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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Plan Purpose

This Spokane River Hydroelectric Project Recreation Plan (Plan) provides information related to recreation resource enhancements at the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project is owned by Avista Utilities (Avista) and is licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as Project Number 2545 (FERC 2009). The Project consists of five hydroelectric developments (HEDs) including the Post Falls HED in Idaho and the Upper Falls, Monroe Street, Nine Mile, and Long Lake HEDs in Washington.

The FERC license was issued to Avista on June 18, 2009 and contains two articles related to the development of recreation plans (*Appendix A*). **Article 416** requires a recreation plan for enhancements at “Spokane River Developments,” which are the Upper Falls, Monroe Street, Nine Mile, and Long Lake HEDs. **Article 417** requires a recreation plan for enhancements at the Post Falls HED.

This Plan combines both license-required recreation plans in one document. The intent is to meet license requirements, facilitate a Project-wide approach to recreation planning, and provide FERC, Avista and its stakeholders with one primary point-of-reference for Project related recreation resource enhancement information.

The Plan provides an overview of recreation enhancements, including information about what, where, and when projects will occur, Avista’s capital development contributions, and operation and maintenance (O&M) responsibilities.

All of the O&M and capital costs identified in the Plan have been agreed to through side settlement agreements or management agreements and are based on Avista’s and its partner agencies’ best estimates for implementing the measures. Avista has Non-License Settlement Agreements with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Kootenai County Parks and Waterways, and the Post Falls Parks and Recreation Department.

These agreements outline roles and responsibilities associated with capital development and O&M. Based on these agreements, Avista will continue to work in collaboration with its partners in the planning, development and maintenance of facility enhancements.

1.2 Project Area Description

The Plan guides recreation resource enhancement within the Project boundary established for the Project by FERC. The Project boundary surrounds the lands and waterbodies that are directly related to operation of the Project’s five HEDs.

Generally, the Project boundary follows the normal high-water line around impoundments created or modified by operation of the dams. In Idaho, the Project boundary follows the Spokane River upstream from Post Falls HED to Coeur d’Alene Lake, where it encompasses

that waterbody, and also follows the shorelines of its tributaries (Coeur d'Alene River, St. Joe River, and St. Maries River) upstream to points where the dam no longer influences water flow. A map showing the location of the Project boundary and recreation enhancement sites is included in *Appendix B (Figure 1)*.

In Washington, the Project boundary associated with the Upper Falls and Monroe Street HEDs follows the Spokane River's shoreline upstream through downtown Spokane, and at the Nine Mile and Long Lake HEDs it includes Nine Mile Reservoir and Lake Spokane respectively. A map showing the location of the Project boundary and recreation enhancement sites is included in *Appendix B (Figure 2)*.

In addition to these waterbodies, upland areas in the vicinity of the dams and powerhouses are within the Project boundary, as are some other lands closely associated with the Project that are owned by Avista or public agencies. Recreation areas within the Project boundary include overlooks, picnic areas, trails, boat launches, campsites, swimming beaches and open space.

1.3 Plan Consultation and Review

The License requires Avista to develop the Plan in consultation with the following agencies, including:

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife;
- Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission;
- Washington Department of Natural Resources;
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game;
- Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation;
- Idaho State Historic Preservation Office;
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management; and
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In addition to the above entities, Avista sought input and comments from the following recreation management agencies:

- U.S. Forest Service;
- Kootenai County Parks and Waterways; and
- Post Falls Parks and Recreation Department.

A draft of this Plan was distributed to the above-referenced entities in April 2010 for a 30-day review and comment period. Avista submitted the Plan to FERC for approval on May 26, 2010 (REC Resources 2010), which FERC approved on October 24, 2011 (FERC 2011). Following FERC's approval of the Plan a number of agencies requested Avista revise the Plan to address changes in schedules, scopes of work and potential changes in recreation site locations. Avista submitted an amended Plan to FERC for approval on November 19, 2012. FERC responded to Avista on January 11, 2013 with an Additional Information Request with regard to the recommended amendments. Avista submitted an Amended Recreation Plan, including the

information sought by FERC in March 2013. FERC approved the Amended Recreation Plan on June 12, 2013 (FERC 2013).

In 2015, Avista amended the Recreation Plan to incorporate recreation improvements at Q'emiln Park in Post Falls, Idaho (Avista 2015). It also included a request for a one-year extension of time for the completion of Higgins Point Shoreline Stabilization Project, and an update of completed recreation projects. On November 3, 2015 and May 25, 2016, Avista provided supplemental information to FERC on the Q'emiln Park improvements and requested a one-year extension of time to complete the recreation project. On December 31, 2015 Avista submitted the Nine Mile Recreation Assessment Report for FERC approval. FERC approved the Amended Recreation Plan and the Nine Mile Recreation Area Assessment Report on January 10, 2017 (FERC 2017).

On July 10, 2017, Avista submitted an updated Project Recreation Facilities Table (*Appendix C*) as required by FERC's January 10, 2017 Order Amending the Recreation Plan and the Nine Mile Recreation Area Assessment Report. The updated Project Recreation Facilities Table was approved and incorporated it into the Amended Recreation Plan, per FERC's June 15, 2018 Order (*Appendix D*).

Avista is amending this Plan to address the development of a new water access site in the Upper Falls Reservoir and changes to the Nine Mile Recreation Area, in coordination with the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department and Washington State Parks, respectively. Additionally, the Plan includes a modification to interpretive signage at the Long Lake Picnic Area. Drawings and location maps of the amended recreation facilities are included in *Appendix E* and described in Sections 3.0, 5.3 and 6.5, respectively. A draft of the amended Plan was distributed to the above-referenced consulting agencies for a 30-day review and comment period. Letters of support for these sites are included in *Appendix F and G* and copies of agency comments and Avista's responses, are included in *Appendix H*.

1.4 Plan Organization

The Plan provides information about enhancements at recreation sites, which are organized by HEDs. For this Plan's purposes, the HEDs are ordered proceeding downriver from the Post Falls HED.

For each recreation site, enhancements are described, and information is provided related to:

- Implementation date for facilities that have not yet been completed;
- Conceptual and site drawings, as appropriate for facilities that have not yet been completed;
- Soil erosion and sediment control measures to be used where ground-disturbing activities are proposed;
- How the needs of the disabled were considered in the planning and design of the recreation facilities;
- Provisions for trash clean-up and removal;
- Operation and maintenance responsibilities; and

- Avista's capital development contributions.

The Plan also includes information about the development of a new water access site at the Upper Falls HED in the Upper Falls reservoir, the redevelopment of the Nine Mile Recreation Area and interpretive improvements at the Long Lake Picnic Area, located on Lake Spokane (reservoir created by Long Lake Dam).

2.0 POST FALLS HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Q'emiln Park

2.1.1 Trail Enhancements

Avista, in cooperation with Post Falls Parks and Recreation Department, improved the trail system in 2013. The park currently provides 2.2 miles of trail for a variety of purposes, including nature trails and access to rock climbing areas. Improvements included signage on trails and at trailheads, trail reconstruction and repair, and the elimination and revegetation of informal trails.

The trail system provides access to rock climbing opportunities and follows natural landscape contours along rocky, steep hillsides that exceed grades appropriate for ADA accessibility. However, ADA-compliant trails are available at Falls Park, located on the opposite shoreline.

2.1.2 Post Falls South Channel Dam Spillway Gate Replacement Project - South Channel Dam Overlook

In 2016, Avista, in cooperation with Post Falls Parks and Recreation Department, developed an overlook at the South Channel Dam as part of Avista's Post Falls South Channel Dam Spillway Gate Replacement Project. Improvements include an ADA parking area, sidewalk, overlook near the dam with interpretive sign(s), improvements to a hiking trail that parallels the Spokane River's south channel, access road, landscaping, and boat staging areas leading to and from Q'emiln Park.

Per a management agreement with Avista, the Post Falls Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal at the park. Avista contributes up to \$30,000 annually for O&M of Q'emiln Park

2.2 Falls Park

2.2.1 Trail, Overlook and Interpretive Display Enhancements

Avista, in cooperation with Post Falls Parks and Recreation Department, developed interpretive displays and improved the existing trail system that provides access between the parking area and scenic overlooks and other park features.

The trail system and overlooks are existing facilities and enhancements included trail surface improvements, fencing, and updated informational and interpretive signs.

The trail system consists of 2,200 feet of ADA-accessible trail and 825 feet of informal soft paths.

Per a management agreement with Avista, Post Falls Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal. Avista contributes \$30,000 annually for O&M of the park.

