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Oregon Smoke Management Review Committee

Hello,

We are writing to express Central Oregon Trail Alliance's support of the recommendations made by the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project (DCFP) in their letter of September 12, 2017. We urge the Oregon Smoke Management Review Committee to incorporate the DCFP's recommendations into the current review and update of Oregon's Smoke Management Plan.

We agree with DCFP's conclusion that "we need a smoke management regulatory framework that enables increased opportunity to implement prescribed burns while establishing innovative measures that address short-term air quality concerns and reduce the longer-term risks posed by wildfires" (Letter to Oregon Smoke Management Review Committee dated September 12, 2017).

The DCFP is a diverse coalition of stakeholders that have done a tremendous amount of work to build consensus on what is best to minimize the potential for damaging wildfires in our local forests while protecting the health and safety of our community. Responsive government is exhibited by heeding the recommendations of collaboratives such as the DCFP and we urge you to incorporate their recommendations into Oregon's Smoke Management Plan.

Sincerely,
Central Oregon Trail Alliance

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COTA is a non-profit, volunteer organization that works in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Services, Bureau of Land Management, and other land managers to build and maintain trails throughout Central Oregon.

COTA's primary purpose is to design, construct, and maintain sustainable, human-powered multi-use trails. Further, COTA strives to enhance the mountain bike riding experience through safety, education, trail stewardship, public outreach and advocacy.