

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX A: Federal, State and Local Agency Comments

BLM Snake River Southpark Boat Launch Design Dialogue Comments

Rec Planners/ WG&F

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- Highway Rest Area Potential at S.P.W./Proposed improvements/ accommodate - plan for this use.
- People are stopping along river, fishing in sensitive habitat area - Eagles
- Multiple Methods of Creating Awareness
 - Post "Sensitive Area" along river
 - Maps delineating habitat sensitive areas
 - Kiosk information center
- Separation may not work due to hydrology fluctuations - people will use the areas that the hydrology allows
- Eagles nests are approximately one mile to the east and one mile to the west. 3 active nests upstream, 2 active nests downstream, closest upstream nest is on state land.
- Direct day use away from cottonwoods
- Direct folks w/ trail & signs
- Eagle use is perching but sporadic

Recreation/ W.G.F.

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- Peak runoff varies from May to July
- Private user staging (?) While shutrina (?0 takes Place
- Not critical Bald Eagle - Territorial line - wg&F
- Will increase act. Impact res. Down river
- providing parking will draw a new level of use - minimum parking far (?) Now WG.F
- Concern with multiple ramps - WG& f
- If hydrology works - put facility on west side to protect cottonwood p_____? - WG.F
- East side - Fishery Dep.(?) & safety - East is best
- Impact by future development growth in S.P. area will have user increase impact on river access - WGF
- Y-----? Use ___? U.G. Landing day use

REC./ WG.F

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- Expansion of V.G. Landing not feasible due to having an annual lease
- Not able to spend private Federal Funds on private lands

- One good ramp area
- No eddy to stage in
- Very territorial here @ Wilson
- Ideas on how to make the south side BLM work, how this land will function
 - Access sites
 - Dredge Pool
 - South side of south _____ of bridge
 - West of Highway

Recreation Planners

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- Type of use has changed - kayak use
- Significant spike in commercial use at south park
- Fear of permit system being.....
- Late season violators affecting activities
- Car counter - WG&F
- Fishing is minimal toward w. table due to whitewater rec. activity
- Upstream - Wilson s. park quieter for angler/fish use
- Don't anticipate scenic floating or float fishing reducing upstream
- Speculation on permitting policy being established

Recreation Planning - WG.F

Opens Early April & Closes 11/1

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- County Proposal
- V.G. Facility - is unsafe in present configuration
- Everyone Partners
- WG.F would like to see BLM parcel developed and terminate the V.G. lease reduce their role
- Time Frame 2-3 years
- Snake River fund has discussed their role in assisting w/this (?) Far. Dev.
- WYDOT -Amps for player or inhibitor
- funding of road improvements
- turning lane dist. sound of bridge
- are there inter improvements that can be made to make safer
- just open the gate is a perspective out there
- Review it for how to grade & be in tune with hydrology
- Provide day use at site
- Those launching at S.P. - Permit holder pul off at Astoria (?) - now permit holder pull off at private accesses at Hob__ck(?)
- Most of the use is fishing

Rec. Planners WG& F
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- Potential Increase in season w/ new site
_____Biologists/Rec. Planner, BLM
- No real T&E species concerns on site however, will increase use impact downstream F& W
- Parking area will determine increase - BLM
- Const. Shouldn't direct impact - BLM
- Yellow-bellied kukoo, red-tailed hawk nest - F&W
- ½ mile - No dist. Mid April-mid June F7W
- Hard hulled boats & large rafts TCD
- Put in @ Wilson, S.P. is primary a t.o.
- Congestion with public vs. Private > separate ramps
- Prep. Area fro boats, possible generator
- West side unfavorable for access
- Erosion from V.G. into river

Biologists cont.
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- Permeable surface material -TCD
- Grass Buffer strips along road/parking if paved TCD
- Ramp able to withstand highwater
- Reg. Maintenance - TCD
- Use declines here when level is high (30k) - TCD
- Turning Lane F&w
- Designated, defined, small impact areas - TCD
- Downstream on inside curve is best protected site from hydrological viewpoint - TCD
- Will we have 2 access sites, or will V.G. Be closed? F&W
- People will use new site if facilities exist - TCD
- Fisherman may still us V.G. site - TCD
- Limit size of parking to limit use, to possibly expand later as increased use dictates - F&W