2.3 Coeur d’Alene Lake Boat Ramp Extensions (One Time Measures)

Boat ramps at four of five existing recreation sites were extended to facilitate use at lower water elevations during the winter season. The extensions are all located at existing agency owned boat ramps and are one-time measures. Per paragraph No. 185 of the License, FERC Staff concluded that the License does not require these facilities to be made Project facilities, because the improvements are one-time measures to other entities’ facilities and are not needed for Project purposes. The boat ramps, however, will remain part of our Spokane River Project Recreation Plan, unless otherwise directed by FERC.

In accordance with our off-license Settlement Agreements with recreation management agencies, the agencies are responsible for operating and maintaining the boat ramps, which are integral to their existing facilities, including trash clean-up and removal. Avista does not fund annual O&M at these sites.

Chatcolet Use Area

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) assessed the need to extend the Chatcolet boat ramp and determined that an extension is not currently needed. This is because the boat ramp is iced in during most of the winter, and because of the recent Rocky Point boat ramp extension. The ramps are within a mile and a half of each other.

The IDPR will re-evaluate the Chatcolet boat ramp in five to six years to determine if improvements are needed then. If IDPR determines the boat ramp needs extended in the future, they will work with Avista and the other recreation management agencies to use Avista’s off-license Settlement Agreement funds to prioritize the ramp with other projects. This will be completed in accordance with the off-license Settlement Agreements that Avista has for the Post Falls HED.

Rocky Point

Avista, in cooperation with IDPR, extended the boat ramp.

Sun-Up Bay Access

Avista, in cooperation with Kootenai County, extended the boat ramp.

Harrison Launch

Avista, in cooperation with Kootenai County, extended the boat ramp.

Round Lake Boat Ramp

In 2013, Avista and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) requested to reallocate funds designated for Anderson Lake boat ramp to be used for the extension of the Round Lake boat ramp. At the time, the Round Lake boat ramp was anticipated to rank as a top priority, primarily due to its southern exposure and use by waterfowl hunters. In 2015, following IDFG's completion their Boating Access Plan it was determined the Round Lake boat ramp extension was not needed, due to the remote location of the site, low visitation, and the availability of nearby boat ramps that have already been extended.

IDFG and Avista agree that all of the IDFG boat ramps that should be extended for off-season use have been completed. IDFG will reassess its Boating Access Plan and will work with Avista and other recreation management agencies to determine where our efforts would best be utilized per Avista's off-license Settlement Agreements.

St. Maries Launch

Avista, in cooperation with IDFG, extended the boat ramp.

2.4 Higgs Point Launch and Day Use Area, (One Time Measure)

2.4.1 Shoreline Stabilization and Dock Reconstruction

Avista, in cooperation with the Idaho State Parks and Recreation Department (IDPR), completed the Higgs Point Shoreline Stabilization and Dock Reconstruction project on Coeur d'Alene Lake. The improvements include approximately 200 feet of shoreline stabilization measures at selected sites along the shoreline in the boat launch area, and the installation of docks that accommodate ADA-compliant gangways. Avista filed the Higgs Point Shoreline Stabilization and Dock Reconstruction completion report with FERC on March 22, 2019. Per an off-license Settlement Agreement with Avista, IDPR is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal. Avista contributes \$10,000 annually for O&M of the facilities.

Avista contributed up to \$200,000 for capital development costs related to this recreation resource enhancement.

The Higgs Point Launch and Day Use Area improvement is a one-time measure and is owned and operated by the IDPR. Per paragraph No. 185 of the License, FERC Staff concluded that the License does not require this facility to be made a Project facility, because the improvements are a one-time measure to another entity's facilities and are not needed for Project purposes. Higgs Point Launch and Day Use Area will however, remain part of our Spokane River Project Recreation Plan, unless otherwise directed by FERC.

2.5 Trailer Park Wave Access

Avista developed the Trailer Park Wave Access site for carry-in-only boats on the north shore of the Spokane River, immediately downstream of the Post Falls HED. The 2.8-acre access site includes a five-car parking area, toilet, signage and a water access trail.

To address landowner concerns, the access site was screened along the southern property line, and the trail leading to the river was separated from the trailer park by a low fence, with openings to allow residents access to the trail and/or river.

The site includes an ADA-accessible parking space and toilet. The trail, that leads to the carry-in-only boat launch is not ADA assessable due to the slope, terrain, and amount of available space.

Per a management agreement with Avista, Post Falls Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal. Avista contributes \$10,000 annually for O&M of the access site.

3.0 UPPER FALLS HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Upriver Park Carry-in-Only Boat Put-In and Take-Out Development

Over the last several years Avista has observed an increase in non-motorized boat use on the Spokane River in the Upper Falls Reservoir. This is supported by results of Avista's Spokane River Project Recreation Monitoring Visitor Use Surveys¹ which indicate participation in non-motorized boating (use of kayaks, canoes, rafts, stand up paddle boards, etc.) has more than doubled from 2003 to 2014. In addition, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, in their Recreational Boating Plan, estimates that about 23% of Washington's population participated in paddle sports in 2016, up from 12% in 2013 ([Recreational Boating Plan - Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022](#)).

Avista plans to develop a carry-in-only boating access site by the end of 2022 to address the increase in demand for water-based recreation facilities within Spokane's urban community and to provide additional access to project waters. Located on Avista-owned property, the carry-in-only site will consist of a boat put-in and take-out and an informal pedestrian path to the Spokane River. The carry-in-only boating access site is a component of a larger project, the Upriver Park Development located on the west shore of the Spokane River on the Upper Falls Reservoir, upstream of the Upper Falls Dam. While the steep terrain to the river prevents ADA accessibility to the carry-in-only site, the adjacent Upriver Park Development, a non-project recreation improvement, will include ADA-accessible facilities.

A conceptual drawing showing the location of the Upriver Park carry-in-only boat access site, and the proposed Project boundary, is included in *Appendix E (Figure 1)*. Minimal ground-disturbing activities will occur related to development of the water access site. Appropriate soil erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented throughout the duration of the project.

Once constructed, Avista proposes to modify the Upper Falls HED Project boundary to incorporate the carry-in-only boating access and the informal pedestrian path and will file revised Exhibit G drawings with FERC.

Avista will be responsible for operating and maintaining the carry-in-only boat access and informal pedestrian path including trash clean-up and removal. Avista will be responsible for capital development costs related to the project recreation resource enhancements, as well as annual O&M costs.

Avista will maintain the larger non-project Upriver Park Development in partnership with the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department as a valuable community asset open to all. The Upriver Park Development will include the realignment of the Spokane River Centennial Trail, widening and separating it from street traffic, associated parking areas, plaza, pathways, sidewalks, crosswalk, benches, and landscaping. An off-license agreement between Avista and the City of Spokane will address ownership and the long-term O&M of the additional

¹ Avista completes a Spokane River Recreation Visitor Use Survey every six years per off-license Settlement Agreements with various land and recreation management agencies. Avista completed a visitor use survey in 2003, 2009 and 2014. The next visitor use survey is anticipated for 2021.

improvements, which includes maintenance of the Centennial Trail². Letters of support for this development from the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, and the Spokane River Forum are included in *Appendix F*.

4.0 MONROE STREET HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Huntington Park

Avista improved Huntington Park to accommodate visitor use that has changed since the park was initially developed. These improvements consisted of sidewalks, designed to separate pedestrian traffic from the service road, signage, planters, benches and small grassy areas.

The improvements allow the natural area/buffer to continue functioning as it has in the past, because virtually all of the improvements are confined to the more developed industrial part of the park, located between and/or immediately adjacent to the service road, the intake, penstock, powerhouse and Post Street Substation. All of the new trees and shrubs that were planted within the improved area are native and strategically located to screen the HED facilities from the natural components of the park, once they mature. The species composition is also compatible with the natural area/buffer, which primarily lies on the hillside south of the service road on City of Spokane property located outside of the Project boundary.

Because of steep terrain, ADA accessibility within the park is not feasible. However, ADA-compliant trails and overlooks are available in the new Plaza that overlooks the park, across the river at Veteran's Park, at the Thornton Murphy Overlook, south of and adjacent to the park, and immediately upstream and adjacent at Riverfront Park. Avista funded these ADA facilities independent of the Huntington Park improvements to provide alternative viewing opportunities of the lower falls.

Per a management agreement with Avista, the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for operating and maintaining the park, including trash clean-up and removal. Avista contributes \$30,000 to \$50,000 annually for O&M of the park.

