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Comments: Re: Blue Pool Parking Lot Project

To whom it may concern,

Regarding the Blue Pool Parking Lot Project, I think that it is a great idea to improve parking and increase parking spots to protect the surrounding environment from cars parking wherever they can on busy days. An organized parking lot with a bathroom is a great way to reduce the impact of tourists and visitors to Blue Pool.

As much as the local residents do not want excess people visiting Blue Pool, it is happening, and we need to mitigate the impacts that are happening. Tourism is a huge part of the McKenzie River corridor and while should encourage visitors to take advantage of the trails and waterfalls on the McKenzie River, we also need to create the infrastructure to accommodate the influx of tourism.

My three top concerns are:

- 1) I think that the number one priority should be a bathroom/ toilet facility at the trailhead.
- 2) I also think educating tourists is extremely important. We need extra signage at the trailhead to educate everyone about the Blue Pool trail, the Mckenzie River ecosystem and human impact on the ecosystem, the geologic and indigenous history of the area, and signage that warns of the hazards/ dangers of the Blue Pool area.
- 3) I also think that there needs to be multiple bearproof trash receptacles at the trailhead to mitigate the amount of trash that tourists create.

Overall, I think that the Blue Pool Parking Lot Project is a much-needed infrastructure to support the influx of tourism to this sensitive area.

Cheers,

Elizabeth Muzzey