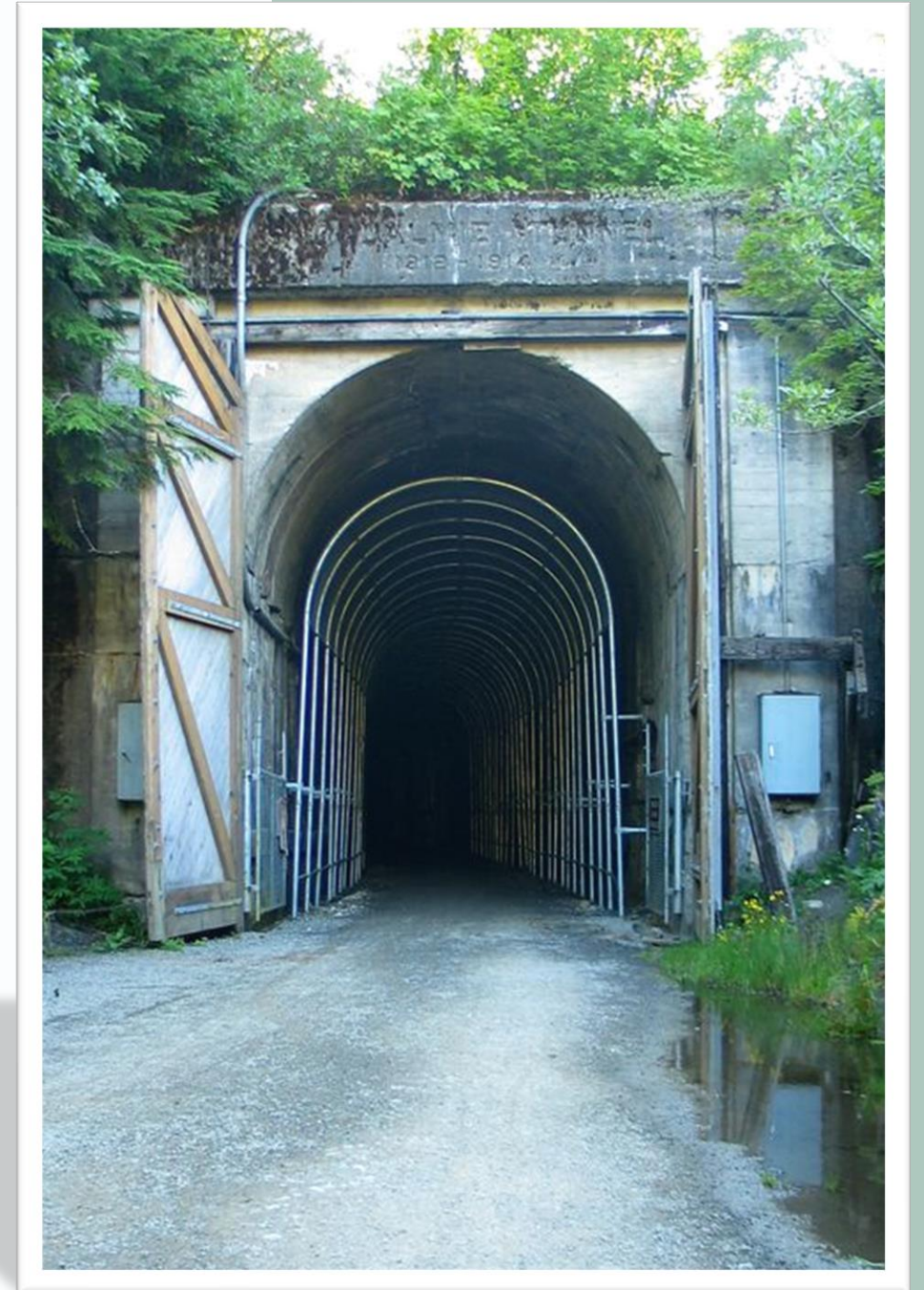
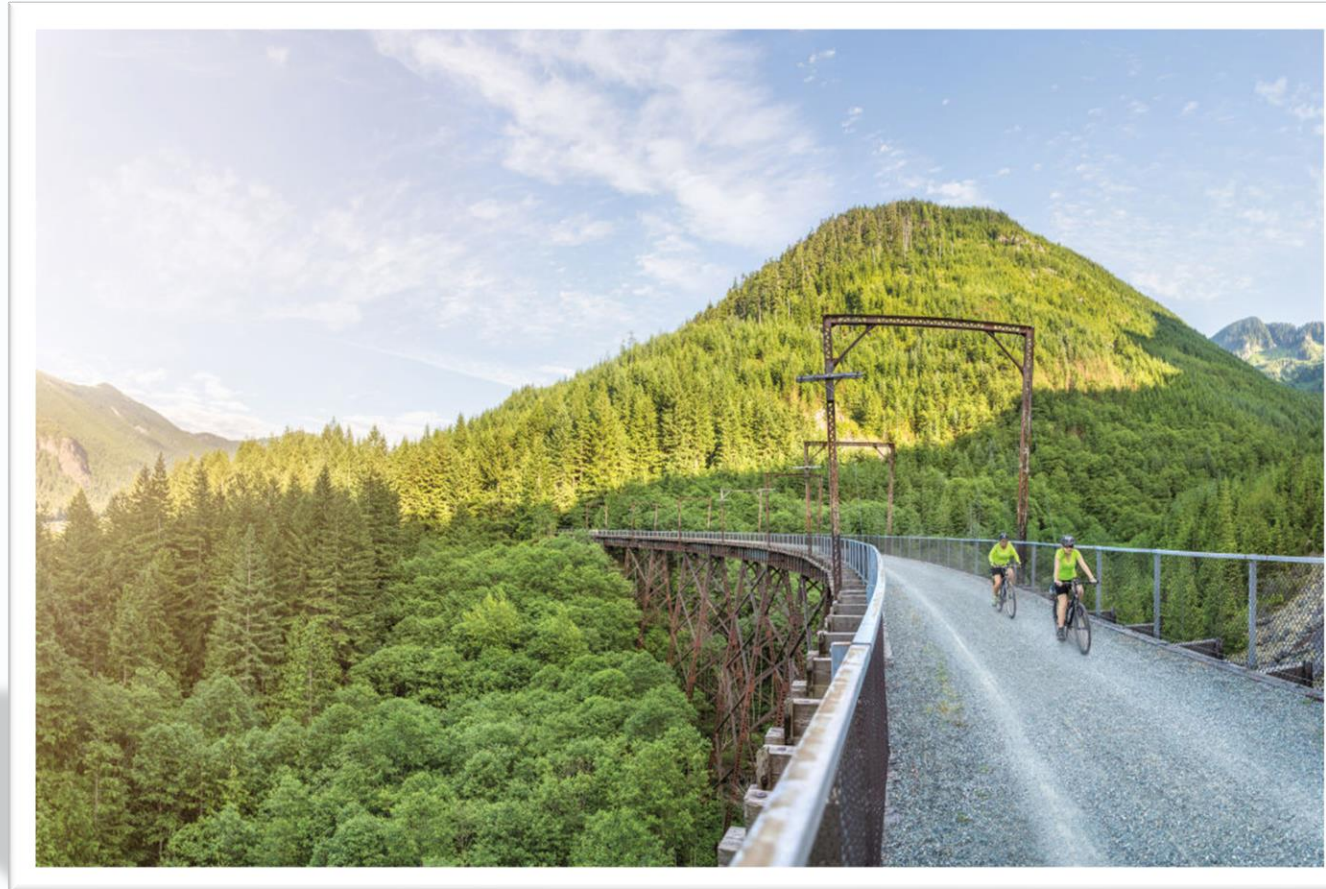


