



Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council

Minutes

- May 2, 2008 Meeting -

Housekeeping

- Attendance:
 - X Bruce Ronning, Chair, Region 2
 - X Chuck Solin, Vice Chair, Region 4
 - X Bruce Galloway, Region 5
 - X John Mare', Region 5
 - X Terry Wheeler, Region 5
 - X Ray Amsinger, Region 1
 - Mel Huie, Region 3
- Chair introduction
- Committee introductions
- Minutes Approval
 - January Minutes
 - Motion by Chuck Solin to accept
 - Seconded by John Mare'
 - Passed by unanimous vote

Council Discussion Items

Agenda Item: Member Updates
Presented by: ORTAC Members (Informational)

Bruce Galloway:

Bear Creek Greenway Cooperative Agreement for maintenance is completed.

John Mare':

Alsea Port is developing water trail in Alsea Bay with technical assistance from National Park Services. They have completed the trail guide. There has been lots of excitement from the private marina. They are looking at the opportunity to extend their business season beyond the fishing season.



John has been working with Dennis Comfort, local OPRD manager, on the Oregon Coast Trail from Waldport to Cape Perpetua. New signs are ready to be ordered by OPRD staff for installation.

Q: Can the Oregon Coast Trail sign post be a different color to help delineate from other trails?

Chuck Solin:

The City of Eugene received an RTP grant for the Ridgeline Trail. This trail will be mostly complete prior to the Olympic Trails in Eugene at the end of June.

Terry Wheeler:

The snow level in the Cascades this spring may impact work parties scheduled in June by Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) groups. The PCT and several other trails have been adopted by OET to complete spring logouts.

Clackamas Lake will receive new corrals in June by OET.

Santiam River riding area continues to develop.

Bruce Ronning:

Bend Paddle Alliance continues to move forward with the Deschutes River Water Trail. They have designed a new informational pamphlet.

The Miesner Snow Park's Environmental Assessment has been completed and approved. They received an RTP grant this year to expand the trailhead.

Deschutes County has hired a new planner. Part of their duties will be to complete a regional trails plan.

Bend Metro Parks and Recreation has completed a Trails Master Plan. It is set to be adopted soon by their board. They have 59 miles of existing trails and plan to add 35 miles of new trails.



Agenda Item: 2008 Work Plan Review
 Presented by: Rocky Houston (Informational)

ORTAC 2008 Strategic Plan

ORTAC will align its efforts with the Statewide Trails Plan, the Target 2014 plan and the Centennial Horizons Plan.

The 2008 action items listed below (in no order of priority) are selected to support the effort and work of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

ORTAC reviewed a status of where they are on these items.

Action Items:

- OAR Revisions
 - Status: On agenda for discussion
- Top 5 Trail Priorities
 - Status: need to develop a sub-committee. Question on whether to focus on broader trail issues vs specific projects.
- Advocacy for Trails
 - OPRD Commission
 - Oregon Legislature
 - Local Governments
 - Land Management Agencies
 - User Groups
- Align ORTAC Trail priorities with the OPRD budget process
 - Status: Rocky will get numbers to the members
- Increase Awareness of ORTAC to citizens of Oregon
 - Local awareness of meetings
 - Place information on web page
 - Status: ORTAC being added
 - Get better press releases out that are more salient and identify local project discussion.
 - Local council member assisting in coordinating meeting that is in their area
- Oregon Coast Trail
 - Status: On agenda for discussion
- Assist in Water Trails policy and designation criteria
 - Status: On agenda for discussion
- Assist in Scenic Bikeway rule and policy development
 - Status: On agenda for discussion
- Developing more formal and timely agenda setting process



- Have standing agenda item that seeks input from local citizens on trails of statewide significance
 - Status: On agenda
- Ensure local site visits and local projects are part of agenda
 - Priority to potential statewide significant trails
 - RTP grant funded projects
 - Status: Part of agenda

Agenda Item: Centennial Horizons Planning Update
 Presented by: Rocky Houston (Informational)

In 2022, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will be 100 years old. That milestone is behind a new planning effort we're calling the Centennial Horizon. The Centennial Horizon is helping prepare us for another century of discovering the outdoors and keeping it special for generations to come.

The following is the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Vision Plan and recommended strategies:

Principle 1: Save Oregon's Special Places

Oregon contains a rich mosaic of natural, historic, and scenic places that must be conserved and expanded for future generations.

