



September 28, 2011

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 the Spokane River Trailer Park Wave Assessment
As Required by Article 417 of the Commission's June 18, 2009 Order**

Dear Secretary Bose:

On June 18, 2009 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a new License for the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project (Project), FERC Project No. 2545. Article 417 of the License required a recreation plan for enhancements at the Post Falls Hydroelectric Development (HED) to be submitted within one year of License issuance. Avista submitted the Recreation Plan for FERC approval on May 25, 2010. The Article also required Avista to file a report assessing the feasibility of developing a public access site at the Trailer Park Wave, located just downstream of the Post Falls HED, and a provision for whitewater boating flow releases at the wave.

Avista filed the Spokane River Project Trailer Park Wave Assessment Report (Report) on November 23, 2010. The report addresses the feasibility of the an access site and whitewater flow releases and was developed in consultation with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, and Kootenai County Parks and Waterways (Agencies). Although not required by the License, Avista also sought input from the Spokane Canoe and Kayak Club, based on their previous involvement and experience at the site.

On February 22, 2011, Avista met with the three Agencies to discuss the possibility of acquiring a parcel located on the north shore of the Spokane River for the Trailer Park Wave Access. The Agencies agreed that Avista should pursue the acquisition. Since that time, Avista has been in contact with the property owner and is confident that an agreement can be reached for acquisition. Therefore, Avista has revised the Report to include specific information on the feasibility of this access site. The consultation record with the Agencies is included in Appendix B of the Report.

Avista is submitting the enclosed supplemental Report to FERC for approval, and upon approval will begin implementation as appropriate. Please feel free to contact Rene' Wiley of our office if you have any questions or wish to discuss the Report. She can be reached at (509) 495-2919.

Sincerely,

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SUPPLEMENTAL **TRAILER PARK WAVE ASSESSMENT** **REPORT**

ARTICLE 417

Spokane River Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 2545

Prepared by:
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Introduction

Purpose

This Trailer Park Wave Assessment Report (Report) provides information related to planned whitewater boating enhancements at the Post Falls Hydroelectric Development (HED), which is part of 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.

Article 417 of the FERC license (*included as Appendix A in this Report*), issued to Avista on June 18, 2009 required a plan for recreation enhancements at the Post Falls HED. Avista filed the Recreation Plan with FERC on May 25, 2010.

Article 417 also required that Avista report to FERC, within six months after filing the Recreation Plan, the results of a feasibility assessment for developing a public access site for whitewater kayaking at the “Trailer Park Wave”, located immediately downstream from the Post Falls HED. As part of the assessment, alternative access sites were to be identified and examined. Required access site amenities were to include parking, a carry-in-only boat launch, a toilet, and signage if the site were developed.

This Report provides the results of the assessment, which was conducted in consultation with Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and Kootenai County Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterways (Agencies). Also per Article 417, the Report addresses flow releases for whitewater boating at Trailer Park Wave.

Background

The Trailer Park Wave (Wave) refers to a whitewater play feature near the south shore of the Spokane River below the Post Falls HED (Figure 1). The Wave provides popular Class II (novice) whitewater boating opportunities when river flow is between 3,300 cubic feet per second (cfs) and 5,500 cfs.

Within the FERC Project boundary, the public recreation site nearest the Wave is Falls Park, which is located on the north shoreline adjacent to the North Channel Dam. To access the Wave from Falls Park, kayakers must carry their boats approximately one-quarter-mile from the parking area to the North Channel bypass reach, and then paddle downstream about one-half-mile to the Wave. Accessing the Wave from Falls Park is problematic because of the relatively long carry and the steep, rocky terrain along the bypass reach, which makes launching very difficult and unsafe.

Currently, most kayakers access the Wave from downstream public recreation sites, which requires significant hiking with boats and gear along the south shoreline. Because of the lack of Project-related access to the Wave, Article 417 required that Avista examine access alternatives. Ultimately, it is expected that Avista will provide a formal carry-in-only boat access site in the vicinity of the Wave, modify the Project boundary to include the access site, and arrange for the continued operation and maintenance (O&M) of the access site.



