

	Oregon Parks and Recreation ATV Account Allocation Committee Meeting and Field Trips Bend, Oregon
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September 19, 20, 21, 2007
Approved Minutes

Committee voting members present: Larry Runk, Committee Chair; Pat Harris; Scott Ryland; Karen Wolff; Joe Barrell; Tim Custer; and Tyrrell Hart

Committee Non-Voting Members present: Chris Knauf and Wend Zustiak

Staff present: Ron Price, Wayne Rawlins, Kyleen Stone, Ian Caldwell, and Mike Law

September 19, 2007 Field Trip

A field trip to East Fort Rock OHV area was attended by the committee, OPRD staff and COHVPS staff. Everyone car pooled to the new Ground Hog Quarry OHV area. John Pyland and members of the Deschutes County Four Wheelers gave a demonstration on the rock crawl area. COHOVPS staff, Vicki Ramming, provided an overview of the future plans for the Ground Hog Quarry and provided instructions for the mornings trail ride. The trail ride started at the Ground Hog Quarry Staging Area with a stop at the China Hat campground. COHVPS staff discussed the planned upgrades to the campground and the currently closed fire guard station facilities. The second leg of the field trip following the China Hat campground followed a different route to return to the Ground Hog Quarry. During lunch there was a discussion by the group of the day's events.

After an afternoon break the committee and staff carpooled to the Deschutes County Fair Complex to look at the proposed training facility. Ian told the group about the plans that were being considered for the training facility.

From the fairgrounds the group went to look at the Kline Buttes OHV area where a presentation was given by Keith Brown, BLM Recreation Planner.

The last stop of the day was for a barbeque dinner which was arranged and prepared by Ian and Darryn. After dinner Pat Harris was presented a plaque in recognition of her years of service on the ATV Account Allocation Committee.

September 20, 2007 ATV-AAC Work Session

The meeting was called to order by Chair Runk at 8:05 AM

The first item before the committee was the selection of the interview panel for the Class II position that is currently held by Pat Harris. The interview panel will be Larry Runk, Pat Harris, Tyrrell Hart and Ron Price. OPRD staff will arrange the interviews sometime after October 10 and before October 18, 2007. Interviews will be conducted at OPRD headquarters in Salem. The following dates and locations for the 2008 ATV-AAC were discussed and set:

Operations & Maintenance - January 16, 17, 18, 2008 - Portland

Enforcement – April 7, 8, 9, 2008 – Boardman

Safety, Education, First Aid – Sept. 17, 18, 19, 2008 – Lakeview

Note: Due to a conflict, these dates were later changed to Sept. 10, 11, & 12, 2008

There was a brief discussion regarding the accomplishment reporting requirements for the 2007 long term operations and maintenance (O&M) grants. Staff and the committee discussed the requirements that had been established prior to issuing long term agreements. Reports will be presented at the January 2008 O&M meeting. Reports will illustrate the work accomplished the previous year and will provide any updated information for the current years grant. If there are significant changes to the grant as originally presented to the committee a new application must be submitted for committee consideration.

The committee and staff discussed the ATV-AAC Strategic Plan presentation to be presented to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission. No commission meeting date has been set yet. Wayne thought either January or March would be the meeting for the presentation.

Mike and Ian provided an update on the Project Tracking List; topics included:

- Class II opportunities at Quartz Creek near Grants Pass
- A PowerPoint of the completed emergency trail repairs in the Tillamook OHV Area
- Mt. Emily property purchase -- looking at funding options for a combination purchase, upper section with ATV funds and the remainder with non-motorized funds, Forest Capitol still on board for the sale
- New land acquisition proposal near Enterprise, 750 acres Wallowa County and local club to manage jointly, zoning change public hearing raised several points (weeds, dust, trespass, fire, wildlife)
- Class II opportunities at Sled Springs, EA is out, two comments, Forest Service is reworking EA out again in January
- Hood River County working on their master plan for OHV and non-motorized recreation
- Mt. Hood NF held open houses for current OHV planning in the forest, seasonal closures and illegal trails were issues, collaborative group came up with 30 miles of trail

Further issues discussed were:

2007 Oregon State Fair Labor Day weekend activities report highlighting the free ATV rides provided by ASI and OPRD. 855 kids went for the free ride. There was a brief description of the orientation kids were required to complete prior to their free rides.

The 4H ATV safety program is starting up again in central Oregon.

Safe Kids is partnering with OPRD for the central Oregon safety training.

Tim Custer asked that Mike and Ian start educating users and land managers about the new side by side vehicles being Class II vehicles, not Class I.

Chris Knauf, BLM OHV Coordinator, presented a video of ATV activities in the Glamis dunes and provided an update on BLM transportation planning efforts.

Glen Ardt, ODF&W, gave a video presentation on deer in East Fork Rock and discussed the proposed seasonal closure of the area for elk travel to winter range.