Principle 2: Connect People to Meaningful Outdoor Experiences

Oregon statutes mandate that Oregonians and visitors have opportunities for outdoor recreation for physical, spiritual, cultural and scientific benefits. OPRD does this in two ways: supplying outdoor recreation resources that are the responsibility of the state, and leading others to work cooperatively to meet total recreation needs in Oregon.

Principle 3: Take the Long View – Make Parks Last Forever

OPRD practices sustainable management that balances the needs of today's outdoor enthusiasts with the need to pass on a healthy resource system to future generations.

Principle 4: Strengthen Oregonian's Connection with their Land

OPRD is a platform for reaching out to Oregon's citizens, recreation and resource providers and visitors to enhance everyone's understanding and enjoyment of the outdoors. Interpretation is a primary avenue for this outreach as well as other programs that can inspire people to use and appreciate parks, heritage, trails and waterways.

Principle 5: Build the State Park System with Purpose and Vision

Oregon's system of parks is emblematic of Oregonian's outdoor heritage. OPRD properties can serve as gateways to a destination or can be destinations within themselves. Linking OPRD properties to those of others will offer seamless and borderless outdoor opportunities on a regional and local level.

Principle 6: Attract and Inspire Partners

OPRD will work with other recreation/heritage providers, land managers, educators, health providers, communities, advocates, philanthropists, volunteers, and others to offer the best recreational, environmental and cultural experiences possible in Oregon.

Principle 7: Prioritize Based on the Vision

Focus time, energy, talent and funding on those activities that will take OPRD forward in an effective, efficient, and deliberate way. Be creative, collaborative and flexible in finding solutions for how we do business.



Principle 8: Oregon's Parks will be Tended by People who Love Their Work

An excellent state park system is operated by staff and volunteers who are trained, motivated, challenged and satisfied in all they do. They are committed to professional excellence and to providing memorable experiences for their visitors.

Public Input: OPRD has had the following public meetings:

Region 1

April 9, 2:00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Embarcadero Resort
1000 S.E. Bay Blvd, Newport, OR

April 14, 2:00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall , City Council Chambers
225 South Main Street, Warrenton, OR

Region 2

April 9, 6:00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Willamalane Park & Recreation District
Adult Activity Center , Parkview Room
215 West C Street, Springfield, OR

April 16, 6:00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Historic Columbia River Highway
State Trail Visitor Center
Old Columbia River Drive off Exit 64, I-84, Hood River,
OR

April 10, 6:00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Tryon Creek State Natural Area, Kraft Room
11321 S.W. Terwilliger Blvd., Portland, OR

Region 3

April 7, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Chetco Public Library
405 Alder Street, Brookings, OR

April 9, 2:00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Valley of the Rogue SP Meeting Hall
Rogue River, OR

Region 4

April 8, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Comfort Suites
2243 S.W. Yew Avenue, Redmond, OR

April 10, 9 a.m. to 11 am
Best Western Sunridge Inn
1 Sunridge Lane, Baker City, OR

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Contact by e-mail: centennial.horizons@state.or.us

Planner: Mark Davison, 503-986-0744



Comments:

Bruce Ronning indicated that trails could be strengthened in the text.

It was suggested that a sub-committee will be used to route ideas electronically and then develop the ideas to be moved forward to Mark.

Agenda Item:	OPRD Commission Update	
Presented by:	Rocky Houston	(Informational)

Several Acquisitions related to the Oregon Coast Trail were approved at the last commission meeting. These included:

Arizona Beach – 60 acres just south of Humbug State Park. Will provide beach access, day use and future camping sites.

Beaver Creek – 300 + acres near Ona Beach State Park just south of Waldport. Site could serve as equestrian site and connector to Corvallis to Sea trail.

Delora Beach – 400+ acres south of Ft. Stevens State Park. Access to beach and trail opportunities.

Agenda Item:	RTP Grant Committee Update	
Presented by:	Rocky Houston	(Informational)

The RTP Grant Committee met for two days in March and recommended the following list of grants for OPRD Commission to approve. Out of the 36 grants reviewed, 14 will be funded. If additional funds become available, additional projects will be funded.

The programmatic agreement Federal Highways and OPRD signed in 2006 appears to be reducing the time for environmental reviews. The 2007 cycle was much smoother and the 2008 so far appears to be going even better. Of course, there are a few grants still needing approval from the previous two grant cycles, but some of those issues are related to the applicant.

