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Subject: The NPS Waiting Game

My SMP Update comment

On Federal and County PUBLIC ACCESS to PUBLIC LAND

[The NPS Waiting Game](#)

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**My SMP Update comment on
WA State DOE SMP Priority of
PUBLIC ACCESS to PUBLIC LAND
and as referenced in the
WA State Public Trust Doctrine**

Pearl Rains Hewett

Elwha River public lands (between US 101 and SR 112)
Clallam County Public Land
NORM'S RESORT NPS Public Land

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NORM'S RESORT NPS Public Land

Who's Norm? What's he got to do with it?

The NORM'S PRIVATELY OWNED RESORT, THAT I REMEMBER, PROVIDED "WE THE PEOPLE" FREE PUBLIC ACCESS WITH A LONG DIRT TRAIL FOR FREE WALKING BESIDE THE RIVER AND THE USE OF THE ELWHA RIVER FOR A FREE FISHING SPOTS AND IT DIDN'T STOP THERE, IT PROVIDED A STORE, CABINS, RENTAL BOATS.

WHAT HAPPENED TO NORM'S RESORT FREE FACILITIES?

NORM'S RESORT WAS DEMOLISHED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

GOGGLED No results found for Clallam County historical records "Norm's Resort" Elwha River?

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The DESTRUCTION of NORM'S RESORT, as a living witness to what it PROVIDED TO OUR COMMUNITY, and to WHAT IT HAS BECOME, is a personal affront to me. (read comments below)

Please visit Clallam County SMP Public Comment dated August 2013:

- 082113 – EBowen – G General Comment? CODE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS?

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- The SMP comment codes fail to include Public Access?

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Elwha River (between US 101 and SR 112 on public lands) –

Changed from Resource Conservancy to Natural.

This is putting the cart before the horse, these lands have not been determined yet

whom is going to be the owner per the federal legislation and to consider such activities that would be limited by a designation of Natural is very much premature.

Also, Natural will impede any effort such as the SMP addresses as to “Public Access” to the river; how about infrastructure for such issues as addressing access for such public as handicap and disabled?

There is a county road for the main purpose of access to this area and a WDFW boat launch high and dry.... what’s to happen to these areas if this designation is Natural.

There is a strong political image that the federal legislation calls for this designation;

I totally disagree! So no, do not change the designation and the blame can be put on the Elwha project for not engaging the public on such issues as this

WHY the destruction of NORM’S RESORT IS A PERSONAL AFFRONT?

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WHAT A STORE IT WAS... A VERY PUBLIC establishment with very friendly people, food, snacks and then there was the fishing tackle.

WHY IS NORM’S RESORT PERSONAL?

My two teenage sons and I spent an entire summer at our family “INHOLDERS” property on the Elwha River.

The boys spent half of their time fly fishing, and the other half of their time walking the 3 miles(one way) down to NORM’S RESORT to replenish their mosquito flies.

The old guys met, drank coffee, socialized and even spent their time to teach my boys how to play “Ship Captain and Crew”

NORM’S RESORT was the go to Place. And it was very busy.

Got tourists? Need fishing gear? Got milk? Need groceries?

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Yep... It’s Personal...

WHY is DESTROYING NORM’S RESORT IS A PERSONAL AFFRONT?

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A drunk driver missed the curve at the Elwha River bridge on highway 101.

Directly in front of NORM'S RESORT, the truck flipped upside down as it plunged into the river

A young woman was thrown from the truck and missing in the Elwha River.

The response was Clallam County search and rescue, the Sheriff's Dept. dive team, Reserve's and The Law Enforcement Explorer Post.(LEEP'S) and an adviser (Pearl Hewett).

NORM volunteered his small rental row boats to The Law Enforcement Explorer Post.

(LEEP'S) SEARCH AND RESCUE TEENAGERS and an adviser (Pearl Hewett) so they could search for young woman.

The Sheriff's Dept. dive team gave up their search and left.

With due diligence and perseverance the (LEEP'S) SEARCH AND RESCUE TEENAGERS and an adviser (Pearl Hewett) continued the search up and down the river in the NORM'S RESORT small rental row boats.

That afternoon a 14 year old member of the LEEP and an adviser (Pearl Hewett) found the body of the young woman, pinned underwater in a log jam, on an island in the middle of the Elwha River.

(I could stop at this point)

But, I won't.... It was a traumatic incident for both the 14 year old and myself.

Our boat came to rest in the log jam directly over her body, her lost wooden clog was above her, an unbearable view of her. The 14 year old boy jumped up to get out of the boat, I made him sit down, he said he was going to be sick.

The Elwha River was roaring so loudly it took us over a half an hour of yelling to attract the attention of someone on the east bank. (no cell phones back then)

Using hand gestures we indicated that we had found her body.

We sat in the boat and waited. while another teenage LEEP ran up to Norm's store and called the Sheriffs Dept.

We sat in the boat and waited until the Sheriff Dept Dive team arrived.

We sat in the boat and watched as the Dive team tied off her body so it would not be washed downstream.

We sat in the boat and watched as she was pulled across the river and laid face down in a sheriff's Dept. boat. Traumatic? face down? because rigor had her knees bent and set at a 90 degree angle and the purple socks she was wearing....

THE PDN REPORTED on the incident

WITH NO MENTION OF THE PART THE TEENAGE LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER POST.(LEEP'S) PLAYED in finding and recovering.

INDEED, the destruction of NORM'S RESORT IS PERSONAL.

AND NOW? USE THE SAME WORST CASE scenario?

Without Norm's Resort and his small rental boats?

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I am requesting that a PUBLIC ACCESS CODE be put on the Clallam County SMP public comment section.

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