



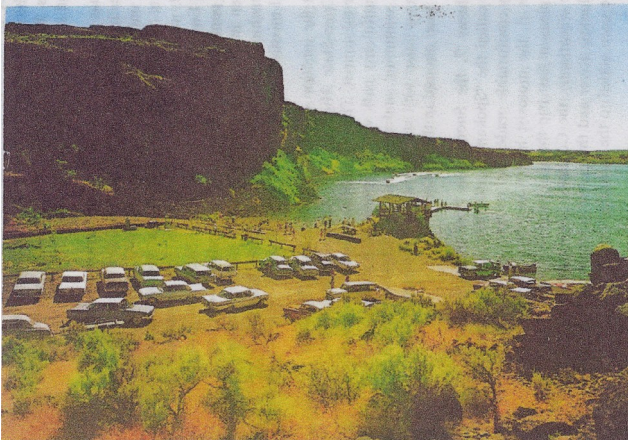
Lincoln County Conservation District

Pacific Lake, located six miles north of Odessa, WA, first went dry in the 1990's then filled again in 2017, which took approximately 45 days. Pacific Lake and the surrounding shrub steppe land is both privately and publicly owned, and water hasn't been held within the lake bed for several years. The lake itself is roughly the size of an irrigated crop circle, or 125 acres. At capacity, Pacific Lake can hold 675,658,955 gallons of water.

The objective of the previous Lincoln County Passive Rehydration project was to evaluate the feasibility of pumping surface water from Lake Roosevelt into the upper portion of a to-be-determined surface drainage source in the northern portion of Lincoln County. This would allow that water to flow down the drainage, refilling currently dry or diminished lakes and recharging alluvial and basalt aquifers under natural conditions. The prefeasibility project evaluated geology, hydrogeology, delivery pathway, regulatory, permitting, ownership, water rights, and other issues related to developing a pumping and storage/infiltration project. The prefeasibility was completed in December of 2010. Pacific Lake had a sustained water level until it dried up following consecutive drought years in the mid 80's and early 90's. The high precipitation and runoff in the years 1996-97 helped refill Pacific Lake, but the lake dried up once again in the mid 2000's. During a period of higher rainfall from 2016-2018, the lake once again filled but has since dried completely.

Allington Bay on Pacific Lake

ALLINGTON BAY ON PACIFIC LAKE
CIRCA 1960



Allington Bay looking southwest, from a postcard created in the 1960's after the boat landing was completed in 1962.

DYNAMIC ODESSA DEVELOPS LAKE

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An active civic club with the help of townspeople, farmers and a benevolent landowner developed this attractive lakeside recreational area.

First, take one pot-hole lake, add to this an idea, then stir with a dynamic community, and the result can be amazing. The pot-hole is Pacific lake. The idea, a water recreation area. The community, Odessa, Washington.

Pacific lake is located in southwestern Lincoln county about six miles north of Odessa. At best it has provided reasonably good fishing, providing one had a pickup or jeep to travel the rough, winding scab-rock trails leading to its shore.

In Pacific a group of civic-minded people saw more than just a pot-hole lake surrounded by rock and sage brush. They envisioned a com-

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Black and white photo looking northwest at Allington Bay with part of the article from Reddy Kilowatt's Farm News, No. 2, 1963.



Boat launch perspective, taken in 2018 (cr. Jeff Schibel)



View from the boat launch in 2022



Gazebo from across the lake, 2018 (cr. Jeff Schibel)



Gazebo from behind the boat launch, 2022



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