Please see attached list.



Non-Motorized Projects

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Grant Request	Rank	Running Total
Tillamook Estuaries Partnership	Tillamook County Water Trail - Phase II	\$34,025	1	\$34,025
OPRD - Tryon Creek MU	Cazadero Trail Surfacing	\$51,015	2	\$85,040
OPRD - Champoeg State Park	Multi-Use Trail Reconstruction	\$80,708	3	\$165,748
OPRD - Rogue Valley MU	Rogue River Recreation Corridor & Greenway- Twin Bridges	\$90,000	4	\$255,748
North Santiam Canyon Economic Development Corporation	North Santiam River Trail	\$126,232	5	\$381,980
City of Roseburg	Stewart Park Trail Renovation	\$17,387	6	\$399,367
Tumalo Langlauf Club	Meissner Sno-Parking Lot Expansion	\$68,674	7	\$468,041
Army Corps of Engineers McNary Dam	McNary Dam Connector Trail	\$49,543	8	\$517,584
Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO)	Forks Trail Project	\$67,500	9	\$585,084
City of Madras	Buff Street Pedestrian Bridge & Trail Connection	\$134,010	10	\$719,094
Portland Parks & Recreation	Marquam Trail Plan Implementation	\$89,493	11	\$808,587
Rogue River Greenway Foundation	Rogue River Greenway Trail - Evans Creek	\$47,200	12	\$855,787
USFS - Umpqua NF - Tiller Ranger District	Fish Creek Valley Trailhead	\$27,000	13	\$882,787
Port of Hood River	Riverfront Trail	\$68,249	14	\$951,036
City of Klamath Falls	Lake Ewauna Trail	\$142,558	15	\$1,093,594
City of Keizer	Keizer Rapids Trail (Phase 1)	\$100,000	15	\$1,193,594
Oregon State University - College Forests	Trail Reconstruction and Invasive Plant Control	\$19,724	15	\$1,213,318
Clackamas County	Boring Station Trailhead Park Trail Construction & Springwater Trail	\$250,000	18	\$1,463,318
Clatskanie Park & Recreation District	Recreational trail Completion	\$17,000	18	\$1,480,318
OPRD - Saddle Mountain State Park	Saddle Mountain Trail Reconstruction	\$44,945	20	\$1,525,263
The Nature Conservancy	TNC Cascade Head Trail Bridges	\$69,750	21	\$1,595,013
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Cedar Mill Park Trail	\$40,000	22	\$1,635,013
Coquille Indian Tribe	Ko-Kwel Wharf Project	\$88,847	23	\$1,723,860
City of Central Point	Boes Trail System	\$85,000	24	\$1,808,860
City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville Forest Park Trials - Phase I	\$56,808	25	\$1,865,668
OPRD - Willamette Mission MU	Maud Williamson State Park Trail Construction - Highway Fringe Facility	\$15,202	26	\$1,880,870
City of Coos Bay	Empire Lakes Bridge Replacement	\$117,220	27	\$1,998,090
City of Lebanon	Cheadle Lake Trail Corridor Acquisition	\$100,000	28	\$2,098,090
City of Sandy	Sandy River Park Trail Enhancement	\$34,920	29	\$2,133,010
Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces	Cooper Mountain Trail Enhancement Project	\$42,982	30	\$2,175,992
USFS - Willamette NF - Middle Fork Ranger District	Middle Fork National Recreation Trail Visitor Orientation and Interpretation	\$16,000	31	\$2,191,992
City of Coburg	Coburg Nature Trail Rehabilitation	\$13,600	32	\$2,205,592

Motorized Projects

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Grant Request	Rank	Running Total
Morrow County	OHV Park Perimeter fencing & Skid Steer Upgrade	\$97,302	1	\$97,302
Blue Mountain Nordic Club	Meacham Divide Nordic Ski Area Operation - Maintenance Project	\$47,990	2	\$145,292
COHVOPS	Kwohl Butte Shelter	\$49,862	3	\$195,154
Ochoco Trail Riders	Ochoco Trail Development	\$79,011	4	\$274,165

Committee does not approve to fund due to lack of NEPA



Agenda Item: Oregon Coast Trail Planning Update
Presented by: Rocky Houston (Informational)

OPRD brought forth the desire of ORTAC to have a gap analysis plan conducted on the Oregon Coast Trail to their planning division. This plan has often been called a master plan. However, a master plan is a specific type of plan per statute that this project does not meet the criteria for. That being said, we will complete a comprehensive plan that addresses the need of closing the gaps in the Oregon Coast Trail.

