.
- c. The replacement property is contiguous to the original Section 6(f)(3) area.

The State's proposal must include:

- d. Transmittal letter describing the entire small conversion proposal.
 - e. Standard Form 424
 - f. PD/ESF with the portion for conversions completed indicating that a categorical exclusion is justified.
 - g. LWCF project amendment form.
 - h. Description and Notification Form (DNF)
 - i. Revised 6(f) boundary map indicating the deletion of the small converted area and the addition of the replacement property.
10. Discovering unauthorized conversions. When it is discovered that a Section 6(f)(3) area has been converted without NPS approval, a conversion proposal must be submitted and reviewed by NPS for retroactive action. The NPS shall notify the State it is in violation of the grant contract, program regulations, and law, and an immediate resolution of the unapproved conversion must be expedited.
- If it is discovered that an unauthorized conversion is in progress, the State must notify the project sponsor to cease immediately until the conversion process pursuant to 36 CFR 59.3 has been satisfactorily completed.
- Resolution of the conversion will require State and NPS review of the conversion proposal as previously set forth in Section E.4 above including the provision of suitable replacement property.
- If the sponsor has already provided replacement property without NPS approval, the eligibility of the replacement land must meet the same Section 6(f)(3) requirements as if it had not yet been acquired. It is incumbent upon the State to make the case that the replacement land fully meets these requirements.
- Failure by the State to take steps to follow this procedure shall be considered cause for NPS to apply penalty options described in Section N below.
11. Conversions with delayed parkland replacement. Exceptions to the immediate replacement requirement (see Section 8 above) will be allowed only when it is not possible for replacement property to be identified prior to the State's request for the conversion. An express commitment must be received from the State to satisfy Section 6(f)(3) substitution requirements within a specified period normally not to exceed one year following conversion approval.

Such proposals are not routine and must include sufficient evidence to justify why such a delay is necessary.

F. Underground Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way

The State may allow underground utility easements within a Section 6(f)(3) area as long as the easement site is restored to its pre-existing condition to ensure the continuation of public outdoor recreational use of the easement area within 12 months after the ground within the easement area is disturbed. If restoration exceeds the 12 month period, or the easement activities result in permanent above-ground changes, NPS shall be consulted to determine if the changes will trigger a conversion. If present or future outdoor recreation opportunities will be impacted in the easement area or in the remainder of the Section 6(f)(3) area, a conversion will be triggered.

G. Commercial Signage in Section 6(f)(3) Areas

Commercial signs are only allowable within Section 6(f)(3) boundaries when the advertising is attached to allowable park structures such as benches, fencing, walls, and buildings and are not inconsistent with the park setting and/or the built environment in which it is located (e.g., athletic fields). Signs may face either outside or inside the park. Commercial advertising in the form of a stand-alone structure such as a billboard that creates a footprint in the park, or commercial signage permanently affixed to a natural feature within the 6(f) area, is a conversion regardless of which direction it faces.

H. Proposals to Construct Public Facilities

Public facility requests will only be approved if the public facility clearly results in a net gain in outdoor recreation benefits or enhances the outdoor recreation use of the entire park, and the facility is compatible with and significantly supportive of the outdoor recreation resources and opportunities of the Section 6(f)(3) protected area. The State shall use the PD/ESF to document its public facility proposal using the following criteria and submit it along with a project amendment and a recommendation for federal approval for NPS review and decision.

The NPS will consider requests to construct sponsor-funded public facilities when the following criteria have been met:

1. Uses of the facility will be compatible with and significantly supportive of outdoor recreation resources and uses at the rest of the site and recreation use remains the overall primary function of the site. The proposed public facility will include a recreation component and will encourage outdoor recreation use of the remaining Section 6(f) area.
2. All design and location alternatives have been adequately considered, documented and rejected on a sound basis.
3. The proposed structure is compatible and significantly supportive of the outdoor recreation resources of the site, whether existing or planned. The park's outdoor recreation use must

continue to be greater than that expected for any indoor uses, unless the site is a single use facility, such as a swimming pool building, which virtually occupies the entire site.

Examples of uses which would not ordinarily be approved include, but are not limited to, a community recreation center which takes up all or most of a small park site, clinics, police stations, restaurants catering primarily to the general public, fire stations, professional sports facilities or commercial resort or other facilities which: (1) are not accessible to the general public; or, (2) require memberships; or, (3) which, because of high user fees, have the effect of excluding elements of the public; or, (4) which include office, residential or elaborate lodging facilities.