Biologists con't
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- Eagle nesting signs used in GTNP. TCD
- Include provable data in each if it exists / re: Eagle habitat & Public Awareness - F&W
- S.P. used more as comm T.O. than to put-in. TCD
- Use will increase over time regardless of development / proximity to Jackson - TCD

- May reduce impacts to lower canyon
- Feb 15 - Aug 15th - No const due to Eagles - F&W
- Use typically increases July-Aug, fisherman and water quality.
- Coordination w/WYDOT could influence const. Dates
- 3/15- 7/31 (1/2 mile) red-tail hawk nesting F&W
- Now would be a good time to look at BLM regulatory issues regarding river use - F&W
- Teton County manages Wilson site w/BLM

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- Wilson use increased with improvements (500%?) (50 per day > 250-300 per day)
- Size of facility may be an issue re: Maint.
- Greatest increase @ Wilson has been commercial use
- Regulation of river users?
- Most use s.p. as takeout
- Put-in use will increase w/facility development
- Measure capacity of river & design to it
- More comfortable with commercial users
- Current access problem to/from highway
- Solidify permanent public access on public land
- Capacity dictated by property size?
- Who regulates property & how (if improved)
- Conflict between private and commercial
- Space & functionality of different users
- Parameters of Eagle Nest & users numbers will determine design
- Most eagle impact happens w/people on foot i.e. boats stopping

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- Study other areas of river to determine impacts on eagles
- Maint. Costs and resources?
- Wilson Maint. Season is May-Oct.
- Law enforcement/ parking illegally/signs
- Design for minimal impacts & efficiency
 - Environmental Impacts
 - County Regulations (150 river setback)
- PSP Zone (Public/semi-public)
- Time line of river trips will encourage increased commercial use (1/2 day)
- River below S.P. attractive to novices
- Pedestrian access across bridge to U.G.(?) Site so people may access traditional fishing areas connect to ex. Trail
- Rest area/day/trail head use - How to accommodate/discourage

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- Future trail will continue on west side of highway from current location (lame -? Cr.crossing)
- "No left Turn" access into site for bike/pedestrian safety access
- Henry's trail is separate spur - potential underpass from future pass to Henry's Trail
- Pedestrian access: Provide WYDOT more reasons to incorporate into new bridge
- Asphalt will be less visual/environmental impact
- Location of facilities to be maintained is extremely important
 - Material Selection important
 - Permanent structures are cheaper and easier to maintain
- Regional welcome center? Fit RMP?
- Potential for park/entrance area to show highly developed alternative
- If underpass is utilized: Parking on west more pristine on east
- Accountability of commercial users on public sites

Contiguous Property Owners/Adjacent Residents
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- Current Access is dangerous. Could we construct turn lanes to existing sites?
- Conflict w/ construction traffic at intersection if site moved to south of river
- People camping illegally
- How to control trespassers
- Owl habitat downstream
- Ruin view/privacy/increased noise - air compressor
- Dogs on site will impact non-dog Evans Park
- Access to north could be developed
- Accidents occur south of bridge. 1995-1999 only one accident result of V.G. access
- Commercial outfitters are real problem since no permits/cause conflict & congestion
- Would like to see permit system from Wilson to S.P.
- Like to see parking on west side
- Gravel bars could change yearly
- Inside of curve is still fast water

Contiguous Property Owners/Adjacent Residents-continued
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- Landscape/Screening for potential parking on property owners parcel
- Safety of public is major concern
- West side is preferred
 - Noise further away, less of an impact
- Potential access to V.G. site from game creek? More wetlands? Old roadbed

- Gravel extraction in winter & spring - potential conflict with gravel operations and river users
- For west site: screening up along road
- Need more areas for public recreation
- Impact less people on west side
- Explore all alternatives from a community based standpoint, not just BLM land.

