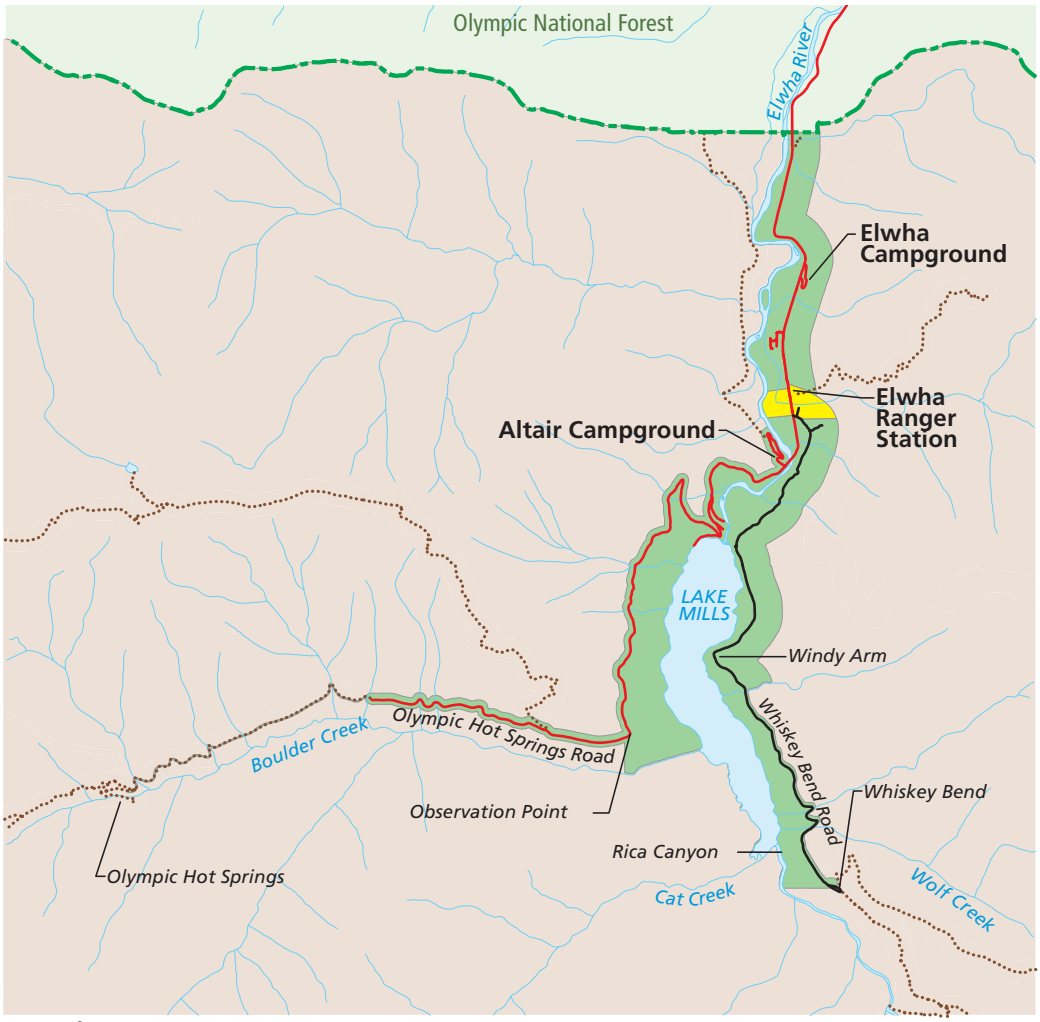
Elwha Alternative A - Current Management



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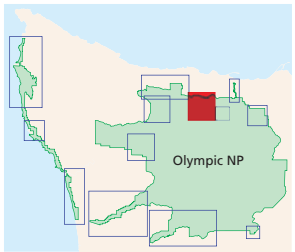
- Development Zone
- NPS Wilderness
- NPS Boundary
- Trail
- Paved road
- Unpaved road
- USFS

Location



1. Management authority of Elwha project lands outside the park boundary would be retained by the National Park Service or transferred to another land management entity in accord with the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act of October 24, 1992 (PL 102-495) to ensure the long-term protection of river and fisheries values.