5.0 NINE MILE HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

5.1 Dam and Powerhouse Area

5.1.1 Interpretive Displays and Overlook Development

Avista developed interpretive displays and relocated the overlook to accommodate disabled individuals. Interpretive displays are located within the historic housing area and at an overlook between the Nine Mile Cottages and the Charles Road Bridge, which is immediately downstream

² Per Paragraph No. 181 of the Spokane River License, FERC staff concluded Avista is not responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Centennial Trail as the substantial cost of this measure outweighs the benefit, and the other recreation measures required by the License meets the Project's recreation needs.

from the spillway. A new ADA trail connects the two interpretive areas, overlook and ADA parking area.

Avista is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal.

5.1.2 Boat Take-Out Development

Avista developed a take-out for carry-in-only boats on the south shore of Nine Mile Reservoir immediately upstream from Nine Mile Dam. A four-car parking area, including ADA parking, was developed near the boat take-out.

Avista is negotiating to acquire a 2-acre parcel from Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSP) through purchase, land exchange, or an easement. Avista is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal.

6.0 LONG LAKE HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

6.1 Lake Spokane

6.1.1 Boat-in-Only Campsite Development

Avista developed ten boat-in-only, semi-primitive campsites on Lake Spokane at locations approved by FERC on December 3, 2012. Nine out of the ten campsites are located on Avista property and within the Project boundary. Signage identifies the campsites as part of the Spokane River Project. The campsites include campfire rings, portable toilets, picnic tables, and docks.

Because the campsites are semi-primitive, their design offers limited opportunities for disabled individuals. However, ADA-accessible camping opportunities are available at Lake Spokane Campground and Nine Mile Recreation Area (formally known as Nine Mile Resort).

Avista is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal.

6.2 Spokane House

6.2.1 Interpretive Display Redevelopment

Avista assisted WSP in the redevelopment of interpretive displays at the Spokane House. The displays are compatible with the Historic Properties Management Plan, required under Article 421 of the Project license.

Spokane House is an ADA-accessible facility.

WSP is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal. Avista does not fund the annual O&M of this facility.

6.3 Nine Mile Recreation Area

6.3.1 Recreation Area Reconfiguration

Due to the small size of the Nine Mile Recreation Area along with its proximity to a growing residential community and increase in visitor use conflicts, Avista and WSP plan to reconfigure this site. This is in accordance with Avista's and WSP's goal to remove overnight camping in the park in order to accommodate and expand current day use activities, which is a more suitable use of this recreation area.

The reconfiguration will provide an expanded day-use area with a variety of opportunities to Lake Spokane (i.e., boating, angling, picnicking, swimming, and volleyball) and will eliminate overnight use, including the removal of 24 campsites. This will relocate vehicle traffic away from the shoreline and reduce competing uses between day-use and overnight recreation. The day-use area will be improved to include new fire rings, stabilization of the shoreline, landscaping, new irrigation system, and an expanded parking area. This reconfiguration will increase the overall capacity of the site and is in accordance with WSP's letter of support dated March 2, 2021 (*Appendix G*).

Although the proposed improvement will eliminate camping, additional camping opportunities are being developed by Avista and WSP at the Lake Spokane Campground, which lies outside the Project Boundary. Improvements at the Lake Spokane Campground include the development of up to twenty (20) new campsites as identified in the Nine Mile Recreation Area Assessment Report, approved by FERC on January 10, 2017. Additionally, WSP will also be developing camping opportunities at its Bowl and Pitcher Campground, which is located upstream of the Nine Mile Dam.

The Nine Mile Recreation Area currently provides ADA-accessible restrooms, picnic area, boat docks, and parking, which will remain.

A conceptual drawing showing the location of the park and proposed improvements is included in *Appendix E (Figure 2)*. Avista anticipates the reconfiguration will be complete by December 31, 2023. Minimal ground-disturbing activities will occur related to the reconfiguration. Soil erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented during the reconfiguration activities, as appropriate.

Nine Mile Recreation Area is owned by Avista and operated by WSP through a long-term lease agreement. Per this agreement, WSP will be responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal. Avista will be responsible for capital development costs related to the project recreation resource enhancements.

Avista and WSP will continue to monitor visitor use and consider the results of Avista's 2021 visitor use survey (Spokane River Project Recreation Monitoring Report, required per off-license Settlement Agreements) to help guide future decisions for recreation management and resource allocation for services around Lake Spokane and the Spokane River Project area.

6.4 Long Lake Dam Overlook

6.4.1 Overlook Redevelopment

Avista redeveloped the overlook to blend with the natural surroundings, reconfigure the parking area, trail and install interpretive signs.

The parking area, trail, and overlook are ADA accessible.

Avista is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal.

6.5 Long Lake Dam Picnic Area

6.5.1 Boat Launch Development and Parking and Picnic Facility Improvements

Avista redeveloped the carry-in boat launch, located immediately adjacent to the Long Lake Picnic Area, the picnic area, parking areas, kitchen shelter, fencing and signage.

The picnic area's parking, toilet, tables, and kitchen area are ADA accessible.

Avista is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal.

6.5.2 Long Lake Dam Picnic Area Interpretive Improvements

Pursuant to Avista's Long Lake Powerhouse Redevelopment Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)³, Avista will develop and install two to three interpretive signs adjacent to the existing ADA picnic area. The signs will be placed in an area with upstream views towards the powerhouse.

The existing picnic tables, kitchen area, parking and toilet are all ADA accessible. The walkway to the new signs may not be ADA assessable due to the slope and terrain but will be further assessed during design.

A conceptual drawing showing the location of the proposed improvements is included in *Appendix E (Figure 3)*.

³ Memorandum of Agreement between Avista, Spokane Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Long Lake Powerhouse Redevelopment (MOA), signed in July and August 2018. The MOA was incorporated at Appendix B of Avista's Spokane River Project Upper Falls, Monroe Street, Nine Mile and Long Lake Hydroelectric Developments Historic Properties Management Plan, 2019 Annual Report filed with FERC on June 18, 2019.

Installation of the signs will require minimal ground-disturbance. The appropriate soil erosion and sediment control measures will be employed during any construction activity associated with the installation of the interpretive area, as appropriate.

Avista anticipates the interpretive improvements will be complete by December 31, 2023 and it will contribute up to \$100,000 for capital development costs related to these recreation resource enhancements. Avista is responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities, including trash clean-up and removal.

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APPENDIX A
FERC LICENSE ARTICLES REQUIRING RECREATION PLAN

The following articles are included in the FERC license for the Spokane River Project (Project No. 2545), issued June 18, 2009.

Article 416. *Spokane River Developments Recreation Plan.* Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Plan to enhance recreation resources at the Spokane River developments. The plan, at a minimum, shall include the following measures:

(1) Identify and develop up to 10 boat-in-only semi-primitive campsites on Lake Spokane, including a map or maps that identify the location of the campsites in relation to the developments' boundary and signage showing the campsites as part of the Spokane River developments. The sign shall meet the requirements of 18 C.F.R. § 8.2 (2008).

(2) Continue to operate and maintain Huntington Park, located at the Monroe Street development, as a natural area/buffer.

(3) At the Nine Mile development: (a) develop an interpretive center and (b) relocate the overlook to accommodate disabled individuals.

(4) At the Spokane House, redevelop the interpretive displays in coordination with the Historic Properties Management Plan required under Article 421.

(5) Immediately upstream from Nine Mile development: (a) identify and develop a boat take-out, and (b) develop a parking area near the boat take-out.

(6) At the Nine Mile Resort, reconfigure the resort as a day-use area with boating access to Nine Mile reservoir.

(7) At the overlook at Long Lake development: (a) redevelop the overlook to blend with the natural surroundings; (b) reconfigure the parking area; and (c) install interpretive signs.

(8) At the river access at Long Lake development: (a) develop a carry-in boat launch immediately downstream from the Long Lake picnic area; and (b) improve the parking area and picnic facilities.

The recreation plan also shall include: (1) conceptual site drawings for each recreation site; (2) a description of soil erosion and sediment control measures to be used where ground-disturbing activities are proposed; (3) a discussion of how the needs of the disabled were considered in the planning and design of the recreation facilities; (4) a provision for trash clean-up and removal; (5) operation and maintenance costs; and (6) an implementation schedule.

The licensee shall develop the plan after consultation with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Washington DFW), Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Washington State Parks), Washington Department of Natural Resources (Washington DNR), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Fish and Wildlife Service). The licensee shall include with the plan documentation of consultation, copies of comments and recommendations on the completed plan after it has been prepared and provided to the entities, and specific descriptions of how the entities' comments are accommodated by the plan. The licensee shall allow a minimum of 30 days for the

entities to comment and to make recommendations before filing the plan with the Commission. If the licensee does not adopt a recommendation, the filing shall include the licensee's reasons, based on project-specific information.

The Commission reserves the right to require changes to the plan. The licensee shall not begin implementing the plan until after the Commission notifies the licensee that the plan is approved. Upon Commission approval, the licensee shall implement the plan, including any changes required by the Commission.