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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

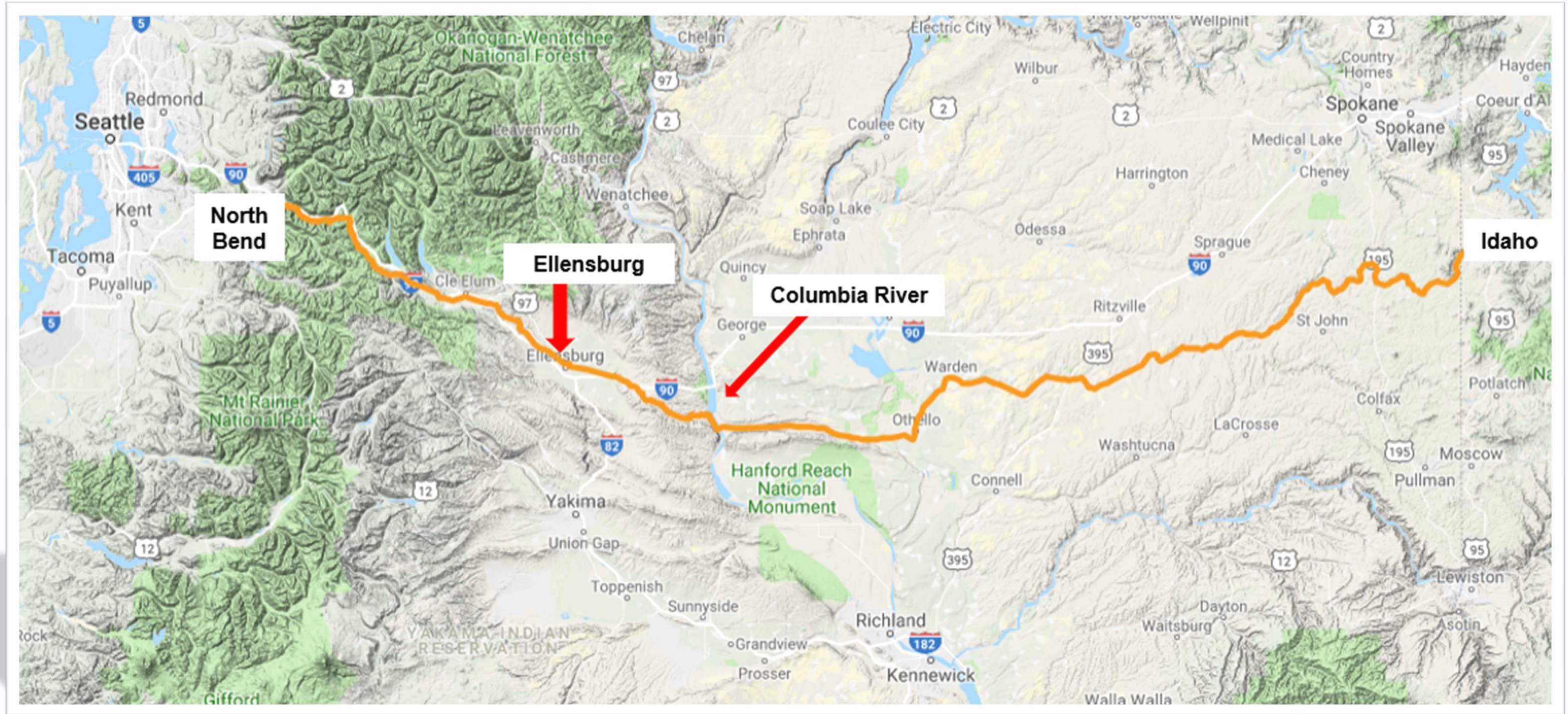
- Trail overview
- A bit of history
- State Parks role
- Upcoming projects
- Challenges
- Other happenings in the Greenway



PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

THE LONGEST TRAIL IN THE WEST

285 miles
of
adventure



PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MILWAUKEE ROAD

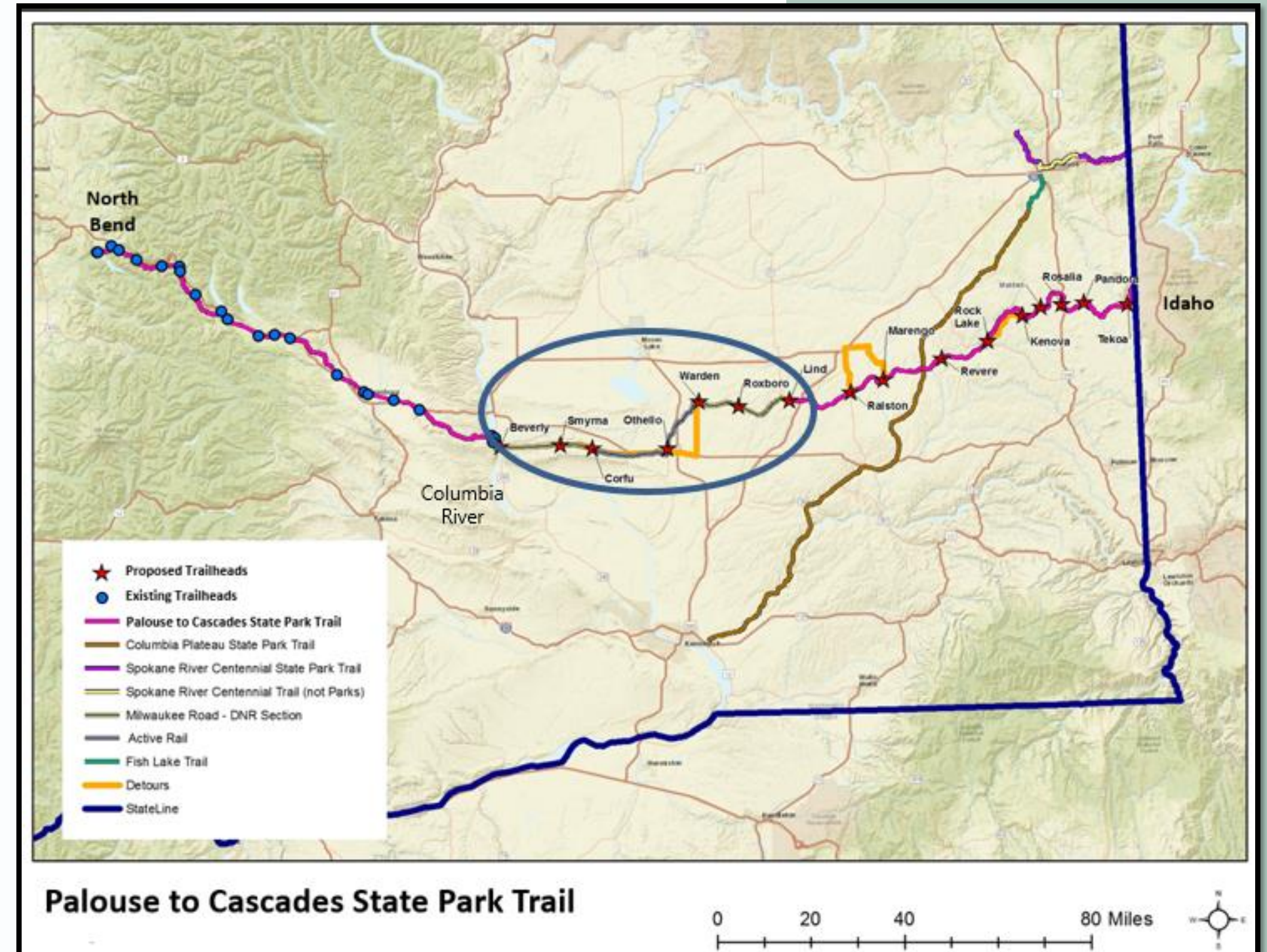
- Operated 1840s through the 1980s
- Connected Chicago to Seattle
- Accommodated steam, electric and diesel engines
- Sold to Washington state in 1980s