Figure 1. Area Map

Avista, working in collaboration with the local canoe and kayak club and others involved in the recreation and whitewater studies during Project relicensing, and in consultation with the Agencies, began identifying and assessing potential Wave access sites soon after the Project license was issued. Evaluation criteria included the site's proximity to the Wave, the site's ability to provide a carry-in-only boat launch, adequate vehicular access and parking, and a toilet. Also, because most lands near the Wave are privately owned, most site alternatives would require property owners to sell land or easements for public access. To date, four properties were identified and assessed for the access site.

Site Assessments

Trend Property

The Trend Property (*Figure 2*) is currently the most feasible location for the Wave access site. Avista approached the private property owner in early 2011 and is currently pursuing acquisition of the parcel. The property is located on the north shore of the river and is immediately adjacent to the Wave. Securing public access to the site would require purchasing two acres with approximately 280 feet of shoreline. The purchase is contingent upon the seller obtaining parcel delineation approval from the county, securing direct legal public access to the site from the county road, the removal of the "first right of refusal" held by a third party, and the resolution of illegal access and trespass issues with the owner of the adjacent property. The purchase price of the property is \$280,000. Avista and the Agencies agree that the Trend property provides the most reasonable access to the Wave and should be pursued for acquisition.



Figure 2. Treend Property

Thompson/Lost Mine LLC Property

The Thompson/Lost Mine LLC property (Thompson Property) (*Figure 3*) is one of the two preferred locations for the access site. The shoreline of the property is located on the south side of the river and is contiguous to the Wave. The Thompson property is presently privately owned, and the owner is planning a limited housing development. Discussions with the property owner and his developer have been positive and the developer has agreed to consider the idea of partnering to develop a community access site. However, development of the property is currently on hold, pending permit applications and an emergency egress alternative. The developer has also indicated that enthusiasm for the housing project is dwindling given the current economic situation.



Figure 3. Thompson Property

The Thompson property is very well-suited to providing whitewater boating access to the Wave. Securing public access at the site would require purchasing a portion of the property and/or easements, perhaps in partnership with future private land development.

The assessed value of the entire property was about \$2 million in 2010 according to the landowner. Though the property's location is favourable, the purchase cost, the fact that a two mile long access road would have to be constructed from the highway, and the lack of certainty associated with the owners/developer plans leads Avista to believe it is not the most preferred option for the access site.

McGuire Park

Presently, the most convenient and frequently used legal access to the Wave is from McGuire Park (*Figure 4*), which is the first public access point on the river below Post Falls HED. McGuire Park is located on the north side of the river about one-half mile downstream of the Wave. To access the Wave, kayakers paddle across the river and portage up the shoreline on private property. The park is owned and operated by Kootenai County Parks and Waterways, and has picnic tables and a small parking area. The park does not have a formal carry-in-only boat launch, but boaters can easily launch a kayak or raft by hand due to the gently sloping shoreline.

Whitewater boaters expressed concern over access at McGuire Park due to the inability to view the rapid from the site to determine flows and safety considerations. Posting flow information on the Internet and telephone (discussed later) has helped alleviate that issue. Boaters were also concerned about the park's limited vehicle parking. Expanding the parking area, which holds up to eight vehicles, is unlikely because the park is a very narrow strip of land confined with homes on either side.



Figure 4. McGuire Park

Corbin Park

Corbin Park (*Figure 5*) is located on the north side of the river downstream of McGuire Park. This location requires a 1.3 mile paddle and/or hike to access the Wave. Corbin Park is owned and operated by the Post Falls Parks and Recreation Department. It is a 28 acre site that offers water access for rafting or fishing, picnicking, sports fields and courts, and restrooms. Avista and the Agencies agree that this site is too far downriver to be considered a feasible Wave access location.