Restaurant-type establishments with indoor dining/seating that cater primarily to the outdoor recreating public must be reviewed under this public facility policy. Other park food service operations such as snack bars, carry-out food service, and concession stands with outdoor dining including pavilions and protected patios are allowable without further NPS if the primary purpose is to serve the outdoor recreating public.

4. Potential and future benefits to the total park's outdoor recreation utility must be identified in the proposal. Any costs or detriments should be documented and a net recreation benefit must result.
5. The proposed facility must be under the control and tenure of the public agency that sponsors and administers the original park area.
6. The proposal has been analyzed pursuant to NEPA, including providing the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposal if required as part of the NEPA review.
7. All applicable federal requirements for approval are met.
8. The proposal has been adequately reviewed at the state level and has been recommended by the SLO.

I. Requests for Temporary Non-Conforming Uses Within Section 6(f)(3) Areas

All requests for temporary uses for purposes that do not conform to the public outdoor recreation requirement must be submitted to and reviewed by the State. The State, in turn, will submit a formal request to NPS describing the temporary non-conforming use proposal.

Continued use beyond six-months will not be considered temporary, but will result in a conversion of use and will require the State/project sponsor to provide replacement property pursuant to Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act.

1. **Criteria.** NPS will use the following criteria to evaluate each request:
 - a. The size of the parkland area affected by any temporary non-recreation use shall not result in a significant impact on public outdoor recreation use. This means that the site of the temporary activity should be sufficiently small to restrict its impacts on other areas of a Fund-assisted park.
 - b. A temporary use shall not result in permanent damage to the park site, and appropriate mitigating measures will be taken to ensure no residual impacts on the site once the temporary use is concluded.
 - c. No practical alternatives to the proposed temporary use exist.
 - d. All applicable federal requirements for approval are met.
 - e. The proposal has been adequately reviewed at the state level and has been recommended by the SLO.
2. **Required proposal documentation.** The State's formal proposal to NPS shall include:
 - a. SLO recommendation;
 - b. PD/ESF providing a complete description of the proposed temporary use, including:
 - (1) start and completion dates;
 - (2) identification of the portion of the site affected, including a map showing the relationship of the temporary use site to the full area protected under 6(f)(3) and a justification of why the area needed is the minimum necessary for the proposed use;
 - (3) an analysis of the alternatives to the proposed use that were considered;
 - (4) a description of both immediate impacts on the site as a result of the temporary use and any residual or long-term impacts on the site's environment or on recreation use;
 - (5) a description of any appropriate mitigation actions that may be necessary and a schedule for their implementation; and,
 - c. An acknowledgement by the SLO a full conversion will result if the temporary use has not ceased after the maximum six-month period allotted.

J. Sheltering Facilities within Section 6(f)(3) Areas

NPS approval is required to shelter an existing facility located within a Section 6(f)(3) protected area. See Section 3.C.7 for further guidance.

K. Obsolete Facilities

Project sponsors are not required to continue operation of a particular recreation area or facility beyond its useful life. However, Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act requires project sponsors maintain the entire area within the Section 6(f)(3) boundary in some form of public outdoor recreation use.

Notwithstanding neglect or inadequate maintenance on the part of the project sponsor, a recreation area or facility may be determined to be obsolete if:

1. reasonable maintenance and repairs are not sufficient to keep the recreation area or facility operating;
2. changing recreation needs dictate a change in the type of facilities provided;
3. park operating practices dictate a change in the type of facilities required; or,
4. the recreation area or facility is destroyed by fire, natural disaster, or vandalism.

States may determine a facility is obsolete and permit its use to be discontinued or allow a particular type of recreation use of the LWCF assisted area to be changed provided that the project record maintained by the State is documented by the sponsor with a justification statement for determining obsolescence and the State concurs in the change. However, NPS approval must be obtained prior to any change from one LWCF allowable use to another when the proposed use would significantly contravene the original plans for the area. See Section L below for further guidance.

If, in the judgment of the State, the facility is needed and was lost through neglect or inadequate maintenance, then replacement facilities must be provided at the current value of the original investment.

LWCF assistance may be provided to renovate outdoor recreation facilities that have previously received LWCF assistance if the State determines the renovation is not required as a result of neglect or inadequate maintenance and the State documents the project record to that effect.

