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A Master Plan for Honeyman Memorial State Park Newsletter 2 - April 2007

The draft master plan is almost ready for review.

As you may recall, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) began a planning process late last year to develop a master plan for Honeyman Memorial State Park, located in the center of Oregon's coastal sand dune area, three miles south of Florence. Three meetings were held in January 2007, one with an advisory committee and the other two for the general public, to identify issues that should be addressed in developing the park master plan. The draft master plan is nearly completed, and will be ready for public review on or about

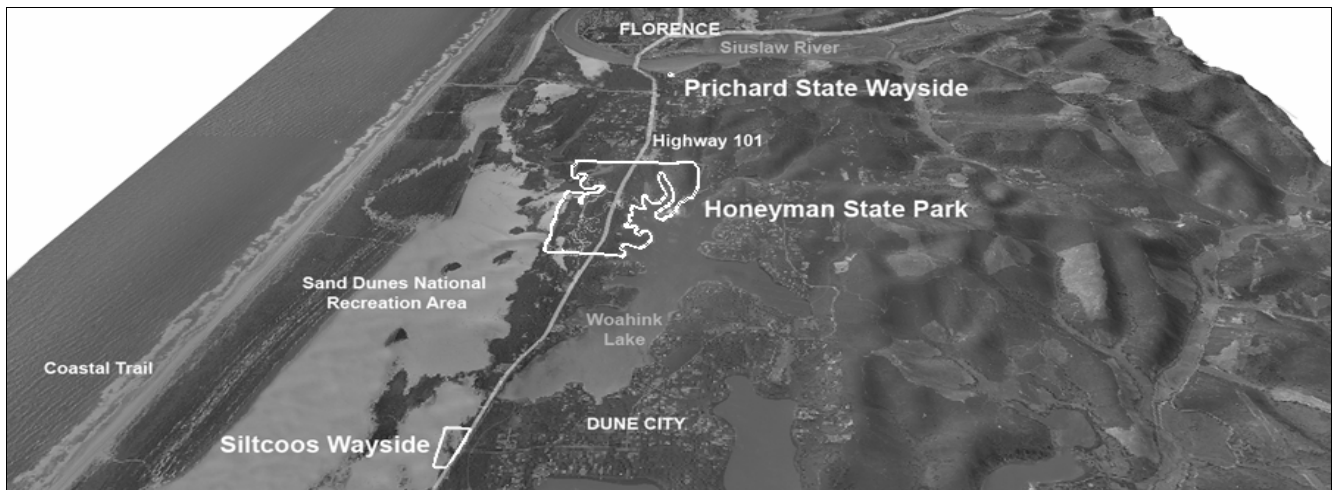
May 7, 2007. A second round of advisory committee and public meetings will be held at the times and location below to introduce the draft plan. Anyone can review the draft plan at the locations listed in this newsletter.

Meetings scheduled to discuss the draft plan

<u>Advisory Committee Meeting</u>	May 14, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Meeting Yurt, Honeyman State Park 84505 Highway 101 S, Florence
<u>Community Public Meeting</u>	May 14, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Meeting Yurt, Honeyman State Park 84505 Highway 101 S, Florence
<u>Regional Public Meeting</u>	May 16, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Oregon Parks & Recreation Department 725 Summer Street NE, Suite C, Salem

What Will Happen At These Meetings?

No actions to adopt or approve the master plan will occur at these meetings. The purpose of the meetings is to provide an overview of the draft master plan to help interested parties conduct an informed review of the plan during the written comment period that will extend until mid-June, and to hear any comments that meeting participants want to make at the meetings. Members of the public may attend the afternoon advisory committee meeting, however, only comments from the advisory committee will be taken at this meeting. The evening meetings are the general public's opportunity to comment.



What Will Happen After These Meetings?

Interested parties may submit written comments on the draft plan up until June 15. In late May, OPRD staff will ask to meet with the Lane County Commissioners to discuss the draft plan and hear their comments. The input received during the comment period will help staff determine whether any changes are needed before presenting the draft plan to the State Parks Commission. In July, staff will present the draft plan to the State Parks Commission, together with any recommended changes, and hear their comments. All of these steps will occur before OPRD begins a more formal process that will lead to the eventual adoption of the master plan by OPRD and local approval.

Where Can I Review The Draft Plan?

On or about May 7, 2007, the draft plan will be available for review at the following locations:

OPRD web site. <http://www.prd.state.or.us/masterplans.php>

Local libraries. Eugene Public Library (Main Branch) in Eugene; Siuslaw Public Library District (Main Branch in Florence)

OPRD offices. OPRD headquarters office in Salem (see address below) and the park office at Honeyman State Park, 84505 Highway 101 S, Florence.

If you need your own copy of the draft plan, you may request a copy by contacting OPRD. See the contact information below.

What Is a State Park Master Plan?

A state park master plan is an adopted plan that guides the development and use of park facilities and the protection and management of important natural, cultural and scenic resources within the park boundaries. The plan is a written and illustrated reference that describes the planning purpose and process, existing park facilities, expected future recreation demand, the suitability of the land for resource protection or recreational development, issues related to public use and management, the goals, objectives and development concepts for future uses and development in the parks, and guidelines for managing the park resources. The useful life of a park master plan is generally no longer than 20 years before it needs to be updated.

Questions or Comments?

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Meeting notices and project updates will be available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PLANS/index.shtml>

