



Grand Coulee Area

a majestic place

HORIZONS IS ABOUT MOVEMENT AND CHANGE: From waiting to leading...from indifference to pride.

Area Demographics

Population: 5583
Housing Units: 961
Land: 387.1 sq. mi.
Water: 5.29 sq. mi.

Community Pride Points

- Bald Eagle Festival
- Grand Columbian Triathlon
- New Skateboard Park
- Summer Youth Programs
- Colorama Festival

Goals

- Childcare Center
- Community Center
- Resource Guide
- Economic Development
- Build Community Unity

Background

The towns of Coulee Dam, Elmer City, Nespelam, Electric City, and Grand Coulee make up the Grand Coulee area. The region is world-renowned for geological formations and the Grand Coulee Dam. It is home to Lake Roosevelt National Recreation area, Steamboat Rock State Park, Colville Indian Reservation, and a portion of the Coulee Corridor Scenic Byway. The area has much to offer for the history enthusiast, and we sponsor some really fun recreation opportunities, including the Bald Eagle Festival, Grand Columbian Triathlon, Skateboard Park, summer youth programs, and the annual Colorama Festival. All of these are set against the beautiful landscape known as the Grand Coulee area.

The Horizons program

The Grand Coulee area applied to the Washington State University Extension Horizons program in September 2008. Horizons provides locally-delivered training, skill building, and

coaching to strengthen community leadership and civic engagement systems. The Horizons program is open to everyone. It is the participants ideas, commitment, and collaboration that create positive and lasting change. Horizons is about the transformation a community can make to move from waiting to leading, from talking to action, from control by few to the participation of many, and from indifference to pride. Ultimately, it is about community leadership that can act to reverse a town's economic and population decline, and thrive.

Goals

Our hope is to be known as "A community welcoming tradition and opportunity." A place where people work together and build on our rich traditions and history, while creating new opportunities and welcoming others. Working through the Horizons program, we have identified the following projects to aid us in reaching our goals: Formation of a

Community Center, greater Childcare options, access to a Community Resource guide, and a task force to encourage Economic Development. With action and commitment the Grand Coulee area is becoming a more cohesive community.

Positive outlook

"Everybody here is a leader; all we have to do is figure out what we're going to do and how we're going to do it." We are working together to make a positive change in our community. We realize that we have the power and ability to shape our future. The natural beauty of the Grand Coulee area makes it a truly majestic place and gem of Washington state. Won't you join us to make it a thriving community?



Real change will occur when we engage the full community:

School, church, associations, institutions, individuals, and youth. Won't you join us?

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