
Comments

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<i>Access</i>		
	1	As the population of the U.S. grows, and the "outdoors" shrinks, we must allow the public continued access to their public lands.
	2	No matter who owns or controls the Monument (DOE or DOI), do not make more restrictions to access. Do not increase Native American control.
	3	Respect the Constitutional rights of private property.
	4	Public access through an into the Monument must be restricted to roads currently in use. No new roads should be built. The Columbia River Conservation League supports public pedestrian or equestrian access where such access does not conflict with preser
	5	We would like to see it [Hanford Reach] remain open for recreational use by the public. Hunting, fishing, sightseeing, and general outdoor recreation are a big part of our local interests in our community and it would be a shame if the public were unable
	6	Increase hunting and fishing access and opportunities for those citizens of the U.S. who contribute taxes.
	7	Adequate parking and trailhead facilities; overnight camping; establish trails
	8	Please take care of this precious land and river. Please keep it open for public access in a variety of ways. Help educate those who use it in ways to enjoy and not destroy the resource. I beg you - do not deny us access to this resource....
	9	Access to Monument lands for educational purposes could be increased.
	10	I would like to see hiking trails.
	11	Limit access to the shrub-steppe so that it does not suffer substantial damage. Access to the land immediately adjacent to the river needs protection. As use pressure becomes a problem, access to certain stretches of the river may need to be limited. [
	12	...I think there could be appropriate low-impact visitation: hiking, boating (but no high-power motors), guided walks, bird-watching, photography, possibly horseback riding in some places. I think that roads and vehicle traffic should be kept to a minimum.

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	13	Limited access as is helps to prevent overuse and preserves resources.
	14	Trails should be provided along with access to trailheads. The Reach should be accessible by both boat and car.
	15	Off hard road mountain biking, single track mountain biking, over night camping, back packing, and hunting [are recreation activities I would like to have available on the Monument]. Allow public access and manage to conserve resources by indentifying ar
	16	Additional and/or larger parking lots will be required for visitors. Parking lots will be needed at new trail heads. However, this should be done in the context of minimizing development. Minimize the number of improved roads and restrict access to veh
	17	Allow day hiking. Allow overnigh camping via walk-in (greater than 2 miles) primitive campsites (no open fires). Public use should be restricted by permit. Restrict number of visitors. None or severly restricted ORV use. Restricted horse use. Allow
	18	Restrooms and trailer turn arounds would be nice.
	19	Established hiking trails, preferably with descriptive signs and brochures; picnic areas. Do not restrict private use of the river. FWS should provide hiking trails throughout the Monument and also provide hikes led by a FWS guide.
	20	Open some fishing on lake along highway in irrigation runoff lakes, except during winter fowl resting season.
	21	Open beaches for picnic and camping by boat, maybe non power craft.
	22	Boat races, commercial rafting, hanggliding, ORV usage, mining and other activities that could influence the Reach should be banned; especially, tourist boats that are not used to educate visitors. Opening access to Monument would impact current access.
	23	I feel the need for primitive camping is there, obviously, and it should be permitted to return.
	24	Development of a non-motorized trail system in the Saddle Mountain Lake and Wahluke School Site areas along the Columbia River.
	25	Do not close the area off to the public. Keep usage open to quiet, low impact recreation.

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	26	Three-fourths of this area is set aside now with no access to the public. Let us keep some of it for recreation. I would like traditional usage to continue as possible, especially: hiking, horseback riding, fishing.
	27	To allow interesting access of people to desert and rivers.
	28	Trails for horseback and hiking would be sufficient access into the Monument. These trails are all that should be added for public access. Fishing access should be limited.
	29	Increase the number of "pull-out" parking areas along roads so people can stop to enjoy the view without having to proceed to a parking area further down the road (encourage car/driving tours and outings).
	30	Do not put trails or paths within the Monument.
	31	Do not restrict access!
	32	Put up lots of large garbage collection sites and donation sites.
	33	Would appreciate a possible walking trail through some of this area if it could be done with minimal impact.
	34	We request that additional areas be opened for hunting and fishing.
	35	Since the fire, some areas could be opened only by special arrangement and monitored.
	36	[Multiple uses] should include fishing, boating and hiking. I personally, and all those in the organizations I work with such as the Native Plant Society, insist moreover that this area be free of contamination (both nuclear and chemical).
	37	Audubon opposes any public access and uses that are incompatible with the Fish and Wildlife Service's primary mission of protecting the biological, cultural, and geological resources of the Monument.
	38	Encourage pedestrian and equestrian access.
	39	Open more for fishing/hunting and sight seeing.
	40	Allow foot and horse use with ample parking areas.
	41	Pedestrian and equestrian access should occur so long as such access does not negatively impact the resources for which the Monument was established (i.e. preservation of biological and historical resources).

