



**BENTON COUNTY**  
Parks Department

**STAFF REPORT TO  
BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 2023**

**FINANCIALS**

<b>Park Development Fund Cash Balance:</b>	\$ 931,662.22 (Jan 17 2023)
<b>2023 Revenue from Camping &amp; Donations:</b>	\$ 0.00 (Feb 14 2023)

**GENERAL NEWS**

**Park Board Vacancy:** We have received a second application.

**BADGER MOUNTAIN CENTENNIAL PRESERVE**

**Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve – Wayfinding:** Our group (I'm working with a Friends of Badger Mountain committee) has a first-edition concept almost ready to go.

**CANDY MOUNTAIN PRESERVE**

**Candy Mountain Preserve – PR 669 Paving:** Please see Robert Blain's memo for more detail. We will bid this project in March to pave when the batch plants open in April.

**HORN RAPIDS PARK**

Unfortunately, we had vandalism at the Day Use Restroom. Someone decided to beat the crap out of the door on one of the restrooms. The sink in that restroom was already smashed up. The perpetrator didn't do anything more, just the door. It's not really that easy to fix and we'll need to hire this one out... We are planning our weed treatments for the year, both our in-house work and a contract with the Noxious Weed Control Board... The camping situation looks good. We already have many weekends booked-up with many of our "regulars" returning in 2023.

## **RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN SHOOTING FACILITY**

**Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility – Law Enforcement Training Center:** This includes the range (mostly complete) and the new building (still in design). See Robert Blain’s summary for more detail. We will plan a dedication event for later in the year when the weather is better.

**Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility – New Concessionaire Agreement:** Still waiting on the State Fish & Wildlife Commission for a cue on this.

## **TWO RIVERS PARK**

I have not completed my “Part I” of the *Annual Management Plan* yet, but will try to do so next week (I submit this each year to the Corps). I have also suggested to the Corps that we try to schedule our annual Compliance Inspection, which is usually in May.

**Two Rivers Park – Restroom:** Checking with the Corps to see where they are with our final permit. It is the last thing we are waiting for.

**Two Rivers Park – Boardwalk:** In addition to Robert Blain’s update, let me add the following:

- A test hole was dug near where the boardwalk will begin in order to examine the substrata.
- I am working with Fairgrounds and Parks staff to set-up a day where we can get maximum manpower on site in early March – including a Corrections Work Crew – to clear the area for access and construction.
- A design kick-off meeting will be scheduled for early March. At this point we will be looking at materials and design, and begin the process of setting the final alignment.
- A sign will be placed in the next couple of weeks explaining the work that will commence, and we will set-up a dedicated page on the website for this project.

## **OTHER COUNTY PARKS**

**Horse Heaven Cemetery:** Nothing new to report.

**Horse Heaven Vista:** Nothing new to report.

**Hover Park:** Mr. Blain’s summary is a little out of date on this one. We have provided some supplemental funding to the Corps in order to expedite review of the parking lot project. I have requested an estimated schedule from the Corps. In the next few months, the Park Board will probably need to discuss this project further, looking at different options for the parking lot location, size, configuration, and supplemental roads. The Parks Plan will be general in its discussion of this, as we will need to sort the details on this among our needs, budgets, and the Corps... Along these lines, our subcommittee continues to work with the Airsoft group. This is going well, and the prospect of bringing an activity and user group like this to Hover is exciting. What the Board is going to need to reconcile is vehicular access (see above). Airsoft wants to be able to get close to the activity site.

**Vista Park:** Nothing new to report.

**Wallula Gap Preserve:** Nothing new to report.