The licensee shall operate and maintain or arrange for the operation and maintenance of the existing and new recreation facilities.

Article 417. *Post Falls Development Recreation Plan.* Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Plan to enhance recreation resources at the Post Falls development. The plan, at a minimum, shall include the following measures:

(1) At Falls Park and Q'emiln Park, specific details for improving the Falls Park and Q'emiln Park existing trail systems, scenic overlooks, and interpretive displays. Details shall also include the length and description of each trail system.

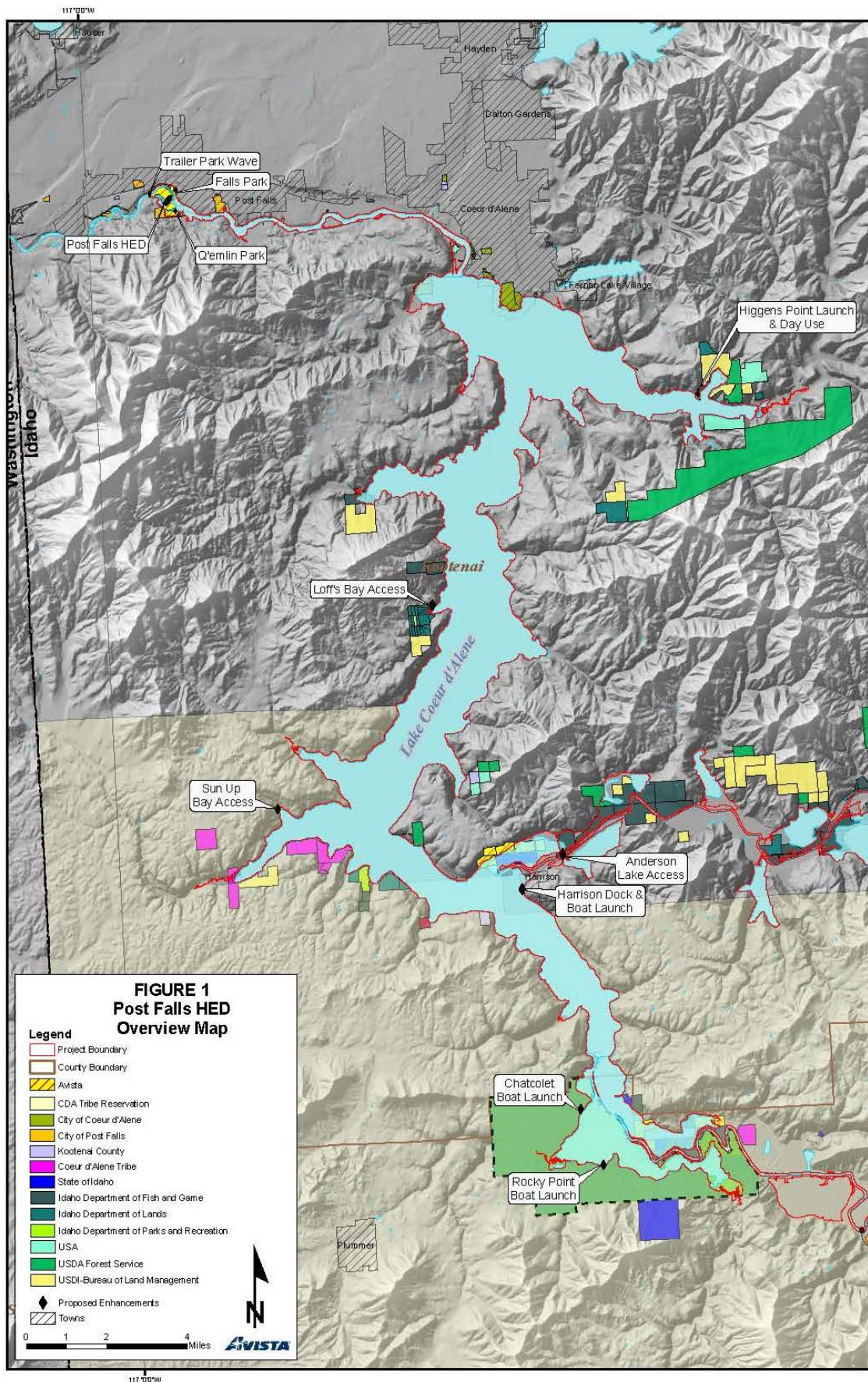
(2) At the Post Falls development, a provision for extending six boat ramps at: (a) Anderson Lake; (b) Sun Up Bay; (c) Lofts Bay; (d) Harrison; (e) Rocky Point; and (f) Chatcolet; (3) At the Higgins Point Boat Launch, provisions for: (a) constructing a breakwater for the boat launch area; (b) stabilizing the shoreline; and (c) reconstructing the docks at the boat-in-only site.

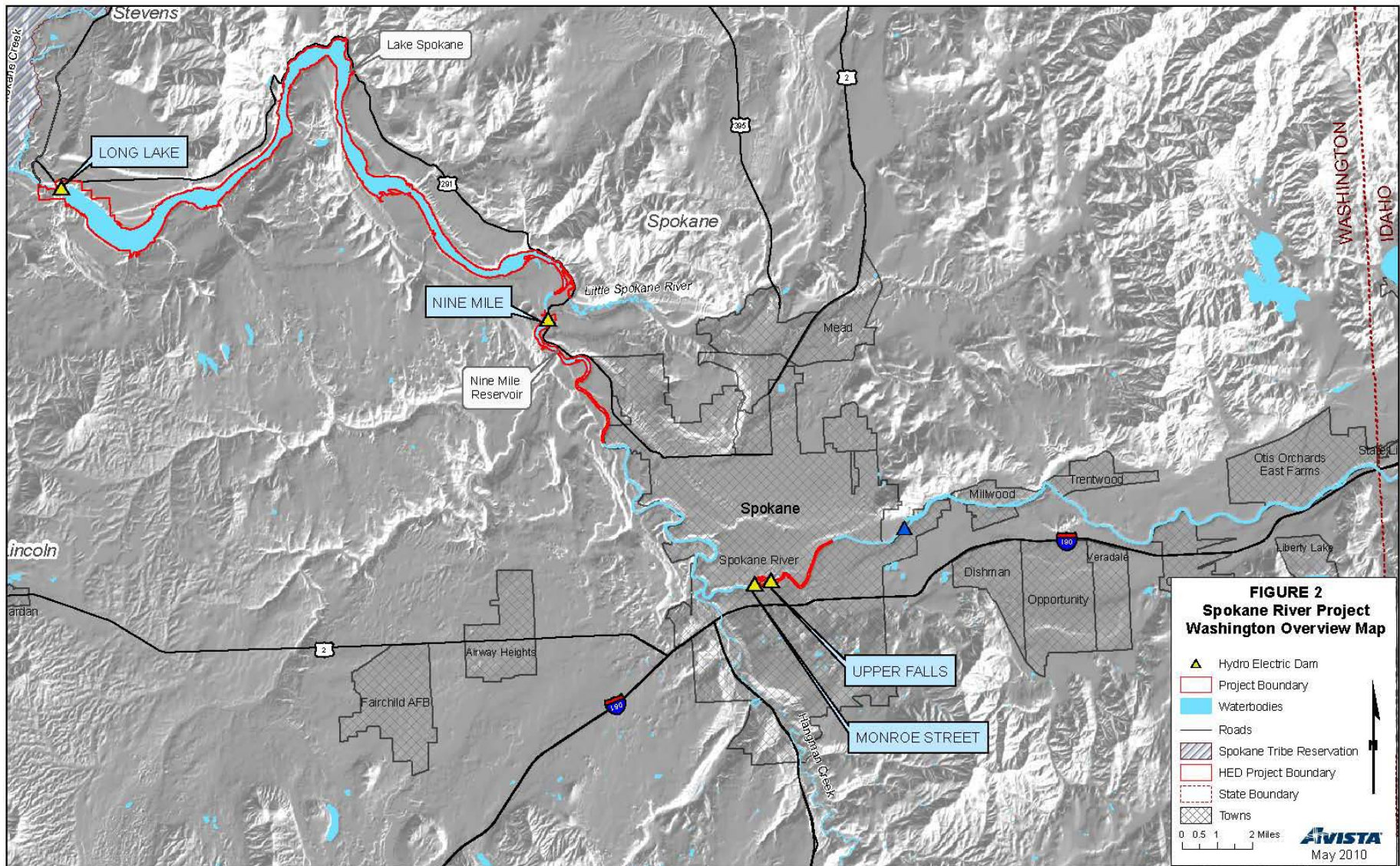
The plan also shall include: (1) a map or maps that identify the location of three project recreation facilities: Falls Park, Q'emiln Park, and the Trailer Park Wave Access Site; (2) conceptual site drawings for each recreation site; (3) a description of soil erosion and sediment control measures to be used where ground-disturbing activities are proposed; (4) a discussion of how the needs of the disabled were considered in the planning and design of the recreation facilities; (5) a provision for trash clean-up and removal; (6) operation and maintenance costs; and (7) an implementation schedule.