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	42	Periodic patrols and unimpeded 24-hour access are required for these facilities. Periodically, BPA has found it necessary to bulldoze the tops off of sand dunes directly underneath transmission lines where there was inadequate clearance. We continue to
	43	OPAS opposes any public access or uses that are incompatible with the Fish and Wildlife Service's primary mission of protecting the biological, cultural, and geological resources of the Monument.
	44	We vigorously oppose any public access and uses that are incompatible with the Fish and Wildlife Service's primary mission of protecting the biological, cultural, and geological resources of the Monument.
	45	Keep the Columbia free of recreational ramps, docks, camping grounds, concession stands.
	46	Pedestrian and equestrian access should occur so long as such access does not negatively impact the resources for which the Monument was established.
<i>ALE</i>	47	Access should also be provided to parts of ALE so people can see the wildflowers and wildlife.
	48	I've live here 35 years and have never been allowed to visit the ALE unit. Guided tours by a concessionaire, a permit system hiking trail the full length of the montain with carry it out camping at defined locations with outhouses are options worthy of c
	49	It is a unique resource to be treasured - but hopefully would include a hiking trail so people can see more from foot rather than at highway speeds.
	50	Keep ALE closed.
	51	It is my belief that a carefully controlled hunting season to remove excess elk and maintain numbers to goal objectives could be established on the Reserve that would not result in objectionable non-renewable damage to the shrub-steppe environment.
	52	Would like to have limited access to Fitzner-E....
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	54	There should be no open access to the Fitzner-Eberhardt Arid Land Ecology Reserve.
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<i>B Reactor</i>		
	57	Need museum of "B" Reactor.
	58	I think it is important to include B-Reactor in the plans.
	59	Access to B Reactor Museum, interpretive centers, a Hanford Monument White Bluffs and WB Bank Monument should be provided.
<i>Birding</i>		
	60	Allow overflight without additional restriction. Allow access but protect nest/rearing of waterfowl and upland birds.
<i>Black Rock</i>		
	61	What would be the impact of the proposed Black Rock reservoir?
<i>Boating</i>		
	62	Boating should continue with some speed restrictions in sensitive areas (e.g. the White Bluffs).
	63	Power boats should be managed so that the river is safe and pleasant for canoers and kayakers.
	64	A boat ramp is needed to decrease the shoreline damage now done by boaters. Parking areas need to be increased. Picnic grounds should be associated with the boat ramps. I suggest the FWS personnel canoe the Reach to get perspective about the canoeing e
	65	I think the boat traffic should be allowed to move freely on the river. The exceptions I would make are jet skis, which cause excessive pollution.
	66	[Would like to have available] a boat launch on Grant County side of river.
	67	Seems natural to put a boat launch near visitor center 2 miles East of Vernita Bridge.

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	68	Existing boat ramps and parking lots should be improved and maintained. One to two more ramps would eliminate salmon season long waiting periods to launch boats.
	69	Access to boat ramps should be improved (I.e. paved roads). Parking at boat ramps should be expanded. Add a public boat ramp at the old Hanford townsite.
	70	The boat ramps need more parking.
	71	A couple of additional boat ramps would be nice.
	72	It is extremely important that access is maintained and maintenance is performed to all of the launch sites within the HRNM. Two Columbia River boat launch sites on the HRNM, or lands to be designated as Monument, on the Franklin and Grant County shoreli
	73	Launching of motorized watercraft from sites within the Monument's boundaries should be prohibited.
	74	I am opposed to personal water craft (I.e. jet skis) within the Hanford Reach.
	75	No jet skis on the Reach.
	76	Motorized river traffic must continue to be carefully and effectively regulated. Jet skis have no place here.
	77	No personal watercraft (jet skis) allowed within the Hanford Reach.
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	80	There should be at least one Pit Toilet at each of the following places: 1. Vernita Bridge boat ramp; 2. The back eddy area at the upper end of the White Cliffs and; 3. The boat ramp area at the South end of the Cliffs.

Camping

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| | 81 | Allowing camping with outhouses and with no open fires at White Bluffs is needed. |
| | 82 | Camping along the river and for fisherman access and use. An overnight camping point should be established. A good site might be on the Franklin County side at White Bluffs. Pit toilets and fresh water are needed at the rest stop. |
| | 83 | Need areas for camping for overnight floats down Colmbia River. |

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	84	Maybe have a designated camping (overnight) area.
	85	Use permit system to allow overnight camping. Require no impact (e.g. pack out human waste).
	86	An established campground suitable for RVs (similar to Craters of the Moon, Devils Tower and other National Monuments).
	87	[Would like to have available] boat camping along the river.
	88	[Include] the ability to have low impact, one night camping at a site intermediate to the boat launches at Vernita and Wahluke, and Wahluke and Richland.
	89	No camping along the shore.
	90	Overnight camping should be allowed.
	91	We discourage any campground construction along the free-flowing stretch of river, as recreational disturbances are incompatible with protection of the shoreline, wildlife and other aquatic resources.

Connectivity

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| | 92 | Identify and coordinate land protection for areas on the Hanford NM that are adjacent to other nearby high quality ownerships. |
| | 93 | The Fish and Wildlife Service should also coordinate its management and research with other managers of large blocks of shrub-steppe habitat in the Columbia Basin, such as the U.S. Army (Yakima Training Center), Yakama Indian Nation, and the Washington De |
| | 94 | I urge the Fish & Wildlife Service to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Energy to secure a first right of refusal for inclusion of any Hanford lands into the Monument as/if they are released from Department of Energy use. I supp |
| | 95 | The rarity of shrub-steppe habitat demands that lands released by USDOE should be included in the monument, and cooperation with the US Army training center should be effected to insure the preservation of a wildlife corridor. |
| | 96 | We support acquisition of strategic pieces of property such as the McWhorter Ranch that would serve to protect the Monument from the consequences of piecemeal development along the border. |

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Conservation

- 101 Manage the land for conservation in the true sense of the word. Read Aldo Leopold. Conservation not preservation.
- 102 I believe it is important to preserve the remaining stretch of the naturally flowing Columbia River and the shrub-steppe habitat.
- 103 The Hanford Reach is the last free flowing section of the Columbia River below Canada. So my concern is that it be left alone as a national monument for all time.
- 104 I believe that preservation of these aspects [remoteness, solitude, good wildlife habitat and natural beauty] must be given priority over the convenience of recreational and commercial users, including myself.