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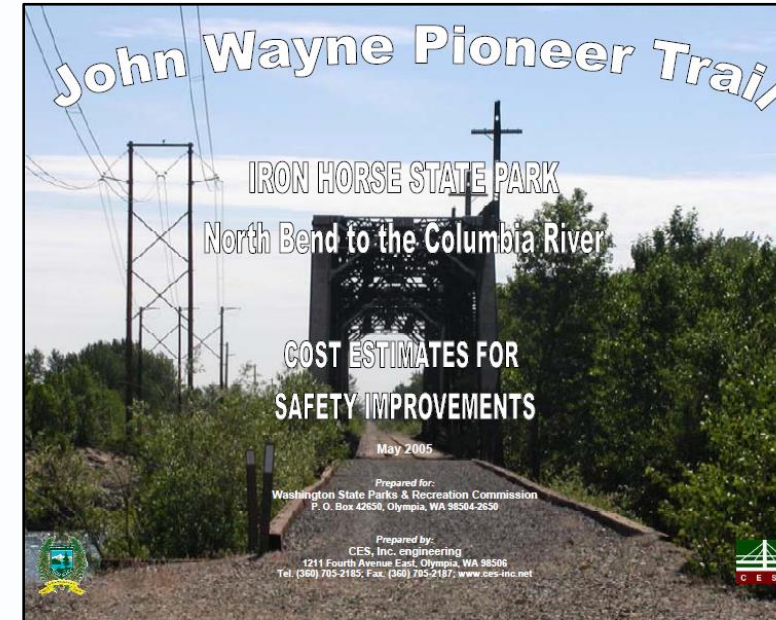
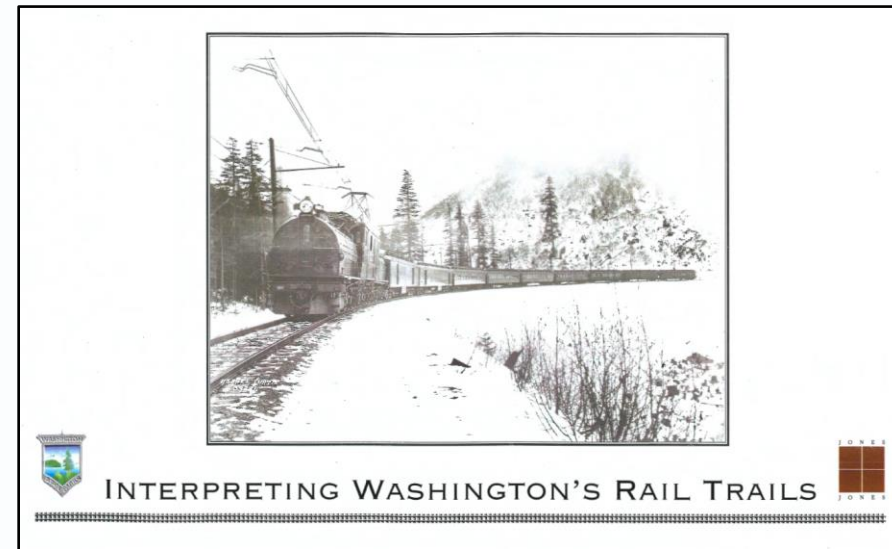
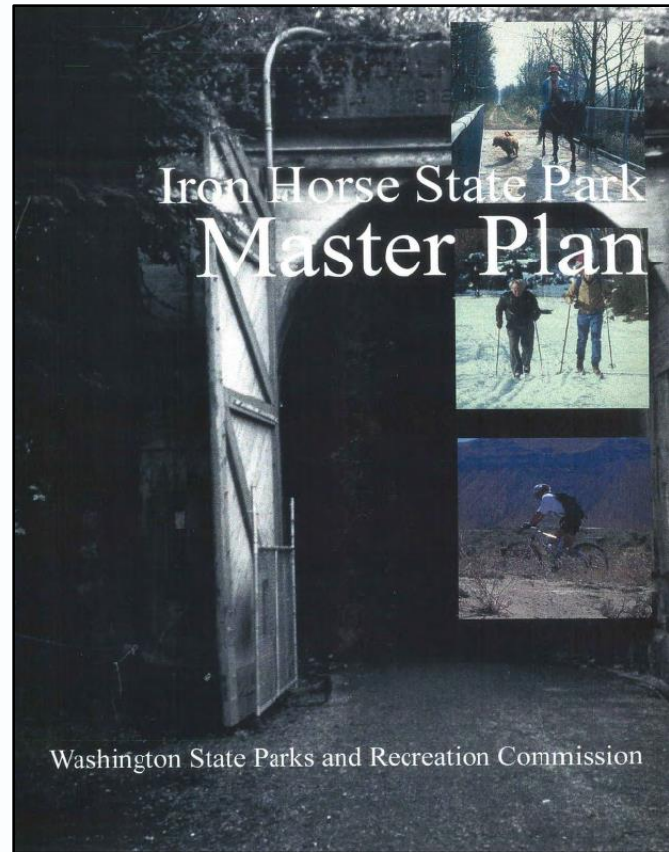
GAINING OWNERSHIP OVER TIME

- 1984 25 miles
- 1989 85 more miles
- 2006 105 more miles
- 2019 40 more miles
- Today 250 miles



PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

A TRAIL WITH A PLAN



Don Hoch
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A RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE IRON HORSE STATE PARK TRAIL AND THE CONCEPT OF A CROSS-STATE TRAIL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Legislature has directed the Commission in RCW 79A.05.115 to develop and maintain a cross-state trail facility along the Milwaukee Road Railway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Iron Horse State Park Trail, established along the Milwaukee Road Railway Corridor, is a critical link in a larger network of rail trails throughout the United States that aims to connect Washington to the nation's heartland; and

WHEREAS, Iron Horse State Park Trail is 285 miles long, and the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy identifies it as one of the longest rail trails in America; and

WHEREAS, Iron Horse State Park Trail portion east of the Columbia River is currently undeveloped and requires considerable investment in its development and operation to achieve the Legislature's cross-state trail vision; and

WHEREAS, decades of Commission policy has supported development and operation of linear rail-trails and the concept of a cross-state trail; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is interested in collaborating with public and private neighbors along the trail to resolve conflicts between public recreation and agricultural interests and work towards common goals; and

WHEREAS, State Parks staff from January to July 2016, conducted a thorough public planning process through which several hundred members of the public participated in workshops and submitted written comments on trail management issues.

WHEREAS, the public planning process incorporated assistance from a twelve-member advisory committee representing adjacent property owners, recreation trail users, and other trail interests to identify and develop recommendations for trail management issues.

Iron Horse State Park and
The John Wayne Pioneer Trail
Management Plan

Approved June 29, 2000

Washington State Parks Mission

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission acquires, operates, enhances, and protects a diverse system of recreational, cultural, and natural sites. The Commission fosters outdoor recreation and education statewide to provide enjoyment and enrichment for all and a valued legacy to future generations.

