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To: Clallam County Park Board
From: Shooting Range Siting Committee
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Subj: Sites Review and Recommendations

SALT CREEK

Land Owner: State Forest Board – Managed by DNR

Location: Pts Sec. 28, T31N R8W

Access: PA-J-5000 Forest Road, one lane, gravel, 1.3 miles

Distance from Port Angeles: 14 miles

Distance from Residential Development: 0.8 mile

Site Description: Gently rolling topography forested with +/-10 year old Douglas Fir. The proposed shooting corridor is bisected by a low gradient unnamed tributary to Salt Creek. This stream is probably a fish-bearing stream and is bordered on both sides by a riparian zone comprised of second growth conifer and hardwood.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The rolling topography and bisecting stream would result in moderate to high development costs. The PA-J-5000 would require betterment and continued maintenance to provide for safe public access. Power, water and sewer are not currently on site. The following development is located within the noted proximity to the firing line: Crescent Beach RV Park 1.1 mi., private residential 0.8 mi., Salt Creek Recreation Area 1.3 mi., private residential – Dempsey, Miller, and Bishop Roads 1.2 mi., and the community of Joyce 1.2 mi.

Noise disturbance is anticipated to preclude public acceptance of this site. This circumstance has led the Committee to not recommend this site.

WHISKEY CREEK

Land Owner: State Forest Board – Managed by DNR

Location: Pts Sec. 30, T31N R8W

Access: PA-J-5500 Forest Road, one lane, gravel, 1.0 mile

Distance from Port Angeles: 18 miles

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Distance from Residential Development: 0.6 mile

Site Description: Gently rolling topography forested with +/-15 year old Douglas Fir.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The rolling topography would result in moderate development costs. The PA-J-5500 would require betterment and continued maintenance to provide for safe public access. Power, water and sewer are not currently on site. The following development is located within the noted proximity to the firing line: Crescent Beach RV Park 1.2 mi., community of Joyce 0.8 mi., Crescent School 0.8 mi., substantial private residential – Hwy. 112 and Crescent Beach Road 0.6 – 0.8 mi.

Noise disturbance is anticipated to preclude public acceptance of this site. This circumstance has led the Committee to not recommend this site.

MURDOCK CREEK

Land Owner: State Forest Board – Managed by DNR

Location: Pts Sec. 29 & 30, T31N R9W

Access: PA-J-2500 Forest Road, one lane, gravel, 0.5 mile

Distance from Port Angeles: 23 miles

Distance from Residential Development: 0.4 mile

Site Description: Gently rolling topography located immediately above steep unstable slopes. The steep slopes consist of clay soils and exhibit recent landslide activity. The site is forested with +/-20 year old Douglas Fir and Sitka Spruce.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The rolling topography and saturated clay soils would result in moderate to high development costs. The PA-J-2500 would require betterment and continued maintenance to provide for safe public access. This segment of the PA-J-2500 exhibits steep grades and tight curves that restrict driver visibility. Power, water and sewer are not currently on site. Significant residential development exists within 0.4 - 0.8 mile of the firing line.

Noise disturbance is anticipated to preclude public acceptance of this site. This circumstance has led the Committee to not recommend this site.

SUSIE CREEK

Land Owner: State Forest Board – Managed by DNR

Location: Pts Sec. 32, T31N R9W

Access: PA-S-1000 Forest Road, one lane, gravel, 0.5 mile

Distance from Port Angeles: 24 miles

Distance from Residential Development: 0.5 mile

Site Description: Gently rolling topography forested with +/-10 year old Douglas Fir. The proposed shooting corridor is bisected by a +/-2 acre wetland.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The rolling topography would result in moderate development costs. This portion of PA-S-1000 is in good condition and will not require betterment. Power, water and sewer are not currently on site. Significant residential development exists within 0.5 - 0.8 mile of the firing line.

Noise disturbance is anticipated to preclude public acceptance of this site. This circumstance has led the Committee to not recommend this site.

SADIE CREEK

Land Owner: State Forest Board – Managed by DNR

Location: Pts Sec. 6, T30N R9W

Access: PA-S-1000 Forest Road, one lane, gravel, 2.0 miles

Distance from Port Angeles: 25 miles

Distance from Residential Development: 2.2 miles

Site Description: Relatively flat terrace forested with a +/-45 year old mixed stand of Douglas Fir, Hemlock and Cedar. The proposed shooting corridor is bisected by a low gradient unnamed tributary to Sadie Creek.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The relatively flat topography would result in low to moderate development costs. This portion of the PA-S-1000 would require betterment and continued maintenance to provide for safe public access. Power, water and sewer are not currently on site. This site is located within the interior of a large block of DNR managed State Forest Board land. There is no development within 2.2 miles of the proposed firing line.

Noise disturbance is not anticipated to preclude public acceptance of this site. The Committee would highly recommend this site if preliminary engineering confirms this site's suitability for development.

BONIDU FLATS

Land Owner: United States – Managed by USFS

Location: Pts N1/2 Sec. 3, T29N R11W and S1/2 Sec. 34, T30N R11W

Access: FS 29 Forest Road, one lane, paved, 1.6 miles

Distance from Port Angeles: 39 miles

Distance from Residential Development: 1.3 miles

Site Description: Flat terrace forested with +/-30 year old mixed stand of Douglas Fir and Western Hemlock.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The flat gravel terrace at this site would result in low development costs. The FS 29 Road, which is paved and exhibits good alignment, is anticipated to require low maintenance. Power, water and sewer are not currently on site. A single residence is located 1.3 miles north of the firing line. A second residence is located 1.5 miles north of the firing line. The proposed Olympic Discovery Trail will pass 1.1 miles north of the firing line. In addition, the Klahowya

Campground, managed by the USFS, is located 1.6 miles northwest of the firing line. A noise test conducted on 12-7-02 with a high-powered rifle (cal. 30.06) revealed that shots were not audible from Klahowya Campground, Site 1.

Noise disturbance is not anticipated to preclude public acceptance of this site. The Committee would highly recommend this site if preliminary engineering confirms this site's suitability for development.

SUMMARY OF SITE VISITS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sites</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
2-12-02	Bonidu Flats Sadie Creek Susie Creek Murdock Creek	Bill Riedel – Park Board Rick Cahill – Park Board
4-5-02	Bonidu Flats	Pete Erben – US Forest Service Molly Erickson – US Forest Service Craig Jacobs – Clallam Co. Public Works Director Mike Doherty – Clallam Co. Commissioner Bill Riedel – Park Board Rick Cahill – Park Board
9-18-02	Salt Creek Whiskey Creek Murdock Creek Susie Creek Sadie Creek	Charlie Cortelyou – DNR Region Manager Don Roberts – PNSPA Lew Welch – PNSPA Mike Doherty – Clallam Co. Commissioner Craig Jacobs – Clallam Co. Public Works Director Joel Winborn – Clallam County Parks Bill Riedel – Park Board Rick Cahill – Park Board Hugh Haffner – Park Board Mike Higbee – Olympic National Park
12-7-02	Bonidu Flats	Bill Riedel – Park Board Rick Cahill – Park Board