Cultural resources

- 105 Development of the cultural resources must become a substantial part of FWS effort.
- 106 Do not manage the cultural sites by hiding them. The tribes and the Monument should provide access with interpretation to the sites. Guided trips are better than just a museum experience.

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	107	Cultural resources must be carefully and completely surveyed and documented. Native American sensitivities and treaty rights must be strictly respected. However, educational opportunities should be indentified and exploited where possible with cooperati
	108	Also preserve pre-Hanford farms, school, bank and N-Reactor to document late Reach History.
	109	I believe the Indians should have a stake in the Reach. But, no more or no less than any other stake holders.
	110	Regarding cultural resources, any cultural work needs to be coordinated with the Wanapum people as the area is their native home land. Anything that deals with the early Caucasian settlement should be coordinated with the local historical societies.
	111	Literature educating the public would be beneficial. Any mapping of cultural sites should be suppressed.
	112	The cooperation of the Native Americans is vital and should be maintained.
	113	The focus on scientific and historic features needs to include Native American cultural heritage preservation.
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<i>Dams</i>		
	115	Be a "constructive" participant in the Priest Rapids Hydro Relicensing.
	116	The dams should operate so as to limit as much as possible the varying water levels.
	117	Upstream dam operations must be coordinated to eliminate "ramping"...of river level....
	118	Better river flow management to reduce juvenile fish kill.
<i>Dayhiking</i>		
	119	Dayhiking is the most important to us (overnight backpacking is probably inappropriate). We also see day use for canoeing, kayaking, row boating, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Motorized boats and vehicles should be banned except for law enforce
<i>Development</i>		
	120	Establishment of farms and boat launches within the Reach will harm and diminish the very features that make the Reach unique.

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<i>Economic development</i>		
	121	We are interested in seeing jobs created in our portion of Grant County. You must have a presence in our area for any benefits to flow here.
<i>Elk</i>		
	122	We recommend that USF&W should not use trapping and relocation as a method to control the size of the elk herd on the HRNM. Non-tribal hunting is recommended as the appropriate tool to maintain the elk herd at the desired level.
	123	Also, purchase McWhorter ranch for better elk herd management.
	124	The USFWS should support purchase of the neighboring McWhorter Ranch on Rattlesnake Mountain to help manage Hanford's elk herd.
<i>Enforcement</i>		
	125	Fish and Wildlife patrols plus an aggressive public volunteer patrol system using private boats and airplanes.
	126	Management of the Hanford Monument should work cooperatively with security personnel of Energy Northwest and DOE to ensure the safety of the facility, its occupants, and the surrounding area.
<i>FACA</i>		
	127	No one represents irrigation interests on the Committee.
<i>Facilities</i>		
	128	Main office facilities should be in Richland. Office facilities such as Ranger offices, etc should on or adjacent to Monument.
<i>Fire</i>		
	129	Firebreaks along main highways (Hwys 240 and 24) must be established and maintained. Current wire fencing should be reduced to single-strand wires (barbed-wire not necessary) to prevent fuels buildup along roadside fencelines while preserving property bo
	130	Fire suppression and campgrounds should be considered by experts who understand what kind of impact they would have on the ecosystems of the Reach.
	131	Controlled burns should be used to restore native bunchgrass to the extent possible and to reduce sage dominance to pre-settlement levels.

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	132	Use heavy equipment immediately, not later; controlled burns.
	133	The risk of fire is so great, especially in summer, that I recommend permanently banning all open fires within the Monument. Only camp stoves should be permitted.
	134	Provide more funds for equipment to Wahluke Fire District (Mattawa).... Or, release Fire District from responsibility, or open fire station on Wahluke Slope (45% of land is in Wahluke).
	135	Regarding fire management, the Monument should contract with Grant County Fire District #8 for fire protection if it has not already done so.
	136	Establish a fire management plan that will maintain a functional ecosystem.
	137	Reduce tumbleweed fuels along fences and borders. Fight wildfires vigorously and with all necessary force.
	138	Make sure all necessary equipment is used to control fire.
	139	Minimize chemical hazard fuel reduction.
	140	The fire "breaks" formed by roads and natural barriers should be maintained so we never repeat a fire such as the last one.
	141	A fire management plan needs to be established that will maintain a functional ecosystem.
	142	Audubon supports efforts to manage the Monument in such a way that fire frequency more closely approximates pre-1950's conditions. In general, Audubon supports efforts to reduce human-caused hazardous fuels through the use of firebreaks, removal of fence
	143	Fire breaks should be maintained along existing roadways. Fire breaks should be maintained free of plant growth.
	144	Proper firebreaks.
	145	Fire breaks along heavily traveled roads could be one part of an overall strategy. Banning open campfires another.
	146	The Monument plan must have a provision for research about the role of fire in this regime.
	147	Firebreaks along Highways 240 and 24 must be maintained free of plant growth. An initial attack crew must be stationed locally during fire season.

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	148	BPA has been burning off accumulated tumbleweeds on fence lines to remove these potential hazards. It is important for management of the Monument to attempt to control these weeds.
	149	OPAS supports efforts to avoid or restrict the occurrence and spread of human-ignited fires, particularly by motor vehicles. In general, we support efforts to reduce human-caused hazardous fuels through the use of firebreaks, removal of fences, and manag
	150	We support efforts to manage the Monument in such a way that fire frequency more closely approximates pre-1950's conditions. Fire management plans should be developed specifically to avoid or restrict the occurrence and spread of human-ignited fires, par
	151	Make sure a fire management plan is consistent with nature and will maintain a functioning ecosystem.
	152	Firebreaks along highways 240 and 24 must be maintained free of plant growth.

