

Community

Entiat Park progresses

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The renovation of Entiat Park and the construction of the Entiatqua Trail are now well underway. Today is the first in a series of monthly updates from Chelan PUD that will keep you informed throughout construction. Entiat Park is currently closed and will re-open Memorial Day, 2015. The boat launch is also closed to accommodate the in-water work that is necessary to upgrade and expand the current facilities. It is expected to re-open by December 31, 2013.

Since construction began on September 9, demolition work has completely changed the face of the

park. A view from 97A will show many problem trees removed, the last of the structures demolished and excavation work on the new Entiatqua Trail.

Many of you have asked if the new Entiatqua pedestrian trail that travels from the south end of the park under the highway and railroad bridges to the mouth of the Entiat River will remain so close to the water. The answer is no. What you are currently seeing is the base for the trail and the in-water work that is necessary to support it, while preventing erosion. The completed trail will be about 4 feet higher than what you see today.

Over the past few weeks, you may have noticed in-water work

occurring which included the removal of some of the old roadbed that runs under the water in front of the park. There also has been work on the boat launch with old pile removal and new pile installation. When completed, the new boat launch will have two launch lanes and new floats. The yellow structure that you see in the water along the shoreline is called a turbidity curtain and has been placed there to keep fish out of the work area and contain any sediment that is disturbed during construction.

Most of the demolition is now complete and earthwork continues as utilities are being sited. During these ground disturbing activities, a cultural

monitor has been on-site to watch construction activities in order to identify and prevent damage to intact and significant archaeological deposits that may be encountered. Nothing has been discovered to date.

You will see steady progress being made while the weather cooperates. A community meeting/open house is being held at the Entiat School gym on Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. Chelan PUD will be there with further updates on park progress.

If you have any questions, please contact Parks Manager Ray Heit, 509-661-4133 or visit Chelan PUD's website, <http://www.chelanpud.org/entiat-park.html>



Here is a drawing of a sculpture to be placed in the finished park of Chief Chilcosahaskt.



Pictured here is the North side of Entiat Park view looking from main entry off SR97A



Pacific Pile & Marine crane lifting new pile for expanded boat launch