Figure 5. Corbin Park

Findings and Recommendations

Wave Access Site

Avista and the Agencies concur that the best alternative of the properties that have been assessed for the Wave access site is the Treend property. Copies of the Agencies' concurrence is included in Appendix B. This is based on the potential cost and number of significant complicating factors and uncertainties with the Thompson Property, the downstream location of the McGuire Park and the inability to expand it due to its location between homes, and the location of Corbin Park, which is simply too far downstream from the Wave to be a functional access site for the Wave.

If negotiations with the landowner are unsuccessful, the next best options are the Thompson Property and other properties located on the north shore, as they become available. If negotiations with the Treend and/or Thompson property landowners are unsuccessful, and an alternate site on the north side of the river is not secured within five years following FERC's approval of this Report, Avista will consult with the Agencies in regard to improving McGuire Park, recognizing though that the site is limited in size and by its downstream location.

Updates regarding the progress of the Wave access site selection will be provided during the Project's annual Recreation Work Group meetings, held every spring. The Agencies are members of the Work Group.

Avista will provide a report to FERC by December 2013 on the status of the Wave access site. In the event Avista is successful in acquiring the property prior to that, Avista will prepare site plans in consultation with the Agencies and submit the plans to FERC for approval. Following FERC approval Avista will begin site construction.

After the Wave access site is established, Avista will pursue a long-term agreement with one of the Agencies to manage it. The agreement will include provisions for operation and maintenance of the site, recognizing though, that Avista will ultimately be responsible for the site's annual operation and maintenance.

After a Wave access site is established, Avista will modify the Project boundary to include the site and file revised Exhibit G drawings with FERC.

Whitewater Flow Releases

Avista releases flows ranging from 3,300 cfs to 5,500 cfs from the Post Falls HED, which provide desirable whitewater boating opportunities at the Wave, about 50 days per year on average. These flows typically occur during early to mid-fall and when spring runoff is tapering off. Because whitewater flow releases depend on precipitation, snowpack, temperature and other variables, their timing cannot be scheduled. Their timing can, however, be predicted based on assessments of environmental conditions.

To provide current flow information to whitewater boaters, Avista will continue to provide an Internet link to USGS Gage#12419000 (Spokane River near Post Falls ID) on its website. The gage provides real-time flow information for the Spokane River approximately one-mile downstream of the Post Falls HED.

To provide predicted flow information for Trailer Park Wave, Avista will post on a recorded telephone message and on its website a seven-day flow forecast for the Spokane River downstream of the Post Falls HED.

Appendix A: FERC License Article 417 Requiring Recreation Plan

Article 417 is included in the FERC license for the Spokane River Project (Project No. 2545), issued June 18, 2009.

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.

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

Trailer Park Wave Access Site Assessment

Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall, after consultation with Idaho DPR, Idaho Fish and Game, and Kootenai County Parks and Waterways, conduct an assessment at the proposed Trailer Park Wave Access Site, located immediately downstream from Post Falls dam, to determine the feasibility of developing the site for public access; and, if the site is not feasible, identify an alternative boat access site. Amenities at the site shall include parking, a carry-in-only boat launch, a toilet, and signage.

Within 6 months after completion of the assessment, the licensee shall, after consultation with the above entities, file a report for Commission approval that shall include, but not be limited to, a discussion of the results of the assessment, documentation of consultation, copies of recommendations on the completed report after it has been prepared and provided to the entities, and specific descriptions of how the entities' comments are accommodated by the report. If the assessment indicates that the Trailer Park Wave Access Site shall be developed as a project facility, the report shall include a discussion of proposed measures, estimated operation and maintenance costs, and a provision to modify the Post Falls development boundary accordingly. The licensee shall allow a minimum of 30 days for the entities to comment and to make recommendations prior to filing the report 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 report also shall contain a provision for scheduled flow releases to provide whitewater boating at the Trailer Park Wave Access Site. To the extent that the flow releases shall not cause the licensee to violate Condition No. I (Lake Levels and Discharge Flows) of the Idaho water quality certification, the licensee shall release flows for whitewater boating ranging from a minimum flow of 3,300 cubic feet per second (cfs) to a maximum flow of 5,500 cfs from Post Falls dam into the Spokane River. The flow releases and schedule (dates and times) of flow releases, once approved by the Commission, shall be made available to the public via telephone or internet access.