Fisheries

	153	Create fish spawning and rearing areas by pumping water into mostly old abandoned canals.
	154	The outdated Vernita Bar Agreement must be revised to address all species in the Hanford Reach at all times of the year.
	155	Hatchery fish that have managed to survive and return in great numbers should not be discriminated against.
	156	Efforts must focus on restoring and maintaining natural runs. This should include limited development of the shorelines; restricted access, especially during spawning periods; strictly regulated harvesting; and pollution prevention effluent restrictions
	157	Reduce or eliminate fishing until demonstrating the factors such as water supply, irrigation and water quality do not effect populations.
	158	Do not [let] "Native Americans" to pressure you to allow commercial fish netting.
	159	Regarding fish management, this should not be something the Monument management should get involved with.
	160	Work with other agencies and the public to assure strong salmonid runs, preservation of nesting sites and habitat, and fishing opportunity in accordance with Washington fishing regulations.
	161	Do not allow a commercial or native American net fishery within the Reach. Consider catch and release smallmouth bass and steelhead fishery.

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	162	I support continuing fishing seasons and limits for all species in accordance with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) regulations. No restrictions should be imposed on fishing from the riverbank or from a boat unless they are species-specific
	163	Do not allow gill-netting on the Hanford Reach!!
	164	Continue to operate with research related to the river. Backwater fishing (other than for salmon) could be encouraged by minor changes to some of the backwaters upstream from Ringold.
	165	RRGC supports continuing fishing seasons and limits for all species in accordance with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) regulations. No restrictions should be imposed on fishing from the riverbank or from a boat unless they are species-spe

Geo/Paleo resources

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| | 166 | Development should be minimized to protect geological and paleontological resources. Adequate enforcement must exist to protect resources. |
| | 167 | Geological and paleontological experts should have access to study in the Monument. |

Guides

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| | 168 | I strongly encourage the Service to continue to allow this use [tour boats] of the resource. |
| | 169 | Looking at the White Bluffs layers of sediments from the Columbia River Journeys boat is an awesome sight and invokes my curiosity to know more. I would enjoy a tour with a geological emphasis. |
| | 170 | Boat tours seem appropriate. |
| | 171 | [Guides] should be outside the Monument. |
| | 172 | Limit to few. Too many will detract from experience. |
| | 173 | Guided and self-guided tours to see both the natural and cultural treasures including birds, wildflowers, wildlife, historical structures and archaeological sites [should be available]. Current boat tours are good, but offer insufficient interpretation. |
| | 174 | [Commercial guide and concessionaire services are appropriate on the Monument] by contract. |

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	175	Concessions should only be allowed at borders of Monument - not inside. Guide services must restrict customers and vehicle number and size. No commercial activities should be allowed near shorelines. Vendors should operate under strict noise and pollut
	176	I think jet boat tours are fine; concessions should not be allowed.
	177	Offer river trips through concessionaires. I would like to see the availability of raft and canoe trips on the river offered by concessionaires.
	178	[Guides are appropriate] only if total non-guided requirements are met.
	179	Currently commercial guide services are minimal such as fishing guides during salmon run. If these services are allowed to expand, individual fishermen would not be able to fish because of lack of space. No concessionaire should be allowed.
	180	No guides for fishing/hunting.
	181	Guide services should be provided but limited to daily outings.
	182	Signs, maps and self-guided tours would be adequate to allow visitors to explore and experience the Monument.
	183	Columbia River Journeys provide excellent Reach experience and public education.
	184	Land-based touring of the Monument should be self-guided using maps/brochures. Commercial river-based touring should be managed so as to minimize crowding and conflicts between user groups.
	185	Leave it as natural as possible and leave it up to individual citizens to experience it this way as they see fit.
	186	[Commercial guide and concessionaire services are not appropriate on the Monument]. It has been a remote area for years. Lets keep it that way.
	187	Is important to allow commercial services as many do not have their own boats that would allow them access.
	188	[Commercial guide and concessionaire services are appropriate on the Monument] with limitations of number, pollution, size, etc.
	189	Limit recreation concessions in the Monument.
	190	Avoid professional guide services and other types of concession businesses.
	191	Limit or ban recreation concessions in the Monument.

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<i>Horses</i>		
	192	As a member of Backcountry Horesment of Washington, our chapter - Purple Sage Riders, would be interested in helping to develop the amenities (parking and trails) that would benefit multi-user groups. Most parking ares in the Ringold area are too small fo
<i>Hunting</i>		
	193	The federal hunting regulations are extremely restrictive. They also are not published and you have to find a federal game agent to learn them. The Washington State hunting regulations for the Wahluke area are much better and allow a wider variety of hu
	194	My first push would be to work with the farmers (that need help) to allow public access to some of those fields. Second would be possible limited access on the river, and move it around, some hunting, and force some bird movement. We as hunters have lit
	195	I strongly encourage full use of Monument lands for these uses [waterfowl hunting], even more so than at present. Some of the lands and waters in the Saddle Mountain unit could be hunted as well as more of the River, there is more than enough resting are
	196	Please include waterfowl hunting in the Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge. I think a lottery system with assigned blinds in some of the area would be best. Like McNary but blinds farther apart.
	197	It seems reasonable to allow hunting to continue on the 57,000 acres where it is now allowed.
	198	Public elk and deer hunting is needed.
	199	[Would like to have available] bow hunting on lottery basis. Restrict access during waterfowl season to provide resting area for waterfowl.
	200	I'm a falconer and would like to see more small game hunting available.
	201	Hunting/trapping should be allowed on the Monument.
	202	Hunting should be allowed for doves, upland birds, coyotes, rabbits, deer and elk per Washington game regulations. Allow public hunting on ALE. Do not give our elk to the Tribes.
	203	Do not allow hunting, but do allow fishing.
	204	Hunting should be allowed.
	205	Upland bird and waterfowl hunting should be allowed.