OPRD's solution to the Oregon Coast Trail Planning needs is to have the state trails coordinator take the lead in the project, with assistance from planning staff. The project has been broken into three phases:

1. Phase I: Mapping
 - Using Al LePage's inventory, OPRD will map all 50 of the identified gaps in the Oregon Coast Trail individually in a GIS format.
 - OPRD will work with ORTAC and local field staff, local agencies and trail advocates to confirm that these are the only gaps in the trail and that these gaps have not been completed.
2. Phase II: Gap Analysis
 - Once the gaps have been clearly identified, we will work to develop proposed solutions starting from what was proposed by Al LePage.
 - Maps and documented solutions will be developed for each gap. This will be an open process with input sought from several resources.
3. Phase III: Promotion
 - The final document will be used as a tool to ensure OPRD's acquisition team, field staff and local proponents are aware of the trail's gaps and needed work.
 - The document will be put on OPRD's website.



Local Agency Updates

Agenda Item: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department – Region 3

Presented by: Andy LaTomme, Region 3 Manager
Larry Becker, South Coast District Manager
Ben Fisher, Bullards Beach MU Manager (Informational)

Sunset Bay State Park is currently working to develop a section of the Oregon Coast Trail at Yoakam Point State Natural Area. This route will allow hikers to get down to Bassendorff Beach. A future connection is being reviewed to connect users to the campground at Sunset Bay State Park.

The region has been working with local land owners about the Five Mile Point alternative route for the Oregon Coast Trail. The feasibility of crossing Five Mile Point is being looked into.

Agenda Item: BLM – Coos Bay District
Presented by: Reg Poland (Informational)

Coos Bay District of BLM manages over 300,000 acres of land. They currently have 35.3 miles of trail that they maintain. Their newest trail is the North Spit Trail, which is 9 miles in length. They have 38 miles of trail planned for the future.

BLM has a conceptual trail planned over Coos Head. This would serve as a connection from Charleston to Bassendorff Beach. The site was a US Naval Reserve site, but it currently is going through the process of being surplus.

They have developed the New River Water Trail. It is south of Bandon. It offers about 8 miles of paddling opportunities.

They are active in the South Coast Trails Association. The group has developed a web page and a Coos Bay water trail map. The web site is www.coostrails.com.



They were working on designating the Coquille River as a water trail, but there was a Marine Board member who had a concern over the conflicts with motorized boating activities.

The Oregon Coast Trail has insufficient camping opportunities between Bandon and Cape Blanco. It is over 13 miles of beach hiking that is away from most sites. New River has a primitive camp site, but no other options.

Field Visits

ORTAC members visited the gap from Agate Beach (South Jetty) south of Bandon to the Hwy 101 crossing of the Coquille River.

ORTAC members hiked the alternative route section at Five Mile Point and at Whiskey Run.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM



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Public Comments

Agenda Item: Oregon Equestrian Trails
Presented by: Donna, South Coast Chapter (Informational)

The South Coast Chapter of the Oregon Equestrian Trails is responsible for trail maintenance from Waldport to the California border. They have agreements to provide trail maintenance with Cape Blanco State Park, Bullards Beach State Park, Winchester Forest (County), Blue Ridge (BLM), North Spit (BLM) and USFS trails.

They work with motorized users, hikers, mountain bikers and other groups to increase the education of shared use trail.

Key issues that they are facing currently is the fiscal impacts of weed free hay in many of the USFS lands. It is a more than 200% increase in hay prices to get certified weed free hay. The new horse trailers are getting too long for many of the camp sites that have been developed in the past.



Agenda Item: South Coast Striders
 Presented by: Don Luce (Informational)

Don leads hikes for the South Coast Striders. They currently have 18 hikes planned for 2008. They get from 20 to 40 hikers at these events. It was modeled after a hiking for health group in Curry County called the Sole Pursuits. The Sole Pursuits became so popular that they formed a second hiking group called the Muscle Busters.

Don volunteers many hours to the BLM every year. He has received several emails in preparation for this meeting wanting to thank ORTAC for their work and that they really enjoy the trails.

