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TO: IAC Board Members and Designees
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SUBJECT: ORV Park Update

Background: At the September IAC Meeting, the IAC Board approved allowing Thurston County to transfer ownership of their ORV Park property to Grays Harbor County and approved the following funding:

- 1) Up to \$59,000 to open the ORV Park for the month of October in order to protect the existing non-conforming use status of the park.
- 2) Up to \$15,000 to complete a facility condition survey, business plan, and exit strategy;
- 3) Up to \$350,000 for the development, operation, and maintenance of the facility for two years (2006 and 2007) once IAC approves the business plan and exit strategy.

Status: On September 19, 2005, the Thurston County Commissioners filed a Quit Claim Deed that effectively transferred their ownership of the ORV Park to Grays Harbor County. IAC staff received confirmation from the current ORV Park manager that Thurston County has turned over all equipment (dozers, mowers, etc) acquired with NOVA funding to Grays Harbor County.

On September 28th, IAC issued Project Agreements to Grays Harbor County for the first two funding items identified above.

On October 7th, Grays Harbor County opened the ORV Park. They plan to have the park open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through October.

The Grays Harbor Council of Governments (GHCOG) will be assisting Grays Harbor County in completing the business plan for the ORV Park. IAC staff has had several



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phone conversations with GHCOG to discuss the planning requirements. The Business Plan should be available for review by the IAC Board at the February 2006 meeting.

Lawsuit: Susan Thomsen, the Assistant Attorney General representing IAC, is working with the Counties to file documents dismissing IAC's lawsuit against Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties, and Thurston County's counter claim against IAC.

Web Site: A copy of the Grays Harbor County Web page for "Straddleline" ORV Park is attached. The new name is actually the original name the park used when it opened in the 1970's.



Straddleline ORV Park Grays Harbor County



Straddleline ORV Park is now closed for the season.

During the off-season (November 2005 through March 2006) we will be updating this web site regarding upcoming meetings or work-party information.

Please monitor this web site for further information on the planned opening of the park in April 2006.

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Grays Harbor County acquired the Thurston County ORV Park on October 3, 2005, now referred to as "**Straddleline ORV Park**".

Operation of the park is a coordinated effort of Grays Harbor County, numerous volunteers, and funding through the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC).

For further information, please contact either the **Straddleline park** directly at (360) 495-3054 or the **Grays Harbor County Commissioners' office** at (360) 249-3731 (E-Mail).

Thurston County Parks and Recreation is no longer affiliated with Straddleline ORV Park and, therefore, cannot provide information about the park and its events. Please refer to the phone contacts listed on this page for any information concerning the park.

**Please note that Washington State
sound restriction laws will be
enforced.**

General Admission: \$10.00 per person, per day
Senior and Military discounts. Children under age 4, free
Camping Fees: \$15.00 per camp site

Scheduled Events

To Be Announced

Location: Thurston & Grays Harbor County Line, Highway 8

Event Information Please call promoter, as listed for each event

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