

Future Number Projections

LCBC Stehekin ridership numbers provided by National Park Service

1996-2006 Average 24,956 per year

2007-2017 Average 19,418 per year

Difference 5,538

Peak year 1999, 29,611

During the time between 1996-2006 Jack Raines the president of Lake Chelan Recreation operated the North Cascades Lodge in Stehekin. The Lady Express ran a minimum of 5 times per week during the winter. The Lady Cat started service I believe in the year 1999 and shut down in 2006. The Lady Cat only provided service during the summer. The main difference between the two above date ranges is that there was more transportation options. The difference between the two date ranges of 5,538 riders is already more than Backcountry Travels LLC projected first year numbers for the entire year. The Chelan Airways floatplane service was also running year around during that time. One can only assume that with the applied for schedule of 7 days per week year around that these numbers would grow back at least to previous averages. Listed below are most if not all of the new accommodation units that have been added since the peak year of 1999. Numbers provided to me by North Cascades Lodge at Stehekin show that they are 37% booked year round even though their winter numbers are very low. Assuming that the below listed units are occupied at a similar rate then these new units should have brought the total ridership numbers up by 3,600 people. With the new units that are supposed to open over the next couple of years the number should go up another 3,700. Without the needed transportation being supplied these numbers have been severely suppressed.

Rental units added in Stehekin since 1999

Stehekin Valley Ranch, 3 Units	People max occupancy	10
North Cascades Lodge at Stehekin, 1 Unit		12

Stehekin Log Cabin	4
Mcgregor Cabin	4
Rustic Retreat Cabin	8
Stehekin Cedar Cabin	4
Bowles Cabin	2
Stehekin Creekside Cabin	4
Johnston Cabin	4
Total	52

Rental units that are scheduled to open in the next couple of years

Rainbow Lodge, 3 units (see support statement)	14
Rustic Retreat (see support statement)	30
Backcountry Travels Cabin	7
Davis Cabin	6
Total	57