

PROJECT CONTEXT



February 2024 Project Update

Background

Beacon Hill Trail System Draft Concept Plan (2009)

- Prepared by the Fat Tire Trail Riders Club. Received a National Park Service - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program grant.
- Identifies methods of partnerships between landowners to preserve the existing trail system for future recreational use.

Beacon Hill Trail System Preservation Plan (2016)

- Prepared by Evergreen East Mountain Biking Alliance, this plan advances the concepts from the 2009 Beacon Hill Trail System Draft Concept Plan and provides a means of preserving the trail system for future use.

Make Beacon Hill Public - Phase 1 (2018-2021)

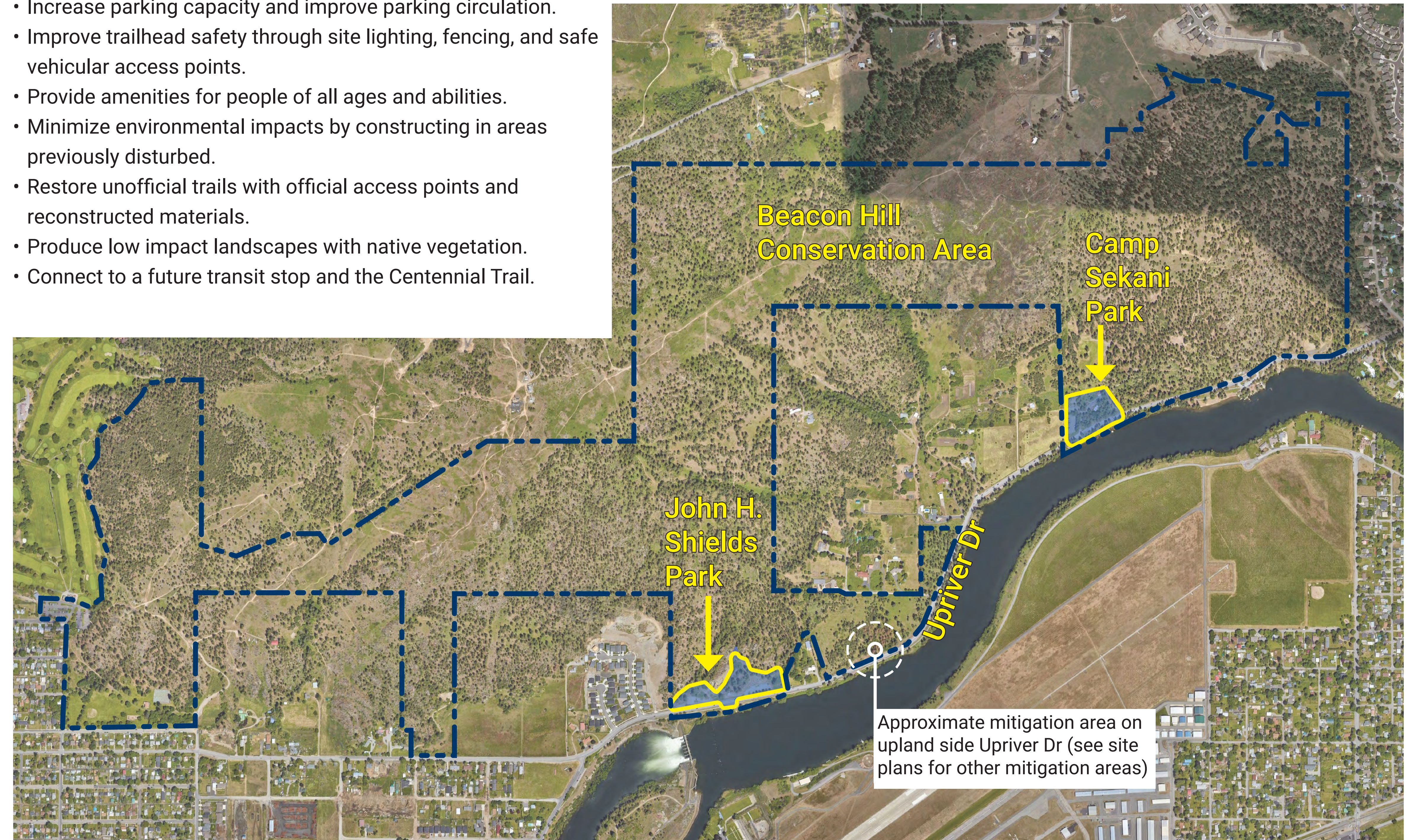
- The City of Spokane and Spokane County work together to preserve over 200 acres of recreational land through land acquisitions and donated easements.

Make Beacon Hill Public - Phase 2 (2022 - 2025)

- City of Spokane 2022 Parks and Natural Areas Master Plan identifies outdoor mountain bike trails, trailheads, and soft surface trails as Tier 1 priority.
- Spokane County 2020 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan and 2014 Spokane County Regional Trail Plan call for investment in preserving and enhancing access to its trail system.
- (April 2021 to April 2022) Master Planning and Public Engagement for John H. Shields Park.
- (2022) City of Spokane & Spokane County jointly apply for and receive a grant to fund the design and construction of trailhead improvements at John H. Shields Park and Camp Sekani Park.

