

## **Coast PAC Subcommittee Trails Subcommittee**

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Ron Phillips, Kim Gossen, Forrest Byerly, Betty Jean Keele, Mark Conley, Frank Davis, Mike Harvey, Traci Meridith, Joni Quarnstrom

### **Draft Subcommittee Roster**

Ron shared a committee roster with members and staff identified. It is noted that committee members have different duties/responsibilities than staff. It was questioned whether or not Barry Wulff is a trails committee member. (Joni will call and ask Barry)

Mark remarked that he is a staff, also. Staff can only give advice and support to the subcommittee as it could be conveyed as a conflict of interest.

### **Trails Clearinghouse Document**

Purpose of Subcommittee: The group was asked to take on the task of evaluating task proposals. Betty Jean wondered if trail plans are made, and the subcommittee doesn't have money, how could the trails subcommittee be viable. Won't the agencies be deciding this any ways?

Mike Harvey responded that agencies continue to be deluged by trail proposals even though direction from the regional level is no new trails built without decommissioning trails in the forest or another part of the region.

Betty's concern remains that there is a lot of work to do to propose a trail project.

An advisory committee could show that there is support for trails on the Siuslaw National Forest.

If this is going to be a viable group, there needs to be full representation on the group so everyone feels they have a say in the process.

Table this concept until Warren Tausch brings an updated copy to review, then Ron would like the committee to adopt it. Mike Harvey will send a two-page trail proposal document to Warren to use as example.

### **Multiple Use Conflicts**

Terry Bergerson left us with a state trails plan. If people have tolerant expectations, people can get along fairly well. Our subcommittee has voted on being a multiple use group. We are having a hard time finding someone affiliated with mountain bikes to come to a meeting. They prefer to put in their volunteer time working on maintenance of trails. We will continue to pursue.

### **Area Trails Update**

**North:** Another CREST meeting was held in McMinnville. We are proposing a slide trail on BLM with Yamhill County as lead agency. They backed out due to no money so we've changed focus to Nestucca trail corridor.

Forrest wrote up a proposal for a multiuse and water trail on private grounds in Yamhill County. Lafette Locks to ?????

Can Forrest get any information on what the Grand Ronde trail is doing? Are they building trails on Forest Service property? It would be nice to have someone from the Tribes on the committee. Mike Harvey will check on this and get back to Forrest.

**Center:** Barry Compton and Ron met with Corvallis to the Sea group last month and were promised someone from that committee would be at this meeting. Ron feels Corvallis to the Sea group is working on their own mission statement and identify.

**South:** Betty Jean is working with Oregon State Parks Department with a parks plan for the Middle Fork of the Willamette on about six parks. A group of Backcountry Horse to help update master plan for Bristo Park, included in the Middle Fork, by trying to identify trails in the master plan. Trails being used for fifteen years are not identified in any master plan.

Mark Conley's addition: Raw River Trail, near Cottage Grove, is nominated for national trail award to be awarded on National Trails Day.

BLM trail plan being worked on for a year is complete.

Working with City of Eugene and their document of trails. Problem comes with private land use.

Pacific Crest Trail annual meeting in April will be in Portland. It is a good opportunity to work with trail advocates.

### **Water Trails**

Ron asked if this group wants to become involved with water trails. If not, it might become difficult for the group to say they are representing multiple use trails and could put agency personnel in a bind as how to figure out what trails to support, or not.

### **Wassen Creek**

Wassen Creek is located on the south end of the old Mapleton District as a tributary to the Umpqua. There was a trail proposal at one time, on both BLM and National Forest. There is currently a use-made trail currently. The Forest Service said they are not actively pursuing new trails and let BLM know that. Nothing much has happened since. Mark will talk to Dave Wash, Coos Bay BLM, to find out more information.

### **Marys Peak Gate**

Marys Peak gate has been open lately. Can the Forest Service post a sign that says no motorized entry beyond this point without fine. Post it at the intersection of Highway 34 and Marys Peak road.

### **Private Landowners Liability Brochure**

Landowners need to know the state statute to help them understand their liability. Mike Harvey passed out copies of the state statute. Forrest will make copies of this to share with others.

**Recreation Stewardship**

Can be used when it is in relationship to restoration. Mike will check on this.

**Next Step:**

Next step for group is to formalize themselves with agencies, solidify the process, then advertise that the group exists so people can start working with them.

Ron will report and update Coast PAC on clearinghouse concept, work on application/criteria process and that Forest Supervisor and District Manager have support of a citizen advisory committee.

**Next meeting::**

Second Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.

February 8, 2005

Is there a need to meet every month?

**Agenda:**

Review clearinghouse document that Warren was working on

Review application forms that Forest Service and ATV committee uses.

Feed back on Grand Ronde tribe and requirements for stewardship recreation projects

Update on area trails

Review state statutes again and retype 105.682 for easy reading