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS
Classification and Management Planning Project

Palouse to Cascades Trail
Recommendations Report

Washington State
Department of
Commerce

Recommendations report to the Legislature per Chapter 413, Laws of 2019 (HB 1102)

GROWTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES

February 2020
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Lisa Brown, Director

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Palouse to Cascades
State Park Trail
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PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

CONNECTING EAST AND WEST



PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

- Rails-to-trails Conservancy
- 125 trails
- 12 states
- 3,700 miles
- Palouse to Cascades Trail is a pivotal link



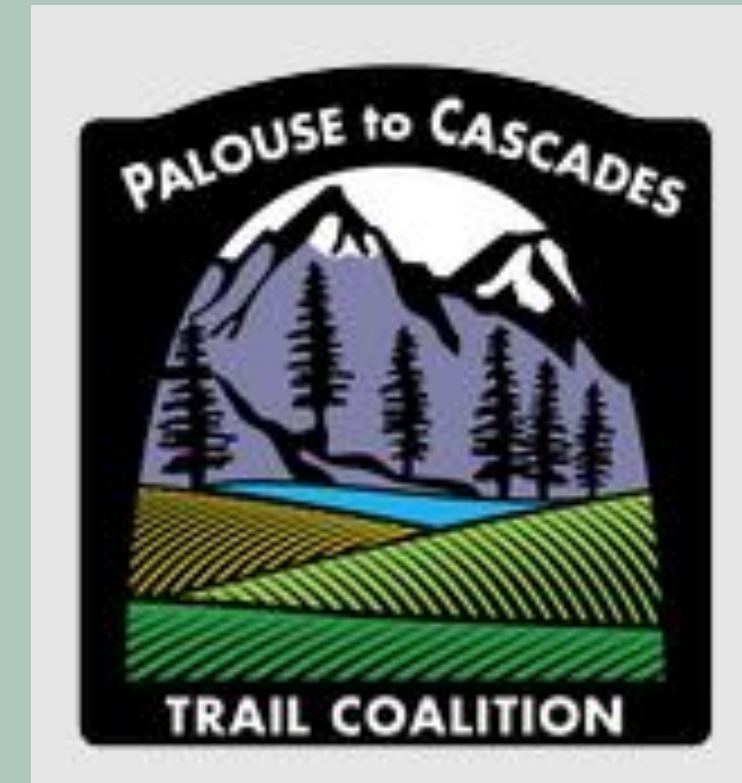
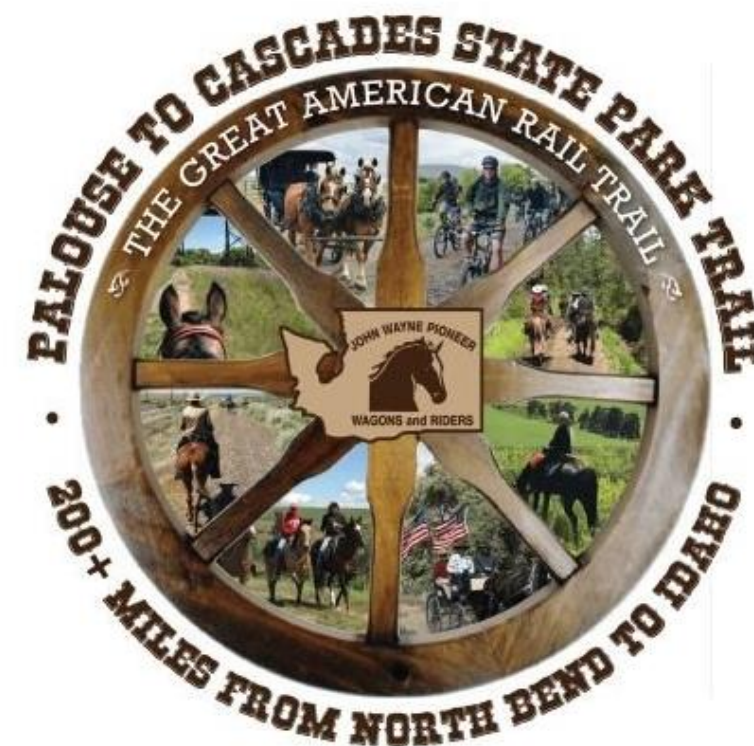
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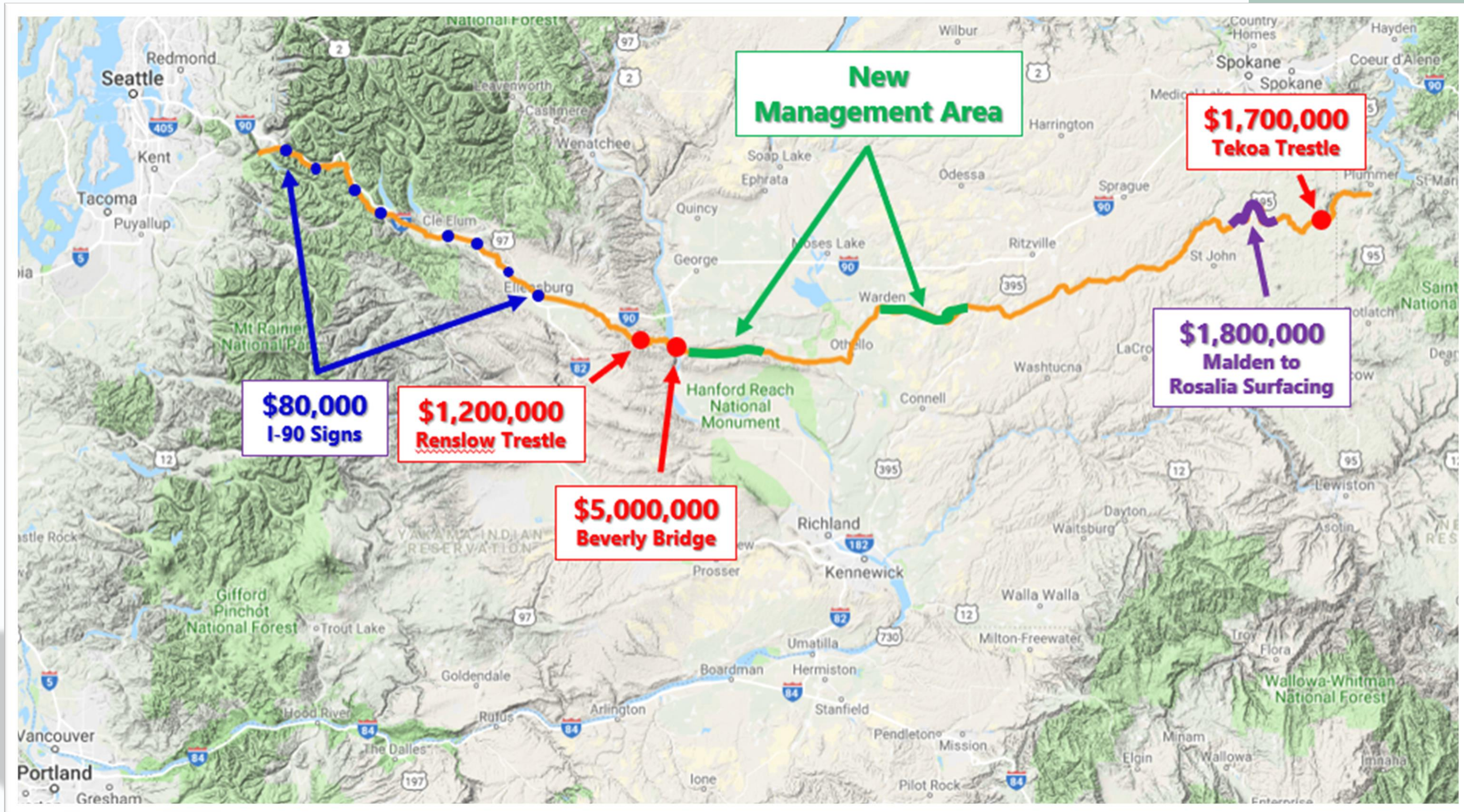
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YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE



