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Department of Conservation and Recreation
Division of Planning and Recreation Resources
Grayson Highlands State Park Master Plan Public Meeting
Wednesday, July 13, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Grayson Highlands State Park Visitors Center
Grayson Highlands State Park
Mouth of Wilson, Virginia

TIME AND PLACE

The Public Meeting regarding the Master Plan for Grayson Highlands State Park took place at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at the Grayson Highlands State Park Visitor's Center at Grayson Highlands State Park in Mouth of Wilson, Virginia.

DCR STAFF PRESENT

Bill Conkle, Lynn Crump, Harvey Thompson, McAlester Oglesby, M.C. Douglas, Theresa Tibbs, Jordan Blevins, Kayla Campbell, Amelia Hulth, Shirley Sloan Babb

PUBLIC PRESENT

6 members of the public attended the meeting.

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting introduced the history of Virginia State Parks, provided an overview of the master planning process, provided an orientation to Grayson Highlands State Park, reviewed the proposed update to the park's master plan and allowed for public comment. Proposed developments for the park include a redesigned and expanded park office, campground renovations, and a comfort station at Massie Gap. Public comments included a desire for upgrades to the campground, better accessibility at the park visitor center and additional playground equipment. The draft master plan will next be presented to the Board of Conservation and Recreation for recommended approval.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Meeting Agenda
- 2. Draft phased development plan

Grayson Highlands State Park Master Plan Update

Public Input Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 6:00 P.M.

Grayson Highlands State Park Visitor Center 829 Grayson Highland Lane Mouth of Wilson, Virginia

AGENDA

Welcome

Introduction to Virginia State Parks

Overview of the State Park Master Planning Process

Orientation to Grayson Highlands State Park

Review of Proposed master plan revisions for Grayson Highlands State Park

Public Comment Period

Next Steps in the Process

Adjourn

THANK YOU!

Written and emailed comments are also accepted for the Grayson Highlands State Park Master Plan until **August 13, 2016.**

Please send comments to:
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Phased Development Plan

Proposed developments for Grayson Highlands State Park are presented in priority order. Completion of all of the projects in this list will represent total build-out (completion of the master plan), and covers a 20-year timeframe. Estimates are based on 2016 cost figures.

PHASE I

Upgrade utilities including replacing water lines and enhancing phone service.

Comfort station/shelter at Massie Gap

Construct a staff residence (demo current structure)

Yurts (4) in campground

Upgrade electric for (45) campsites in campground

Replace bathhouse in lower loop of campground.

Redesign and expand park office as welcome center, with 2 offices and meeting space.

Resurface roads and parking lots throughout park.

Expand trails to connect points of interest inside and outside the park.

Landscaping, including additional stone walls and rail fencing.

The total estimated cost for Phase I development is \$

PHASE II

Expand picnic area with shelter and comfort station
Expand and upgrade Country Store, including shelter and overhang.
Expand maintenance area
Expand trails to connect points of interest inside and outside the park.
Landscaping, including additional stone walls and rail fencing.

The total estimated cost for Phase II development is \$

PHASE III

Renovate bathhouse in upper loop of campground Picnic shelter/SST with water/electric at Visitor Center parking lot Upgrade horse stalls (10) Expand trails to connect points of interest inside and outside the park.

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Landscaping, including additional stone walls and rail fencing.

The total estimated cost for Phase III development is \$

The total cost to bring Grayson Highlands State Park to its desired future condition is \$