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### **Public Recreation Planning Continues for Crescent Bar Island Final Plan Due in October**

EPHRATA, WA – Grant PUD commission with utility lands and recreation staff are hosting open houses in June and July to discuss future public recreation improvements to Crescent Bar Island beyond 2012.

Members of the public are encouraged to drop by and review preliminary plan concepts anytime between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

June 30, 2010	Grant PUD Local Office Auditorium	312 W Third Ave. in Moses Lake
July 8, 2010	Fire District No. 3 Station	1201 Central Ave. S in Quincy

The informal open houses will provide an opportunity to view various public recreation options that can be developed once existing private, residential leases end in 2012. Potential uses such as sites for short-term camping, trails and day-use areas for swimming and boating will be illustrated in conceptual drawings. Members of the public are encouraged to offer comments on the various components. Feedback will be reviewed by commissioners and staff before a preferred alternative is developed and incorporated into a final plan and schedule to be filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in October.

“As a board, we must determine the best use of the island once the current lease with the Port of Quincy expires in 2012,” stated Commission President Bob Bernd. “We appreciate the good ideas received from the public during last year’s visioning process and hope many will continue to offer their feedback at the open houses.”

The conceptual drawings and related materials will also be available in late June on the Grant PUD Web site.

Related to island planning and the entire Priest Rapids Project, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission recently posted the Shoreline Management Plan and the amendment to the Recreation Resource Management Plan for public review and comment. Both are available at:

[www.gcpud.org/resources/resLandWater/shoreline.html](http://www.gcpud.org/resources/resLandWater/shoreline.html)

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