



# City of Stevenson

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Hello,

The latest SitRep and a press release regarding Phase 2 opening from yesterday are attached. Only businesses with guidance published by the state can be open, which is currently only restaurants and taverns. The latest information on plans and guidance issued can be found at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start>.

EMS and the Sheriff's Office saw an increase in visitors and traffic over the weekend. Beacon Rock and Dog Mountain both remained empty, although people trespassed through closed gates in Ape Caves.

Regarding an opening of the recreation areas, consensus from Sheriffs on both sides of the river is they need to open at the same time. There is a follow-up meeting on Friday with the various land management groups where the reopening plans will continue to be discussed.

The Gifford Pinchot will open developed recreation sites on Friday, except for lower Lewis Falls, Ape Caves and the Johnston Ridge Observatory. Lower elevation campgrounds are expected to open June 10th and high elevation campgrounds on June 30th.

The County is discussing the reopening of parks today at their meeting. They will create a location on their website to house information on the open status of outdoor recreation areas.

The council packet and Zoom meeting information will be distributed by the end of the week. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns you would like to see addressed.

Thanks,

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City Administrator