

**Summary of External Stakeholder Feedback on the Draft Action Plan for  
Addressing Findings and Recommendations in the Recreation Management  
Assessment (David Reed and Associates Report, May 2007)**

**State Forests Advisory Committee (April 4):** In addition to some specific thoughts on edits or clarifications to the draft action plan, the committee also had a number of questions, observations and some recommendations that related to things we should consider or emphasize in implementing various actions items.

General comments or observations not related to specific action plan elements:

- Several SFAC members expressed their agreement with the analysis of findings document that accompanied the action plan review draft. They believed that it accurately captured the key issues, and provides a useful context for the action plan.
- The Strategic Direction category and actions will need to address the question of how the recreation program is funded, and “who pays”.
- Recreation planning on state forests has not been as “fragmented” as the Assessment Report might suggest. Still, better statewide coordination of this component would help.
- Several members encouraged ODF to look to what others are doing related to standards and processes for recreation management, rather than trying to create our own unique systems (standards, permitting systems, fee systems, etc).
- Maintain necessary local flexibility while developing program-wide policy and standards for specific elements.
- Encouraged ODF to approach trail planning from a regional context, as described in the draft action plan.
- Look for opportunities to expand successful programs. Expand Forest Grove District Volunteer Trail Patrol to make it forest-wide. Expand successful Tillamook Count Sheriff partnership into Washington County.

Recommendations or comments related to specific action plan elements:

- Category 2 – Planning – Clatsop Recreation Plan update – Add Clatsop County Recreation Lands Planning and Advisory Committee to the key participants/collaborators.
- Category 3 – Standards – Permits – add other state and federal agencies to key participants/collaborators on Action Item A.
- Category 4 – Workforce Organization and Capacity – Volunteer program –
  - Consider adding an action item to develop a “vision” for the type and extent of the volunteer program that we would like to have. How much do we want, what do we want to use volunteers for, and what can we support with available staff?
  - Add an action item to develop MOUs for use of equipment provided by volunteers.

- Category 5 – Business Management – Risk Management – include the use of volunteers in the analysis of risks and liabilities.
- Category 6 – Communications – Strategic communication for the recreation program – Make a distinction between marketing the program and communicating information about the program to the public. “Marketing” should be coordinated with local Counties and economic development entities to reflect their needs and desires.

**Comments from North Cascade District Advisory Committee member (John Winslow of Camp Dakota):**

- Law enforcement is the most important aspect of recreation management at this time. Need additional law enforcement/security patrols.
- Need additional staff to continue, and to expand on the good work that has been done to improve recreation management on the Santiam State Forest in recent years.
- Better communication with user groups, including an increased priority on web-based communication technologies.

**Comments from Joe Rykowski, Free Ride Mountain Bike user representative (West Side Trail Federation):**

- Questions about whether on-the-ground trail development projects will be able to move forward while strategic direction action items are being pursued, or whether new projects will have to wait for “new” strategic direction.
- Need to clarify some of the terms used in the policy development and standards action items. Does the word “standard” refer to best practices or to engineering specifications? Term may mean different things to different people.
- Volunteer program action item should be a higher priority (currently listed as low), to accomplish more priority projects.