2. Road access would be retained to the Boulder Creek trailhead and to Whiskey Bend.

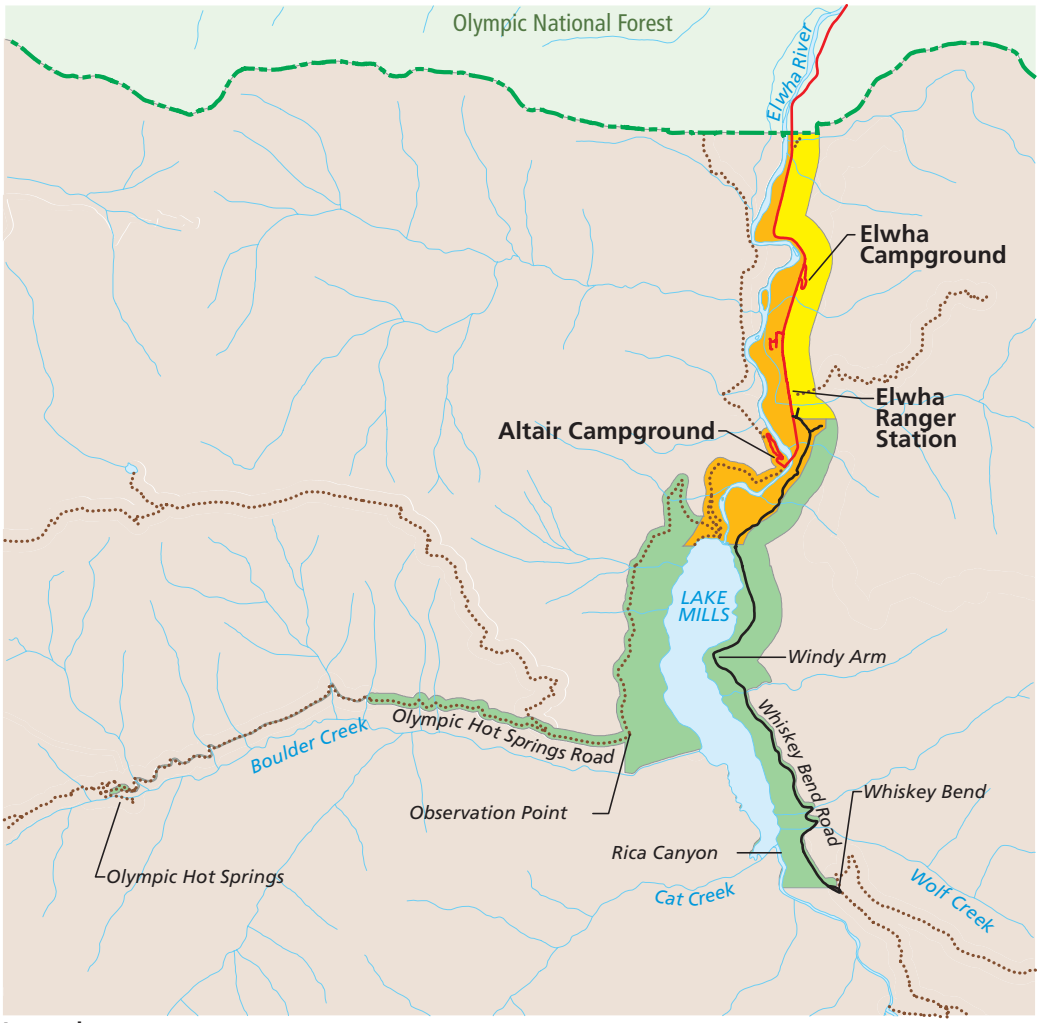
The Boulder Creek Trail would be rehabilitated to provide access for hikers and horseback riders.

3. Altair and Elwha campgrounds would be retained.

4. Rehabilitation of the historic CCC campground at Olympic Hot Springs would continue, and camping opportunities for backpackers would be provided.

The Olympic Hot Springs site would remain in its existing condition. No exhibits or waysides would be developed.

Elwha Alternative B - Resource Protection Emphasis



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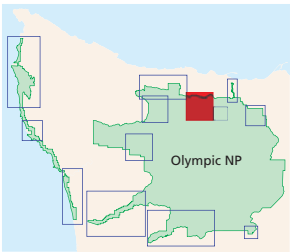

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2. Road access would be provided only to Altair, and a trailhead would be developed at that site. Road access would be retained to Whiskey Bend.

