

**Mat-Su State Parks  
Citizens Advisory Board  
Minutes  
June 11, 2013**

I. The Meeting was called to order by Greg at 7:05 PM  
A quorum of the Citizens Advisory Board was present and due notice had been published.

II. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| Greg Ronnback | Nicole Troyer   |
| Doug Bourne   | Neil Fox        |
| Larry Smith   | Barbara Russell |

MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

Dennis Mobley  
Jim Von Bose

STATE PARK STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Biessel, Superintendent  
Teri Zell, Secretary to Board

III. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Barbara made a motion to accept the May 14, 2013 minutes with changes. Doug seconds the motion. All vote in favor. Minutes accepted with changes (acronyms spelled out/page 2 delete governor's.../clarification on bid for road and campground for South Denali/page 3 add "recreational area". See amended minutes.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There were two public meetings held on the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area Management Plan last week; one on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage and the other on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in Willow. There were approximately 30-35 people in attendance at each meeting. Three tables of discussion were set up; Brandon McCutcheon had the biggest draw at the ACCESS table. Wayne's table was for STRUCTURES including facilities and docks and Monica Alvarez and Chuck Pickney for TRAILS. Overall, the response from the public was very favorable.

At the end of the meeting in Willow, a group of in-holders asked Wayne about getting a special use permit to allow them to upgrade the Butterfly Lake Trail.

V. COMMITTEE REPORT: NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA (NLSRA)  
MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

The committee met a couple of weeks ago and drafted an outline which Doug handed out and will be used for the rest of the minutes as a guideline.

## Scope of Project

The committee said that Brandon McCutcheon and all who worked on the NLSRA Management Plan Draft should be commended for all their hard work.

## Clarification on Rules

What's the role of hunting and the discharge of firearms within NLSRA?

- —Page 6-13 says DPOR and ADF&G regulations—great, but what are they and do they need elaborated upon? See 11 AAC 20.540 - 20.555<sub>2</sub> (perhaps include a footnote that the park is closed to the use of “firearms”).
- Archery (page 6-16 and Appendix B-3) has a clearer explanation.
- Should there be a difference between in holder's firearm use and visitor use? This does not apply to private or adjacent property.
- No, see above.
- Does there need to be language about in defense of bear? No. Firearms are allowed to be carried under the Defense of Life and Property Administrative Code 5AAC 92.410.

CAB response?

## Land Acquisition

8-1 (beginning at line 25) describes Park's ability to acquire land.

The committee suggests adding a phrase describing that those selling land within the state park can choose who they sell to. Should site the definition of “Eminent Domain”. Wayne looked into this and under AS 41.21.455 (NLSRA designation) there is no eminent domain clause. This was the first SRA unit established, subsequent parks contain this clause. As a board, you can make this recommendation. From a practical perspective, it would be almost impossible for DPOR to invoke this unless there was a bona-fide public benefit.

CAB Response?

Yes

No

## Permits

### Registration

- At this time boats and ORV need registration. Why not snow machines (See 5-10 )? This sentence is backwards. Snowmachines are required to be registered. ATV registration is optional with DMV at this time.

The committee thinks ~~snow machines~~ All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) ORVs should be registered too. should have mandatory registration with the State NLSRA.

CAB response?

Yes

No

## Boats and Mooring

- During our discussion we talked about permitting for week-long boat mooring contingent upon certain safety/environmental requirements for in-holders.
- The language on 5-15 and 6-14 looks fair. What was the issue? [Adjacent property owners may moor their personal boats indefinitely against their private uplands, no permit required.](#)

## In-holders permit

- What does it look like? [The permits will be developed this coming fall. The permit template can be added to the Plan as an Appendix later.](#)
- How long does it last? [Annually](#)

The committee suggests adding specific language to the document that describes in-holders permits. [Board is asking to have this done by email or online for convenience to inholders renewing permits. First time permittees would need to come into the Finger Lake Office for registration.](#)

CAB response?

[Yes](#)

[No](#)

## Limitations

- ORV may be removed from Lynx Lake Road and/or Butterfly Lake Trail in 5 years (See page 5-10 Point 1). [Board would like to see clarification on this. Perhaps language such as..."it will allow for a study to be done within the next 5 years to set a design standard for Off Road Vehicle trails.](#)
- Cease to grant access to inholdings (See second bullet point on page 7-8) [Clarify this to "Cease ORV access to inholdings", could be mistaken for ANY access.](#)

The committee suggests adding specific language against a 5 year timeline to potentially remove ORV from LLR and/or BLT. [Lynx Lake Road and the Butterfly Lake Trail should be two separate issues.](#)

The committee suggests removing cease to grant access language.

CAB response?

[Yes](#)

[No](#)

## Gate/Road-Trail

Which Gate—Where?

Since a development in this plan is to install a Chicken Cross-park gate, there needs to be added clarity on the role of each gate.

- Gate for in-holders to access Lynx Lake Road.- Clarification is needed as to the location and purpose of each gate. (2-16 line 11 and 3-1 line 18 specify the location and purpose of the Lynx Lake gate.
- Gate for Chicken Cross-park (5-4 (beginning line 16) and 7-8 (beginning line 10) specifies location of purpose of the Chicken Cross-park gate.

The committee suggests adding specific language clarifying and describing the purpose of each gate. See above

CAB response?

Yes

No

### **Staffing and Maintenance**

This management plan brings some wonderful recreational developments to NLSRA. 8-9 shows excellent staffing suggestions.

The committee would like to make the staffing less of a suggestion. The language of the developments should read:

Development X is contingent upon staffing A. Development Y is contingent upon staffing B. And so on.

Instead of mere suggestions, especially with current budgets, staffing should be one of the major components of the plan. As this was discussed, it appears that this could hinder the Park Superintendent in the management of his/her area. Public safety and resource protection issues in the future may warrant certain developments prior to getting additional staff resources.

CAB response?

Yes

No

### **Roads**

By extending the gate to the Chicken Cross-park trail, what will be the role of the state and the park in maintaining the stretch of road over outside the park boundary? Recommendation for the road to be brought up to Borough standards. DPOR will not manage nor maintain the road outside the park.

CAB response?

Yes

No

### **Miscellaneous Concerns**

- How do travelers know when it is appropriate to traverse Lynx Lake Road and Butterfly lake trail on a snowmachine? A ORV? Or a automobile? Signs could communicate the information to prevent ticketable offenses—especially in the cusp seasons. Make it like

studded tires—at such and such a date \_\_\_\_\_. This will be done on the internet. Currently in place under “Park Condition Reports” link on the State Parks homepage.

- Specific language on the horse trail on the north side of the road. This is a proposed area only.
- Specific language on the mountain bike trail on the south side of the road. This is a proposed area only.

CAB response?

#### End Discussion

Barbara made a motion to allow for an electronic vote on a resolution of response to the NLSRA Plan. Larry seconds.