Don feels that the focus should be on close to home trails. He defines this as trails that connect communities and are within 1 hours of population centers. He would like to see more connections between schools and natural areas.

Council Discussion Items

Agenda Item: Chair Procedural Question
 Presented by: Bruce Ronning (Action)

Bruce indicated that he had sent out a letter as the Chair regarding the potential permit to allow jet boat racing on the Willamette River. This would have closed the entire river for paddlers over a holiday weekend.

The question for the committee members was whether the chair should vet the issue/response with the committee prior to sending a letter out.

The committee indicated that baring a time sensitive issue, they would like to communicate by email on a response to such issues.

Agenda Item: Recreation Trails Administrative Rule draft changes – regarding Designating State Trails
 Presented by: Rocky Houston (Action)



After the January 2008 ORTAC meeting, OPRD set at trying to develop draft changes to the Oregon recreation trails administrative that would make the process easier and more open to proponents.

The following draft language is based off of our recent experience with the Scenic Bikeways administrative rule process. The goals in these modifications were to:

1. Assist in implementing the Statewide Trails Plan.
 - The key goal was to create connected close to home trail opportunities through protection. The category of regional trails was utilized to implement this goal.
2. Assist in promoting the best trails in Oregon.
 - The key goal here was to get users out to the four corners of Oregon experiencing what is great about Oregon. The category of scenic trails was utilized to implement this goal.

Action Requested: ORTAC members to review proposed administrative rule and recommend OPRD proceed to policy drafting based off of these two categories of designated state trails.

ORTAC members reviewed the draft proposal. They had several comments, but wanted OPRD to look into the impact of designating state trails on local land use action. The concern was the Goal Five to designate all state designated trails as significant Goal 5 resources.

ORTAC wanted further development of the process to assist in reviewing the revisions to the administrative rule.



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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DIVISION 9
OREGON RECREATION TRAILS

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Oregon Recreation Trails – Scenic Trails

(1) In order to promote outdoor recreation and the needs of the resident and tourist population of Oregon, and in order to promote public access to, travel within and enjoyment and appreciation of, the open-air, outdoor areas of Oregon the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will establish criteria for the designation of Oregon Scenic Recreation Trails and an application process to be used by agencies or groups who wish to have a trail considered for designation.

(2) Oregon Scenic Recreation Trails will be so located as to provide for maximum outdoor recreation potential and for the conservation and enjoyment of state or national significant scenic, historic, natural, and cultural qualities of the area through which such trails may pass. A standard for excellence in the routing, construction, maintenance, and marking consistent with each trail's character and purpose should distinguish all Oregon Scenic Trails. Each should stand out in its own right as a recreation resource of superlative quality, of physical challenge and scenic splendors. The criteria for the selection of Oregon Scenic Trails will be based on the criteria contained in the Oregon Recreation Trails System Act. Criteria established for selection of Scenic Bikeways will be approved by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director.

The following trails are declared as Oregon Recreation Trails, Scenic Recreational Trails, pursuant to the Recreation Trails System Act, [ORS 390.950 - 390.990](#):

- (1) Saddle Mountain Trail in Saddle Mountain State Park in Clatsop County (from the state park parking lot to the summit of Saddle Mountain, a distance of 3.0 miles).
- (2) Ecola Trail in Ecola State Park (from the state park parking lot at the end of West Point Road near Seaside to the south boundary of Ecola Park in four sections, totaling 8.6 miles).
- (3) Cape Falcon Trail (2.0 miles between Highway 101 and Cape Falcon); Short Sand Creek -- Necarney Creek Loop Trail (0.9 mile between Highway 101 and Short Sands Beach); and Neahkahnie Mountain Trail (1.0 mile to the summit of Neahkahnie Mountain from its south base in Oswald West State Park, a total distance of 3.9 miles).



(4) Cape Lookout Trail in Cape Lookout State Park (from the picnic area to the tip of Cape Lookout in three sections, totaling 5.6 miles).

(5) Cape Sebastian Oregon Recreation Trail in Cape Sebastian State Park in Curry County (one existing trail approximately two miles in length beginning at the parking area at the southern end of the access road from the Oregon Coast Highway to the southern end of the Cape overlooking Hunter Cove).