Goals & Values

- Expand and enhance access to the Beacon Hill Trail System by renovating two primary trailheads.
- Enhance access to protected natural public recreational land.
- Increase parking capacity and improve parking circulation.
- Improve trailhead safety through site lighting, fencing, and safe vehicular access points.
- Provide amenities for people of all ages and abilities.
- Minimize environmental impacts by constructing in areas previously disturbed.
- Restore unofficial trails with official access points and reconstructed materials.
- Produce low impact landscapes with native vegetation.
- Connect to a future transit stop and the Centennial Trail.



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EXISTING SITE PHOTOS



John H. Shields - West End



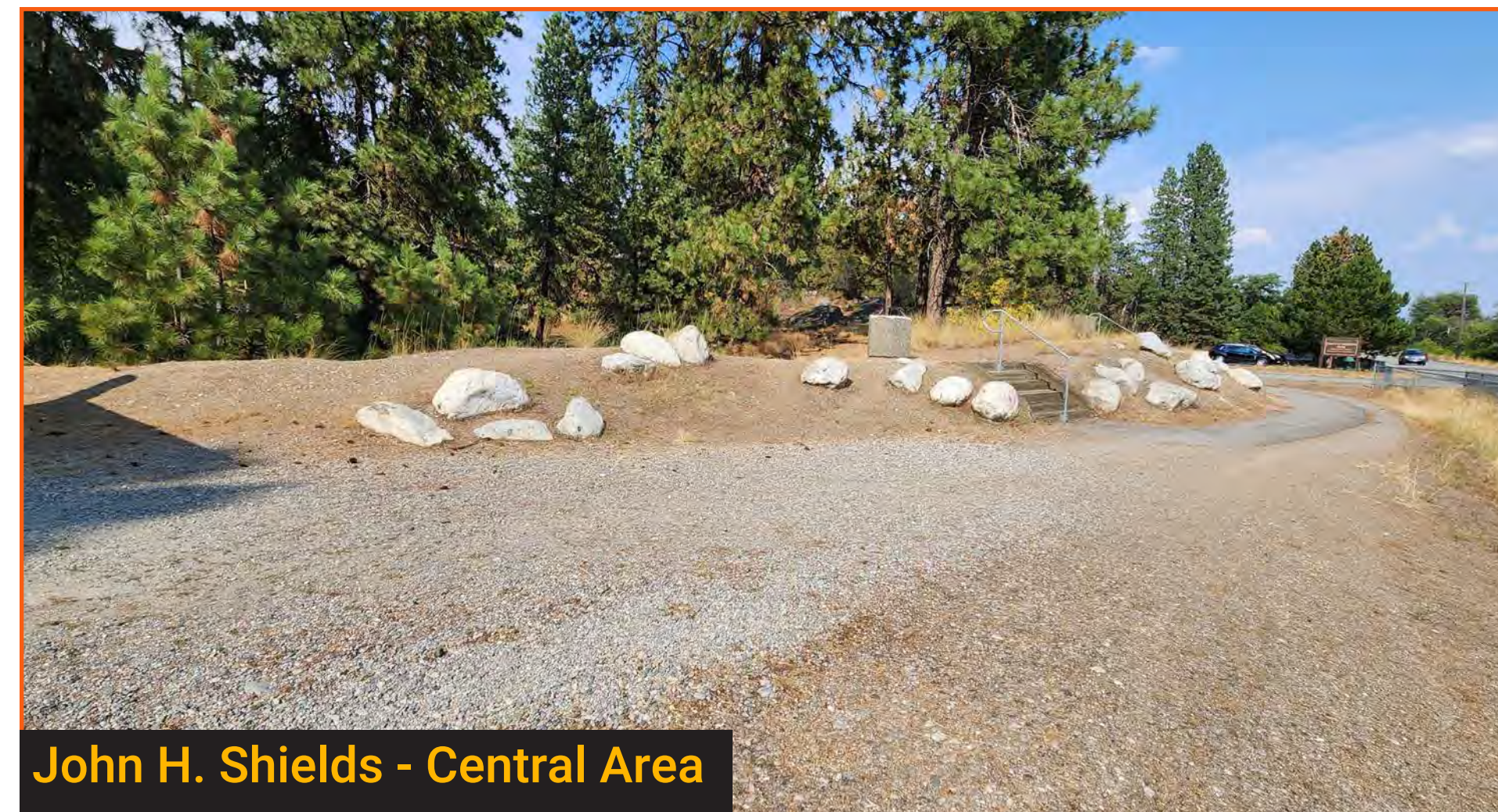
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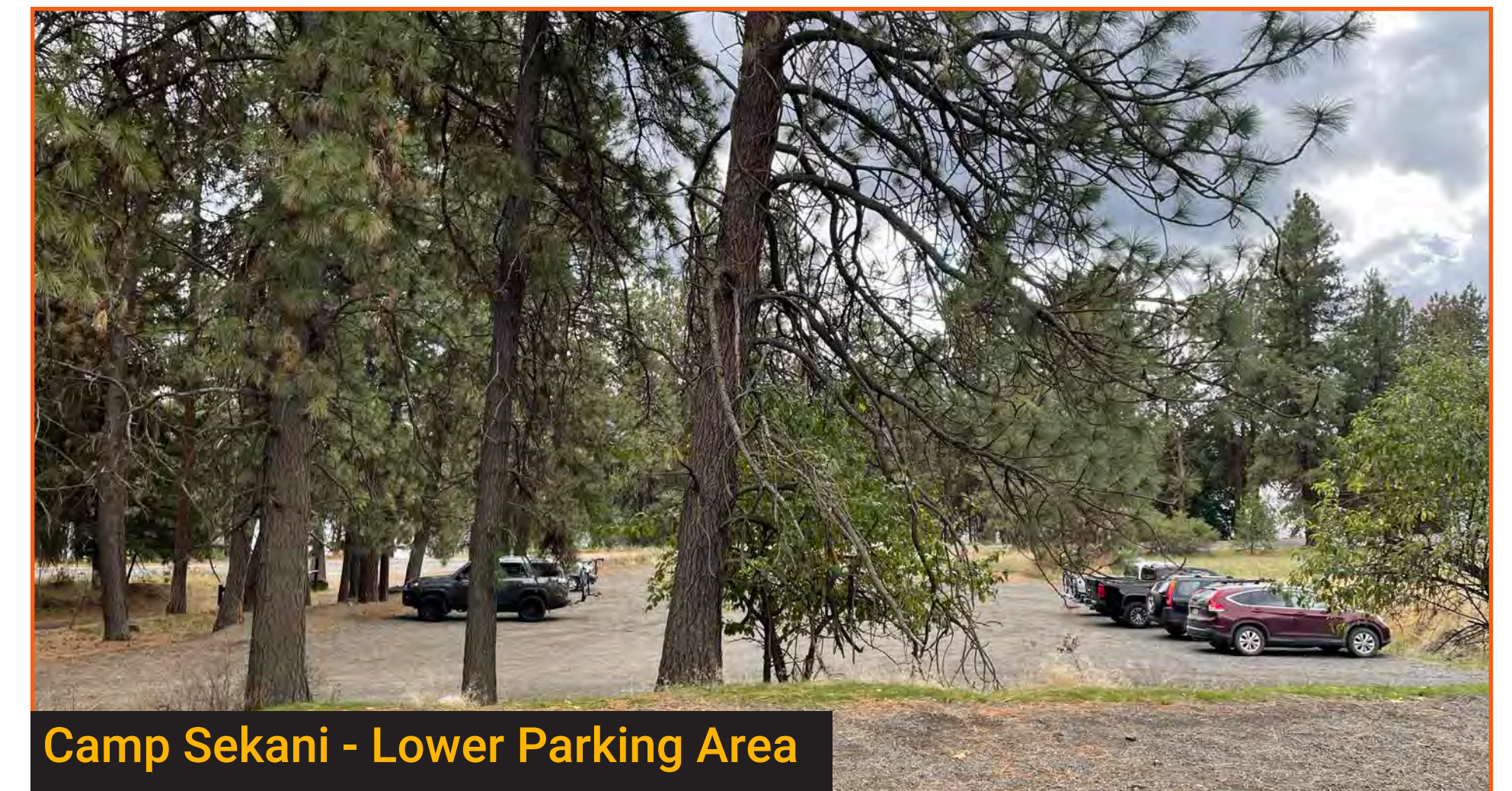
Camp Sekani - Caretaker's Building to be Demolished



