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## RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY! (NOT REALLY)

Leaving the Glacier area, we traveled thru Idaho a short distance and then across the eastern part of Washington, dedicated to grains all the way to the mountains, where the grain became fruits from the many orchards there. We stopped in the Wenatchee area and loaded up with the most delicious tree ripened peaches, apples and nectarines, we have eaten in a long time.

A short hop over the mountains brought us to the coast and thence up to our favorite Thousand Trails location, La Conner, WA. We signed for 6 days and it has rained every day we have been here! The redeeming feature is that we do not have to exist in 100 deg heat!



At this point in the trip, the computer has crashed, displaying the "blue screen of death". It has been corrected by techs at Office Depot, by the removal of Word 2010. The original Word program discs are back at home, so I may have to send out the remaining journals when we get home!

At this time of the year, this Park has only less than 50 occupants in the hundreds of available spaces.

As we drive around the park, we see a few spaces, many of them being excellent sites that have a chain at the entrance and an RV on site. A sign indicates that this is the personal site of the "Smiths" or whoever. In the past, this has infuriated us, who have joined Thousand Trails for money, and this represents one less site available to us. In talking with the manager, we found out why. Membership is falling, and the occupancy is less now. The park is not receiving enough money to pay for its infrastructure upkeep, from headquarters apportionment. They can charge \$5000/yr for a personal site and keep all the money, vs. only a portion of an individual's dues from headquarters!

Dave & Bonnie