The licensee shall develop the plan after consultation with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Idaho Fish and Game), Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (Idaho DPR), U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (Idaho SHPO). The licensee shall include with the plan documentation of consultation, copies of comments and recommendations on the completed plan after it has been prepared and provided to the entities, and specific descriptions of how the entities' comments are accommodated by the plan. The licensee shall allow a minimum of 30 days for the entities to comment and to make recommendations before filing the plan with the Commission. If the licensee does not adopt a recommendation, the filing shall include the licensee's reasons, based on project-specific information.

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APPENDIX B
PROJECT OVERVIEW MAPS





APPENDIX C
PROJECT RECREATION SITE FACILITIES TABLE

Project Recreation Facilities at the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project No. 2545

Recreation Site Name	Recreation Facilities ¹
Q'emiln Park	Trails (2.2 miles); 3 interpretive displays; 4-lane boat ramp; boat staging area; 2 boat docks (8 slips); 75 picnic tables; swim beach; rock climbing; playground; restroom (ADA); 2 picnic shelters (ADA); event center building (ADA); parking area (137 spaces, including 6 ADA); South Channel Dam Overlook (ADA); sidewalk (ADA); landscaping; informal river access including bank angling.
Falls Park	Trails (2,200 ft. ADA and 825 ft. informal); parking area (36 spaces, including 2 ADA); 3 overlooks; 10 interpretive displays; 10 picnic tables; playground; fishing pond; restroom (ADA).
Trailer Park Wave Access Site	Carry-in boat launch; parking area (5 spaces, including 1 ADA); restroom (ADA); signage; trail to access river; informal river access including bank angling.
Huntington Park	2 overlooks; sidewalks; 6 interpretive displays; 8 planters; 6 benches.
Nine Mile Dam Overlook	Trail (ADA); 2 interpretive displays; overlook (ADA); parking area (5 spaces, including 1 ADA).
Nine Mile Boat Take-Out	Carry-in boat launch; trail to access river; parking area (4 spaces, including 1 ADA).
Lake Spokane Boat-in-only Campsites	10 semi-primitive campsites (boat-in); signage; campfire rings; portable restrooms; picnic tables; docks; informal river access including bank angling.

¹ Informal settings, which are not developed for specific activities, provide dispersed recreation opportunities for fishing, hiking, picnicking, etc. Whereas, formal settings within Avista's recreation areas are developed to accommodate specific activities, such as camping, picnicking, boat launching, sightseeing, playground use, etc.



Recreation Site Name	Recreation Facilities ¹
Spokane House	Interpretive display.
Nine Mile Recreation Area	Swim area; 4 picnic shelters (ADA); 27 picnic tables; 2-lane boat ramp; 2 boat docks; parking area (74 spaces, including 4 ADA); restrooms (ADA); overnight camping (24 sites); volleyball; registration booth; informal lake access including bank angling.
Long Lake Dam Overlook	2 Overlooks (1 ADA); trail (318 ft. ADA); parking area (6 spaces, including 2 ADA); 2 interpretive displays.
Long Lake Dam Picnic Area (and Boat Launch)	Carry-in boat launch; picnic areas (2 ADA); 7 picnic tables; parking area (40 spaces, including 2 ADA); restroom (ADA); 2 interpretive displays; picnic shelter (ADA); fire pit; playground; informal river access including bank angling.

APPENDIX D
FERC CORRESPONDENCE APPROVING PROJECT RECREATION
SITE FACILITIES TABLE



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July 10, 2017

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Spokane River Project, FERC Project No. 2545
Submittal of Updated Project Recreation Facilities Table as required by FERC's
January 10, 2017 Order Amending Recreation Plan and Nine Mile Recreation Area
Assessment Report**

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an Order Amending Recreation Plan and Nine Mile Recreation Area Assessment Report (Order), on January 10, 2017. Ordering paragraph C of the Order requires Avista to file a report that documents existing recreation facilities at Project recreation sites, and include an updated Project Recreation Facilities Table (Table) that reflects both existing and new and/or improved recreation facilities.

In order to comply with the Order, Avista conducted a comprehensive site inventory of all its Project recreation facilities and compared the information to the Table. The Table includes recreation facilities identified in the 2007 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Spokane River Project, as well as those facilities that were subsequently developed as part of the Spokane River and Post Falls Hydroelectric Developments Recreation Plan.

Per correspondence between Ms. Tara Perry of FERC DHAC and Ms. René Wiley of Avista on July 6, 2017, Avista revised the Table to report on and document the updated facility inventory of the Project recreation sites as they currently exist. Differences in the Table included in Appendix A of the Order, and the enclosed updated Table reflect changes that have been made at the sites since 2007, the use of standard references for facilities, and clarity in regard to formal and informal use of the sites. For example, parking is different in some recreation areas, as parking sites were not previously delineated, causing counts to be higher than they are today, and overlooks are all now referred to as overlooks instead of overlooks or scenic viewpoints, etc.

With this, Avista has enclosed its revised Project Recreation Facilities Table in accordance with the Order. Please feel free to contact either me or Ms. René Wiley if you have any questions pertaining to this filing. I can be reached at (509) 495-4998 and René can be reached at (509) 495-2919.

Sincerely,

Elvin "Speed" Fitzhugh
Spokane River License Manager

Enclosure

cc: Robert Fletcher, FERC - DHAC
Tara Perry, DHAC
René Wiley, Avista

163 FERC ¶ 62,183

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Avista Corporation

Project No. 2545-139, -140,
and -144

ORDER CLARIFYING PROJECT RECREATION FACILITIES

(Issued June 15, 2018)

1. On July 10, 2017, Avista Corporation, licensee for the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project No. 2545, filed a report documenting project recreation facilities, pursuant to ordering paragraph (C) of Commission staff's January 10, 2017 Order Amending Recreation Plan and Approving Nine Mile Recreation Area Assessment Report (2017 Order).¹ The project consists of five developments and is located on the Spokane River in Spokane, Lincoln, and Stevens counties, Washington and Kootenai and Benewah counties, Idaho.² The project occupies federal lands, including lands that are part of the Coeur d' Alene Reservation.

2. Articles 416 and 417 of the project license require that the licensee operate and maintain and/or arrange for the operation and maintenance of both existing and new recreation facilities. A review of the project record revealed that clarification regarding existing recreation facilities at project recreation sites is needed. The licensee's approved recreation plan and plan amendments have clearly identified new sites and/or facilities or improvements at recreation sites, in accordance with license requirements, but have not identified prior existing recreation facilities. Therefore, to ensure that both existing and new recreation facilities are identified at project recreation sites, Commission staff's 2017 Order requires that the licensee document existing recreation facilities at project recreation sites. The 2017 Order also included a draft recreation facilities table that listed new and improved facilities approved in the recreation plan and amendments, as well as

¹158 FERC ¶ 62,022.

² The Spokane River Hydroelectric Project consists of five developments, including the Post Falls development in Idaho and the Upper Falls, Monroe Street, Nine Mile, and Long Lake developments in Washington.

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existing facilities derived from the final environmental impact statement (EIS) prepared for the project's relicensing.³

3. Paragraph (C) of the 2017 Order requires the licensee to file with the Commission a report that documents existing recreation facilities at project recreation sites. The report must also include an updated project recreation facilities table that reflects both existing and new and/or improved recreation facilities. The Commission reserves the right to make changes to the recreation plan for the project based on the results of the report.

4. The licensee's July 10 filing documents existing and new or improved project recreation facilities. The report also further specifies some of the approved recreation plan facilities, such as parking (e.g., five parking spaces instead of parking area). The licensee's filing reflects the documentation of the approved project recreation sites and all associated facilities, including these existing and further specified project recreation facilities, as well as new or improved facilities included in its approved recreation plan, in an updated recreation facilities table.

5. Below is a listing from the July 10 filing of only the existing (additional) facilities not identified in the approved recreation plan, as well as the further specified project recreation facilities in the approved recreation plan and plan amendments.⁴ The project has 11 approved project recreation sites. Existing (additional) and further specified facilities are identified as follows at five project recreation sites:

- Q'emiln Park: interpretive display, a 4-lane boat ramp, 2 boat docks (8 slips), 75 picnic tables, swim beach, rock climbing, playground, restroom (ADA {Americans with Disabilities Act}),⁵ 2 picnic shelters (ADA), event center

³ The final EIS was issued on July 20, 2007.

