



**BENTON COUNTY**  
Parks Department

**STAFF REPORT TO  
BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD**

**DECEMBER 2023**

**FINANCIALS**

<b>Park Development Fund Cash Balance:</b>	\$ 800,962.99 (Dec 08 2023)
<b>2023 Revenue from Camping &amp; Donations:</b>	\$ 33,366.00 (Nov 07 2023)

**GENERAL NEWS**

**Park Board Vacancies:** Frank Cooper and Ismael Mendoza have been recommended for appointment to the Board. Commissioners have this action before them on the morning of December 12.

**Conservation Easements:** Community Development Director Greg Wendt and I have been working on some early drafts of a conservation easement for the Badger Preserve property. I have discussed this with Friends of Badger Mountain who are supportive and wanting to learn more. Our legal counsel is taking this material and developing a draft easement for all of us to look at and review.

**BADGER MOUNTAIN CENTENNIAL PRESERVE**

**Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve – Defibrillators:** The cabinet for the AED has arrived. We will be visiting the site on the summit with Sierra Electric on December 14 so that they can begin the installation. Benton County Fire District 1 is donating the AED unit to the County. Meanwhile, City of Richland has installed their cabinet on the restroom building at Trailhead Park. Joshua Smith (Richland Fire Department) and I spent a few minutes on KONA radio on December 6 to discuss this topic.

**CANDY MOUNTAIN PRESERVE**

Nothing new to report.

## **HORN RAPIDS PARK**

**Horn Rapids Park – 2024 Camping:** Interest in 2024 full weekend rentals is in full-swing. We have four weekends reserved, including a new group we haven't seen before.

## **RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN SHOOTING FACILITY**

**Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility – Law Enforcement Training Area:** The new building will be completed in January.

## **TWO RIVERS PARK**

**Two Rivers Park – Boardwalk:** The updating of our permits is going smoothly and we are hoping to all of this wrapped-up by the second week of January, with bidding of the project to begin thereafter.

## **OTHER COUNTY PARKS**

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

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

**Hover Park:** We are proceeding with final drawings for the smaller-scaled lot.

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

**Wallula Gap Preserve:** Henderson & Associates is doing the appraisal on the Ayers Road property, and Environmental Compliance Associates is handling the level-one environmental site assessment.

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