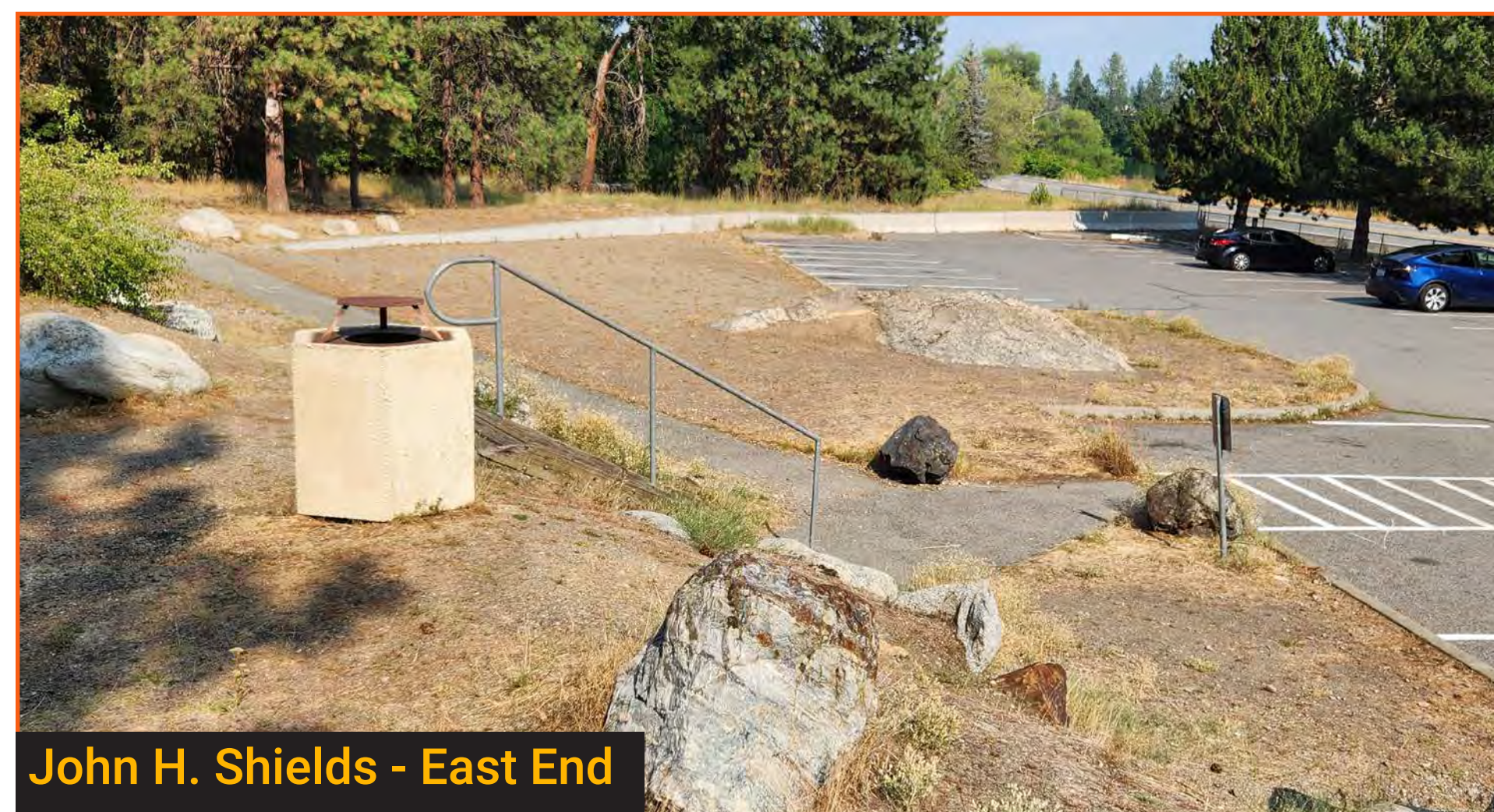
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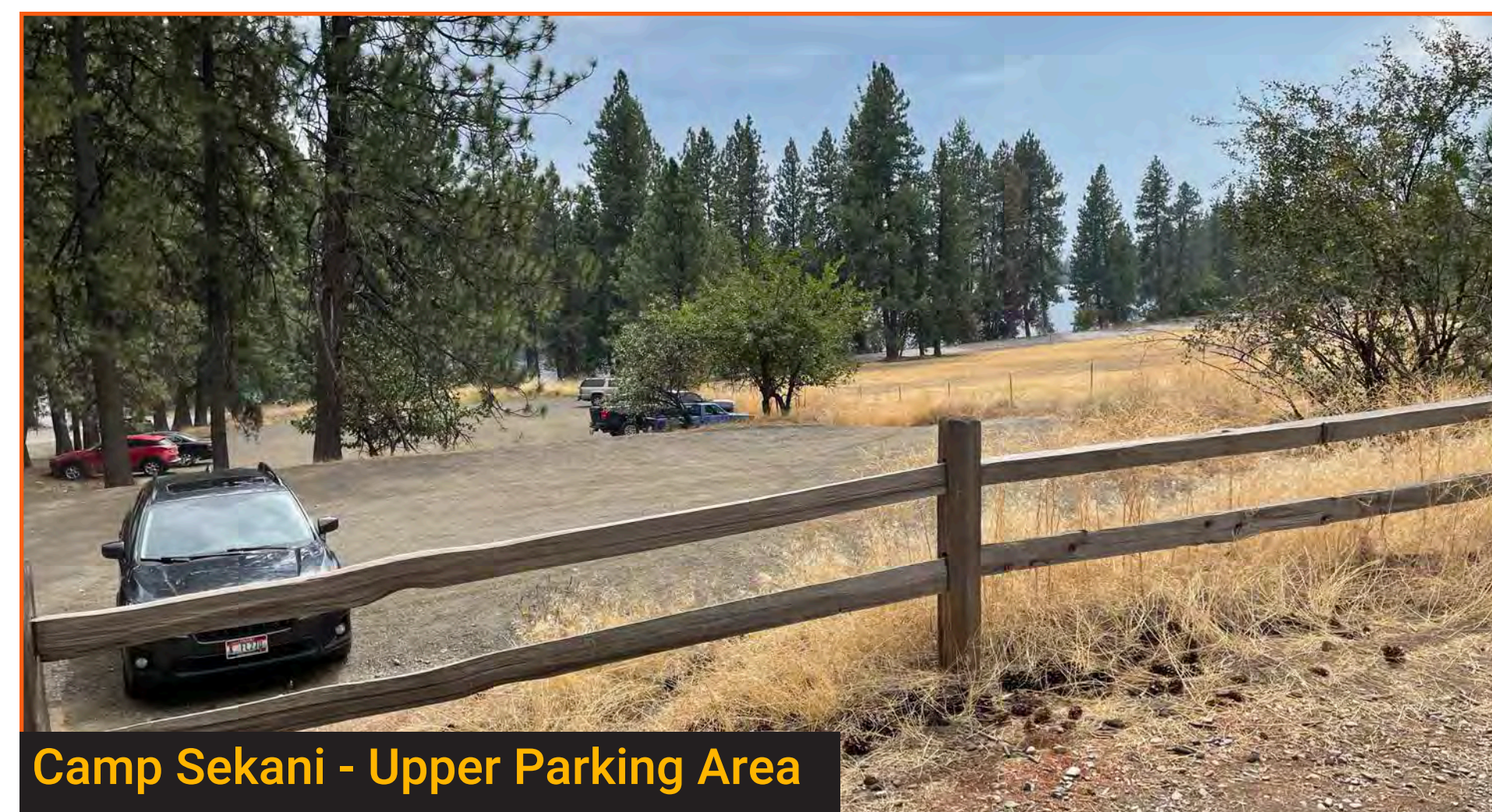
John H. Shields - Central Area