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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE



PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

RENSLOW TRESTLE

- Description
 - Concrete decking and railings on a 680-foot trestle
- Need
 - Eliminates difficult detour
 - Provides Beverly Bridge connection
- Completion June 2021



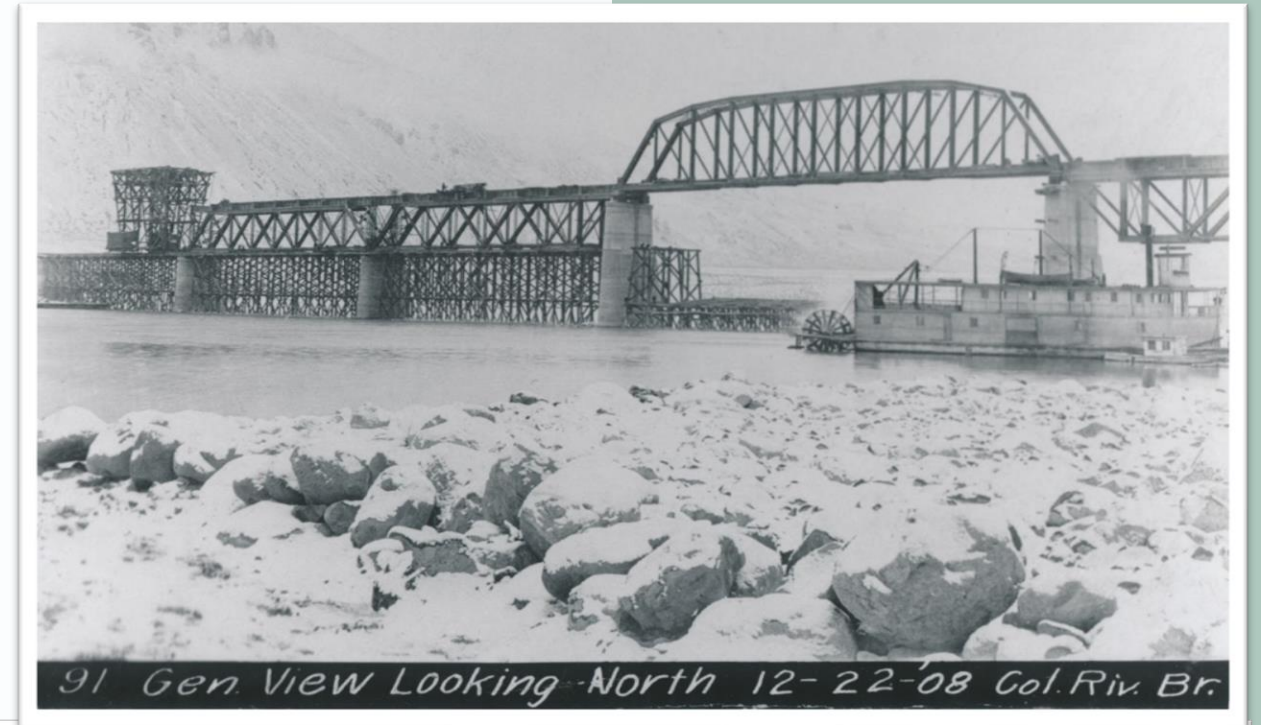
Renslow Trestle spanning I-90 south of Ellensburg – Yesterday & Today



PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

BEVERLY BRIDGE

- Description
 - Concrete decking and railings on a 3,300-foot trestle
- Need
 - Eliminates dangerous detour
 - Creates an iconic destination
- Completion June 2021



PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

EXISTING AND PROPOSED TRAILHEADS

- Description
 - Replace 23 signs
 - Updated signs
 - Olallie,
 - Olmstead Place
 - Ginkgo
- Need
 - Update trail name
 - Promote the trail
 - Improve way finding
- Completion 90%



PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

CHALLENGES - WORKING IN A FIRE ENVIRONMENT



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CHALLENGES - MISSING INFRASTRUCTURE



PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

CHALLENGES - INCONSISTENT SURFACING



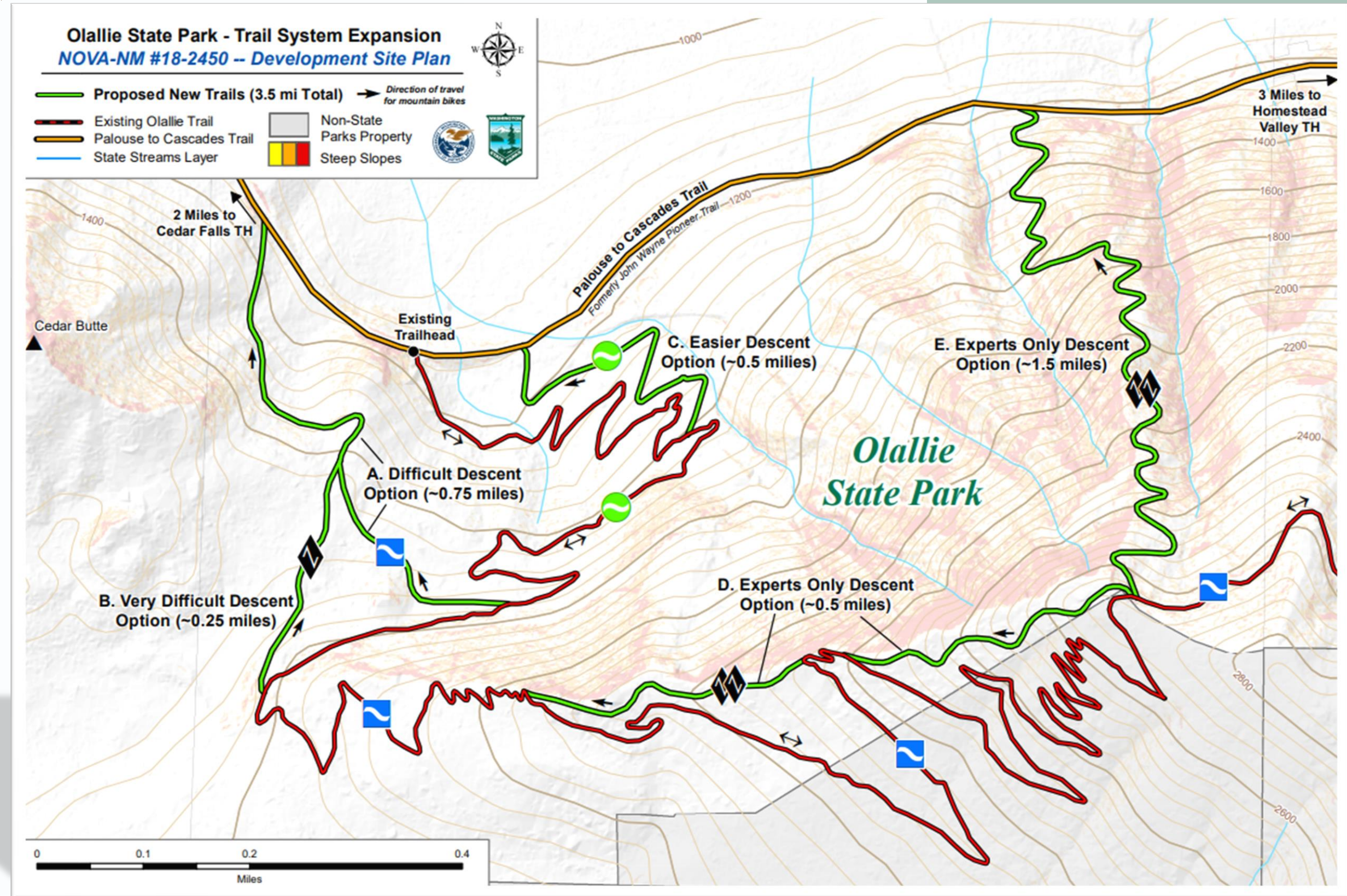
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CHALLENGES - VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



OLALLIE STATE PARK

TRAIL SYSTEM EXPANSION



OLALLIE STATE PARK

MT. WASHINGTON ACQUISITION

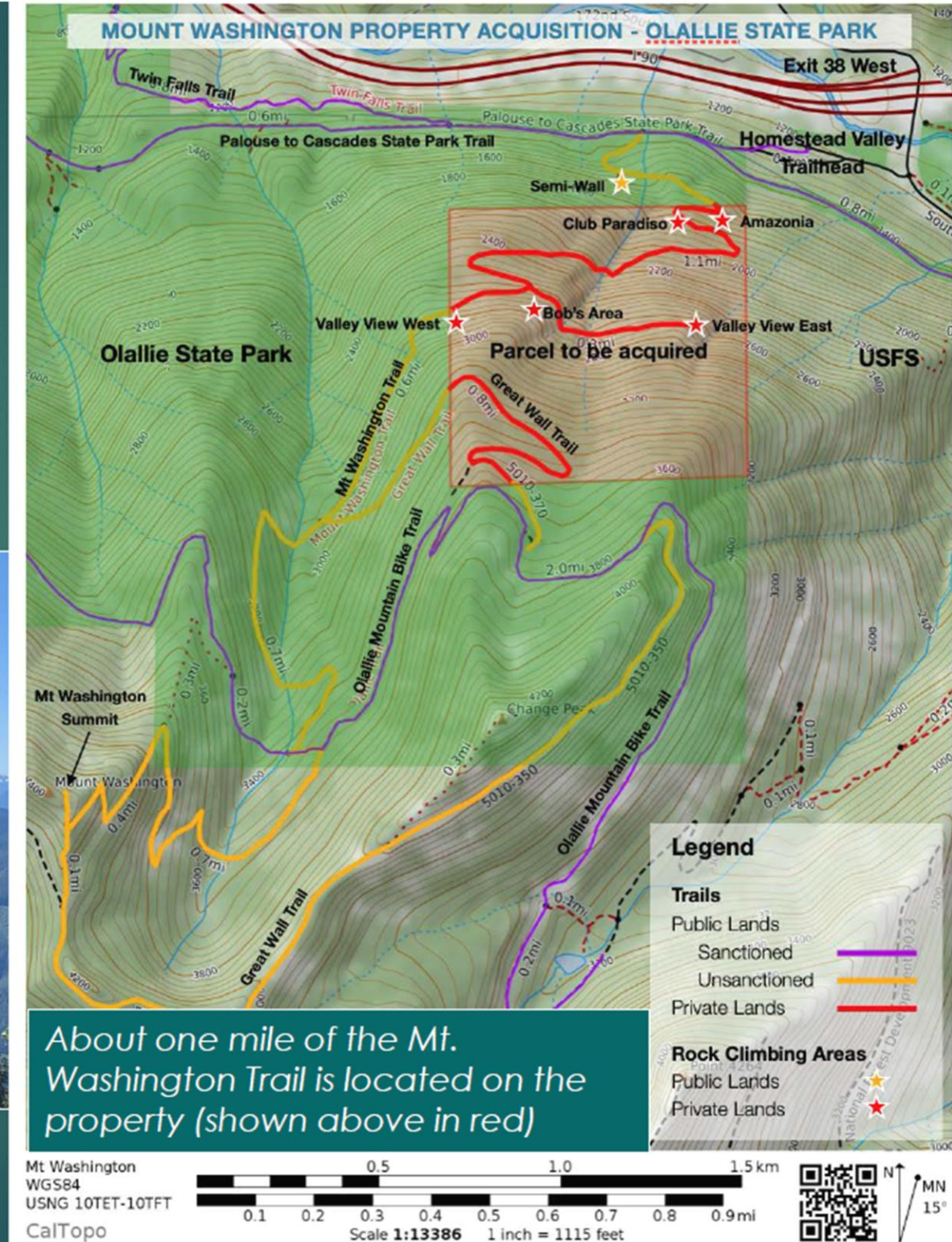
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Olallie State Park: Mt. Washington
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Steep, mountainous terrain characterizes the 150-acre inholding