(6) Humbug Mountain Oregon Recreation Trail in Humbug Mountain State Park in Curry County (approximately seven miles consisting of two segments of existing trail, one segment of the old coast highway and another segment partly on an old logging road and partly to be constructed).

Stat. Auth.: [ORS 390](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 390.950](#) - [ORS 390.962](#)

Hist.: HC 1286, f. 12-19-72, ef. 1-1-73; 1 OTC 30, f. 7-5-74, ef. 7-25-74

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(2) Oregon Recreation Trails are to be trails of regional or local significance. Consistent with Oregon Scenic Trails, the trails will maximize outdoor recreation potential and the conservation and enjoyment of local scenic, historical and natural qualities of the areas through which such trails may pass. A standard for connectivity and linking multiple recreation sites together will be weighted to enhance the implementation of Oregon's Trail Plan. Trails that have minimal connectivity will require unique or locally significant scenic, historical or natural qualities. The criteria for the selection of Regional Trails will be based on the criteria contained in the Oregon Recreation Trails System Act. Criteria established for selection of Regional Trails will be approved by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director.

The following trails are declared as Oregon Recreation Trails, Regional Trails pursuant to the Recreation Trails System Act, [ORS 390.950](#) to 390.990:

(1) The Forty Mile Loop Trail in Portland, Gresham, Milwaukie, Troutdale and unincorporated portions of Multnomah County a distance of approximately 140 miles.

(2) The Willow Canyon Trail in Madras and Jefferson County from Buff School to Lake Simtustus a distance of approximately seven miles.



Stat. Auth.: [ORS 184](#) & [ORS 390](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 390.950](#) - [ORS 390.962](#)

Hist.: PR 6-1987, f. & ef. 7-8-87; PR 1-1989, f. & cert. ef. 3-1-89

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Oregon Recreation Trails – Scenic Bikeways

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(2) Scenic Bikeways may be comprised of recreational trails, designated transportation corridors or a combination thereof, and the criteria for the selection of Scenic Bikeways will be based on the criteria contained in the Oregon Recreation Trails System Act, realizing that this is a case where it may be advisable to locate segments of trails in or near existing rights of way for roads or highways. Criteria established for selection of Scenic Bikeways will be approved by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director.

(3) The goals and objectives of the Scenic Oregon Bikeway Program are to:

- (a) Provide safe, recreational, educational and physically varying bicycle opportunities on low-traffic count roads, bicycle lanes and designated bicycle trails for the enjoyment and health of Oregonians and visitors;
- (b) Manage Oregon Scenic Bikeways for long-term success;
- (c) Preserve and enhance Oregon Scenic Bikeways; and
- (d) Provide tourism opportunities along Oregon Scenic Bikeways.

(4) The following processes are intended to accomplish the goals and objectives established in section (3) of this rule:

- (a) Create a process and criteria for evaluating, designating and updating Oregon Scenic Bikeways;
- (b) Develop management strategies to preserve and enhance Oregon Scenic Bikeways;
- (c) Create resource materials for Oregon Scenic Bikeways for public information; and
- (d) Generate interest at the local jurisdiction level to create, enhance and publicize local bike loops, trails and recreation opportunities.

Stat. Auth.: [ORS 390.971\(8\)](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 390.956](#), [ORS 390.959](#), [ORS 390.962](#), [ORS 390.968](#), [ORS 390.971](#)

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Definitions

For purposes of OAR 736-009-0 __ through 736-009-__, the following definitions shall apply, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Agriculture/Forestry" means crops, wineries, vineyards, ranches, fisheries, orchards, nurseries, old-growth and reforested lands.
- (2) "Amenities" means potable water, lodging, camping, restrooms, bike shops, equipment storage, restaurants and grocery stores.
- (3) "Committee" means the Scenic Bikeway Committee.
- (4) "Department" means the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.
- (5) "Landform" means topography that becomes more interesting as it gets steeper or more massive, or more severely sculptured. Outstanding landforms may be monumental or artistic and subtle.
- (6) "Landscape" means a combination of outdoor manmade, natural, and agricultural features within a view shed.
- (7) "Linear Route" means a route that progresses from a starting to an ending point. The beginning and end of a linear route do not meet, but may connect to another route or a destination point.
- (8) "Loop Route": means a route that starts and ends at the same location or connects to another cycling route that returns to the starting point.
- (9) "Natural Features" means non-manmade attractions including geologic formations, wildlife sites, waterfalls, lake basins, old-growth stands, and mountain meadows.
- (10) "Oregon Scenic Bikeway" means a linear route or loop route designated under this division.
- (11) "Path: means a hard paved trail along a road or an independent right-of-way, used by bicyclists, pedestrians, joggers, skaters and other non-motorized travelers.

