

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Ridgefield River S Unit Access Project Project Questionnaire

Respondent Information:

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

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Background

In 2009 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) published their Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge. The CCP included a Transportation Access Study completed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); that study was a preliminary review of alternatives for access improvements to the River S Unit. The USFWS selected a new access to the River S Unit in their final CCP, meaning a new access point for River S was desired. However, a specific location for this access was not selected in the CCP.

The USFWS has now requested FHWA's, Western Federal Lands Division office in Vancouver, WA to lead the River S Unit Access Project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). By building upon past planning efforts, the FHWA will produce an in-depth transportation analysis to assess the current access location and identify specific alternative locations to the River S Unit. With this new effort, FHWA is planning on engaging in a public scoping process under NEPA to develop the purpose and need and a full range of alternatives to address access related problems to the River S unit.

Why We Need Your Input

The FHWA is seeking your input in this process. As this project gets underway it is important that we establish a conversation with people interested in this project. By completing this questionnaire, you will be helping the project team identify and understand your interests, issues, and concerns regarding current conditions and the proposed new access location for the River S Unit. Our intention is to use your input to help define and locate access options that best meet the needs of the community, the stakeholders, and meets the goals and objectives of the Refuge's Comprehensive Plan.

1. Do you access the River S Unit, or visit the Refuge?

2. What is your interest in the access to the River S Unit Refuge entrance?

3. Do you have any concerns with the current access to the Refuge's River S Unit? If yes, please describe your concerns.

4. Do you have ideas for improvement? If yes, please describe your ideas.

5. Do you feel the entrance should move from its current location? If so, why? If not, why?
 - a. Where do you think an appropriate location is for a new entrance?

6. Are you concerned about any particular environmental impacts, or impacts to residents and businesses in the area from a new access? If yes, please describe your concerns.

7. What potential development impacts do you see associated with a new refuge access?

8. What is the best way to keep you informed? Email? U.S. Mail? Phone?

9. Do you plan to attend public meetings?

10. What is your preference for days and times of public meetings?

11. Any other comments?