⁴ The existing facilities identified in the July 10 filing closely match the types of facilities from the EIS though the numbers of a few facilities (e.g., parking spaces and picnic tables) vary from the EIS. The July 10 filing documents the current on-site facilities.

⁵ The licensee has indicated that specific recreation facilities are constructed in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) design standards. Pursuant to its license requirements, the licensee has considered the needs of persons with disabilities. The licensee's obligation to comply with the ADA exists independent of its project license, and the Commission has no statutory role in implementing or enforcing the ADA as it applies to its licensees. See 78 FERC ¶ 61,363.

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building (ADA), parking area (137 spaces, including 6 ADA), and informal river access including bank angling;

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- Long Lake Dam Picnic Area (and Boat Launch): picnic areas (2 ADA), 7 picnic tables, parking area (40 spaces, including 2 ADA), 2 interpretive displays, picnic shelter (ADA), fire pit, playground, and informal river access including bank angling.

6. Minor clarifications and facility additions are listed at the following sites: (a) At the Trailer Park Wave Access Site and the Lake Spokane Boat-In-Only Campsites, informal river access including bank angling is added; (b) at the Nine Mile Dam Overlook, parking is specified as 5 spaces, including 1 ADA space; and (c) at the Nine Mile Boat Take-Out, a trail to access the river is added. There are no clarifications or additions to the Huntington Park or Spokane House sites.

7. The July 10 filing identifies the existing project recreation facilities at project recreation sites and further specifies some facilities in the approved recreation plan and plan amendments. The filing fulfills the requirements of paragraph (C) of the 2017 Order and should be accepted. To ensure that the project recreation plan identifies all project recreation facilities at project recreation sites, including existing facilities not previously included in the recreation plan and plan amendments, the report should be incorporated into the approved recreation plan.⁶

⁶ The updated recreation facilities table in the July 10 filing should be referenced for a summary listing of approved project recreation sites and associated facilities as incorporated into the approved recreation plan per this order.

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The Director orders:

(A) Avista Corporation's report documenting project recreation facilities, filed July 10, 2017, pursuant to ordering paragraph (C) of Commission staff's January 10, 2017 Order Amending Recreation Plan and Approving Nine Mile Recreation Assessment Report, for the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project No. 2545, is accepted and incorporated into the licensee's approved recreation management plan.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Any party may file a request for rehearing of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, as provided in section 313(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 825f (2012), and the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2017). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, or of any other date specified in this order. The licensee's failure to file a request for rehearing shall constitute acceptance of this order.

Robert J. Fletcher
Land Resources Branch
Division of Hydropower Administration
and Compliance

APPENDIX E
CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS

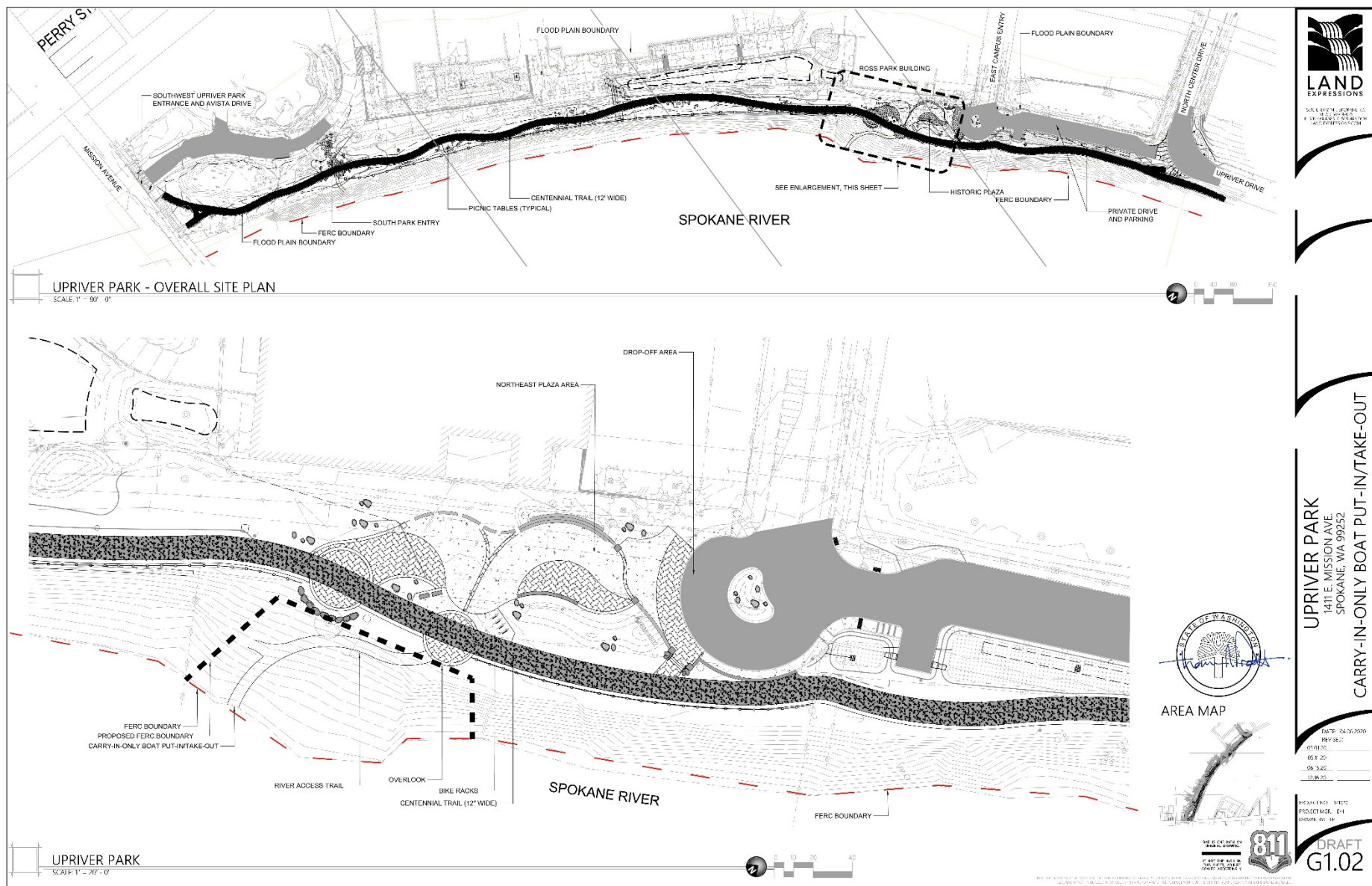
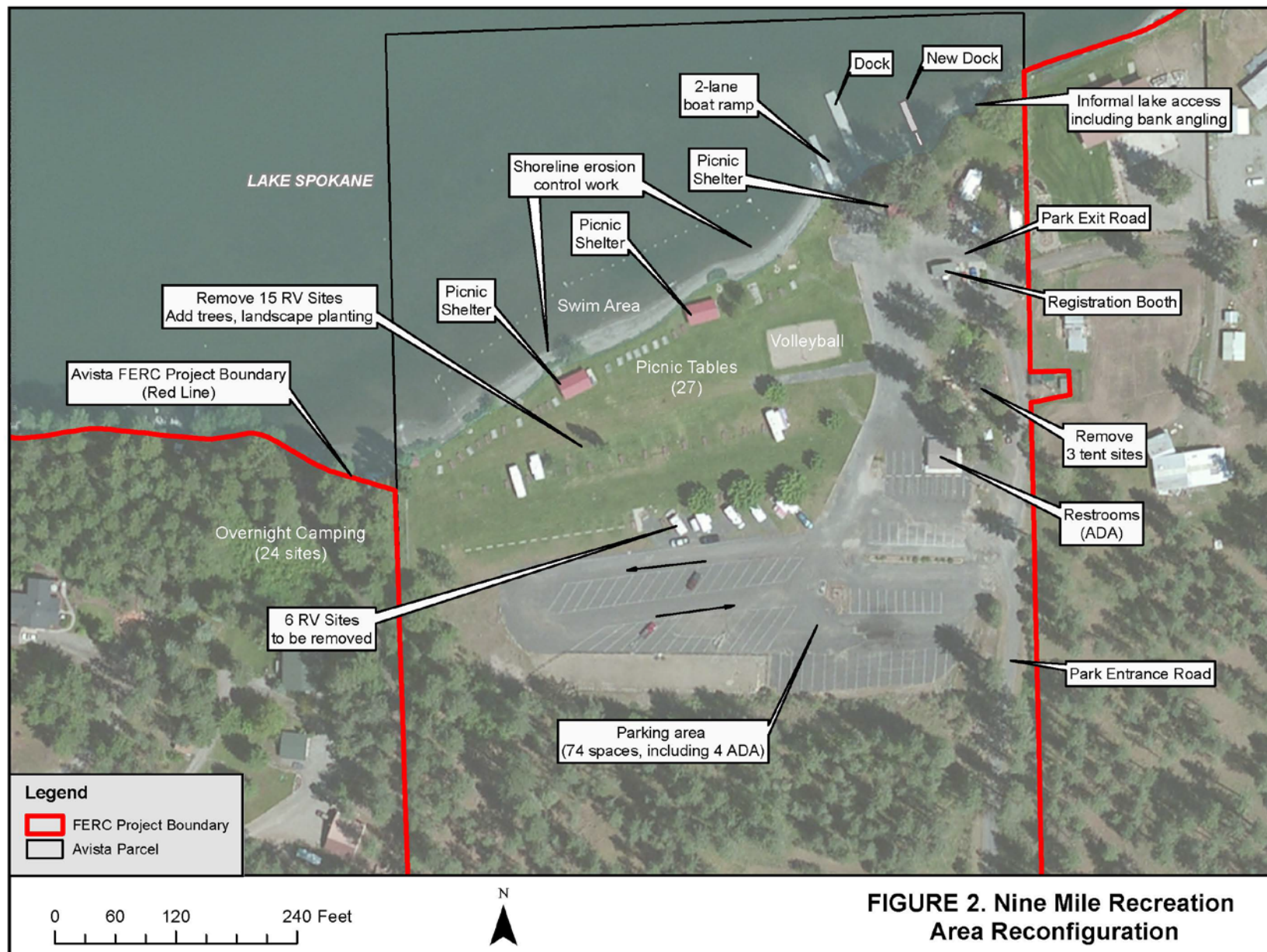
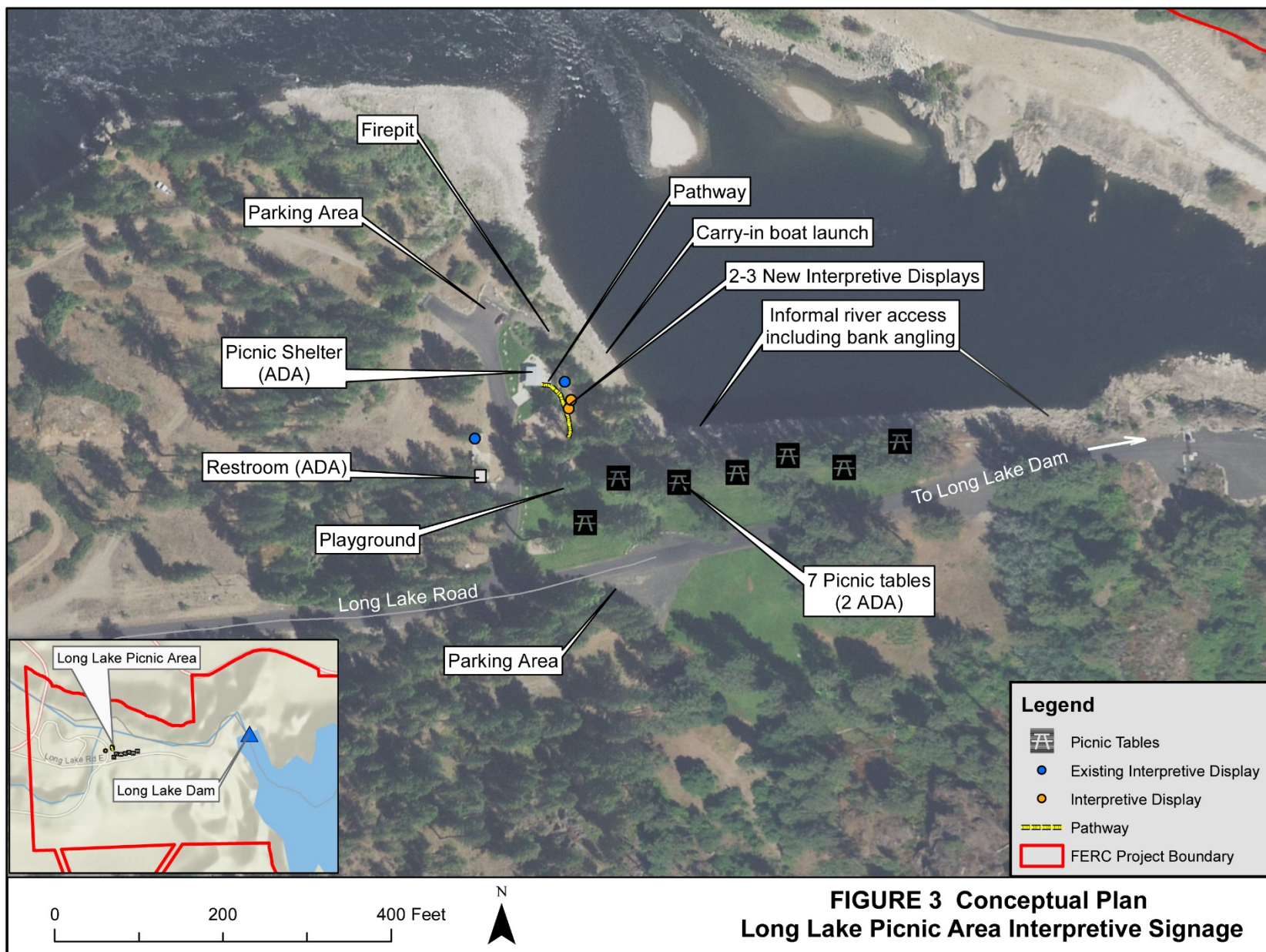