Mt. Rainier – just one of the stunning vistas from the top of Mt. Washington

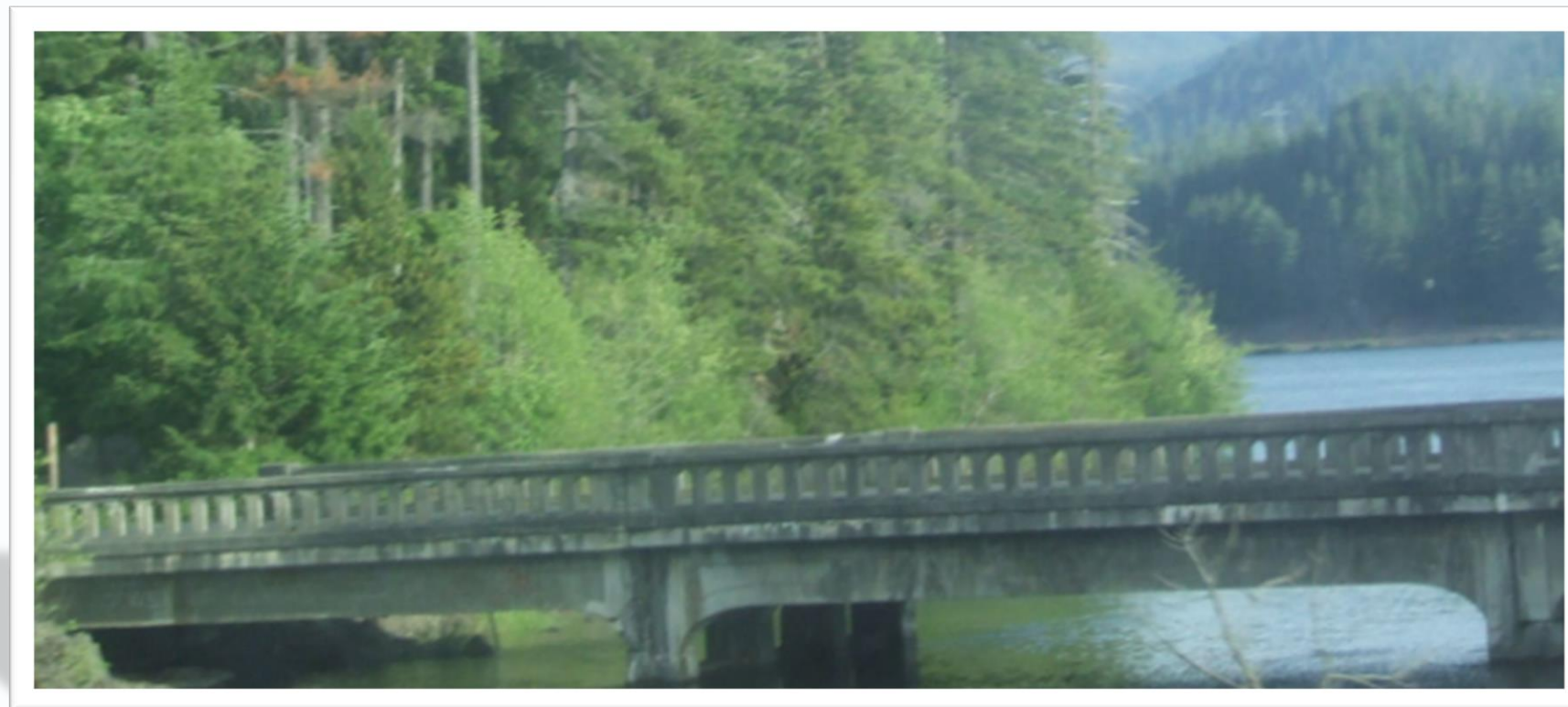


About one mile of the Mt. Washington Trail is located on the property (shown above in red)



LAKE EASTON STATE PARK

LAKE EASTON BRIDGE RESTORATION



Questions?

PALOUSE TO CASCADES STATE PARK TRAIL