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	206	If possible, more areas to access for duck and goose hunting.
	207	No...hunting should be permitted.
<i>Interpretation</i>		
	208	These three areas should be interconnected by signage both in Grant county and throughout the National Monument to enhance a visitor's understanding and knowledge of the area....
	209	An interpretive center at the Monument where the surroundings reinforce the experience is desired. An interpretive center in a high density population area is unacceptable. [Provide] interpretive signage or periodic informational kiosks. An interpretiv
	210	Provide interpretives on habitat, wildlife, geology, and history along existing roads at appropriate observatory areas.
	211	An education facility would also help prevent unintentional abuse in the area.
	212	Develop a program that included education.
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<i>Invasive species</i>		
	214	Control invasive species in a way that preserves and protects native species.
	215	...an aggressive program to eradicate non-native plant species should be undertaken, with disturbed areas along roadways the first priority, but eventually including all Monument lands.
	216	Care needs to be taken in controlling invasive species so that native plants are not also damaged.
	217	Noxious weed control (especially yellow star thistle) should be a high priority.
	218	Noxious weeds need to be controlled in a responsible and environmentally friendly manner.
	219	Management efforts should be made to control and reduce non-native plants and noxious weeds. In cases where ground disturbance is unavoidable, such as during fire fighting efforts, disturbed sites should be aggressively replanted with native perennial gr
	220	Aggressive noxious weed control and at the same time, encouraging the biodiversity of native species.

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	221	There must be concerted efforts to eradicate alien and invasive species followed by the re-establishing of native species.
	222	An aggressive program to eradicate exotic and noxious weeds through out the Monument must be established.
	223	Management should include control and reduction of non-native plants and noxious weeds.
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	225	An aggressive program to eradicate exotic and noxious weeds throughout the Monument must be established.
<i>Irrigation</i>		
	226	We ask the Bureau of Reclamation complete its agreement with at least two irrigation blocks per year restarting in 2002 with Blocks 341 and 39 and the following year Blocks 252 and 37 in 2003. We would like the 89,000 acres of the Wahluke Slope finished
	227	All sources of unnatural water causing sloughing, either from within the Monument or migrating from outside of it, must be eliminated or diverted from the Bluffs.
	228	If studies determine, or have determined that agricultural irrigation has been a cause of White Bluffs sloughing, steps should be taken to control the erosion.
	229	The silt and mud and harmful chemicals seeping down from the hills from the irrigated farming now going on...is ruining the river banks with horrible erosion. Get on it right now and stop this.
	230	Work with farmers and other appropriate government agencies to come up with solution for White Bluffs landsliding.
	231	With hold comments until studies are complete.
	232	Add siltation due to irrigation return water to studies.
	233	Give this [irrigation studies] to the Bureau of Reclamation and DOE.
	234	High flows are a creature of mother nature most of the time. Regarding sloughing of the White Bluffs, this is a Federal Agency problem. The Bureau of Reclamation needs to address this issue as they are the major impact player and can fix the problem. L
	235	Sloughing of the White Bluffs is a concern if accelerated by irrigation run-off that might be (should be) controlled.
	236	River sloughing must be managed (irrigation control).
	237	The sloughing into the river must be addressed.

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	238	The problem of erosion of the White Bluffs that results from uncontrolled irrigation run-off needs to be solved.
	239	Sloughing of the White Bluffs must be stopped by diverting unnatural water drainage from the bluffs or eliminating sources of water to them.
	240	The erosion of the White Bluffs from uncontrolled irrigation runoff of the Wahluke Slopes area needs to be addressed and solved.
<i>Management</i>		
	241	Maintain an advisory board with County, adjacent PUD and adjacent Irrigation District representatives.
	242	The biological survey initiated by the The Nature Conservancy must be completed.
	243	Duck, goose and pelicans should be surveyed as well.
	244	I urge the plan to consider the following issues: wildlife, endangered species, historic values, quantification of the water rights necessary to preserve the values of the Monument, preservation of a natural landscape, eligibility for designation as a Wil
	245	Manage to prevent overuse and protect resources. Reservation system to limit the number of users.
	246	Need public restrooms, boat ramps, camping areas. No signs indicate refuge or Monument usage allowed.
	247	Adequate enforcement is needed. This is not met by current staff. Volunteer outreach programs to recruit unpaid volunteers for administrative, maintenance, enforcement and public relations is strongly suggested.
	248	Parking lots and boat ramps should be paved. More signs are needed.
	249	Open office in Grant County. Most of the publically accessible land is in Grant County. Seems that a logical place for a facility woud also be in Grant County.
	250	Continue managing as per current management. Work with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for species management.
	251	Do NOT give/lease/lend/open/sell 1 inch of this land to the State of Washington.