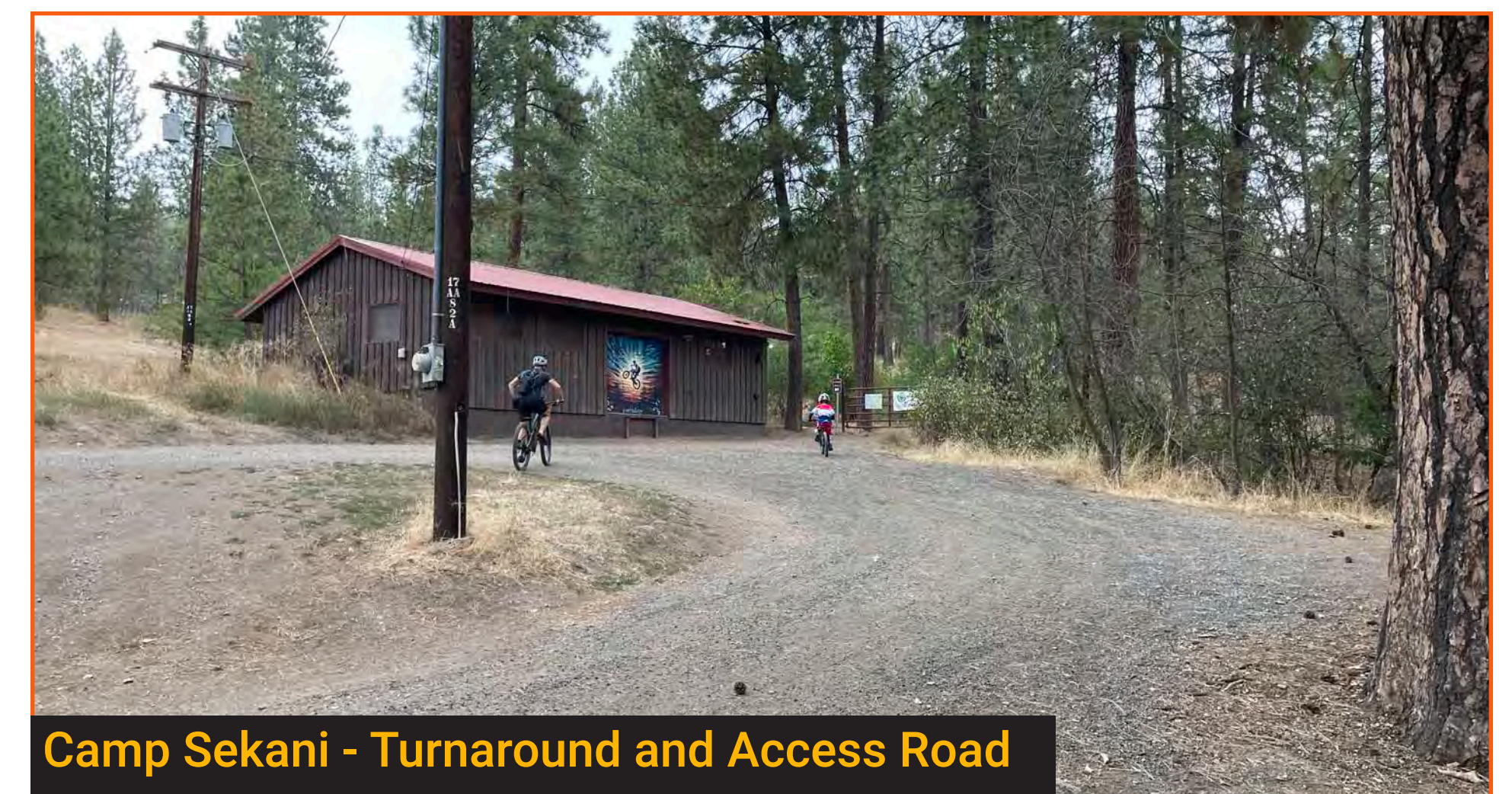
Camp Sekani - Lower Parking Area



John H. Shields - East End



Camp Sekani - Upper Parking Area



Camp Sekani - Turnaround and Access Road

