

# Liberty Lake Regional Park Forest Management Plan - Project Goals -

Project Goal	Details
<b>Reduce Fire Risk</b>	The area surrounding Liberty Lake Regional Park has been increasingly built up with residences - some quite substantial. Outcomes of the FMP shall be to create a forest that is more resilient to forest fires and to reduce the intensity of those fire events when they occur.
<b>Improve Forest Health</b>	Fire is a naturally reoccurring element that has shaped forests in the Inland Northwest. Like elsewhere throughout the country, fires have been suppressed within the Mica Peak / Liberty Lake area to reduce damage to structures, preserve timber value and protect life. Without fire, this forest may have developed certain conditions that are conducive to disease and insect damage. Therefore, the FMP shall identify specific health issues and prescribe solutions to address those health concerns.
<b>Protect Natural Resources</b>	The park encompasses a majority of the Liberty Lake Watershed, which contributes fresh water to Liberty Lake, providing benefits to wildlife, recreation the residents living at the lake. The FMP shall ensure the protection of natural resources, including water quality, soils, and the forest.
<b>Improve Wildlife Habitat</b>	FMP recommendations shall consider and describe the benefits to wildlife that may be a result of the prescribed forest management projects. Said projects may be shaped to provide greater benefits to wildlife, including the preservation of snags or dying tress that may become habitat for cavity nesting species.
<b>Limit impact to or improve recreational experience / opportunities.</b>	Liberty Lake Regonial Park is a popular place to hike, mountain bike, horseback ride and more. Active recreational trails criss-cross the property. The FMP shall consider and design forest management projects to limit aesthetic and other impacts to active trails.
<b>Educate the community about the Liberty Lake / Mica Peak Forest</b>	The FMP shall provide recommendations and examples on how Spokane County Parks can educate the community about the pending forest management projects prescribed in the FMP.
<b>Implement the Recommendations of the FMP</b>	The FMP shall be designed in a way that will facilitate Spokane County Parks being able to implement the recommendations of the plan in feasible phases or projects. This includes designing specific projects that can be implemented by Spokane County either through inhouse labor or through contracting the work out within the County's financial means.