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Planning for Beaver Creek & Ona Beach (Now officially named Brian Booth State Park)

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Beaver Creek and Ona Beach are now one park with a new name.

At their meeting in January, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to combine Ona Beach State Park and Beaver Creek State Natural Area into a single park under a new name honoring Brian Booth, the first chair of the Commission who passed away a year ago. The combined park properties will now be known as Brian Booth State Park. The original Ona Beach and Beaver Creek areas will retain their traditional names as subareas of the larger park. The combined park includes a total of 1261 acres under OPRD's current ownership.

Upcoming public meetings.

We are now ready to hold our next round of meetings to discuss proposals for the future use and management of the park properties. Separate meetings have been scheduled for close neighbors of the park, the Planning Stakeholder Committee, and the general public.

These meetings are scheduled as follows:

<u>Meeting:</u>	<u>When:</u>	<u>Where:</u>
Close Neighbors:	Mar. 5 th 6:00-8:00 PM	Newport Public Library, 35 N.W. Nye Street, Newport
Stakeholder Committee:	Mar. 6 th 2:00-4:00 PM	(same location as above)
General Public:	Mar. 6 th 6:00-8:00 PM	(same location as above)
General Public:	Mar. 7 th 5:30-7:30 PM	Wilsonville Library, 8200 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville

What are these meetings for?

The main purpose of these meetings will be to discuss preliminary ideas on the types, locations and sizes of future park uses in the context of overall park management. Our consultants from GreenWorks have been helping us in developing concepts for the potential design of the park, and these design studies have helped us better understand what types and sizes of park facilities may be workable, and at what locations. Before moving forward with a more detailed design plan, we want to share what we have learned about potential park uses, and invite public comments. At the meetings we will present a diagrammatic, geographic representation of potential park use locations and sizes for discussion.

In addition, we will provide an update on highway traffic studies conducted by subcontractors of GreenWorks, and what the study results tell us in terms of providing safe vehicular access from the highway and a safe highway crossing to the beach.

What will happen after these meetings?

As always, our meetings will be followed by a 30-day written comment period. Anyone may submit written comments whether or not they attend any of the meetings. For this phase of the planning process, we ask that written comments be submitted by April 6. Comments received at the meetings and during the written comment period will be taken into consideration as we move through the next step of formulating a more detailed park design. The more detailed design will become part of the draft comprehensive plan for the park, which we will present for discussion at another set of meetings tentatively scheduled for mid-summer.

Remind me, what's the planning process all about?

Ona Beach State Park is a long-established oceanfront park located along Highway 101 south of Newport. Beaver Creek SNA, located a short distance inland from Ona Beach, was recently opened with initial improvements as Park-of-the-Year for 2010. We have recently acquired additional lands, adding to the total park acreage being studied and planned for. Most of the land recently added is adjacent to the original ONA Beach. The two parks were recently combined under a new name, Brian Booth State Park.

A long term plan is needed to guide future resource management and recreational uses on the park properties. In the planning process OPRD is taking a comprehensive look at natural and cultural resource conditions and management needs, outdoor recreation trends in the region, areas that are suitable for recreational uses, measures needed to avoid significant impacts on local public services and neighboring land uses, and related ideas and concerns identified through public input.

Where can I review the draft plan when it becomes available?

OPRD's planning web site. As materials produced during the planning process become available, including the draft plan, any addendums to the draft, the final plan, newsletters, etc., they may be reviewed at the planning website at http://egov.oregon.gov/OPRD/PLANS/planning_Beavercreek-Ona.shtml

OPRD offices. When available, the plan can also be viewed at the OPRD headquarters office in Salem (see address below), and at the South Beach State Park office near Newport, at 5580 South Coast Highway.

Questions or Comments?

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