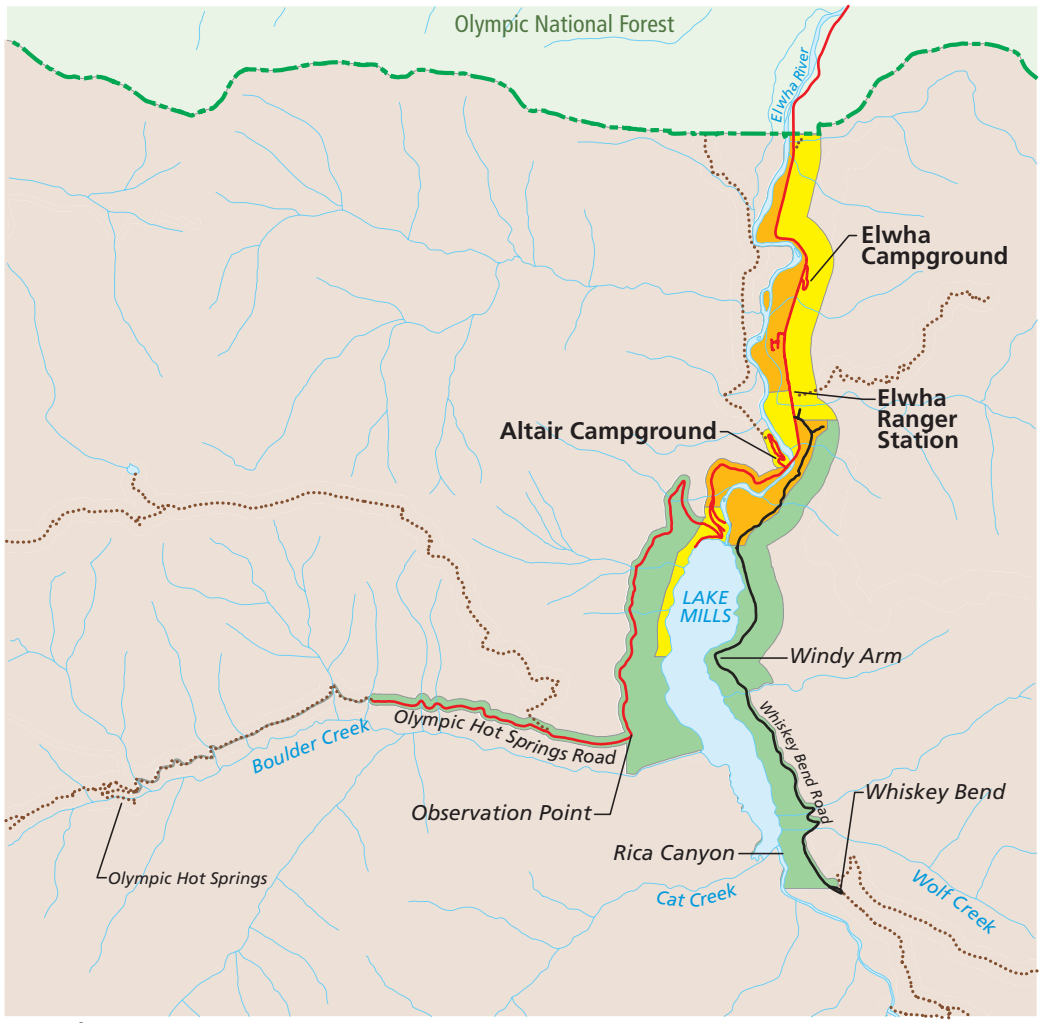
The Boulder Creek Trail would be rehabilitated to provide access for hikers and horseback riders.

3. Altair campground would be converted to a day-use river access point. Elwha campground would be retained.

4. The former historic CCC campground at Olympic Hot Springs would be removed and the area rehabilitated to provide wilderness camping opportunities.

The visitor-constructed hot springs pools at the Olympic Hot Springs site would be removed, and the area would be restored to a natural state. No exhibits or waysides would be developed.

Elwha Alternative C - Visitor Opportunities Emphasis



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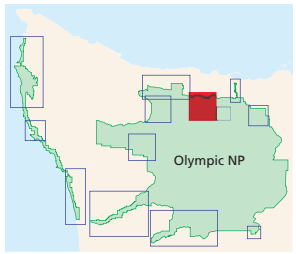

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2. Road access would be retained to existing Boulder Creek trailhead. The trail would provide access for hikers and horseback riders, and developed for universal accessibility as appropriate. Road access would be retained to Whiskey Bend.