L. Significant Change of Use

Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act requires project sponsors maintain the entire area defined in the project agreement in some form of public outdoor recreation use. NPS approval must be obtained prior to any change from one eligible use to another when the proposed use would significantly contravene the original plans or intent for the area as described in the original LWCF project(s).

NPS approval is not required, however, for each and every facility use change. Uses within a Section 6(f)(3) protected area should be viewed in the context of overall use and should be

monitored in this context. A change from a swimming pool with substantial recreational development to a less intense area of limited development such as a passive park, or vice versa, would, for example, require NPS approval.

States shall notify NPS in writing of proposals to significantly change the use of Section 6(f)(3) areas in advance of their occurrence. NPS will expedite a determination of whether a formal review and approval process will be required. A primary NPS consideration in the review will be the consistency of the proposal with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

If the change in use proposal requires a formal review and decision by NPS, the State shall complete the Proposal Description and Environmental Screening Form (PD/ESF) found in Chapter 4.

Changes to other than public outdoor recreation use constitute a conversion and will require NPS approval and the substitution of replacement land in accordance with Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act

M. Post-Completion Inspections

1. **Purpose.** In order to determine whether properties acquired or developed with LWCF assistance are being retained and used for outdoor recreation purposes in accordance with the project agreement and other applicable program requirements, a state post-completion inspection is to be made within five years after final billing and at least once every five years thereafter.

The following points should be taken into consideration during the inspection of properties that have been developed for public use:

- a. **Retention and use.** Is the Section 6(f)(3) boundary in tact and the property being used for outdoor recreation purposes including those intended through the projects funded with LWCF assistance?
- b. **Appearance.** Is the property attractive and inviting to the public?
- c. **Maintenance.** Is upkeep and repair of structures and improvements adequate? Is there evidence of poor workmanship or use of inferior quality materials or construction? Is vandalism a problem? Is the area being maintained?
- d. **Management.** Does staffing and servicing of facilities appear adequate?
- e. **Availability.** Is there evidence of discrimination? Is the property readily accessible and open to the public during reasonable hours and times of the year?
- f. **Signing.** Is the area properly signed to allow for user information and safety, and proper acknowledgement of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund?

and take such other action deemed appropriate under the circumstances, including debarment and suspension pursuant to Executive Order 12549 at 43 CFR 12.100-.510, until compliance or remedial action has been accomplished by the State to the satisfaction of NPS.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants: Oregon

The Park Service is finding out about more closures and conversions of federally protected parks than ever before. But no one knows just how many, so InvestigateWest compiled this database, which lists every LWCF grant between 1965 and 2011, as a starting point. Click a column header to re-sort the table. Click-shift to add a secondary sort.