Contiguous Property Owners/Adjacent Residents - continued Page 13

- West is a bigger/flatter area
- Concrete boat ramp
- No underpass needed if west site is improved
- East side goes under water in big years
- Tourists need a spot to play, tourist economy
- Use ex. Access road on west
- Current access unacceptable (parking etc.)
- Paul V.G. is comfortable w/facility and willing to expand & work with partnerships for long term dedication of property to public use
- Questionable BLM ownership of parcel
- Concerned about overall size of facility, survey info from V.G. access
- 2.4 rafts, 2-3 times a day > comm. Use
- Design parameters for user numbers?
- Large nice facilities will increase river use
- Determine current need in order o design adequate facility so that other areas in system are not impacted

Angling Outfitters Page 14

- Season July, August ½ of September
- Need adequate parking, like at Sheep Gulch
- Staging prep area with a single ramp, like in Glenwood Canyon
- Multiple Ramps
- Evans- extraction permit
- Underpass oport.
- Start out small
- BLM site -Conan site.

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- Separate rafts from rafts (?)
- Von Gontasds is adequate fro fishing, put rafts across the river
- Move to BLM & restore the area, protect the spawning stream
- Do not separate usersLike a separation

- Don't go west- safety issues launching
- Create an underpass & ____? Right hand turns - access - safety
- Don't focus on user segregation
- Adequate signs directing activities
- Underpass+++
- Accommodate day use area
- Security concerns
- Put-in and take-out for angling

Commercial Anglers

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- Will attract more users
- Sign habitat areas
- Do not see the South Park ramp + rigging angling growth - commercial
- Industry growth may trigger greater use
- Private use increase
- Awareness educating use
- Wide ramp
- Another ramp ½ way between Wilson & South Park
- Put- In % 40
- Take- Out % 60
- Take-out south of bridge _____? Will require major eddie
- Fee demo - Wilson to S.P.
- 20-30 Fishing boats per day at Wilson Peak
- 10-15 Other days
- Don't need manager

Commercial Anglers

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- Look into Snake River fund raising concept
- Way to collect user numbers and plan from it
- Camp host or type of opportunity?
- BLM keeps all fee demo dollars of their site
- County willing to manage if there is a fund to help with o&m (?)
- 60 take-out
- 40 put-in
- 7/15 -76 day - 1880 boats - 25 boats/day
- 9/30- 8-9 In to 4-6 out
- 9am
- 10-20% increase annually
- Doubled in five years
- Develop an extension of the USFS management to Wilson

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- comm scenic float (?)
- West side of bridge is a bad idea to launch upstream of bridge piers

- Bus turn around
- Back trailer to river
- West table, Sheep Gulch
- Division between commercial & privates
- Popular kayak - S.P. to Astoria
- April 1st - Pole Pedre (?) Paddle Race 500 people
- 25% as put-in
- Growth will be driven demand not facility accommodation
- Safest stretch of river in county
- Additional use up stream but not down stream
- To make scenic downriver worthwhile go to Pritchard

WYDOT

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- Migration corridor at Game Creek, Flat Creek
- Enhancement fund potential with restroom facility
- West side put-in most likely would not place road a risk
- Access directly east of south bridge could potentially impact the bridge

WYDOT

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- If north side remains then the 2 existing accesses should be consolidated to north
- If you want to get something accomplished, then don't wait for WYDOT's projects
- Plan it in manner that the two are compatible
- The future bridge upgrade will have a pedestrian path
- WYDOT 2008 - Perhaps backed off to 2015 or moved to 2007
- In the EIS stage
- Turn lane mandatory - Left center lane
- 625' from bridge
- Begin 330' taper at bridge
- 525' of lane widening
- 425' turnout lane
- Will consider an underpass, but not at the expense of vertical site distance
- Rather see on one side of road and no structure

Elected Officials

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- As the commercial use grows the private user gets pushed out [Wrong]
- Assure public access to the river
- Pathway Interface
- Traffic issues - Must work

- Getting back & forth across river on foot
- Eagle consideration
- Evaluate the whole parcel as a regional opportunity
- If through the RMP, the County acquires the parcel & if it is developed as a river access - how do we fund improvements, O&M
- Place it on the P & Rec CIP list so that the county is prepared
- How can the BLM parcel potentially fit into the county's existing recreation program
- Good walk trails on northeast quadrant 150 yards up road - a place to park - remove this and consolidate at the BLM site
- Eagle Nest on feed ground
- Lots of recreation activity - CIP on the feed ground - create connections with BLM opportunity as a network rather than isolated pieces
- Keep activity to east & away from the industrial activity
- Can't be a 24 hour boat ramp, have daily limit to hours
- Dog control on site to minimize impact on other users and neighbors
- Consider the potential for a resident camp host

Appointed Boards

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- Pathway connection
- Create a pedestrian/equestrian connection over river - Attached or incorporated into bridge structure or separate
- Jackson to Hoback to Pritchard to Dogcreek to Fallcreek
- Restrooms on west side of highway on BLM
- Donate to state for State Park
- Camp host to make sure the place is properly respected
- Fees stay on site***** do not go to Washington
- When is the right hand going to figure out what the left hand is up to?
- If you take our time to discuss - You take out time to implement.