The Commission reserves the right to require changes to the report. The report shall not be implemented until the licensee is notified that the report is approved. Upon Commission approval, the licensee shall implement the report, including any changes required by the Commission.

Revised Exhibit G Drawings

The licensee shall include a provision in the plan for filing revised Exhibit G drawings showing the recreation facilities at Q'emiln Park and the Trailer Park Wave Access Site enclosed within the project boundary.

Operation and Maintenance of Project Recreation Facilities

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

Appendix B: Consultation

The following are comments from the Agencies regarding a draft of this Report, which was circulated for their review. Also included are comments about Wave access from the whitewater paddling club, and Wave access meeting summaries.

Meeting Summaries with Agencies

March 19, 2010

October 06, 2010

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai County Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterways

Canoe/Kayak Club

Additional Consultation September 2011

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai County Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterways

Summary of meeting regarding Trailer Park Wave access via Thompson property

Date: March 19, 2010
Location: Post Falls
Attendees: Dave Fair, City of Post Falls Department of Parks and Recreation
Gary Young, Consultant - E2 Planning and Design, LLC
City of Post Falls Fire Marshall
Jim Thompson, property owner
Andy Halloran, interested party, developer
Speed Fitzhugh, Avista
Rene' Wiley, Avista

Meeting started at 10:30 a.m.

Gary Young welcomed the group and explained the layout of the proposed development of the Thompson Property; 148 lots with 174 units. The meeting was initiated to see if we could work through the challenge of securing an emergency egress for the development of the Project while meeting the needs of interested parties, such as Avista's desire for access to the play wave. Dave Fair brought up the difficulty in obtaining the permits for septic with the new restrictions. Gary Young was confident that they could comply with regulations.

Speed Fitzhugh updated the group on the license issuance and the Project boundaries and the benefits of working together. Speed explained that the current method of accessing the wave was to put in at McGuire Park, paddle across the river to the Thompson Property and walk up the shoreline to the wave. In Idaho the public owns to the high water mark. The group discussed the benefits of planning a park and play location within the proposed development instead of kayakers walking along the shoreline in front of the new homes (if developed). The group shared opinions and discussed the possible location of the proposed parking area for users. Jim Thompson (property owner) stated that without the emergency egress the development is stalled, and they could not make any commitments at this time, but would consider the idea.

The group discussed options for obtaining an egress, road requirements, gates, public access and current uses of the Thompson Property. Gary Young proposed a route for an egress through Gene Reid's property. Gene Reid stated that he has spent many years beautifying his home and being a good steward of his property, and is not excited about allowing an emergency access easement through his property.

Andy Halloran and Jim Thompson offered to meet separately with Gene Reid in further discussions. It was agreed that Gary Young would keep the group informed on the progress of the Thompson Property.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Summary of meeting with Agencies regarding Trailer Park Wave access site

Date: October 6, 2010
Location: Post Falls
Attendees: David White, North Region Manager, Idaho Parks and Recreation
Nick Snyder, Kootenai County Parks and Waterways
Bryan Helmich, Regional Wildlife Habitat Manager, Idaho Fish and Game
Rene' Wiley, Avista

Meeting started at 11:00 a.m.

Rene' welcomed the group and summarized options of the Trailer Park Wave access. Discussions centered on the alternate locations for the access site if negotiations for the Thompson Property are unsuccessful, and the timelines associated with the initiation of development of a site. It was agreed that five years is a sufficient and reasonable time to work with the Thompson's or locate an alternate location for recreational access to the site.

