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Name and Title:Ronald C. Foster, General Manager
Business/Organization:Foster Family Legacy LLLP, a Washington State business
Street/Mailing Address:690 S. Lakeshore Rd.
City, State, Zip Code:Chelan, WA 98816
Telephone Number:208-340-3665 Fax Number:509-888-8111
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having to arrange accommodations before and a	after trips to Stehekin. This has impacted our
desired lengths of stay and causes additional sig	inificant expenses. The Chelan area has
become more popular leaving us often unable to	stay in Chelan, adding more drive time. Also,
lodging is extremely difficult to find during the 3 v	week Octoberfest interval within a 60 mile
radius of Chelan.	
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As noted above we will continue to need accomr	modations, including lodging and meals,
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husband and I are both retired, and although our	r schedules may be more flexible then when
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PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

## APPLICANT STATEMENT

(To be completed by the individual requesting operating authority)

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Applicant Name:

Backcountry Travels LLC

Application Docket No.: TS-180677

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THE APPLICATION What authority are you applying for? Include any amendments. A daily, year round commercial ferry service on Lake Chelan based out of Stehekin WA. The vessel that will be used is a quiet, comfortable and efficient thirty two passenger catamaran. The vessel would leave Stehekin at 10:40am daily and return at 1pm, arriving back in Stehekin at 2:45pm.

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The current ferry requires getting to Chelan early in the morning and getting home late. During
the winter months this means traveling in the dark or incurring additional cost for hotel rooms in
Chelan on both end of the trip. Hotels in Chelan are often hard to get at a reasonable cost
during parts of the year.
Are your transportation needs being met now? Yes No _X If not, explain problems you
have experienced.
Current ferry schedule times require additional cost because I have to stay in Chelan in order to
catch the ferry to Stehekin and depending on the time of year I also have to stay in Chelan upon
my return. This prevent me from seeing other customers.
If the request is denied, would it have any affect on you or your business/organization:
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Additional cost incurred because the current ferry schedule requires staying in Chelan as
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VERIFICATION  (To be completed by the individual or business/organization supporting the request for operating authority)
Name and Title:Carolyn Cooper Managing Owner
Business/Organization:Cooper-Pyles Properties LLC
Street/Mailing Address:3949 NW Clarence Cir
City, State, Zip Code:Corvallis OR 97330
Telephone Number:541-760-6834 Fax Number:
I understand that this information is being given as the basis for a grant of operating authority by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, an agency of the state of Washington. I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the information contained in this statement is true and correct.
Carolyn Cooper SIGNATURE DATE

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To: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

From: Ron Scutt - Stehekin Valley resident

**Purpose:** To support *Backcountry Travels LLC's* application to establish a daily, year-round transportation option for Stehekin Valley residents, property owners along the shores of Lake Chelan, and visitors to the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area (LCNRA) and North Cascades National Park (NCNP).

A year-round, ferry service based in Stehekin, WA and operating on a daily basis is a transportation alternative crucial to the future of Stehekin's community, Lake Chelan property owners and visitors to the North Cascades.

**Current Transportation Options:** Most recently, the Lake Chelan Boat Co. (LCBC) and Chelan Seaplanes provided transportation options for Stehekin's community, lakeshore properties and visitors to the LCNRA and NCNP. Both transportation services were based in Chelan until 2016. Neither service provided a daily, year-round service to Stehekin.

Regrettably, Chelan Seaplanes suspended services in 2016 when land leased for the air service operation was purchased to construct the Sunset Marina. With the absence of the seaplane option, public transportation accessing Stehekin and lakeshore properties is currently available only by the LCBC.

The LCBC provides daily transportation to Stehekin for approximately five and a half months a year during what is described on their website as the - "High Season." The rest of the year is described as the - "Off Season."

Stehekin residents and businesses should have the opportunity to realize the benefits of an alternative Stehekin based ferry service operating "All Days" during "All Seasons."

As you will see from the LCBC schedule provided at the end this letter, the LCBC suspends boat service to Stehekin on Sundays from January 1 to March 31st and runs on a four day a week service during November, December and April. The lack of a daily ferry service has a profound effect upon valley residents and visitors.

For too many years, the development of visitor services in Stehekin has been constrained because of a lack of a daily, year-round ferry service based in Stehekin. A daily, year-round ferry service is precisely what *Backcountry Travels* proposes.

**Examples of the benefits of a daily ferry service to Stehekin:** While this letter is not intended to itemize all of the positive effects of a daily ferry, I will provide just two examples at this point in time that support the consideration and granting of *Backcountry Travel's* application.

First, the lack of a Sunday boat during the winter months affects families of children attending the Stehekin School. Because a daily ferry schedule year does not currently exist, students and families who must travel downlake miss an extended

amount of school to make appointments and take care of essential downlake business. A daily boat schedule during the winter months would provide relief to these families and improve school attendance.

Second, there is an economic justification for establishing daily boat service to Stehekin. A regular ferry operating on a daily basis will be a boon to various rental cabins in Stehekin, as well as, the North Cascades Lodge. Winter visitation and access to the North Cascades will be encouraged by a ferry service that offers visitors greater flexibility of travel options.

Backcountry Travels application to provide a transportation service is unique in Lake Chelan's transportation history. To the best of my knowledge, a scheduled, daily, round-trip boat service based in Stehekin has never existed on the lake. It's time that such a ferry service is established.

In Summary, granting Backcountry Travels application...

- Will provide a service no other transportation service is willing to offer and is historically unique for transportation on Lake Chelan.
- Will support year-round visitation to Stehekin and the North Cascades.
- Will provide employment for those living in Stehekin
- Will create greater travel flexibility for visitors accessing Stehekin.
- Will improve access to lakeshore properties.

Thank you for consideration of these thoughts. Please notify me when hearings are scheduled to consider *Backcountry Travels'* application to serve Stehekin Valley residents, visitors to the North Cascades and property owners along Lake Chelan.

From the Lady of the Lake website:

LADY OF THE LAKE II

Daily May 1st - October 15th

LADY EXPRESS

Memorial Day weekend

(Saturday-Sunday-Monday)

Daily June 15th - September 23rd

The boat schedule changes as of October 15th: "DURING THE LATE FALL, WINTER AND SPRING MONTHS THE "LADY EXPRESS" RUNS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF OUR WINTER TRAVELERS." (Quote from ladyofthelake.com)

The following represents the Boat Co. schedule for six months of the year.

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January 1st through March 31st: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

April 1st through April 30th: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

October 16th through October 31st: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

November 1st through December 31st: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. No Service on Christmas Day.

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