

**PALOUSE-CLEARWATER ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE
NATURE CENTER RULES AND REGULATIONS**

These Rules and Regulations applicable to the Nature Center of the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, Inc. (“PCEI”), an Idaho nonprofit corporation , are adopted by the PCEI Board of Directors (“Board”) this 17th day of February, 2010.

Recitals:

A. On February 17, 2010 the Board adopted a Nature Center Strategic Concept (“PCEI Concept”) to describe the purposes of PCEI’s Nature Center and PCEI’s vision and strategy for implementation of those purposes within the Nature Center located on real property owned by PCEI as depicted on attached **Exhibit A** (“Nature Center”).

B. As part of its PCEI Concept, the Board is charged with adopting Rules and Regulations governing public uses and activities within the Nature Center.

C. PCEI’s members have established the Nature Center with an overall philosophy in mind to encourage uses by the public of the Nature Center which leave a light footprint and provide enjoyment, longevity, and minimal maintenance.

NOW THEREFORE, in furtherance of its PCEI Concept and PCEI’s overall philosophy, the Board adopts Rules and Regulations governing public uses and activities within the Nature Center, as follows:

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All persons must comply with the following Rules and Regulations applicable to the Nature Center:

1.1 Hours of Operation; Closures; Scheduling.

1.1.1 Hours of Operation. Public areas of the Nature Center are generally open to the public daily from dawn until dusk. Accommodations for special events may be allowed with PCEI's permission outside regular hours of operation.

1.1.2 Closures. PCEI reserves the right to close the Nature Center or any area of the Nature Center to the public at any time.

1.1.3 Groups. A group of ten (10) or more people should schedule their visit to the Nature Center with PCEI and provide at least five (5) days notice.

1.2 General Rules and Regulations.

1.2.1 Signage. All persons must comply with all posted signs within the Nature Center.

1.2.2 Animals. Leashed, domestic pets are allowed in the Nature Center provided owners must pick up after their pets. Horses are not allowed in the Nature Center.

1.2.3 Parking and Alternative Transportation. Vehicle parking is limited and is only allowed in designated parking areas within the Nature Center. Vehicles are not permitted on grassy areas or pedestrian walkways and plazas. Vehicle and pedestrian access to buildings must not be obstructed. Additional parking may be made available as designated by PCEI. Visitors are encouraged to use alternative modes of transportation, such as bicycling or walking, when visiting the Nature Center.

1.2.4 Bicycle Storage. The public is allowed to access and use the Bike Pavilion for bicycle storage while visiting the Nature Center.

1.2.5 Alcohol. The public is not allowed to possess alcohol on the Nature Center unless permitted under law and permitted by PCEI.

1.2.6 Smoking. Smoking is not allowed in the Nature Center unless permitted by PCEI in a designated area.

1.2.7 Litter and Recycling. Littering is not allowed in the Nature Center and every person must deposit garbage and recyclables in appropriate trash and recycling receptacles provided on site.

1.2.8 Noise. All persons must refrain from making excessive noise out of respect for neighboring residential occupants and to enable others to enjoy the peace and quiet of the Nature Center.

1.2.9 Fires. Fires are not allowed within the Nature Center unless permitted in writing by PCEI and made in a designated area within an approved fire appliance operated with fire screens in place during the entire time the fire and its smoldering embers are hot or burning. Per the City of Moscow fire code, permitted fires must be burned at least 25 feet from any building, structure, or other combustible material and no waste matter shall be burned which will produce toxic or offensive odors. Also, a garden hose with water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment shall be on hand and a competent person shall be at the burn site at all times until the fire has been totally extinguished.

1.2.10 Watering Devices. Hoses or irrigation lines within the Nature Center should not be touched or moved.

1.2.11 Hunting and Weapons. Hunting is prohibited and firearms, explosives, or other weapons of any kind are not allowed within the Nature Center at any time.

1.3 Natural Areas.

1.3.1 Trails. Except when accompanied by a PCEI guide, the public must stay on designated trails to protect and preserve the ecological integrity of animals, insects, and plants

throughout the Nature Center. All trail users are cautioned to be aware of uneven terrain throughout the Nature Center.

1.3.2 Motorized and Wheeled Vehicles. No motorized vehicles, bicycles, or other wheeled vehicles including skateboards and rollerblades, with the exception of wheelchairs to accommodate people with disabilities on designated trails, are allowed within the Nature Center unless needed for emergencies or as authorized by PCEI.

1.3.3 Ponds and Wetlands. The public is not allowed to enter, swim, fish, operate a boat or attempt to capture amphibians, invertebrates, or other animals in or around any ponds or wetland feature within the Nature Center unless permitted by PCEI.