A short discussion followed on the facilities required for new development, and which facilities would be allowed at McGuire Park. Nick Snyder and David White agreed that a CXT type toilet would not be feasible at McGuire Park due to the adjacent homeowners. Nick suggested a more pleasing version of porta-potty like those currently located in downtown Coeur d'Alene. The group discussed parking issues and road surfaces, as well as hours of operation. Nick Snyder stated that his department would be interested in operating the new site.

The meeting concluded in agreement that Avista will continue to pursue access to the Thompson Property and property in the near vicinity (as it becomes available or is identified) that will accommodate an access site within an easy walking distance of the play wave, for a five-year period. If at that time no progress has been made towards securing an access site, McGuire Park would be improved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.



October 14, 2010

David White
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North Region Manager
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**RE: Avista Corporation's, Spokane River Project (FERC Project No. 2545),
Trailer Park Wave Assessment**

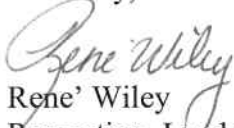
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With this, we would appreciate your expedited review of the enclosed assessment to enable us to meet our November 25, 2010 deadline for submittal to FERC. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (509) 495-2919.

Sincerely,


Rene' Wiley

Recreation, Land Use and Cultural Resource Specialist

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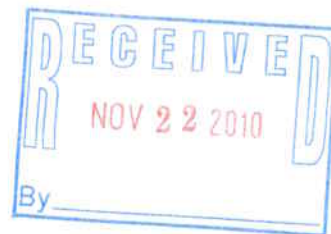
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Dear Ms. Wiley,

I have reviewed the Draft Trailer Park Wave Assessment Report for the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2545 that was completed after consultation with the Idaho Department of Parks (IDPR) and Recreation, Kootenai County Parks and Waterways, and Idaho Department of Fish and Game. IDPR agrees with the assessments and findings and recommendations as presented.

IDPR looks forward to working with AVISTA and the other partners in improving access to this recreational opportunity.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Cc: David Ricks, IDPR Deputy Director

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Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 4:54 PM
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Rene,

The Department supports the Trailer Park Wave proposal as written.

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David White, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

From: Nick Snyder [mailto:nsnyder@kcgov.us]
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2010 12:13 PM
To: Wiley, Rene
Subject: Wave /Trailer Park Proposal

Rene':

I've reviewed the proposal and it looks good as written.

Thanks,

Nick Snyder

Director, Kootenai County Parks Waterways and Noxious Weeds
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Email from Canoe/Kayak Club

Subject: FW: Trailer park wave e-mail

-----Original Message-----

From: John Patrouch [mailto:canoe199@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 12:12 PM
To: Fitzhugh, Speed (Elvin)
Cc: rockjumper525@yahoo.com
Subject: Trailer park wave

Good Morning Speed,
Steve took an informal poll of the whitewater paddlers, mostly the playboaters that use trailer park. The consensus was that access to TP was important to them and they were willing to wait in the 3 to 5 year period that we discussed for the development to occur.

A question was raised about the location on the north bank where the fire pits are located. Apparently there are some markings on tree that indicated that area was at one time federal, maybe forest service. I recall discussing this with you awhile back, but don't recall the history of the site.

They did discuss the following options, Corbin Park, Mcquire Road and Sullivan Hole. For this user group, Corbin Park appeared to be satisfactory as is, at Mcquire Road, parking is an issue and a suggestion to widen the public road to provide additional parking was made. Mcquire is considered a short term access for TP until better access is achieved so improvements are not a high priority. At Sullivan Hole, there is a concern that the property owner that owns both sides of the current Mission Road access may try to eliminate it and there have been discussions about re-opening up the north bank access which is owned by State Parks. I don't see a lot of movement on this unless Central Premix provides access through their property which for the time being is unlikely.

So once again, the consensus is to keep the Trailer Park access funds directed towards Trailer park for the next few years if possible. It sounds like a win-win situation for the property owner and river users by providing access directly below Post Falls dam.