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	252	Create a clearing house to receive and address concerns that may be brought out due to abuse of the land.
	253	Listen to the various organization representatives that want to keep some of the area for recreation.
	254	Nature study tours (land and boat), coordination with Native Plant Societies, Audubon Society, etc. [are the most important to me and appropriate for the Monument].
	255	Put the staff in the field, not in a building where they can mingle with the public, share knowledge, provide directions, control indiscriminant uses, etc.
	256	Manage the Monument to protect the resources and allow limited public usage only to the extent that usage can be controlled.
	257	It is extremely important that access an maintenance/improvement to these sites [Vernita Bridge, White Bluffs, Wahluke PL7, Ringold] continue under Monument management.
	258	I think the land should be left alone as much as possible.
	259	Most important to remember purpose of monument - saving this unique environment for future generations.
	260	We recommend better communications (posted, printed and verbal) for better public relations.
	261	The Plan needs to focus on establishing protection of intact biotic systems. Unique, high quality habitats need to be identified and protected. A wildlife management plan needs to be established that is more than just a game reserve. Rare plants and un
	262	The fundamental responsibility of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to protect the wildlife and natural resources of the Hanford Reach National Monument. All other uses, such as outdoor recreation, should be secondary, and should be allowed only when
	263	I am opposed to any commercial development of farming in the Monument. The management plan needs to support maintenance and restoration of plant communities and wildlife.
	264	Habitat restoration should be performed where economically feasible and the payoff is measured by impact to recreational use.
	265	...all efforts must be to maximize preservation of this unique system for its plants, animals, and the sweep of landscape that is needed to guarantee its integrity... we must preserve that last free-flowing reach. The Monument plan must have a major provisio

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	266	I support the maintenance and restoration of native plant communities and native wildlife.
	267	BPA is very interested in maintaining a good working relationship with the Hanfor Monument staff and maintaining all rights we currently possess in the Monument....we believe BPA has a duty to not only aid in the interdisciplinary preparation of this EIS bu
	268	The CCP for the Monument must contain provisions that will accomplish this primary goal [of conservation of the Monument's unique and biologically diverse landscape]. All other land uses, such as outdoor recreation, should be secondary, and should be all
	269	We support the maintenance and restoration of native plant communities and native wildlife. In managing for "biodiversity," care should be taken to favor shrub-steppe obligate species, or other species that are restricted to the native habitats of the Mo
	270	...non-destructive public use should be permitted but not at the expense of the existing habitats. The area needs to be carefully mapped for its geologic, biologic, and cultural features and special areas should be identified and receive special protection
	271	Habitat areas need to be identified and protected.
	272	Please give top priority to preserving the shrub-steppe habitat. The Monument Plan must have a major provision for research and education.
<i>McGee</i>		
	273	Open the McGee Ranch/Riverlands unit along the Columbia River upstream of Vernita for fishing from shore, hunting, wildlife viewing.
	274	I support opening this area to hunting consistent with statewide seasons using the approach recommended for the Wahluke Unit.
	275	We support opening this area to hunting consistent with statewide seasons using the approach applied to the Wahluke Area.
<i>Microbiotic crust</i>		
	276	Please protect the intact biotic systems.
	277	Ground-disturbing activities should be prohibited, and disturbed sites should be aggressively replanted with native perennial grasses and shrubs, and monitored to detect incursions of non-native plants.
	278	Ground-disturbing activities should be prohibited, to reduce the potential for establishment of non-native or invasive species.

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<i>Name</i>		
	279	A name change from Hanford to Columbia Reach or Columbia Bend or Coyote Rapids or Wahluke or White Bluffs would be an improvement.
<i>Observatory</i>		
	280	I express my support for the continued access to the Rattlesnake Mountain Observatory (RMO) by local astronomy organizations and educational institutions.
	281	When title to the property is transferred to the Department of the Interior, it is critical that the DOE and the US Fish and Wildlife Service permit this access to continue.
	282	The planned education outreach and potential research use of the facility might be in jeopardy. Astronomy is being taught in our local High Schools and at CBC. Future public and student use of this million dollar facility needs to be maintained.
	283	It is my opinion we need to keep the astronomical observatory on Rattlesnake Mtn open for the public and student use.
	284	I am writing you to request your help in making sure that the Rattle Snake Mountain Observatory and its surroundings will be protected for our children's future education in science. I am asking that AASTA be given written control of this important site
<i>ORV</i>		
	285	We need access by 4WD vehicles. We absolutely need at least dirt roads for access of public. These can be along power lines, old trails and incorporated into fire breaks. At least one should be up to top of Rattlesnake Ridge.
	286	No off-road vehicles (ORVs) should be allowed within the Monument due to the excessive fire danger they present from sparks, hot exhaust systems and engines often in remote areas.
	287	Off-road vehicles must be prohibited to protect sensitive habitat.
	288	Enforcement of the ban on ORV use is very important.
	289	Restrict autos and motorized equipment to existing roads.
	290	Oppose opening up to ATV or Jeep off-road traffic.
	291	We support a prohibition on the use of off-road vehicles and personal watercraft, and restrictions on motorized access.
	292	I am adamantly opposed to off-road vehicle (ORV) use in the Monument.