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PUBLIC FEEDBACK SUMMARY

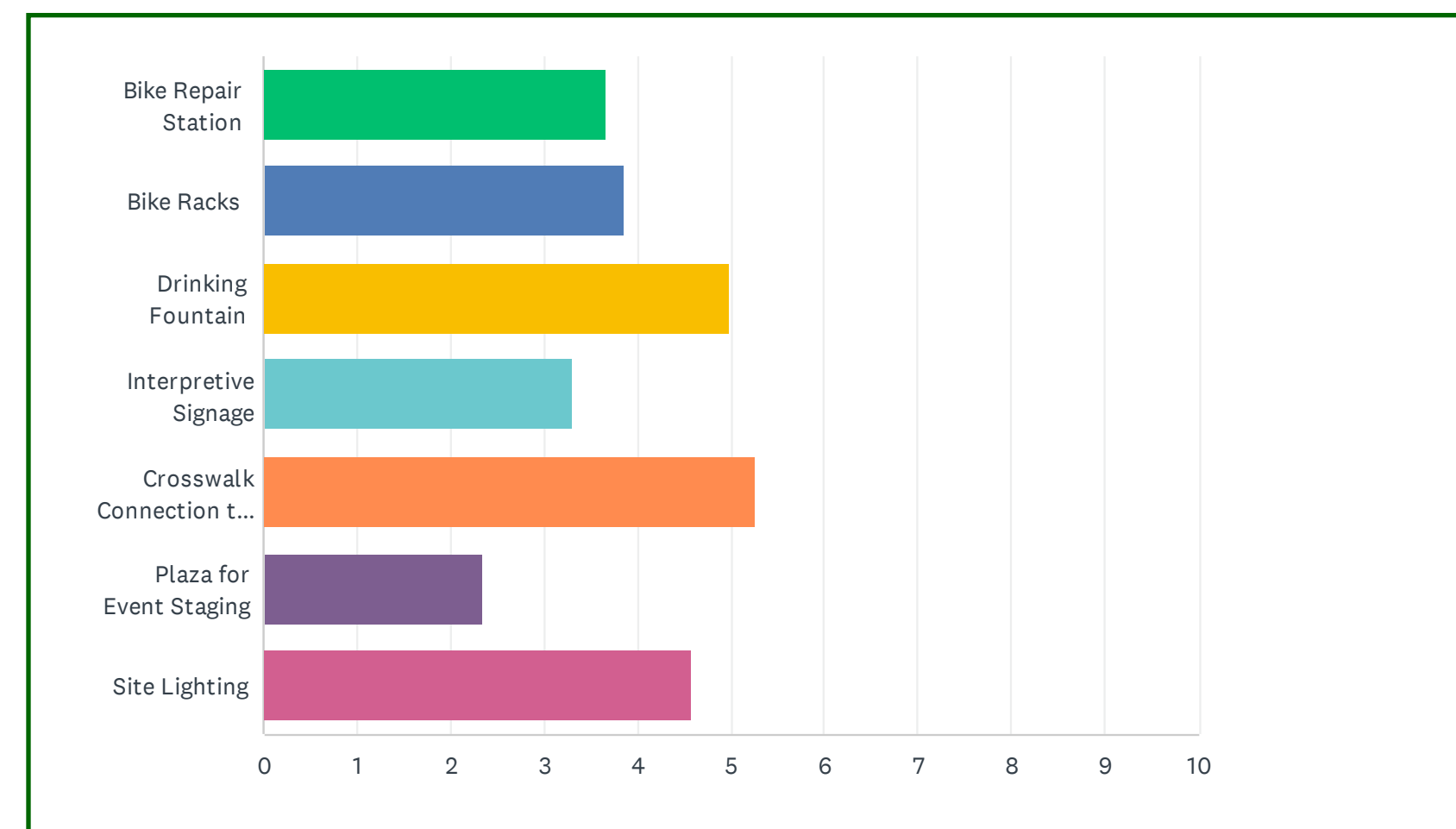
OCTOBER 2023 OPEN HOUSE AND ONLINE SURVEY



