

What follows is an explanation of how OPRD will make each principle come alive. “Actions” are tasks that will occur within the next three years, i.e., 2011.

## PRINCIPLE 1: SAVE OREGON'S SPECIAL PLACES

The park system we enjoy today is because of the foresight of yesterday. Policymakers, politicians and ordinary citizens took bold actions that set aside priceless pieces of Oregon. OPRD's job is to continue this legacy.

### *Vision:*

*The state is endowed with wild, rural and urban areas interconnected with systems of trails, parks, natural areas, heritage sites, coastline and rivers that are accessible and healthy. This integrated system is seamless, regardless of landowner or boundary.*

### **Strategies:**

- Secure outstanding habitats, historic places and scenic settings. Encourage public ownership through grants or public/private partnerships.
- Protect important vistas, viewpoints and scenery.
- Acquire and restore marginal lands that have the potential to become special places.
- Acquire or help safeguard Oregon's historic places, such as the Oregon State Fairgrounds, and stimulate activities that foster their use, care and conservation.
- Manage properties to ensure their health, to protect their beauty, and to restore rare, sensitive, threatened and endangered species.
- Expand and reform protection of Oregon's ocean, beaches and rocky shore habitat.
- Maintain and enhance watersheds and ecosystems we own by collaborating with other agencies, non-profit organizations and park neighbors.

### **Actions:**

1. Each year acquire one or more pieces of property that protect significant landscapes, historical sites or cultural areas.
2. Provide grants to communities to emphasize important local properties for recreation, habitat, historic preservation, parks and open space.
3. Create a new kind of park experience, such as the living archaeology work going on at Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area, and invite the public to share in the below-ground discoveries, along with the professionals.
4. Develop the site management plans for up to five sites in implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan for the Western Snowy Plover.
5. Start building the new central “backbone” of the State Fairground, as detailed in its master plan, to create a more park like landscape.
6. Create and execute a cultural resource management plan at Golden Townsite State Heritage Site.
7. Continue structural and preservation work on Fort Lane in Jackson County and develop plans for future archaeological and interpretive work there.
8. In partnership with the Oregon State Fair Foundation, raise funds for and build the Oregon Youth Village to replace inadequate facilities for 4-H and FFA youth and attract other youth organizations to the venue.