Agenda Item:	Scenic Bikeway Update	(Informational)
Presented by:	Rocky Houston	

The public hearings for the Scenic bikeways OAR are completed. The public comment period has closed and OPRD is reviewing the comments for any modifications needed to the proposed rule language.

OPRD is submitting the proposed rule back to the Department of Justice for review. It will then goto the OPRD Commission for their approval. It is currently set for July 17th in Baker City. Once the OPRD Commission approves the rule, it will be forwarded to the Secretary of State and become official.



ORTAC's review resulted in the question of ORTAC's role in the designation process. They also wanted to know if the criteria for a Scenic Bikeway was going to be added to the administrative rule.

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- (c) Preserve and enhance Oregon Scenic Bikeways; and
- (d) Provide tourism opportunities along Oregon Scenic Bikeways.

(4) The following processes are intended to accomplish the goals and objectives established in section (3) of this rule:



- (a) Create a process and criteria for evaluating, designating and updating Oregon Scenic Bikeways;
- (b) Develop management strategies to preserve and enhance Oregon Scenic Bikeways;
- (c) Create resource materials for Oregon Scenic Bikeways for public information; and
- (d) Generate interest at the local jurisdiction level to create, enhance and publicize local bike loops, trails and recreation opportunities.

Stat. Auth.: [ORS 390.971\(8\)](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 390.956](#), [ORS 390.959](#), [ORS 390.962](#), [ORS 390.968](#), [ORS 390.971](#)

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Definitions

For purposes of OAR 736-009-0 __ through 736-009-__, the following definitions shall apply, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Agriculture/Forestry" means crops, wineries, vineyards, ranches, fisheries, orchards, nurseries, old-growth and reforested lands.
- (2) "Amenities" means potable water, lodging, camping, restrooms, bike shops, equipment storage, restaurants and grocery stores.
- (3) "Committee" means the Scenic Bikeway Committee.
- (4) "Department" means the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.
- (5) "Landform" means topography that becomes more interesting as it gets steeper or more massive, or more severely sculptured. Outstanding landforms may be monumental or artistic and subtle.
- (6) "Landscape" means a combination of outdoor manmade, natural, and agricultural features within a view shed.
- (7) "Linear Route" means a route that progresses from a starting to an ending point. The beginning and end of a linear route do not meet, but may connect to another route or a destination point.
- (8) "Loop Route": means a route that starts and ends at the same location or connects to another cycling route that returns to the starting point.
- (9) "Natural Features" means non-manmade attractions including geologic formations, wildlife sites, waterfalls, lake basins, old-growth stands, and mountain meadows.
- (10) "Oregon Scenic Bikeway" means a linear route or loop route designated under this division.
- (11) "Path: means a hard paved trail along a road or an independent right-of-way, used by bicyclists, pedestrians, joggers, skaters and other non-motorized travelers.



(12) "Paved" means a hard surfaces such as Concrete, Asphalt Cement Concrete (A/C) or other stable bituminous surfaces.

(13) "Proponent" means a group, organization, or individual who is in support of a proposed Oregon Scenic Bikeway.

(14) "Route" means a combination of streets and paths used by cyclists to travel to destinations or in corridors for transportation or recreation.

(15) "Scenic" describes an abundance and variety of aesthetically pleasing manmade or natural elements along the route.

(16) "Uniqueness/Scarcity" means the relative scarcity or abundance of a particular unique scenic resource or combination of features within the geographic region.

(17) "Vegetation" means forest, prairies, orchards, active farm cropland and tree farms with a variety of patterns, form and textures created by plant life, and small scale vegetation features that add striking and intriguing detail elements to the landscape.

(18) "Water" means ocean, rivers, lakes, streams, waterfalls, rapids, marshes, estuaries, bays, canals and harbors that add movement or serenity to a scene, the degree to which water dominates the scene.

Agenda Item:	Water Trail Draft Policy	
Presented by:	Jan Houck	(Action)

OPRD has developed draft language for a water trail designation policy (attached).