Larry Robinson, gave a presentation on Coos County Parks including the following:

- Riley Ranch update
- 92 sites, cabins
- \$300K Bridge costs
- \$100K to install

Grant Review

Members reviewed the following proposed grants:

- OPRD – Honeyman State Park
Grant request to provide an ATV to be used by a beach ranger for public education on the Ocean Shores as well as in areas adjacent to ODNRA.
Tyrrell noted his concerns about the size of the park. Tim thought the match percentage is incorrect. Scott said there were only two quotes and no letter of support.
- Two grants from Tillamook County Sherriff's Office requested for safety and education
- COHVPS Safety Education and Development

Presentation from Mike Wisdom, Starkey Experimental Forest – response to elk and deer hunting.

Tim noted that the same area was being used for the study what new can be learned from studying the same elk in the same area.

Pat said the committee didn't get copies of the previous study.

Tyrrell said that Larry had previously visited Starkey.

Larry wondered what the benefit is to users and what is the new information to be?

Wayne suggested that the committee tour Starkey to get the full picture of what is being proposed.

Pat asked why hunting was permitted in the study area and why biologists from southern Oregon felt their elk are different from those studied at Starkey.

Scott discussed the first year study.

September 21, 2007 Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Runk at 8:00 AM

Committee Business:

Motion: Pat Harris moved to accept the April 2007 minutes.

Second: Tyrrell Hart.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Ian Caldwell provided a briefing of the field trip to Santiam Pass Environmental Assessment.

Kyleen Stone, Recreation and Planning Programs Assistant Director, briefed committee members on SB 101; focusing on the enforcement contract. She noted concerns that legislators have with enforcement issues outside of designated areas. The language in SB 101 directs OPRD to contract with OSP outside of the grant process. This will be a fee for services contract which is very restrictive agreement. OSP can apply for a grant fro equipment. Larry volunteered to talk to OSP about equipment needs.

Applicant Grant Presentations

1) OPRD – Honeyman State Park

Grant request to provide an ATV to be used by a beach ranger for public education on the Ocean Shores as well as in areas adjacent to ODNRA.

Discussion:

Beach Ranger's area extends from the Coos River on the south to Alsea River in the North, ATV 80% of anticipated use is in the dunes, focus on education and area information

Tyrrell commented on wildlife concerns in the dunes and on the beaches.

Scott would like to see more letters of support

Tim commented on seeing the beach ranger while on vacation, also commented on the installing a light bar on the machine

Motion: Tim Custer moved to award the requested amount of \$5,200.

Second: Scott Ryland.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

2) Tillamook County Sherriff's Office

Grant request to provide for safety education efforts at the Tillamook training site and at various events from November 2007 – June 30, 2008.

Discussion

Larry wants to see corrected grant total

Tyrrell commented on letter of support from public the public not just agencies and that there was only one letter of support, need to see more letters of support.

Wayne requested that Don resubmit project description to better describe the project and refigure the budget sheet.

Motion: Pat Harris moved to award the requested amount upon receiving clarifying wage information for Sheriff Don Taylor's services. When that information is received, the committee will convene for a special teleconference meeting to take action on the grant request.

Second: Tim Custer.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

(Refer to November 15, 2007 teleconference minutes for outcome.)

3) Tillamook County Sherriff's Office

Grant request to provide for safety education efforts at the Tillamook training site and at various events from July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

Discussion:

Larry: Is all your time spent on ATV safety and education? He asked why no field work?

Still 50/50 safety and enforcement? Don Taylor answered yes.

Motion: Pat Harris moved to award the requested amount upon receiving clarifying wage information for Sheriff Don Taylor's services. When that information is received, the committee will convene for a special teleconference meeting to take action on the grant request.

Second: Tim Custer.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

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4) COHVOPS Safety Education

Assisting with in-school education program education programs in conjunction with the Parks and Deschutes County.

Discussion:

Vicki listed events attended by the COHVOPS staff this past season.

Ian commented on the training and show events such as the Sportsman's Show where OHVOPS, OPRD and local club members jointly staffed both.

Tyrrell commented on the need for public contact outside of riding areas

Scott comment of the success of the brochure, Maps offered to the public

Larry questioned the map quantities and their cost. They are currently out to bid application is for 15K copies.

Motion: Scott Ryland moved to award the requested amount of \$57,730.00.

Second: Tim Custer.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

5) COHVOPS Development

Staging Area Enhancement includes the 2510 road, Camp II and Ground Hog Rock Crawl Staging areas in the East Fork Rock (EFR) OHV Trail system. Other items include picnic tables, fire rings, loading ramping, information kiosks, fencing and vegetation and tree seedling planting.

Motion: Pat Harris moved to award the requested amount of \$42,600.

Second: Tim Custer.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

6) Starkey Experimental Forest – response to hunting elk and deer

Discussion:

Power Point presentation by Mike Wisdom, USFS

This could be a 3 Phase project if needed

Larry commented on the fact that this is a fenced area, so other biologists feel their elk difference from those being studied in a controlled environment.

ATV use by hunters is a part of this study.

Tim would like to see travel management plan associated with the Starkey area.

Motion: Pat Harris moved to award the requested amount of \$275,900.

Second: There was no second to the motion.

Vote: No vote was taken.

An alternative to fund the cost of the elk collars at a cost of \$100,000 was proposed by staff. This would allow the project to move forward. The proposal was discussed but no action was taken.

The committee meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Pamela Berger and Ron Price