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Comments: I echo the concerns raised by the Washington Native Plant Society, specifically the following:

"At this time, the two engineering options that appear to best meet our concerns as well as the purpose and need for the project are Option B (Full Repair of the Existing Outlet Tunnel) and Option E (Convert Existing Tunnel to Pressure Tunnel) as the primary outlet for Spirit Lake with Lake Storage as the redundant capacity.

These options would have the least landscape footprint on the Pumice Plain and the Debris Avalanche, thus least impacting the integrity of long-term research, the evolution of natural ecological processes and the current aesthetic visitor experiences.

These options also would not require support infrastructure, such as buildings, fuel depots and equipment yards, to be located and maintained on the Pumice Plain or Debris Avalanche since a more suitable location would be at the tunnel outlet where power supply and year round paved highway (SR 504) access already exist.

This project should commit that any access roads needed to maintain the preferred alternative for the Spirit Lake outlet should be designed only for the intended management purpose as service roads and not with the intent that they would become public roads for recreation access in the future. Roads are a slippery slope since their existence creates demands for public use that are not consistent with the current management plan"

Thank you for your consideration,

Dan Moore