The intent is to develop a policy and then supporting documentation to assist proponents of water trails in how to develop a water trail and the criteria they must meet to be considered a water trail.

OPRD goal is to have a policy approved by ORTAC by the July 2008 meeting and then begin drafting the necessary materials to support the policy and proponents.

Action: Review draft policy and give recommendations to language changes.



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Water Trails Program

1) Purpose

It is the policy of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to advocate for the ever-increasing outdoor recreation needs of an expanding resident and tourist population. In order to promote public access to, travel within and enjoyment and appreciation of the states waterways, OPRD will establish and support water based trails linking public resources that provide opportunities for overnight and day use activities.

The purpose of this policy is to provide the means for attaining these objectives by prescribing the public process and criteria according to which water trails are developed.

2)Public Process For Developing Water Trails

- a) Phase I – Introduction of the Water Trail Concept
 - i) Water Trail Length – select a potential water body that is accessible by paddle craft.
 - ii) Partner Identification – invite the public, user groups, interested parties, landowners, local, state and federal agencies to discuss the development of a water trail and associated management plan. Identify who should be at the table that is not; who is at the table that does not have an interest.
 - iii) Land Ownership – map the ownership of the lands adjacent to the water trail; identify existing public accesses, existing amenities, navigational hazards and private property boundaries.
 - iv) Issue Identification – start list of issues such as trespass, litter, camping, sanitation, overnight parking, etc.
- b) Phase II – Development of the Water Trail
 - i) Water Trail Length – determine the beginning and ending river miles of the water trail. Identify appropriate day and overnight routes and navigation hazards.



ii) Links to Upland Resources – identify terrestrial trails, local lodging and dining facilities, interpretive areas and other areas of general interest accessible from the water trail.

iii) Trail Manager – work with the Partners to select the nonprofit, public agency or water trail association that will be responsible for the overall coordination of the management and maintenance of any facilities and website associated with the water trail.

iv) Water Trail Guide – with the assistance of the Partners, Trail Manager solicits vendors to design and print the guide. Identify a sub-group of the Partners to begin drafting the interpretive and informational text.

v) Website – with the assistance of the Partners, Trail Manager begins development of the website.

vi) Management Plan – begin the development of a management plan that identifies the Trail Manager and Trail Partners, facility inventory and future needs by responsible Partner, potential funding sources. This plan will address linking public resources, Leave No Trace, general recreational use, public access, private property protection, signage, day use, overnight and restroom facilities, and other overall issues.

c) Phase III – Dedication of the Water Trail

i) Water Trail Guide – publication is ready for public release.

ii) Website – water trail guide is available electronically. The entire guide or portions thereof will be accessible. Contact information, navigation hazards, and links to other trail websites will be available.

iii) Management Plan – this plan will be finalized and presented to local governments for their approval. Local Government approval does not require adoption or ordinance.

d) Phase IV – Ongoing Coordination

i) OPRD – will organize annual meetings of the Partners to identify accomplishments, issues, needs and funding sources.



ii) Trail Manager – responsible for the overall coordination of the management and maintenance of any facilities and website associated with the water trail.

3) Water Trail Designation Criteria -Ensure that all state designated water trails provide consistent information, quality experiences and meet paddler expectations.

a) Waterway – a water body accessible by paddle craft with existing, multiple public accesses and opportunities for overnight and day use activities.

b) Basic Facilities – safe ingresses and egresses, designated and signed parking for vehicles, and sanitation facilities at access points.

c) Trail Manager – nonprofit, public agency or water trail association responsible for the overall coordination of the management and maintenance of any facilities and website associated with the water trail.

d) Management Plan – addresses linking public resources, Leave No Trace, general recreational use, public access, private property protection, signage, day use, overnight and restroom facilities, overall issues; identifies the Trail Manager and Trail Partners, facility inventory and future needs by responsible Partner, potential funding sources.

e) Water Trail Guide – published, waterproof, water trail guide that includes standard information requirements (river miles, Leave No Trace, public access, navigational hazards, interpretive information, emergency contact information, and river etiquette).

f) Water Trail Web Site – electronic access to the published guide and management plan, manager contact information, day and overnight route suggestions, navigation warnings, and a link to the state trails website.

g) Local Government Support – letters expressing support of the water trail management plan.



Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 PM

Motion by Terry Wheeler.
Seconded by John Mare'
Passed by unanimous vote.