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Poll Results (Online Survey + Open House)

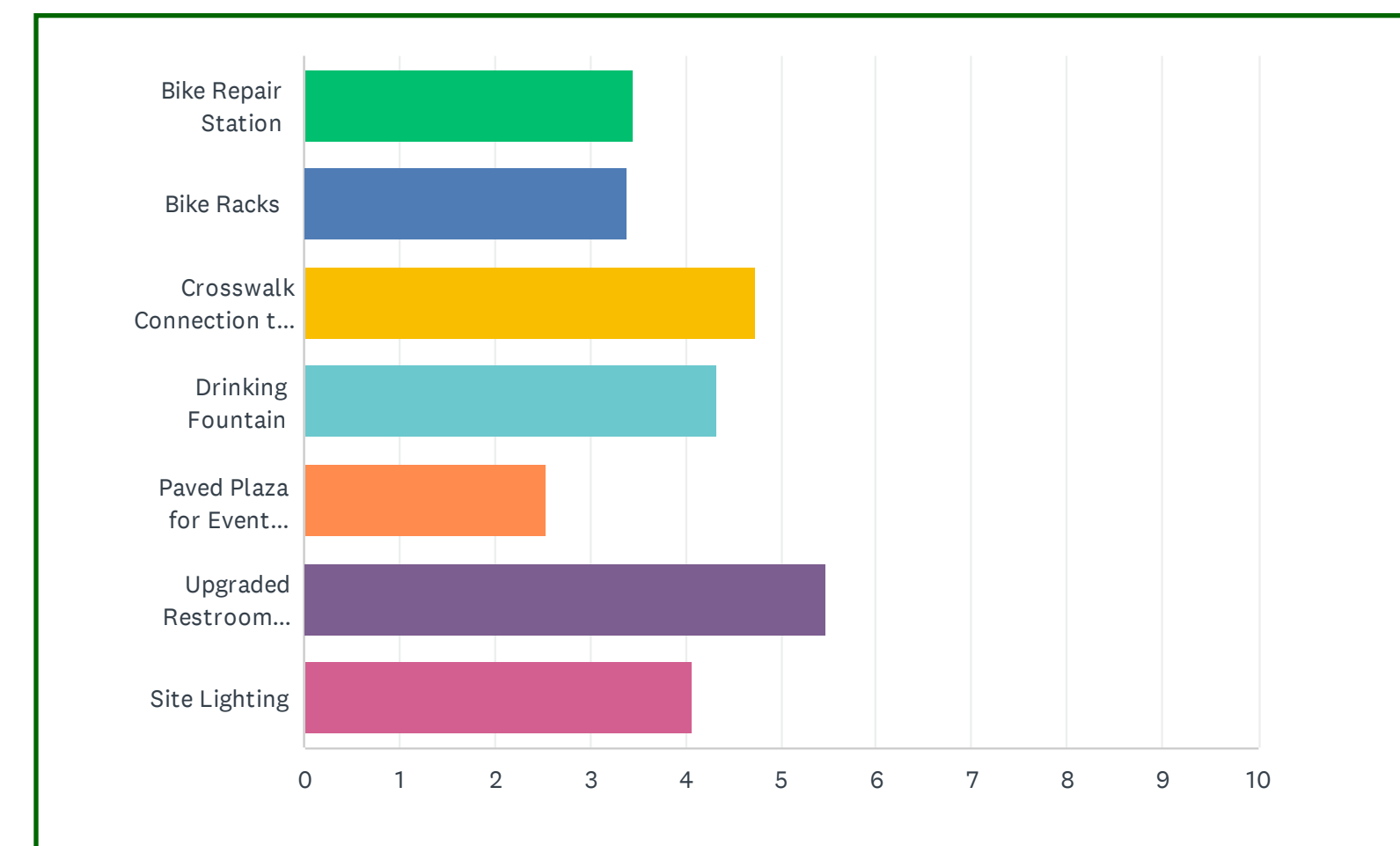
Rank the importance of proposed accessory amenities at John H. Shields Park



