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**HISTORY**  
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*Oregon Parks and Recreation Department*  
*ATV Advisory Committee (ATV-AC)*  
**Grant Subcommittee Meeting**  
*Oregon State Fairgrounds*  
*March 10, 2014*

**Approved Minutes**

**Monday, March 10, 2014**

Subcommittee members in attendance: Tim Custer - Chair; Wade Bryant, Steve Doane, and Forest Bohall.

Excused: Pat Harris, Jeff Frieze, Vicki Ramming

Staff present: Ian Caldwell, Mike Law, Ron Price, Pamela Berger, and John Lane

Chair Custer called the meeting to order.

**ID # 1170 Mt Hood National Forest. Operation and Maintenance Grant \$79,712.80.**

Will Decker told the committee that Claire Pitner is new supervisor. Handed out map from 3 years ago and from today. Trails are connected on the new map. On the older map there were many trails that were not connected. Most of the trails are signed and been using volunteers. Have a sign plan and trying to get everything done by this year. McCubbins Gulch. Working on getting a NEPA statement to bring in non-system trails into the system. There are a number of trails in purple on the map which are flagged and will be opened this summer. Added about 20 miles of new trails. Many trails still need work, but they are rideable. Since 2012, trying to get more ATVs out of McCubbins and into the Rock Creek Area. Rock Creek is better trail system for ATVs. Both areas about the same distance from Portland. Have a lot of overcrowding on holidays.

Tim Custer: I notice there are 2 staging areas at McCubbins and 1 at Rock Creek?

Will Decker: At Rock Creek, we have a staging area at Gate Creek. Have another site at an old rock quarry. There is a timber that is using the road into the Rock Quarry. Once they are done logging there will be a good road into the site and then we will finish construction of the site. Last map is LaDee. We are going to concentrate on La Dee this year. It is the closest site to Portland. Need to work on this site with volunteers and ATV dollars. If we tell people we are working on new trails, we get lots of people show up for work parties.

We have a new person with the NOMAC Club who will be conducting ATV classes.

Showed pictures of volunteers working. We have Mt Scott Club working in the McCubbins Gulch area. We have NOMAC working in the Rock Creek area. Looking to partner with a club for the LaDee flat area. Need an OHV Specialist to work with these volunteers.

Steve Doane: Concerned about ATV program should not be responsible for the garbage dumping parting and shooting, which has made it a real problem area. (19:00)

Will Decker: I wrote 38 tickets for child endangerment for kids on fuel tanks last year. The eastside is strict with enforcement and signing. We are going to get good signs in La Dee so we can start enforcing that area.

Tim Custer: 4610 Road turns into a mixed use road. Can side-by-sides use the Class 2 trails?  
Will Yes.

Tim Custer: Question about writing tickets for kids riding as passengers.

Will Decker: We are pretty strict about young kids riding on the lap/embrace of ATV Operators

Ian Caldwell: Two trails, # 916 and #921, are not connected because of stream.

Will Decker: Polaris is funding the project. We have permits to put in a culvert. Then tie into the backside of guard rail and then build a small bridge over a creek. We will build it this year.

Ian Caldwell: Are 50 inch side-by-sides allowed on Class 1 trails. We have RZR and Ace

Will Decker: If they fit between the barriers we are not enforcing it.

Mike Law: Rock Creek is not listed on our maps. Do you know when you will be ready for it to be on the State Parks OHV Handout?

Will Decker: We are ready for it to be in the OHV Handout now.

(33:00)

Steve Doane: There was a mud pit area by the entrance of the Sportsman Park. Are you going to close it?

Will Decker: Yes it has been closed already.

Steve Doane: Have you talked to gun groups about getting a place to shoot?

Will Decker: Most of the forest is open to shooting. Want people to find a safe place and to clean up their brass and targets.

Forest: There is no reference to Class 4 vehicles.

Will Decker: At the staging areas the signs say they are open to Class 4 vehicles. At the time of NEPA there was not Class 4. Need a Ranger to sign off for Class 4 vehicle use.

Steve Doane: What is the winter closure dates?

Will Decker: December 1 to April 1 for McCubbins and Rock Creek. La Dee is open year round.

Closure for winter range for elk. (39:00)

#### **ID# 1171 ATV Patrols Coos Bay BLM – Law Enforcement \$25,468.55**

No presenter due to small grant amount.

Mike Law: Pretty much the same as last year.

Tim Custer: There is a lot of activity in the area. Surprised of amount of use. Not much money.

Steve Doane: From a problem standpoint, how much is shooting, dumping, parting an issue?

Tim Custer: Have not seen much shooting. Open from Oct to April. A lot of traffic on road due to closures. Not seen much shooting and dumping. There is some parting.

Steve Doane: Concerned about taking care of problems that are not ATV related.

#### **ID# 1169 Radar Hill OHV Area – BLM Operations and Maintenance \$14,450**

No presenter due to small grant amount.

Tim Custer: Question about CXT at Staging area. Did we pay for that or the agency?

Ian Caldwell: The agency (BLM) paid for the CXT. It went in a couple years ago.

Discussion about the local 4wd Club working with the agency. (51:00)

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the three applications.  
**The motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Custer adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Ian Caldwell