John Patrouch

Email from Avista to Agencies

From: Wiley, Rene
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2011 3:20 PM
To: 'David White'; 'Nick Snyder'; Corsi, Charles
Subject: Trailer Park Wave - property acquisition

Hello,

As most of you are aware, Avista filed The Trailer Park Wave Assessment Report on November 23, 2010, as required by Article 417 of the License for the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2545. The report provided the results of our assessment on the feasibility of providing public access to the Trailer Park Wave located just downstream of the Post Falls Hydroelectric Development (HED). The assessment was developed in consultation with all of you; Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Kootenai County Parks and Waterways (Agencies). Avista and the Agencies recommended continuing to pursue an access site on the Thompson Property and other property in the immediate vicinity, including parcels on the river's north shore.

During the annual Recreation Work Group meeting on February 22, 2011, I updated the group on the possibility of acquiring a parcel located on the north shore of the river owned by Daniel Treend. Since that time, Avista has been working closely with Mr. Treend to identify access options. Discussions with the property owner have been positive, but securing public access at this site requires Avista to purchase a portion of the property.

Before I move forward with formal negotiations with the property owner, I request your review and concurrence on the acquisition of the property for river access to the play wave. The attached pdf map will give you an overview of the property in relation to the river and the preliminary location of the parking area and trail to the river. The proposed acquisition is roughly 2 acres in size with about 280 feet of river frontage (highlighted in bright green in the pdf). It is a beautiful piece of property located directly across the river from the play wave, giving boaters a nice access. The purchase would be contingent on parcel delineation approval and securing the parcel piece next to the roadway to ensure public access.

The property owner would like to see something in writing by September, so if you could expedite your review I would greatly appreciate it. Please give me a call if you have any questions or concerns.



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Treend parcel
map.pdf

Thank you.
Rene'

*Rene' Wiley
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1 inch = 50 feet



Trailer Park Wave Potential Access

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- 02/26/01 - SLW
- P-0000-004-0950 out of 0900 (now P-5250-008-001-A) (02)
- 09/19/01 - VMC
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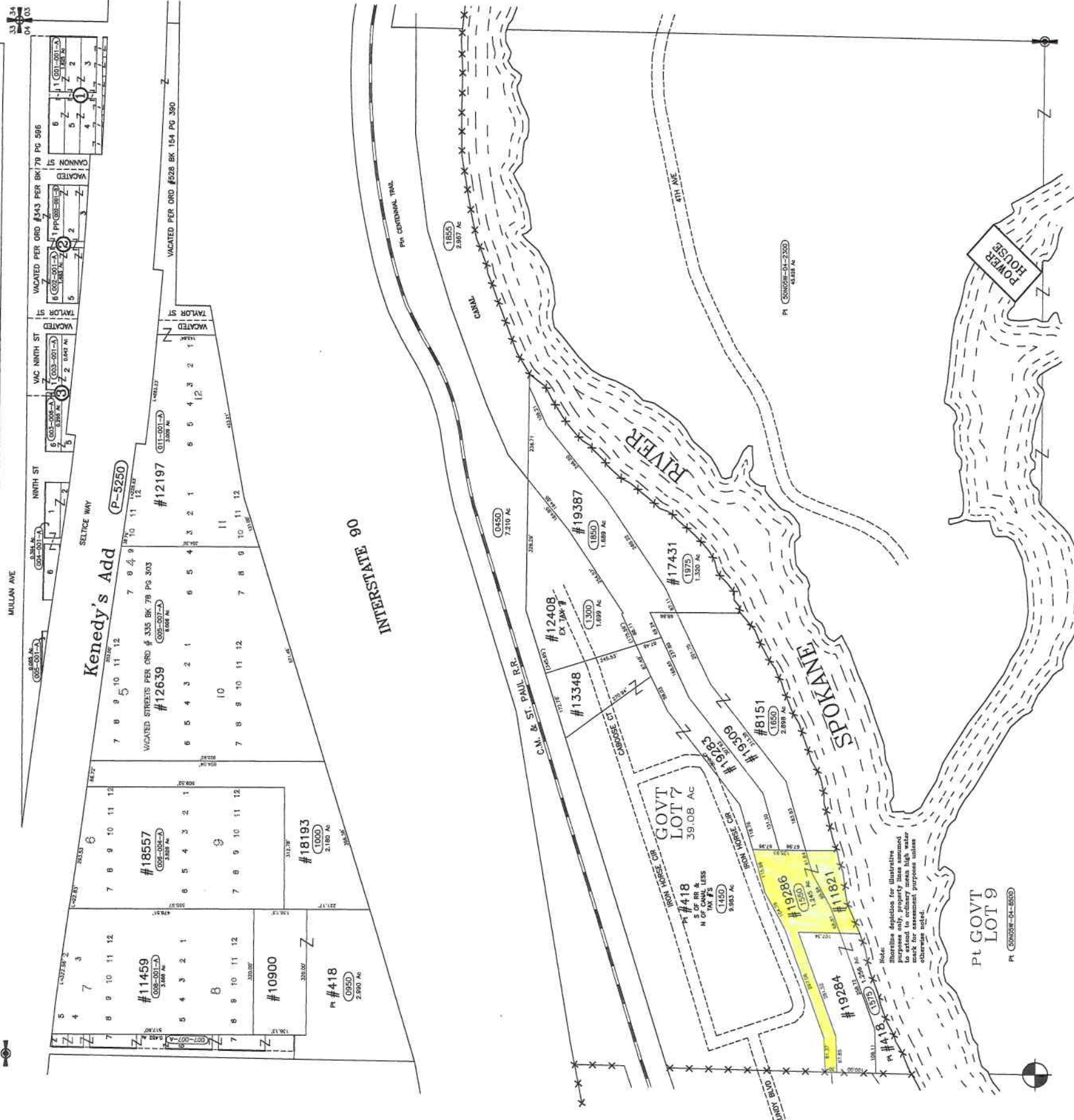
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September 28, 2011