TOP 3

- Crosswalk Connection to Centennial Trail
- Site Lighting
- Drinking Fountain

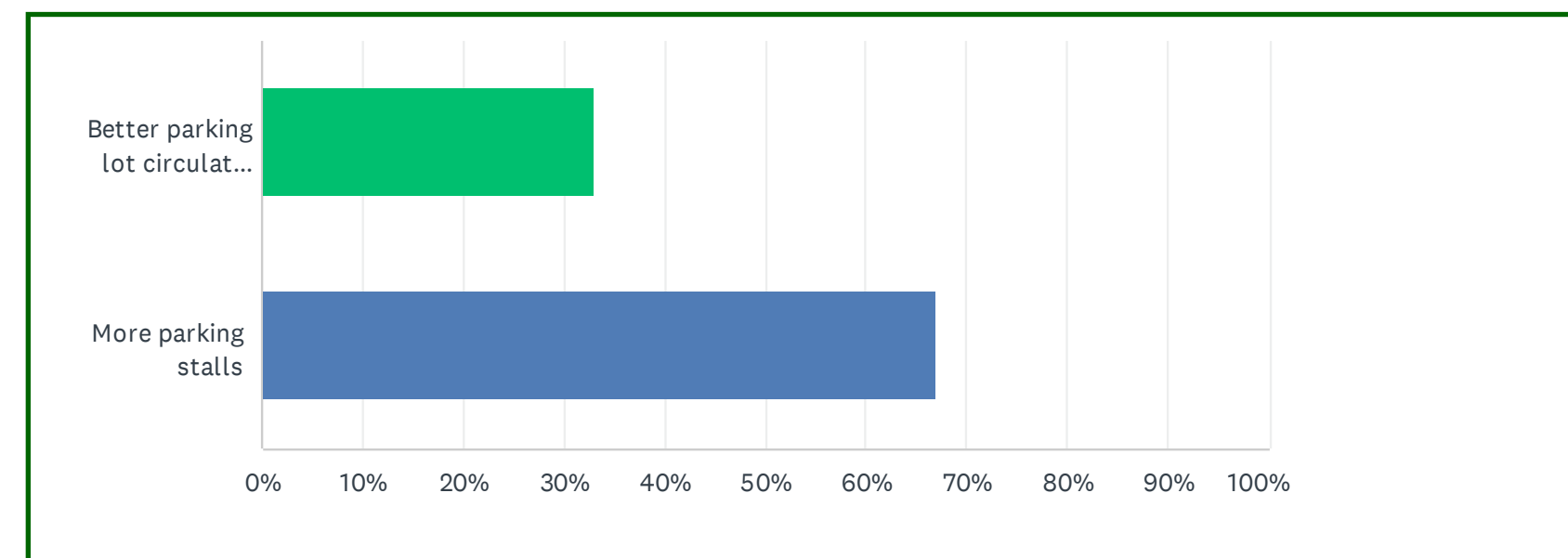
Rank the importance of proposed accessory amenities at Camp Sekani Park



TOP 3

- Crosswalk Connection to Centennial Trail
- Site Lighting
- Waterless Restroom Building

What is more important for you at Camp Sekani Park?



More parking stalls were preferred over better parking lot circulation.

General Feedback Summary

People Are Most Excited About:

- More parking
- Restroom upgrades
- Crosswalks to Centennial Trail

People Are Most Concerned About:

- Maintaining the natural setting
- Safety & vandalism
- Traffic on Upriver Dr
- Inefficient parking

Major Events to Coordinate With 2024 Construction:

- Hubapalooza, April 5-7, 2024
- Spokatopia, June 14-15, 2024
- Eastoberfest, TBD (Fall 2024)

**All events listed occur at Camp Sekani Park*

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JOHN H. SHIELDS PARK - SITE PLAN



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Key Notes

- ① Existing sidewalk
- ② Split-rail fencing
- ③ New parking lot (+/- 21 stalls)
- ④ Multi-use pathway
- ⑤ Accessible parking (1 ADA stall)
- ⑥ New park entry & maintenance access
- ⑦ Improved emergency vehicle access
- ⑧ Future STA bus stop
- ⑨ Marked crosswalk with flashing beacons
- ⑩ Viewpoint with interpretive signage
- ⑪ Existing restroom building to remain
- ⑫ Improved park entry
- ⑬ Children's bouldering playground
- ⑭ Possible expanded parking (approx. 6 stalls)
- ⑮ Stormwater swales
- ⑯ Adaptive trail starting point
- ⑰ Adaptive trail terminus at rockwalls
- ⑱ Mitigation planting area

Based on previous public feedback, general security site lighting will be provided, but is not shown on plans.



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CAMP SEKANI PARK - SITE PLAN



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Key Notes

- 1 Relocated overhead entry sign
- 2 Accessible walkway
- 3 Protected 10m disc golf practice zone
- 4 Accessible parking (4 ADA stalls)
- 5 Relocated restrooms (final design TBD)
- 6 Relocated kiosk
- 7 Existing access gate to remain
- 8 Existing storage building to remain
- 9 Retaining walls
- 10 Stairs between parking tiers
- 11 Accessible pathway to Centennial Trail
- 12 Drainage crossing
- 13 Marked crosswalk with flashing beacons
- 14 Prominent existing tree to be protected
- 15 Improved park entry
- 16 Entry gate
- 17 Stormwater swales
- 18 Approximate mitigation planting areas

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PROJECT EXAMPLE PHOTOS & ILLUSTRATIVE RENDERINGS

Marked Crosswalk with Flashing Beacon Signal



Accessible Picnic Table



John H. Shields Park - Children's Bouldering Playground Rendering



John H. Shields Park - Trailhead Improvements Rendering



Waterless Restroom Building



Adaptive Trail User



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