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	297	No ORV's....
<i>Paragliding</i>		
	298	We want to preserve the "Silo's" site on the Saddle Mtn. Range, open the Ridge soaring East of the White Bluffs, and someday fly the top of Rattlesnake Mtn.
<i>Public health</i>		
	299	Please publish comparisons of radioactivity in the Monument with those found in Spokane, Seattle and Yakima. Also, the name "Hanford" is synonymous with "radioactivity."
	300	My comment is I do not think people should be a possible patient with any possible illness. Please at least "warn" folks if a place you speak of [is dangerous].
<i>Research</i>		
	301	Develop and maintain a program of ecological research at Hanford NM.
	302	Audubon supports the use of the Monument for scientific research, provided that every effort is made to minimize and mitigate and detrimental impacts of research, and that impacted sites are cleaned up and restored when research projects are completed.
	303	OPAS supports the use of the Monument for scientific research, provided that every effort is made to minimize and mitigate any detrimental impacts of research, and that impacted sites are cleaned up and restored when research projects are completed.
	304	Our chapter supports the use of the Monument for scientific research, provided that every effort is made to minimize and mitigate any detrimental impacts of research, and that impacted sites are cleaned up and restored when research projects are completed
<i>River</i>		

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	305	Monument managers and tribal representatives must be full participants in relicensing of upstream dams to ensure impacts to the Hanford Reach from dam operations are minimized if not eliminated.
	306	...no personal watercraft must be allowed in the Hanford Reach.
	307	This area is the last free flowing stretch of the Columbia River and needs to be protected for salmon spawning as well as fishing and hunting of the native species.
	308	[Recreational use of the river should be managed] to insure the islands and wildlife on them are not "harassed."
	309	Restrict the number of users. Restrict recreational sites (# of). Ban overnight camping on shorelines or within 200 yards of shoreline. Recreational sites near shoreline should be primitive and available by reservation/permit only. Minimize improved r
	310	Close river near Richland for winter months.
	311	Make it a water trail under existing State Parks system.
	312	...allow existing usage of river to continue. Also manage so that impacts on animal and fish spawning/nesting is minimized or eliminated. Do not discontinue recreational usage currently allowed.
	313	Maintain the free flowing Reach of the Columbia River.
	314	[Recreational use of the river] should be monitored to prevent abuse.
	315	Do allow boaters/fishermen to rest and picnic along the rivershore.
	316	River usage is appropriate below the high water mark; other land use by the public is not.
	317	At the present time, recreational use of the river doesn't need management.
	318	Can you restrict ski-doos?
	319	The free-flowing reach of the Columbia River is a priceless treasure that should not be developed or used for unnecessary recreation.
	320	[Recreational use of the river should be managed] to meet goals of habitat restoration, wildlife sanctuary and hunting, recreation opportunity.
	321	No...excessive water traffic or high horsepower motors should be permitted.

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	322	Motorized river traffic must be carefully and effectively regulated. The use of Jet Skis (PWC) must be prohibited.
<i>Roads</i>		
	323	No new roads should be built within the Hanford Reach National Monument.
	324	Increased roads would increase impact on the Monument.
	325	The roads need to be better graded and signed.
	326	Do not allow new roads to be built within the Hanford NM.
	327	I am opposed to construction of new roads in the Monument.
	328	No additional access roads.
	329	Construct no new roads.
	330	...there is no need for new road construction except in cases where rerouting actually helps restore natural conditions and improves attainment of the management objectives of the Monument.
	331	Public vehicle access should occur only along roadways currently in use. No new roads should be constructed.
	332	Obtaining and maintaining sufficient and stable access to transmission line facilities is critical to achieving the goals of providing safe, cost effective, and reliable electrical energy in the Northwest. The easements for these roads need to be maintai
	333	No...new roads should be permitted. Driving should be allowed only on certain designated roads with no off-road driving permitted.
	334	No new roads within the Monument area; remove some of the roads.
	335	There should be no need for new road construction for public access, except in cases where rerouting acutally helps the natural conditions and improves attainment of the management objectives of the Monument.
	336	Access to this area should limit public vehicles to roadways currently in use.
<i>Saddle Mountain</i>		
	337	Would like to see Saddle Mountain Lake opened to fishing, maybe with restrictions such as walk-in only and no motors.
	338	Open ponds in the Saddle Mountain unit to fishing.

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	339	Considering the ongoing nuclear cleanup activities, it is our feeling that the full extent of the "buffer" is no longer needed and portions of the Refuge should be opened to hunting/fishing using the Wahluke Unit approach.
	340	...it is our feeling that the full extent of this "buffer" is no longer needed and portions of the SMNWR should be opened to hunting/fishing using the Wahluke Area approach.
<i>Schultz-Wautoma</i>		
	341	The preferred alternative includes a new crossing of transmission lines across the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River.
<i>Studies</i>		
	342	Study ice caves on North side and investigate ice layering in mountain profile.
	343	The biological inventory of the Monument should be completed.
<i>Town sites</i>		
	344	Need something to preserve at least partially the remains of the Hanford and White Bluffs townsites and a representative portion of a farm. Also keep old farm facility East of Vernita Bridge.
	345	Access to the Hanford town site areas should be arranged with DOE.
<i>Valid existing rights</i>		
	346	The habitats of rare plant species should be protected - not damaged by utility corridors.
	347	Existing rights are always negotiable but should be honored.
	348	Partnerships with tribes is good, but they should not dominate decision-making.
	349	Native American rights must be respected. They can provide key assistance in establishing, maintaining and perpetuating the goals of the Monument.
	350	Reserve SCB irrigation rights across Monument, including maintenance, upkeep and new construction. Pay for past development costs associated with irrigation development that was put on hold because of war restorations. Do history and request historical
	351	The electrical transmission system that crosses the Monument should not be restricted from access, for maintenance and upgrades as needed.

