

Parcel Acquisition

Background

Three parcels, or portions of, have been identified by DNR as priorities for acquisition. Parcel one, the Jim Creek Parcel, is currently owned by MSB and contains the Pavilion Parking Area and Sexton and Envy trails. It is the most heavily used access site into the PUA and is heavily impacted by recreational use. The second parcel is a privately owned parcel on the northeast side of the Old Glenn Highway Bridge. Access across this parcel is in trespass on an existing trail. It receives high levels of use and is heavily impacted. Parcel three shares the eastern boundary with parcel two and is currently owned by the Mental Health Trust (MHT). The third parcel is heavily used for recreation and access to the remainder of the PUA during high water levels. Access and use on this parcel is considered in trespass as well. Based on a 1994 Settlement Agreement between the Trust and the State, it is to be returned to the State. These parcels are functionally part of the PUA and will be managed by DNR consistent with the adjacent unit in the PUA once acquired by the State. See section titled *Other Lands* in Chapter 4 beginning on pp 4-6 and Appendix E *Special Use Area Designations* for information on these lands adjacent to the PUA.

Goal

- Maintain access to the PUA through acquisition of access sites and/or public easements in selected areas.

Management Guidelines

- All acquired lands will be recommended to the Legislature for inclusion in the PUA.
- Until they are included into the PUA, all acquired lands will be recommended as a SUA and will be managed consistent with the intent, guidelines and recommendations for the PUA. The existing SUA designation for state owned land in section 31, T17N, R3E (ADL 230206) will be amended to include these parcels when they are acquired by the state.
- SUA designations will only apply to lands acquired by the state.
- The state will work with MSB to acquire the portion of the Jim Creek Parcel that encompasses the Pavilion Parking area and the Sexton and Envy trails.
- Over time and based upon need, other private lands that provide or are capable of providing access to the PUA will be considered for acquisition from willing sellers⁵.

⁵ Currently there are no additional private parcels identified for acquisition. DNR will only purchase private land from willing sellers.

- 1 • The state should acquire the private parcel on the northeast side of the Old Glenn
- 2 Highway Bridge.
- 3 • If DNR does not acquire the private parcel, DNR should explore the possibility of
- 4 acquiring legal access through this parcel.
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