

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

November 18, 2105 Meeting

Agenda Item: 5a

Action

Topic: Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council Appointments

Presented by: Larry Warren, Internal Services Administrator

Consistent with ORS 390.977 the Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council (ORTAC) consists of seven members, at least one from each congressional district and not less than two members from separate counties bordering upon the ocean shore. Members of the council are appointed by the commission, serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. The Council currently has one vacancy to fill and three positions requesting reappointment.

The Congressional District 1 representative, Jim Thayer, is requesting reappointment to the Congressional District 1 position. Jim is on the board for the Columbia Land Trust. He is an active hiker and paddler. Jim is active within the district on several trail issues and working with Metro and other jurisdictions to advocate for recreational trails. He is active in the Salmonberry Trail, serving on the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust's Salmonberry Trail capital campaign workgroup. Jim has a website, www.nwforesthiker.com, that he continues to add hiking opportunities on. Jim also is developing a trail concept to connect Forest Park to Scappoose.

The Congressional District 4 representative, Rod Sell, is requesting reappointment to the Congressional District 4 position. Rod is a retired public works supervisor for the City of Lebanon. He is an active cyclist, hiker and paddler. Rod is active in Linn County on several trail initiatives, but is a key member of the Build Lebanon Trails (BLT) board and trail development efforts. Rod has been ORTAC's representative on the Scenic Bikeway Committee.

One of the two Coastal Representatives (Congressional District 5), Lauralee Svendsgaard, is requesting reappointment as a Coastal Representative. Lauralee is retired, after last serving as the executive director of the California Trails Conference Foundation. Lauralee leads the City of Yachats Trails Committee and is active in Lincoln County on trail issues.

The Congressional District 3 representative, Nancy Ream Enabnit, has served two terms and is leaving as the sitting chair for ORTAC. After an open solicitation for a new representative that included a press release and requests for partner organizations statewide and in Congressional District 3 redistributes the opening, Robert Spurlock was the only application we received that resided within the district boundary. Robert is a regional trails planner for Metro. Robert's work allows him to engage with several diverse populations and areas of the congressional district. He speaks fluent Spanish and has held public meetings on trails in the region Spanish. He has worked in the public and private sector on trail planning projects in the region.

Prior Action by Commission: Approved previous recommendations in 2013.

Action Requested: Approve Director Recommendations for ORTAC membership.

Attachments: None.

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