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	352	Livestock grazing is a natural, "organic" way of reducing wildfire fuels.
	353	Honor existing treaty rights but avoid liberal interpretation. Honor existing rights but verify the extent to which those rights exist.
	354	"Existing rights" management should have the primary responsibility to protect and preserve the resource.
	355	The Native Americans, particularly the Wanapums, should be involved in the planning and even management of their historical home land.
	356	Having the right to integrate their activities into the plan needs consideration by all groups.
	357	BPA intends to continue to operate and maintain...facilities in a similar manner as they have under the existing agreements with DOE. BPA would like to consolidate the plans for management of all its existing and future rights of way on the Monument. BPA

Vernita

- 358 Force improvement to the boat launch at Vernita Bridge.
- 359 Develop Vernita Bridge area into rest/interpretive site.
- 360 Immediately improve boat launch at Vernita Bride!
- 361 Vernita ramp definitely needs to be improved.
- 362 Develop a boat launch facility in the Vernita Bridge area.
- 363 Boat launch at Vernita should be improved (the launch only, don't pave the parking lot and make fancy improvements that will lead to fees for parking/use or restrict the number of users during salmon season.)
- 364 A developed access area needs to be constructed at this site or at another site more suitable than the existing site.
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Vision

- 366 We believe the long-term vision for the Monument must be to restore the biological integrity of the Monument from its current condition so that Americans 200 years from now can experience it as it appeared 200 years ago.

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<i>Visitor center</i>		
	367	The visitor center should be coordinated with City of Richland plans for a cultural center.
	368	I support the enhancement of the Wanapum Dam Interpretive Center and the development of recreational areas at the junction of Highways 243 and 24.
	369	An education center could benefit the public who want to learn more about the Monument's habitat and history and could also benefit the environment by raising awareness of the unique and beautiful qualities of the habitats.
	370	I think that a visitor center, perhaps with short nature walks, near the edge of the Monument would be appropriate.
	371	A visitor center should be combined with the Richland cultural center, CREHST and a boat dock for tour boats.
	372	A single "point of entry" visitors center is needed. The facility should be in harmony with the landscape. Educational facilities. Meeting rooms for public. Museum including Hanford Project history and geologic, paleontological history.
	373	Simple kiosks might be nice but a visitors center starts to get expensive. I think many users are local outdoor enthusiasts that would glean a lot of info from an information board.
	374	Either Richland or the rest area at Vernita would be good locations for a visitor center.
	375	Site should be on Monument or adjacent to Monument. Not in Tri-Cities, Mattawa, etc. The tourist bureau are waiting to cash in on visitor education facilities.
	376	Wildlife/fish interpretive center - educational.
	377	Provide a visitor center with education about the nearby region and specifics about this Monument. Include how the "nuclear" history can and does affect the Monument and the region.
	378	A manned Interpretive Center located at the intersection of State Route 24 and County Road 24 would be our first choice. If this site is not workable, then one near Vernita Bridge on the Grant County side along the bluff may also work. The center could
	379	It should be near one of the boat launches. An area where there is already buildings would be best.
	380	Unnecesary if signs, interpretive display, maps, etc are provided at key locations so the public can experience the Monument.

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	381	Assure museums are not constructed within the Reach, but should be located in Richland. The facility should be developed only if there would be no budget impact for Monument protection.
	382	Put it in Richland.
	383	A Monument visitor center should be developed in an "easy access" location like Richland.
	384	Locate as close to the Monument as possible -- NOT in the City of Richland. Definite need for visitor center with satellite kiosks.
	385	[A visitor education facility should be developed that is] 1. Accessible to many; 2. Hands-on learning ability; 3. Teach basic knowledge of what is native/non-native; 4. Arid ecosystem understanding; 5. When it's gone, it's gone; 6. Nearby access but with
	386	[A visitor center should include] 1. View or access to views of geologic and historic points of interest; 2. Minimal damage to Monument of adding access roads/buildings; 3. Overnight camping facilities in nearby areas or towns.
	387	A visitor center with educational displays and selected trails should be established for hikers, wildlife observers, and photographers.

Volunteers

- 388 Work under an organized volunteer program.
- 389 Note that many parks/monuments utilize local volunteers to help with information, etc.
- 390 Arrange for different user groups to provide assistance in parking area clean-up.

Wahluke unit

- 391 I support the wildlife management approach used by the [Washington] Department of Fish and Wildlife from 1972-1999 on this Unit formerly known as the Wahluke Slope Wildlife Area.
- 392 We support the wildlife management approach used by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife from 1972 to 1999 on this area formerly known as the Wahluke Slope Wildlife Area.
- 393 Maybe more access to roads in Wahluke Area.

Water flows

- 394 Stabilize water flow and eliminate significant flow fluctuations.

Wetlands

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	395	Possibly flood fields in Ringold for duck habitat.
<i>White Bluffs</i>		
	396	Additional parking area should be provided. The access road from state Hwy 243 should be improved.
	397	If these are naturally occurring, and do not pose hazard to human safety, we should leave as is.
<i>White Bluffs overlook</i>		
	398	Pick a vantage point in Saddle Mtn. Unit overlooking river and White Bluffs for viewing and interpretive use.
	399	I would encourage the development of an overlook on the north side of Highwa 24 at a location that would offer a panoramic view and interpretation....
	400	I would not welcome any new restrictions to the primitive road that exists SR24 at T14N, R27E, S3 for entry into the Wahluke Slope Wildlife Area and extends down 8 miles to an overlook of the Hanford Reservation at T13N, R27E, S11.
<i>Wildlife</i>		
	401	Resoration of native wildlife should include reintroductions, if possible, of pygmy rabbit, Greater Sage Grouse, and Sharp-tailed Grouse.
	402	There could be an opportunity to cost share projects for wildlife protection or enhancement if they are tied to credits received through the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program.
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