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**PURPOSE**

Rocky Houston, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Ken Pirie, Walker Macy, will provide the Board of Forestry with an update on the Salmonberry Trail project and seek endorsement for the project from the Board.

**CONTEXT**

The Board was last presented with an update on this project in January, 2013. During the past two years, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and the firm of Walker/Macy, with funding provided by Cycle Oregon, has been working to develop a concept plan for the Salmonberry Trail project. The final draft concept plan was completed and distributed for public comment and review on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The group of principle stakeholders, known as the Salmonberry Coalition, met on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to review the final draft concept plan. The Salmonberry Coalition represents a broad range of interested parties who have given time and support and includes:

- Betsy Johnson, Oregon State Senator (D-Scappoose)
- Governor’s Office - Transportation and Intergovernmental/Regional Solutions
- Cycle Oregon
- Port of Tillamook Bay Corporation
- Tillamook County
- Washington County
- City of Garibaldi
- City of Nehalem
- City of Manzanita
- City of Rockaway Beach
- City of Tillamook
- City of Wheeler
- Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad
- Oregon Coast Visitor Association
- Washington County Visitor Association
- Economic Development Council of Tillamook
- Oregon Equestrian Trails
- Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council
- Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Dept. of Transportation
- Oregon Dept. of Energy
- Northwest Steelheaders
- Western Rivers Conservancy
- MODA Health Services
- Bike Gallery
- Columbia Pacific Economic Development District

Leading up to these milestones, a series of public meetings were held in Banks, Tillamook, the Tillamook Forest Center, and Portland to identify stakeholders and solicit their input. These meetings were used to

explore alternatives and develop the draft concept plan through an iterative process. Additionally, Senate Bill 1516 was passed in the 2014 Session. SB 1516 established the *Salmonberry Trail Trust Fund*, which is administered by the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust and called on ODF and OPRD to develop a plan to construct a trail in the former Pacific Railway and Navigation Company right-of-way.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Forestry, and Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust collectively provide leadership on the project. This leadership is important as the project evolves through the next stages of development including:

1. Finalizing the name and branding for the project,
2. Completing the final Concept Plan,
3. Garnering formal support from principal stakeholders,
4. Establishing a Project Coordinator position,
5. Establishing a long-term governance structure, and
6. Selecting a fund-raising consultant, and planning and commencing a capital campaign.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Department recommends that the Board endorse the Concept Plan for the Salmonberry Trail project, direct the Department to stay engaged with the project, and provide support consistent with achieving recreation management goals for state forests.

### **ATTACHMENT**

- 1) Salmonberry Corridor Concept Plan – Fall 2014  
[https://salmonberrycorridor.files.wordpress.com/2014/11/salmonberry\\_final\\_draft-concept-plan.pdf](https://salmonberrycorridor.files.wordpress.com/2014/11/salmonberry_final_draft-concept-plan.pdf)