1.3.4 Learning Nursery and Agricultural Sites. The public is allowed to access the Learning Nursery and other agricultural sites provided that the public may not pick or touch flowers, plants, crops, or trees within the Nature Center unless permitted by PCEI.

1.4 PCEI Buildings and Vehicles.

1.4.1 Perrine House. The public is allowed to access the lobby of PCEI's log constructed office building, the Perrine House, for proper purposes during regular hours of operation.

1.4.2 Waxwing. The public is not allowed to access PCEI's white metal office building, the Waxwing, at any time unless permitted by PCEI.

1.4.3 Tool Sheds. The public is not allowed to access tool sheds within the Nature Center at any time unless permitted by PCEI.

1.4.4 Artist Studio. The public is not allowed to access or use the Artist Studio at any time unless permitted by PCEI.

1.4.5 PCEI Vehicles. The public is not allowed to touch or play in or around any PCEI vehicle.

1.5 Other Permitted Uses.

1.5.1 Overnight Camping. Overnight camping may be allowed in the Nature Center by permission from PCEI in a designated area at PCEI's discretion.

1.5.2 Cookouts and Picnics. Cookouts and picnics may be allowed within the Nature Center by permission from PCEI in a designated area at PCEI's discretion.

1.5.3 Sledding. Sledding may be allowed within the Nature Center by permission from PCEI in a designated area at PCEI's discretion

1.5.4 Special Events. When PCEI members desire to hold special events at the Nature Center, such as birthday and graduation parties, family reunions, and weddings, application forms provided by PCEI must be properly submitted to and approved by PCEI. Such events must also be carried out in an environmentally sustainable manner which includes, but is not limited to, use of labeled receptacles for recycling and compost. In addition, such events must be cost neutral or revenue generating for PCEI

2. SCHEDULING; EXCEPTIONS; ENFORCEMENT.

2.1 Scheduling.

PCEI's permission under these Rules and Regulations may be sought and visits may be scheduled by contacting PCEI at info@pcei.org or 208-882-1444.

2.2 Exceptions.

At its sole discretion, PCEI reserves all rights to enter into any agreement that would allow access to and use of portions of the Nature Center that would otherwise not be permissible as set forth in these Rules and Regulations.

2.3 Enforcement.

PCEI shall have the right to enforce these Rules and Regulations, to ask anyone to leave the Nature Center at any time for any reason, to contact law enforcement, and/or to seek restitution for any damages to persons and/or property.

3. **USER RESPONSIBILITIES.**

3.1 Notification of Risks.

Any participant in PCEI activities or user of the Nature Center recognizes that there are risks including, but not limited to, variations in terrain and surface conditions and falls.

3.2 Supervision of Minor Children.

Parents or guardians or any other authorized persons shall be responsible for supervision of minor children at all times while participating in PCEI activities and/or using the Nature Center.

3.3 Assumption of Risk.

Any participant in PCEI activities or user of the Nature Center freely and expressly assumes all risks of personal and/or property damage which may be associated with and/or result from involvement in the activity or use and agrees to hold harmless, release, defend and indemnify PCEI of and from any liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by a participant or user while engaged in any PCEI activity or use of the Nature Center.

3.4 Release from Liability and Covenant Not to Sue.

In consideration for being permitted to participate in PCEI activities and/or uses of the Nature Center, the participant or user agrees to forever discharge and release from any legal liability and to not sue PCEI for any injuries or property damage caused by or resulting from the activities or uses.

3.5 Indemnification.

PCEI shall be indemnified by a participant in PCEI activities or user of the Nature Center for any injury and/or damage to any other participant in PCEI activities or user of the Nature Center or to other persons caused by such participant or user as a result of participation in any PCEI activity or use of the Nature Center.

3.6 Medical Authorization.

Any person who participates in PCEI activities or uses the Nature Center authorizes PCEI's authorized personnel to call medical care for the person or to transport the person to a medical facility or hospital if, in the opinion of such personnel, medical attention is necessary. Any participant in activities or user of the Nature Center agrees that, upon such transport to any medical facility or hospital, PCEI shall not have any further responsibility. Further, any participant in activities or user of the Nature Center agrees to pay all cost associated with such medical care and related transportation and indemnify and hold PCEI harmless of and from any costs incurred therein.

4. AMENDMENTS.

The Board shall have the authority to alter, amend, or repeal these Rules and Regulations and/or have the authority to adopt new Rules and Regulations.

The foregoing Rules and Regulations were duly adopted by the Board on the 17th of February 2010.

PALOUSE CLEARWATER ENVIRONMENTAL
INSTITUTE, INC.

By: _____
President

Exhibit A

Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute Nature Center