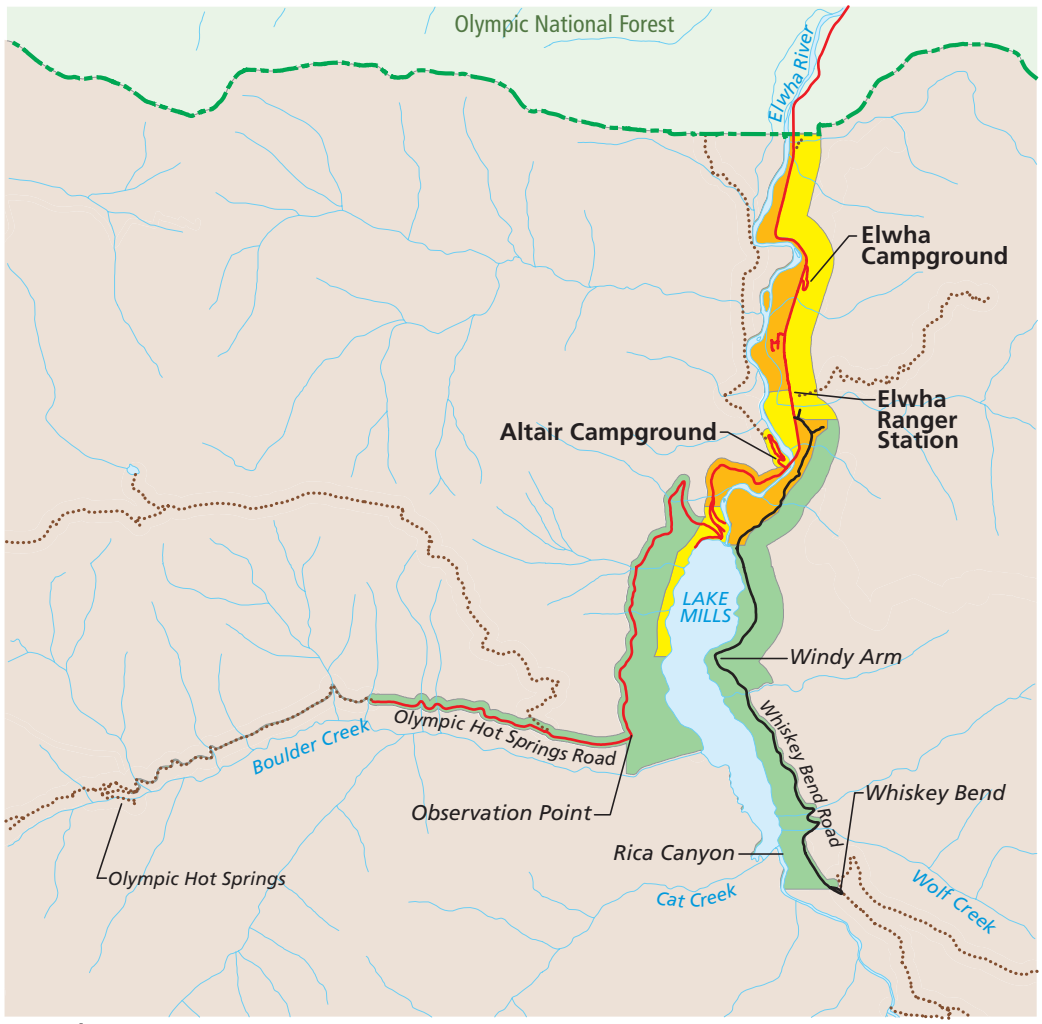
3. Altair and Elwha campgrounds would be expanded or improved.

4. The former historic CCC campground at Olympic Hot Springs would provide camping opportunities for backpackers.

The visitor constructed hot springs pools at the Olympic Hot Springs site would be removed, and the area would be restored to a natural state.

Exhibits or waysides would be developed to provide visitors with a historical reference to the area.

Elwha Alternative D - Preferred Alternative



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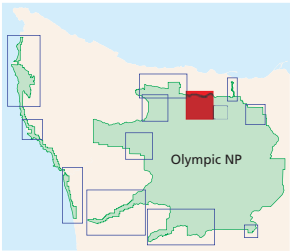

1. Disposition and management of the Elwha project lands outside the park boundary would be determined through a public process after completion of this general management plan and the dam removal phase of Elwha River in accord with the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act of October 24, 1992 (PL 102-495) to ensure the long-term protection of river and fisheries values and ecosystem restoration, and to allow continued NPS management through this phase.

2. Road access would be retained to the Boulder Creek trailhead. Trailhead and parking would be improved and may be relocated nearby. Road access would be retained to Whiskey Bend.

The Boulder Creek Trail would be rehabilitated to provide access for hikers and horseback riders.

Trail access would be retained, using methods that minimize adverse effects on river processes and aquatic and riparian habitats, to the extent possible.

3. Altair and Elwha campgrounds would be retained. Additional camping and hiking trails would be considered within the Elwha drainage (former Lake Mills).

Current park facilities would be retained and protected using methods that minimize adverse effects on river processes and aquatic and riparian habitats, to the extent possible.

4. The former historic CCC campground at Olympic Hot Springs would be rehabilitated, with some sites removed and restored to natural conditions, and other sites retained to allow continued camping opportunities for backpackers.

The visitor constructed hot springs pools at the Olympic Hot Springs site would be removed, and the area would be restored to a natural state.

Exhibits or waysides would be developed to provide visitors with information on the area's natural and cultural resources.