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**Public Spaces Tool**

Record the place you visit (name/identification)\_\_White Salmon Centennial Park\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Day and time visited: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_October 24, 2016\_\_\_\_4pm\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To assess your public space, use these categories to analyze the different aspects, and respond as indicated.

1. Places to sit
   1. How many chairs/benches/tables? \_\_11 picnic tables, 12 benches, 3 stand-at bars\_\_
   2. Are they spread out throughout the space, or clustered together? \_\_spread out, but some clustered\_\_
   3. No higher than average waist, except standing bars
   4. No barriers to seating
   5. there is space for people on either side of the seating areas
   6. there are no movable seats
2. There is no water
3. Public art: only public art is a commemorative plaque on a rock that can be sat upon
4. Open Space
   1. there is a fair amount of open space
   2. there is lots of green space and some hard space
   3. there are areas for sporting: tennis courts, pool, field, playground
   4. there are areas for picnicking
   5. there is a playground area for small children
5. Trees: Rate each on a scale from 1-10.
   1. Are they older? 7
   2. Are they organized into groves or bunched? 5
   3. Do they provide shade and cover in hot weather? 5
   4. Aesthetically pleasing? 7
   5. How much of the space is shaded by trees? 5
6. Food / Vendors during most usage periods?
   1. Present for “events”
   2. No seating for the vendor
   3. Informal seating for the public
7. Accessibility
   1. Easily accessible to the public
   2. you can walk or bike to the public space, but there is no transportation nearby
   3. it is a high traffic area
      1. it is easily visible from street and is open, fairly well lit, and visible enough to feel safe.
   4. the public space is occupied by people
8. Sociability. Rate on a scale from 1-10.
   1. Can you enjoy the space either alone? 10
   2. Can you enjoy the space in groups? 10
   3. Are people socializing? 8
   4. Do groups of people tend to stay close to each other or are they far apart? No groups at time of visit.
   5. Do people seem to be meeting one another there? Not at park at a busy time
   6. It does not show signs of inaccessibility to different groups.
9. Time of Day
   1. people are most likely to be in the public space in the summer daytimes, farmers markets or events.
   2. the public place does not close
10. Vicinity
    1. What is around the space? Classify (circle) and Describe.  
       Houses, School, Churches, Public Bldgs
11. Are there areas to play and exercise?
    * 1. There are large grassy areas, Play equipment, tennis courts, and a pool across the road.
12. Cleanliness:
    1. Is the place clean? 8
    2. Is it being actively cleaned (do you see people cleaning it)? No
    3. How accessible are the trash cans? moderate
    4. How bad a problem is litter? 9: very little litter
    5. Are there “Park adopted by…” signs? No
       1. Is there evidence that adoption is active? Is trash picked up, etc.? Yes
13. Decorations within public space?
    1. flowerbeds, etc and a time capsule burial site with plaque
14. Threats and problems diminishing use? (homeless, gang, or threatening people using it? Dangerous or unpleasant spaces, etc.) No threats