Ms. Rene Wiley
Recreation, Land Use, and Cultural Specialist
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1411 East Mission Avenue
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Dear Ms. Wiley,

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation reviewed the proposal to acquire property located on the north of the Spokane River from Daniel Treend to provide public recreation access. The Department supports the location of the project and AVISTA's decision to move forward with pursuing the property through negotiations with the landowner.

This property will provide additional river access. If it is purchased, improvements need to ensure that that access is available for all users including rafters enabling them to carry a full size raft to the river.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

David E. White
North Region Manager



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August 29, 2011

Ms. Rene Wiley
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Dear Ms. Wiley:

REFERENCE: AVISTA CORPS SPOKANE RIVER PROJECT – TRAILER
WAVE PARK

We have reviewed the proposal to acquire the property located on the north shore of the river from Daniel Treend to provide public recreational access to the Spokane River. Idaho Fish and Game supports the location of the project site and Avista's decision to move forward with formal negotiations with the landowner to acquire the property.

The Treend parcel is a good site and will provide access for all river recreationists including fisherman. If the parcel is obtained and improved we would like to see the trail leading to the river be designed to accommodate not only kayak users but wide enough so rafters could carry a full size raft to the river.

Idaho Fish and Game looks forward to working with Avista and other partners on the Trailer Wave Park and other public recreational opportunities.

If you need anything else please feel free to contact me or JJ Teare anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chip Corsi".

Chip Corsi
Regional Supervisor

CEC:JJT:njk

Keeping Idaho's Wildlife Heritage

Email from Kootenai County Parks and Waterways and Noxious Weeds

From: Nick Snyder [<mailto:nsnyder@kcgov.us>]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2011 12:05 PM
To: Wiley, Rene
Subject: RE: Trailer Park Wave - property acquisition

Rene':

Makes sense to me and it's a great opportunity for the public. Let me know how your negotiations go.

Thanks,

Nick Snyder

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