

OWYHEE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 08-02  
“OWYHEE COUNTY RECREATION TRAIL PLAN FOR THE OWYHEE FRONT,  
EXCLUDING THE WILSON SUB-REGION”

The map which is attached to this Plan as Attachment A shows the recreation trails which are included in this Plan which is to be treated by the BLM as a county plan with which its agency must coordinate for consistency as required by FLPMA. The map illustrates the trails and the various motorized and non motorized uses which are permitted.

To complete its coordination responsibility and achieve consistency, the BLM should use Attachment A to establish a GPS map showing the Recreation trails on the Owyhee Front, excluding the Wilson Sub-Region, as established by this Plan and Attachment A. The BLM should place its GPS map on a disc which is available for law enforcement health and safety efforts, enforcement efforts, and education and information for the recreation land users.

The BLM should sign the trails established by this Plan, with informative signs being placed at intersections of trails, and at regular intervals along each trail. Such signs should inform as to the type(s) of recreation use allowed, and should contain an alphabetical letter plus three numbers as trail identification similar to those signs already used in some recreation trail areas by the BLM. The planning for signs, and the signing itself shall be coordinated with the County through the Recreation Task Force. That coordination will allow participation by user groups and cost sharing by user groups.

In signing the trails, the BLM can move or change portions of the trails shown on Attachment A for purposes of taking consideration of sensitive species, wildlife, and/or water developments. The alterations shall be coordinated with the County through the Recreation Task Force.

The BLM should, in coordination with State Parks and Recreation and the County, develop and establish a plan for regular trail management.

The BLM should, in coordination with State Parks and Recreation, Idaho Fish and Game, and the County, develop and establish a process through which seasonal closure of trails or portions of trails can be effectively put in place for grazing, wildlife and public safety concerns.

The BLM should, in coordination with the County, develop and establish a process through which trails or portions of trails can be closed and/or limited to facilitate emergency services to deal with fire, natural disaster, and other emergencies related to public health and safety, and to facilitate implementation of preventive measures in the interests of public health and safety.

This plan and Attachment A are not intended to, and do not, foreclose the planning of, permitting by the BLM of, and conduct of, competitive events on routes other than the trail routes shown on Attachment A. The BLM permit process for such competitive events should consider the meaningful recreation advantage experienced through such sanctioned events in the past, and should consider approval of such permit applications in a timely fashion. The permit review and approval process and the monitoring process for evaluating the conduct of competitive events and their impact, if any, on the environment shall be performed in coordination with the County, State Parks and Recreation, and the user organization which sponsored the event. The County will include the sponsoring user organization(s) in their coordination process in order to assure that plans and all issue considerations are fully understood and discussed, and will execute a Memorandum of Understanding of coordination with a user or organization which in the past has conducted competitive events in Owyhee County.

The BLM should coordinate with the County and State Parks and Recreation to obtain funds necessary and available for regular maintenance of trails designated in this Plan and Attachment A. The County will assist in coordinating establishment of grants from State Parks and Recreation for such maintenance. The County will also involve recreational users in the search for and acquiring of grants for maintenance.

The BLM should coordinate with the County and State Parks and Recreation with regard to the need/desire for development of new trails when expanded recreation uses can be accomplished consistent with private property rights, the protection of sensitive species, protection of wildlife and protection of the overall environment which includes human interests and concerns. When a request for establishing a new trail is received by the County, and after it is analyzed by the County Recreation Task Force, the County will place the request, and the recommendation of its Task Force, on a coordination agenda for discussion with the BLM and State Parks and Recreation and the requesting user/organization. Before a new trail is allowed, other than in a temporary competitive event, an expansion plan must be discussed and coordinated by the BLM, the County, State Parks and Recreation. Users may be involved in the planning effort through participation with the Owyhee County Recreation Task Force.

The County, the BLM, and State Parks and Recreation shall coordinate in adopting a strategy and implementing action to encourage and reinforce volunteer efforts to maintain, sign and repair trails

This Plan and Attachment A are not intended to, and do not, show the existence or non existence of RS 2477 rights of ways.

All trails not identified in this Plan and Attachment A should be closed and the closed trail routes should be eliminated and the routes rehabilitated.

This Plan and Attachment A do not prevent, or even apply to, administrative use by BLM personnel, grazing permittees, and regular law enforcement and emergency efforts to protect the public health and safety.

The following specific BLM actions shall be taken:

1. In Sections 1, 2 and 11, T4S R3W, the BLM should reroute the trail shown on Attachment A as a dotted a line to make it accessible for ATV use.
2. In Section 33, T3S R3W, the BLM should develop a trail to go around and not conflict with private property owned by Paul Nettleton/Joyce Livestock.
3. In Section 3, 4, 9 and 10, T2S R3W, the BLM should bury the Windy Point pipeline to a deeper underground location so that motorized traffic can pass over the pipeline without damage to the pipeline. This action will eliminate serious conflicts of land use.

Implementation of coordination as provided for in this Resolution and plan shall be in the hands of the Owyhee County Recreation Task Force which developed and recommended this Plan as well as the Hemmingway Plan both of which will be parts of the overall Owyhee County Natural Resources Plan.

This Resolution adopting the Owyhee County Recreation Trail Plan for the Owyhee Front, excluding the Wilson Sub-Region is executed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

Attest:

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