FIGURE 1. Upriver Park





APPENDIX F
UPRIVER PARK
LETTERS OF SUPPORT



April 23, 2020

René Wiley
Recreation, Land Use and Cultural Resource Specialist
Avista Corporation
1411 East Mission Ave
Spokane, WA 99220

RE: Upriver Park Carry-in-Only Boating Put-In and Take-Out Site

Dear René,

The City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Division (City Parks) would like to take this opportunity to express its support for the development of a new water access site on the Spokane River, as part of the Upriver Park project. We support Avista's efforts to provide a formal access site on the upper portion of the Spokane River, which will help disperse non-motorized boating use, provide a public launch for the surrounding community, and help meet the current and future needs of recreational boaters in the Spokane area.

In addition, City Parks looks forward to partnering with Avista on the overall development of Upriver Park to include, a liner park with pedestrian plaza's, benches, overlook, parking area and the vacation of Upriver Drive road to accommodate the realignment of the Spokane River Centennial Trail, for public safety purposes. I understand that Avista, through a lease or management agreement with City Parks, will be responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of Upriver Park and the adjacent carry-in-only boating access site.

As a public recreation provider, City Parks appreciates Avista's extensive community and public outreach efforts with regard to the street vacation of Upriver Drive and the development of Upriver Park. The park improvements will enhance the safety of Centennial Trail users and improve access to the Spokane River corridor.

With this, City Parks supports the proposed improvements and welcomes the opportunity to partner with Avista on this recreation improvement. If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, I can be reached at 509-363-5462.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Garrett T. Jones'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Garrett Jones

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Director



**Spokane Tribe of Indians
Tribal Historic Preservation Office**

PO Box 100 Wellpinit WA 99040

April 8, 2020

To: Rene Wiley, Recreation /Cultural Resource Specialist

RE: Upriver Park SEPA Z20-075SSDP

Ms. Wiley,

Thank you for contacting the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office , we appreciate the opportunity to provide a cultural consult for your project, we are hereby in consultation for this project after an archive research and cultural survey and subsurface testing were completed in the APE and no cultural resources were identified during the supplemental investigations I have no further concern.

Recommendation: Inadvertent Discovery plan into the scope of work.

This letter is your notification that your project has been cleared, and your project may move forward.

As always, if any artifacts or human remains are inadvertent discovered this office should be immediately notified and the work in the immediate area cease, should additional information become available our assessment may be revised, again thank you for this opportunity to comment and consider this a positive action that will assist in protecting our shared heritage.

If questions arise, please contact me at (509) 258 – 4222.

Regards,

Randy Abrahamson
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (T.H.P.O.)

