



Oregon Statewide Trails Plan

STATEWIDE TRAILS PLAN ISSUES WORKSHOPS

NORTHWEST REGION

Lincoln City Public Recreation Provider Session (Evening) 5/20/03

(Northwest Region includes Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Hood River, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas, Polk, Marion, Linn, Lincoln, Benton and Lane Counties)

Motorized Trail Issues

ZZ. There is a need for more day-use riding opportunities on the west side of the Cascades that are close enough to home to be considered day trips (5 dots).

AAA. There is a need for quality information regarding regulation (impact of non-compliance), level of difficulty (guidelines, definitions and standards), riding/route maps, and consistent signing across agencies (4 dots).

BBB. There is a need for increased levels of law enforcement in the region (4 dots).

CCC. There is a need to consider the capacity of riding areas and incentives to disperse use (3 dots).

DDD. There is a need for increased levels of user education including trail etiquette, leave no trace, tread lightly and local riding rules and regulations (2 dots).

EEE. Given the limited public land resources in the region, managers need to consider multiple use areas, work with users to address user conflicts, and educate both trail users and planners on methods to more effectively share limited trail resources (2 dots).

FFF. There is a need for a wider variety of challenge opportunities for a variety of users including pit runs and boulder crawls (1 dot).

GGG. Trail difficulty level ratings should be coordinated/designated at the state level to create more consistency across riding areas (1 dot).

HHH. There is a need for OPRD to provide education regarding the ATV grant funding program's funding opportunities and riding regulations across the state (1 dot).

III. 4-Wheel driving and ATV/Motorcycle riding may not be compatible trail uses in the region (0 dots).

JJJ. Regarding comment III, what was the gist of this problem? Were they concerned with collisions? Would regulation take care of this perceived problem (on-line comment).

KKK. It is important to note that user conflicts and use conflicts are not the same thing (0 dots).

LLL. Unfortunately in the state of Oregon, the population is on the west side of the Cascades and the best riding opportunities are on the east side of the state (0 dots).

MMM. There is a need to explore recreation opportunities on private timberlands and work with private landowners for access. Some keys to success for securing use on private lands are user education (respect for property) and the purchase of recreational easements (0 dots).

NNN. Poor management and overuse has resulted in closure of many local riding areas in the region (both public and private, but, mostly private clubs) (0 dots).

OOO. There is a need for regional motorized trail planning including the need for camping, overnight accommodations, as well as riding areas (0 dots).

PPP. There is a need to consider reuse of roads on federal lands for recreation purposes (0 dots).

QQQ. There is a need to maintain access to beaches for all users. There is concern that ATV and equestrian use of the beaches is threatened (0 dots).

RRR. There is a need to better manage trails for fire safety (0 dots).

Non-Motorized Trail Issues

SSS. There is a need to maintain access to beaches for all users. There is concern that equestrian and ATV use of the beaches is threatened (7 dots).

TTT. There is a need for quality/consistent standards on trail planning, design, maintenance, and construction (4 dots).

UUU. As non-motorized trail use continues to grow in the region, there is a need to identify ways to allow users to pay for their trail-related facilities and services in a similar way as motorized users are paying the costs associated with new areas and maintaining riding areas. Such a funding system needs to ensure that it is equitable and affordable for people for all people (4 dots).

VVV. There is a need for quality information regarding regulation (impact of non-compliance), level of difficulty (guidelines, definitions and standards), route maps, and consistent signing across agencies (3 dots).

WWW. Mountain bike use can be incompatible with other trail uses and separate riding areas are needed within the region (2 dots).

XXX. There is a need to explore recreation opportunities on private timberlands and work with private landowners for access. Some keys to success for securing use on private lands are user education (respect for property) and the purchase of recreational easements (2 dots).

YYY. It is important to note that user conflicts and use conflicts are not the same thing (2 dots).

ZZZ. There is a need to consider the capacity of trail systems and incentives to disperse use (1 dot).

AAAA. Trail difficulty level ratings should be coordinated/designated at the state level to create more consistency across riding areas (1 dot).

BBBB. Trail construction is extremely labor intensive (1 dot).

CCCC. There is a need to make trails safe from crime and, in some cases, wildlife (e.g. mountain lions) (0 dots).

DDDD. There is a need to design trails that are more compatible with nature (0 dots).

EEEE. There is a need for regional motorized trail planning including the need for camping, overnight accommodations, as well as riding areas (0 dots).

FFFF. There is a need to consider reuse of roads on federal lands for recreation purposes (0 dots).

GGGG. I recently completed serving as chairman of the Bay Ocean Task Force. The task force was a well-chosen panel of citizens tasked with making recommendations to the commissioners of Tillamook County, endeavoring to resolve user conflicts on the Bay Ocean spit at Tillamook Bay. We were also tasked with re-zoning considerations. The task force had been formed by the Tillamook County Commissioners in response to a small but very vocal group of people that wanted to restrict or remove various recreational user groups from the spit. Bay Ocean property is composed of a combination of owners, state (beaches), federal, county, and private lands. The task force completed its one-year term, sent its recommendations on to the commissioners and has been dissolved. As a task force we took input from government, citizens and specialists. We also looked at what worked and what didn't work at Oregon State Parks, Oregon Department of Forestry, U.S. Forest service and other such entities. We used input from the Oregon State Parks surveys too. We presented the commissioners with some specific recommendations that we based on our general discovery of how to handle the conflicts. Our recommendations were to not remove or restrict any of the traditional users of the spit (this included hunting, equestrian use, U.S. Military survival school). Conflicts and protection of habitat were to be handled through education and not more regulations. We actually recommended to relax part of one ordinance and to not further restrict zoning. Education as the key would be accomplished through utilization of user groups such as is successfully now used in the state parks and forestry. One ODF manager I spoke with said they could not possibly handle the habitat or user conflict in the Tillamook Forest without cooperation and educational work from the various user groups. My recommendation to you on trails is to not look to removals, restrictions, or new regulations but to the opposite philosophy of making more trails and opportunities available for all the user groups through education and increased use of organized user groups and their volunteers (on-line comment).

Water Trail Issues

HHHH. There is a need to consider reuse of roads on federal lands for recreation purposes (7 dots).

IIII. There is a need to consider the capacity of riding areas and incentives to disperse use (6 dots).

JJJJ. There is a need for quality information regarding regulation (impacts of non-compliance), level of difficulty (guidelines, definitions and standards), route maps, and consistent signing across agencies (4 dots).

KKKK. There is a need to maintain access to beaches for all users (3 dots).

LLLL. There is a need for increased public access to waterways in the region (3 dots).

MMMM. There is a need to properly address the navigability issue and clearly define to users where they can and cannot exit their watercraft (2 dots).

NNNN. There is a need to maintain water quality and other environmental factors potentially affected by water trail development/use (2 dots).

OOOO. There is a need to properly survey rivers/bays to identify future water trail opportunities within the region. There are 5 major rivers in Lincoln County alone, with great estuary, white water and flatwater water trail development opportunities (1 dot).

PPPP. There is a need to explore recreation opportunities on private timberlands and work with private landowners for access. Some keys to success for securing use on private lands are user education (respect for property) and the purchase of recreational easements (0 dots).