Appointed Boards

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- Develop a permit program for Wilson to South PARK TO MANAGE USE
- If you are taking someone down the river fro money then it needs to be permitted - police it.
- If the access remains as is, it needs a new access
- Keep existing site for commercial use
 - East side/BLM for private launch
 - West side parking
- Gated closures to keep overnight camping
- Police it for trash
- Flat creek important for kayak

Environmental Groups

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- Will not see an(no text)
- Fishing trips between S.P. & Hoback not inclined to increase
- Private will increase
- Conant - Idaho - BLM
- Elk migration not an issue
- Implement
- Prefer gravel parking

Open House Comments

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- Like alternative 3 or 4 with option or as is.
- Not in favor of permitting Wilson to SouthPark
- Fearful of the BLM and their Permitting policies
- Add a scenic interpretive trail feature on east
- Concerned over losing the Von Gontard
- Landing site due to river migration north
- Corporate advertising sponsorships to fund O&M

Open House Comments

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- At most water levels there is slow water negating the need for a lagoon, which will require maintenance
- More parking capacity on east side, if possible - Will have up to 20 fishing boat trailers - 25
- Make..... (no additional text)
- Consider underpass in front of south bridge *abut* (?)
- Could possibly be a location that jet skis maybe unforeseen use

General Public Comments

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- Resource Management - Moose to South Park
- In print
- Out
- 90 Day Comment Period
- March 26 Public M
- 1-5 Open House
- 5-8 - Public Hearing
- 6 alternatives
- This concept is not in all alternatives

- This project is going forward concurrently but is dependent on the Rec of Dec. in RMP
- Formal consultation by us - F&W
- Is it possible to determine actual use on river
- Request numbers from outfitters known to use this reach

General Public Meeting
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- Knapweed problem
 - Big effort to bring the knapweed under control
 - Redisturbance will cause the weeds to become problem if not managed
- Building/construction contract should include a multiple year weed management line item
- Do not remove soil from site that will cause weed seed bank to be relocated
- Consider fencing between Evans M H Ranch & facility
- The public land is public land and should be used for public purposes but developed in a manner to be less intrusive to neighbors
- Size of the population. Too small of a facility will be a problem right away or it will gradually escalate - can we start small and expand as necessary
- Management - yes or no before you improve understand how to manage

General Public
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- Potential for over use of too much development
- Management of use
- Have a zoo in the existing situation
- No lights!
- Seasonal management
- Consider integrate w/ gravel operations
- Hunters in winter
- Lease dictates closure
- Anglers want to keep it low key
- Hardened surface - Not necessarily paved
- Do not create parking for new use opportunities
- Post allowable uses
- Smaller facility will control over use
- Restrooms will draw highway user resting activity
- RV overnight use - Discourage.

General Public MTG
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- Custom Float Trips catered exclusive trips on the rise
- Parking at S.P. bridge needs more capacity
- Current site is good place for day use & informal non commercial use

- Be.....
- Advocate good design with consideration. Don't overwhelm with parking
- Consider the west side. Will be less intrusive
- Game creek trail - Too much use
- Management on use - Especially commercial use to avoid conflicts experience on game Creek
- Highway safety

Agency Managers & Planners

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- Development of facilities will create conflict which needs management
- Sheriff's department is willing to reinstate the river deputy activity
- Growth of county will increase day use pressure

USFS - A facility at the BLM S.P. location is a good concept - but management is critical

What's future plan for the highway

- Snake river canyon Moran to Dubois-Hoback _____ ?
- SouthPark 2008
- Potential for rest stop area