From: [Wiley, Rene](#)
To: [Wiley, Rene](#)
Subject: FW: Spokane River Forum - Comment, Shoreline Substantial Development Permit-Upriver Park
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:15:18 PM

From: Spokane River <info@spokaneriver.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Palmquist, Tami <tpalmquist@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Comment, Shoreline Substantial Development Permit-Upriver Park

Dear Tami,

The Spokane River Forum (Forum) believes vacating Upriver Drive for the purposes of developing Upriver Park is a tremendous benefit for the river and community. The proposed three-acre area will provide public river access for non-motorized boaters and realignment of the Centennial Trail adjacent to the river.

These amenities will greatly improve both safety and recreational use activities. Specific to river access, the Forum has worked with partners to develop and restore river access at 14 locations since founding the Spokane River Water Trail in 2010. What's demonstrably true is that these areas are 1) enjoyed and well used by the public 2) well maintained, 3) positively contribute to public safety, and 4) contribute significantly to riparian and habitat areas by managing human traffic to appropriate put-in and take-out locations.

The city has partnered to provide river access at Division Street Bridge by the Convention Center. This river access location has proved quite popular for residents and tourists alike. We fully expect that annually hundreds of people will paddle back and forth between Upriver Park and the Convention Center. What a great showcase attraction for the city!

Sincerely,

Andy Dunau
Executive Director
Spokane River Forum

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APPENDIX G
NINE MILE RECREATION AREA RECONFIGURATION LETTER

Don Hoch
Director



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WASHINGTON STATE

PARKS AND RECREATION
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EASTERN REGION CAPITAL PROGRAM

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March 2, 2021

Avista
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Spokane, WA 99202
Attn: Rene Wiley

Subject: Nine Mile Recreation Area Reconfiguration

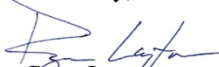
Dear Ms. Wiley:

I am writing to express Washington State Parks support to reconfigure the Nine Mile Recreation Area into a day use only recreation site. State Parks has managed the Nine Mile Recreation Area in cooperation with Avista since 2007, through a management agreement. Over the course of the last 14 years State Parks and Avista have had a common long-term goal to remove overnight camping at the park in order to accommodate and expand current day use activities, which is a more suitable use of the resource.

As you know, the Nine Mile Recreation Area is a small park surrounded by residential housing developments. The park facility and features cannot adequately sustain overnight camping and high-use day use activities without visitor use conflicts and operational challenges. This site is a popular day use location that is at capacity much of the summer months. The boat launch and swim area is heavily used, and parking is very limited. Adapting the park by removing overnight camping and expanding the day use area would greatly enhance the park visitor experience and make the best use of the open space and water access.

We recognize this will result in the reduction of available campsites around Lake Spokane and surrounding area. However, as you know we do have plans to add an additional 20 campsites to the Lake Spokane Campground and State Parks will also be developing additional camping at or near the Bowl and Pitcher campground in coming biennia, as well as looking at other camping opportunities in the area of Nine Mile and Bowl and Pitcher. We will continue to work closely with you as a partner and utilize the data published in your recreation and use studies as well as other data to guide our planning and development of recreation not only within the license area but the greater Spokane area as well.

Cordially,


Ryan Layton

APPENDIX H
CONSULTATION RECORD

Avista's Submittal of the Amended Spokane River and Post Falls Hydroelectric Developments Recreation Plan to the Natural Resource Agencies on March 30, 2021

From: [Wiley, Rene](#)
To: [Bachtel, Jake](#); "[David White](#)"; [dfair@postfallsidaho.org](#); [cara_christofferson@fws.gov](#); [Dux, Andy](#); [jiurgensen@fs.fed.us](#); [Nick Snyder](#); [Smith, Michael - FS](#); [cara_christofferson@fws.gov](#); [Chris Shaver](#) ([Chris.shaver@ishs.idaho.gov](#)); [Diana Dupuis](#) ([diana.dupuis@parks.wa.gov](#)); [Ryan Layton](#) ([ryan.layton@parks.wa.gov](#)); [Brett Walker](#) ([BRETT.WALKER@dnr.wa.gov](#)); [Leslie King](#) ([Leslie.King@dfw.wa.gov](#))
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Subject: Spokane River Project Amended Recreation Plan
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 4:17:20 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Avista Amended Recreation Plan 4.30.2021.pdf](#)

Dear Recreation and Land Use Managers,

In 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an Order Amending the Recreation Plan and Nine Mile Recreation Area Assessment Report for the Spokane River Project, FERC No. 2545. Since that time, Avista has been implementing the Spokane River and Post Falls Hydroelectric Development Recreation Plan (Recreation Plan) and continues to work in collaboration with its local, state and federal agency partners in the planning, maintenance, and development of recreation enhancements.

Avista has amended the Recreation Plan to reflect the following changes:

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- c) Improvements to the interpretive area at the Long Lake Dam Picnic Area.
- d) Updates on Avista's capital development contributions and operation, and maintenance obligations associated with the Recreation Plan.

Avista is submitting the Amended Recreation Plan for your review and comment. We would like to receive any comments or recommendations that you may have via email by May 31, 2021, which will allow us time to file it with FERC. If you have any questions on this Amendment or the Recreation Plan, please feel free to call me. I can be reached at (509) 495-2919.

Sincerely,

René

Rene Wiley, Recreation, Land Use and Cultural Resource Specialist

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Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's Response

Wiley, Rene

From: David White <David.White@idpr.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 9:37 AM
To: Wiley, Rene
Subject: [External] RE: Spokane River Project Amended Recreation Plan

Looks good. Thanks.



David E. White
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IDPR North Region Service Center
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Cc: Goloborodko, Yelena <Yelena.Goloborodko@avistacorp.com>; Lunney, Meghan <Meghan.Lunney@avistacorp.com>
Subject: Spokane River Project Amended Recreation Plan

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Response

Wiley, Rene

From: Dux, Andy <andy.dux@idfg.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Wiley, Rene
Subject: [External] RE: Spokane River Project Amended Recreation Plan

Hi Rene',

I have reviewed the amended Recreation Plan and do not have any concerns or comments.

Regards,
Andy

Andy Dux
Regional Fishery Manager
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
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From: Wiley, Rene <Rene.Wiley@avistacorp.com>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:17 PM
To: Bachtel, Jake <jbachtel@blm.gov>; 'David White' <dwhite@idpr.idaho.gov>; dfair@postfallsidaho.org; cara_christofferson@fws.gov; Dux, Andy <andy.dux@idfg.idaho.gov>; jjurgensen@fs.fed.us; Nick Snyder <nsnyder@kcgov.us>; Smith, Michael - FS <michael.smith4@usda.gov>; cara_christofferson@fws.gov; Chris Shaver (Chris.shaver@ishs.idaho.gov) <Chris.shaver@ishs.idaho.gov>; Diana Dupuis (diana.dupuis@parks.wa.gov) <diana.dupuis@parks.wa.gov>; Ryan Layton (ryan.layton@parks.wa.gov) <ryan.layton@parks.wa.gov>; Brett Walker (BRETT.WALKER@dnr.wa.gov) <BRETT.WALKER@dnr.wa.gov>; Leslie King (Leslie.King@dfw.wa.gov) <Leslie.King@dfw.wa.gov>
Cc: Goloborodko, Yelena <Yelena.Goloborodko@avistacorp.com>; Lunney, Meghan <Meghan.Lunney@avistacorp.com>
Subject: Spokane River Project Amended Recreation Plan

Dear Recreation and Land Use Mangers,

In 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an Order Amending the Recreation Plan and Nine Mile Recreation Area Assessment Report for the Spokane River Project, FERC No. 2545. Since that time, Avista has been implementing the Spokane River and Post Falls Hydroelectric Development Recreation Plan (Recreation Plan) and continues to work in collaboration with its local, state and federal agency partners in the planning, maintenance, and development of recreation enhancements.

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Avista is submitting the Amended Recreation Plan for your review and comment. We would like to receive any comments or recommendations that you may have via email by May 31, 2021, which will allow us time to file it with FERC. If you have any questions on this Amendment or the Recreation Plan, please feel free to call me. I can be reached at (509) 495-2919.

Sincerely,

René

Rene Wiley, Recreation, Land Use and Cultural Resource Specialist

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Washington State Parks and Recreation's Response

Wiley, Rene

Subject: FW: [External] RE: Spokane River Project Amended Recreation Plan

From: Layton, Ryan (PARKS) <Ryan.Layton@PARKS.WA.GOV>

Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:39 AM

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Subject: [External] RE: Spokane River Project Amended Recreation Plan

Rene,

I have reviewed the amended recreation plan and Washington state Parks supports the plan as amended with no additions or suggested edits. I appreciate the opportunity to review and comment.

Thanks,

Ryan Layton

Region Manager, Washington State Parks & Rec

ryan.layton@parks.wa.gov

(509)668-1051 cell



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