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905 - XXX	PONDEROSA PARK PICNIC AREA	BEND METRO PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT	DESCHUTES	OR	\$17,104.72	1977	1979	Development
950 - XXX	JUNIPER PARK COVERED POOL	BEND METRO PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT	DESCHUTES	OR	\$737,338.82	1978	1981	Development
1028 - XXX	SKYLINE PARK DEVELOPMENT, PHASE 1	BEND METRO PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT	DESCHUTES	OR	\$93,710.84	1978	1981	Development
1214 - XXX	TODD BOWLBY YOUTH PARK	CITY OF REDMOND	DESCHUTES	OR	\$32,672.00	1982	1986	Development
1272 - XXX	HOLLINSHEAD ACQUISITION/DEVELOPMENT	BEND METRO PARK & REC. DIST.	DESCHUTES	OR	\$90,365.00	1984	1988	Combination
1320 - XXX	KIWANIS PARK DEVELOPMENT	BEND METRO PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT	DESCHUTES	OR	\$47,666.83	1984	1990	Development
1334 - XXX	CASCADE WADING POOL	REDMOND AREA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT	DESCHUTES	OR	\$16,911.18	1985	1990	Development
1410 - XXX	HILLSIDE PARK PH. 2	BEND METRO PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT	DESCHUTES	OR	\$15,967.25	1990	1995	Development
1430 - XXX	SMITH ROCK STATE PARK ACQUISITION	OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.	DESCHUTES	OR	\$77,350.00	1992	1996	Acquisition
1454 - XXX	QUINCE PARK DEVELOPMENT	CITY OF REDMOND	DESCHUTES	OR	\$33,140.04	1994	1999	Development
1465 - XXX	HIGH DESERT SPORTS COMPLEX	REDMOND AREA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT	DESCHUTES	OR	\$9,517.13	1995	1999	Development
1466 - XXX	NORTH CANYON NATURE TRAIL	CITY OF REDMOND	DESCHUTES	OR	\$23,463.46	1995	1999	Development
1497 - XXX	SMITH ROCK TRAIL REHABILITATION	OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.	DESCHUTES	OR	\$59,324.47	2002	2005	Redevelopment
1510 - XXX	SAWYER PARK BRIDGE ACCESS & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS	BEND METRO PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT	DESCHUTES	OR	\$102,500.00	2003	2008	Redevelopment
22 - XXX	SPORTHAVEN COUNTY PARK	PORT OF BROOKINGS	CURRY	OR	\$23,434.00	1966	1969	Development
80 - XXX	GARRISON LAKE STATE PARK	OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.	CURRY	OR	\$13,000.00	1967	1970	Acquisition
221 - XXX	HARRIS BEACH STATE PARK	OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.	CURRY	OR	\$50,000.00	1969	1971	Acquisition
240 - XXX	GOLD BEACH CITY PARK - DEVELOPMENT	CITY OF GOLD BEACH	CURRY	OR	\$886.60	1969	1972	Development
404 - XXX	BUFFINGTON MEMORIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT	CITY OF PORT ORFORD	CURRY	OR	\$5,358.00	1972	1974	Development
426 - XXX	BROOKINGS SWIMMING POOL	CITY OF BROOKINGS	CURRY	OR	\$79,445.76	1972	1975	Development
428 - XXX	THE HEADS, PORT ORFORD	OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.	CURRY	OR	\$65,000.00	1972	1972	Acquisition
738 - XXX	GOLD BEACH CITY PARK, PHASE 2	CITY OF GOLD BEACH	CURRY	OR	\$12,079.14	1975	1978	Development
739 - XXX	BROOKINGS CITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS	CITY OF BROOKINGS	CURRY	OR	\$4,372.04	1975	1978	Development
741 - XXX	BUFFINGTON PARK DEVELOPMENT, PHASE 2	CITY OF PORT ORFORD	CURRY	OR	\$5,694.38	1975	1978	Development
749 - XXX	OTTER POINT ACQUISITION	OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.	CURRY	OR	\$59,425.48	1975	1977	Acquisition
805 - XXX	HARRIS BEACH UTILITY BUILDING	OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.	CURRY	OR	\$51,186.00	1976	1978	Redevelopment
827 - XXX	RANSOM AVENUE TENNIS COURTS	CITY OF BROOKINGS	CURRY	OR	\$17,863.98	1976	1979	Development
832 - XXX	PORT OF PORT ORFORD RESTROOMS	PORT OF PORT ORFORD	CURRY	OR	\$8,881.65	1976	1978	Development
868 - XXX	BUFFINGTON PARK, PHASE 3	CITY OF PORT ORFORD	CURRY	OR	\$5,870.00	1977	1979	Development
873 - XXX	SPORT BASIN IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 1	PORT OF BROOKINGS	CURRY	OR	\$71,955.37	1977	1979	Development
878 - XXX	SPORTHAVEN PARK PICNIC AREA	PORT OF BROOKINGS	CURRY	OR	\$8,725.24	1977	1979	Development
963 - XXX	GOLD BEACH CITY PARK RESTROOMS	CITY OF GOLD BEACH	CURRY	OR	\$18,274.73	1978	1980	Development
982 - XXX	BUD CROSS PARK RESTROOMS	CITY OF BROOKINGS	CURRY	OR	\$6,592.11	1978	1981	Development
1043 - XXX	FAIRGROUNDS BEACH ACCESS	CURRY COUNTY	CURRY	OR	\$18,213.28	1979	1983	Development
1048 - XXX	BUD CROSS PARK, PHASE 5	CITY OF BROOKINGS	CURRY	OR	\$27,307.51	1979	1983	Development
1108 - XXX	PORT OF GOLD BEACH RESTROOMS	PORT OF GOLD BEACH	CURRY	OR	\$28,368.40	1980	1984	Development
1179 - XXX	SPORTHAVEN PARK UTILITIES	PORT OF BROOKINGS	CURRY	OR	\$20,305.22	1981	1985	Redevelopment
1267 - XXX	BROOKINGS BIKE PATH	CITY OF BROOKINGS	CURRY	OR	\$6,329.00	1983	1988	Development

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