

Oregon Coast PAC Trails Subcommittee
December 7, 20004

Attendees: Frank and Sherry DeWeese, Warren Tausch, Mike Harvey, Forrest Byerly, Ron Phillips, Barry Compton, Betty Jean Keele, Mark Conley, Randy Gould, Traci Meredith, Terry Bergerson, Joni Quarnstrom

Approve meeting minutes of the last meeting.

Trails Clearinghouse:

Warren Tausch and Frank DeWeese developed a list of proposed activities that the trails subcommittee would perform as a “clearing house” for proposals submitted to the Forest Service and BLM. This would define the PAC Trails Subcommittee recommendations.

The subcommittee will take this document home, review and discuss at our next meeting. Give thought to point system.

Mike Harvey and Traci Meredith shared lists of proposed trails with the group. Side discussion about Salem BLM’s proposed revamp of their RMP (Resource Management Plan) and the subcommittee’s involvement.

It would be helpful to develop a standard format to go in front of PAC. Example, show potential funding sources for trail - this would be valuable criteria for the subcommittee to use.

Another good criteria: Create a form to get some level of type of contributions the proposing agencies can provide. This would include name, type of trail, ability to provide long-term funding. This form could be used by agency employees when talking to people making trail requests. Warren and Frank can take a first shot at developing draft form by next meeting.

Trails Update

South Coast:

Update from Mike Smith: He has met with Ginny Webster for proposal of horse trail at Wild Mare campground.

Made announcement with Coosabout existence

Has not talked to someone about coast trail

High potential to put in trails near Triangle Lake/Horton area. Betty Jean and Mark went out and took a look at the sites.

Central Coast:

Exploring trail from coast to Philomath and could go from coast to Harlem area on single-lane or gravel roads with an OHV. Checking to see what horse people and hikers might need.

Shotpouse has a good, feasible trail.

North Coast:

Forrest has been in contact with BLM taking care of questions with Tim Livengood. He will send some documentation about road use.

Forrest has been in contact with Weyerhaeuser and will have more information next month. Weyerhaeuser is tough to work with. Documents work well when talking to them.

We need to attend the meetings of OHV, hiking groups, and let them know what we are about. Not everyone is aware of what is going on and this may be a better way than just inviting them to our meeting.

Forrest will contact mountain bike group for potential representation, or a sense of their needs.

Big Picture

Oregon State Parks and Recreation is doing work within the Eugene/Willamette area. Equestrian group is working with the State to identify existing trails.

Oregon State Parks and Recreation – Multiple Use Conflicts

Handout produced by Roger Moore with Federal Highways.

Study for next meeting

This is appropriate since the group determined to work on multiple-use trails.

State Park Trails Plan

Terry Bergerson presentation

Topic: Proposed Evaluation Criteria, focused on off-highway vehicle use, and the recreation trail proposal that includes motorized, non-motorized and water trails.

(Contact Joni if you'd like a hardcopy of the powerpoint presentation)

Q: Big push on water trails now. Is the State going to put more of their effort into that project than the other two or are they all on even funding?

A: Since the Governor is interested in water trails, there might be some significance. It's primarily a terrestrial trail grant program.

Q: Can the State provide a maintenance machine and a State employee for non-profit groups to use? Much maintenance work could get accomplished.

A: Talk to Rocky.

Q. Is there a needs assessment for trails, or other draft documents that you recommend the trails subcommittee look at?

A. Needs assessment in SCORE plan.

Look at survey results – priority in funding, as noted by users. Terry will think about and send an email message.

Next Meeting:

Second Wednesdays every month – January 12, 7 p.m. (please note new time!!)

Agenda:

Discuss review of trails clearinghouse document

Review multiple use conflict document

Update on area trails.