



June 1, 2010

Dear Sunland Homeowner,

Grant County Public Utility District (Grant PUD) will be working with the Sunland community and other stakeholders to identify land management goals for the Grant PUD-owned shoreline at Sunland. During the summer of 2010, Grant PUD will provide you with information on Grant PUD's federal license requirements and will solicit community input on future enhancements and protection measures on Grant PUD lands and waters.

Background

In 2008, Grant PUD received a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to operate the Priest Rapids and Wanapum Hydroelectric Dams, allowing us to continue to generate and deliver power to our customers for 44 years. The new license also requires implementation of additional projects and planning efforts that Grant PUD must fulfill, including development of new public recreation facilities within the Project and finalization of a Shoreline Management Plan (SMP).

During 2009, Grant PUD worked to develop the SMP, which was submitted to FERC on March 2, 2010. The SMP applies to lands and waters within the Project boundary, and will be used to assist Grant PUD in day-to-day management activities as well as to ensure activities occurring on Project lands are compliant with applicable laws and regulations. For areas such as the Sunland shoreline, Grant PUD will identify and meet these objectives through the development of a Public Recreation Development Plan (PRDP). Once developed and finalized, the PRDP will serve as a comprehensive management plan for the PUD owned shoreline at Sunland.

Grant PUD began working with the Sunland Planning committee (as appointed by the Sunland Home Owner's Association (HOA) elected board) in 2009 to begin the process of developing the PRDP for Sunland. Part of the process includes the review of *existing* permits and uses of Grant PUD lands and waters at Sunland. We do not anticipate that all existing shoreline uses will continue to be permitted. Furthermore, Grant PUD will need to address existing encroachments, or unauthorized uses of Grant PUD property.

When completed, the PRDP will integrate adequate public access and public recreation development opportunities in a manner that meets the goals and policies of the SMP, while considering the adjacent property owners.

PRDP Elements

At a minimum, the following elements need to be addressed in the Sunland PRDP. Some requirements are set forth by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the Priest Rapids Project license and must be included in the Sunland Shoreline Public Recreation PRDP for future implementation by Grant PUD. Other requirements are flexible and will be refined through a public visioning process.

- **The following requirements will be implemented by Grant PUD:**

- Meet FERC Requirements
 - Comply with FERC license and other laws and regulations
 - Consistency with SMP goals
 - Review existing permits, land use authorizations and non-permitted uses
- Property Management
 - Shoreline stabilization
 - Vegetation management/noxious weed control
 - Habitat protection
- **The following requirements have flexibility and will be implemented by Grant PUD with input from the public visioning process:**
 - Provide reasonable public access and safety to Project lands and waters
 - Integrate adequate public access and public recreation development opportunities
 - Improved parking opportunities
 - Safety Issues (buoys, emergency access, ADA access, other)
 - Enforcement (this element will be further discussed as draft plans are developed)

Here's how you can participate

1) Review the map and comment form enclosed and provide us with your ideas regarding: public recreation development/enhancements parking and safety issues on the Grant PUD shoreline at Sunland.

2) Take an opportunity to visit with our staff at one of the 2010 outreach opportunities at Sunland. Please find our event calendar and our proposed Public Recreation Development Plan timeline attached.

Please submit your comments and ideas via mail or email with the addresses provided. Enclosed for your convenience is a self addressed stamped envelope. For more information please visit www.gcpud.org to keep up to date on upcoming events and our progress.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enc: Comment Form including map
Event Calendar/timeline
Self addressed stamped envelope