



# Outdoor Recreation in Oregon: The Changing Face of the Future



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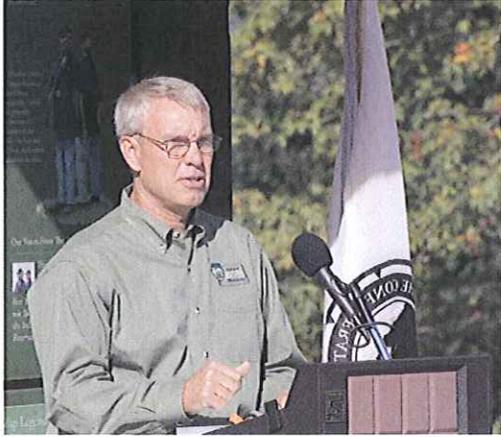


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The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is pleased to provide your organization with a copy of the 2008-2012 Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) entitled *Outdoor Recreation in Oregon: The Changing Face of the Future*. This plan focuses on a number of serious challenges facing the well being of our state, our local communities, and our parks and natural resources. These challenges are associated with shifting demographics and lifestyle changes which are resulting in a clientele base with needs dramatically different from those served by recreation providers in the past.

This plan closely examines the effects of a rapidly aging population, fewer youth learning outdoor skills, an increasingly diverse population, and increasingly sedentary lifestyles on the provision of recreation facilities and services in the state. A series of carefully designed statewide SCORP research studies provide outdoor recreation managers with usable information and recommendations to guide federal, state, and local units of government, as well as the private sector in making policy and planning decisions addressing these key changes. The plan will also assist park and recreation providers to better describe the benefits resulting from recreation projects and programs in an effort to develop and nurture a broader constituency and wider community support throughout our state.

The plan constitutes Oregon's basic five-year plan for outdoor recreation. It also provides guidance for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program and other OPRD-administered grant programs including the Local Grant, County Opportunity Grant, Recreational Trails and All-Terrain Vehicle programs. OPRD will support the implementation of key statewide and local planning recommendations through internal and external partnerships and OPRD-administered grant programs.

My hope is that all Oregonians involved with the administration of recreation and park facilities and programs take time to read this important document and join OPRD in a statewide effort to proactively address the challenges associated with *The Changing Face of the Future*.

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