Agency Managers & Planners

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- Highway upgrades will attract more people improvements draw more users
- Custodial oversight
- Cooperative planning between agencies
- USFS not able to expand area of management with present resources
- Management of the BLM sites/Funding?
- This will not happen unless decided to happen RMP
- March 26 - Public Hearing
- County - 2 issues
 1. Plan to fund the O&M
 2. Impact on other facilities
 - More staff
 - More toilet paper & Windex
- Desirability of area - Physical
- Management of site - Ability to manage is a bigger issue than the physical - RMP is to address this
- What will this improvement impose on the river use

Property Owners

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- Don't do anything to change the hydrology & deposition characteristics
- If we extract to the north, then what permit implications are there?
- Extraction
- Trespassing

- Highway
- Squawcreek - eagles -Flyaway while fishing
- More trash along river
- More sprawl
- Jansen property extends across river into study area
- Don't trust the promises made to make the facility compatible w/neighbors i.e. saving trees etc.
- Highway engineering necessary to make it work

Property Owners

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- November to April - Sand/Gravel extraction
- Design not change the river depositional characteristics at the Evan's site
- 500 - 700 truck trips per day
- 6-9 4-7 Difficult to get on road
- West side expansion - keep people out of the construction materials operations
- Keep people from trespassing along lev.
- Keep people from camping in the cottonwoods
- Rather see the activity stay on north side
- If parking on west side visual vegetative screening & setback buffer

Property Owners

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- Place in the feeding ground
- Ingress/egress is not safe at Von Gontard's landing
- Place ___? On ramp approach on east side at Von G. & leave it there
- 4 access to highway within a 1/4 mile with adding one more access at BLM site
- Day use dog impact on mobile home park
- Consider the trespass impacts on neighbors
- What are the current accident patterns to the south of the bridge
- Can the boat ramp be placed in feeding ground.
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Agency Managers/Planners

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- Timing Relative to RMP
- Physical Facilities
- In the meantime go ahead on this project
- 19 ACRES - BLM Parcel
- Scout Park will be growing pressure for recreational opportunities
- Wherever there is public domain along river
- County agrees
- How does this function as a regional facility
- Day use conflicts

- Other day use interfacing w/river access

Commercial Scenic Float

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- 8 am to 4 pm : 3rafts/trailer, 12 people/ raft, 24 people/trailer
- 2-3 people craft - anglers - 9am on / 4-6 pm off
- June 15 - September 1 - Scenic flotation season
- Picnic use/ day use parking
- No compressor
- Electrical outlets
- Kayak school - Launch & day use learning area
- Take out from Wilson
- Expand (?) eddy
- Primarily take out for scenic floating
- Take-out at eddy
- Put angling and kayak south abutment

Commercial Scenic Float

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- Kayaking will increase - especially school use
- WYDOT? WILL YOU REDUCE SPEED?
- Wilson bridge access on both sides works well
- Safety is primary
- Move it further north for Von Gontard is ok if a design demonstrates it but don't believe it works for commercial
- leave wetlands alone & move the site to the BLM
- 2 launches per day, 2-3 boats per day times 2
- 1 launch/day - 2 boats/launch
- (2) as a ___ ___ ___? Hansen
- From SOUTH Park : 4 kayaks per day on the average
- times 2 _ _ _ _ _ _ ? 16 kayaks per day peak

Commercial Floaters

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- 6 companies x 2 boats x 3 launches, 2-4 Launches per day on the average
- 3 time/ ___ ___ ?, 12 people kayak
- Put-in
- Take out 11 & 3
- Separate commercial & private
- Most private users are anglers
- Big spikes in private & more outside commercial
- Consider permit system based on historical use
- Don't support a permit system
- Scratch it off

- O&M revenue stream by users?
- Snake River ___ ? Is open to consider contributions toward S.P. maintenance.
- Prefer approaching the O&M as a Snake river fund before fee demo

Teton County Personnel / Law Enforcement

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Traffic - Law Enforcement - Search and Rescue

- Search & Rescue perspective west side is not appropriate place facility on east side of road
- Create a right turn only, traffic movement design
- Teton county sheriffs department willing to partner on area's enforcement
- Right-in, right-out will be difficult
- East side put-in, west side take-out
- Visually - anything on west will be more noticeable - concentrate on the activity
- Preserve the cottonwoods
- Fee system to cover O&M
- Water quality primary concern
- Respect county code & attempt to abide by THEM (?)

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