



*Nature*  
**HISTORY**  
*Discovery*

*Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
ATV-GS Meeting*

*June 6, 2016 @ 9 a.m.  
(Business Meeting)  
Estacada Ranger District Office  
Estacada, Oregon*

*LaDee Flats*

*June 7, 2016  
Tillamook State Forest*

**Minutes-Approved**

Grant Subcommittee members in attendance: Tim Custer, Chair; Pat Harris, Vice-Chair; Wade Bryant; Steve Doane; Forest Bohall; and Vicki Ramming

Excused: Jeff Frieze

OPRD Staff present: Ian Caldwell, Mike Law, Ron Price, Pamela Berger, Jeff Trejo, and Jan Hunt

Guests: Tom Harris and Claire Pitner

Chair Custer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Claire Pitner welcomed the committee to the District Office

Agenda Review

- Approval of Minutes
- SB 192 Work Group update
- Logistics LaDee Flats
- Future meetings
- Budget and Cash Account
- Law Enforcement Workshop Update
- 30 Year Recognition
- Additional Items

Central Oregon OHV Association COOHVA

Wade shared news about a newly created organization created to disperse resource information involving all four OHV classes. COOHVA's focus is to keep recreational opportunities open as well as expanding additional opportunities in central Oregon. They began promoting it two months ago and already have 400 paying members.

<http://www.coohva.org>

## Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Pat moved the adoption of the ATV February 11, 2016 meeting minutes. Steve seconded. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

## ATV Budget

Jan distributed a budget sheet showing the limitations for 2015-17 that we thought were available for grants heard February 11, 2016. It is now been established that only \$187,743 is available.

Jan noted the biggest ATV program costs are for salaries while the funding stream is flat. She discussed the ATV sticker expenses. Next biennium, there will a board 10% cut to the ATV program. Jan will provide estimated transfers after they are published in the agency request budget end of June.

Tim shared concerns about direct transfers to two state agencies and would like to review Class IV revenues from ODOT.

Ron noted that they are returning to the previous ATV user survey.

Tom: Suggested including a larger map with the Oregon OHV guide.

## Tabled Grants

- Ian reviewed tabled grants from the February 11, 2016 meeting.
- MRA Salyer Land Acquisition – We do not have enough left in the limitation for spending or the reserves to cover the purchase. Options to fund next biennium or partner with RTP funds.
- ODF ATV excavator equipment - Reduced their grant request based on approval of RTP funds. Went from \$55,000 to \$12,000.
- MERA's motocross, dozer and well water development - Insurance would be covered by Union County. The well was removed from grants. The dozer was removed. Offered Sean the remaining \$33,000. He said they would use it for Rock, dirt, culverts and equipment time to continue working on the Motocross track.
- Motions Made (see tables next page)

APPL. I.D.2505 ATV 15-	Committee Member	M	2nd	+	-	Requested Amount	Amount Awarded
Union County MERA						\$30,000 (revised from 2.11.16)	30,000
Mt. Emily Motocross and Well; Dozer One Year Development 1Year Grant	Forest Bohall			X		<b>MOTION:</b> Approve tabled development for motocross for revised requested amount of 30,000	
	Wade Bryant			X			
	Steve Doane		x	X			
	Pat Harris	x		X			
	Vicki Ramming			X			
	Jeff Frieze - excused						
	Chair Tim Custer			X			

APPL. I.D.2496 ATV 15-	Committee Member	M	2nd	+	-	Requested Amount	Amount Awarded
ODF						\$12,000 (revised from 2.11.16)	\$12,000
ODF	Forest Bohall		x	X		<b>MOTION::</b> Accept the revised amount of \$12,000	
	Wade Bryant			X			
	Steve Doane	x		X			
	Pat Harris			X			
	Vicki Ramming			X			
	Jeff Frieze - excused						
	Chair Tim Custer				X		

Next year looking at putting cap on grant dollar amounts for LE and O&M. Ian and Mike are putting together 6 year history of base line budgets for all programs. Want to be able to look at Equipment separately, but still keep in grant as a line item. We should look at all equipment requests and set a spending limit.

Sharing equipment between agencies is a discussion that will need to continue.

Break @ 10 a.m.  
Re-convene 10:18 a.m.

SB 192  
Ian updated the committee on SB 192

Allows ATV use on highways group developed as directed by legislation. Original proposal was counties 20,000 or less (9 counties) and vehicles had to have lights and turn signals, which would be hard for out-of-state visitors to comply with. Created a working group with included ODOT.

Two issues to address

1) Old verbiage about crossing roads at least 100 feet from and intersection was from the 80s not wanting snowmobiles crossing at intersections. Everyone, including ODOT, is fine with changing that language to allow crossings at intersection or more than 100 feet from an intersection. ODOT is concerned about crossing between in the area between the intersection and the first 100 feet.

2) Recommendation is to allow ATV use on certain stretches of road. Road authorities can already allow ATV use on roads. Many small eastern Oregon Cities have ordinances to allow the use. But ODOT will not allow use on the "State Highways" which pass through those towns. Felt it would be difficult to require lights, etc. especially for those coming from out-of-state. ODOT was open to look at allowing ATVs on highways but operators would need a Driver's License (no youth), Insurance and Helmet. Would create a working group to look at each stretch of highway to potential allow use. These would typically be on low speed roads (25-35 mph) and low use roads and to make key connections, such as from town to a riding area.

Ron and Ian are working on a report to the legislature, which is due September 16, 2016

Ian: we are modeling after the OPRD Scenic Bikeway program to review our proposals and make recommendations. Providing more mechanism, involve local commissioners etc.

Steve: Others states are ahead of us.

Ron: We have spoken to other states. Utah says everything is open unless the county closes it. ODOT is concerned that highway dollars will be removed, which hasn't happened in other states.

#### Law Enforcement Conference – April 2016

Jeff shared logistics about the Law Enforcement Workshop held for 2 ½ days at Eagle Crest and Cline Butte. State Parks and Deschutes County Sheriff's Office worked together to put on the training at this years conference. Most counties were represented. Sheriff's office organized a successful scenario training event and State Police had a scenario regarding hunting and firearms on ATVs. The next Law Enforcement Conference tentatively planned April 2018.

#### Law Enforcement Tracking System (LETS)

Jeff noted the program modeled after the Marine Board and is expected to be fully launched by July 1 2016

#### ATV Program – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Ron will be rolling out events acknowledging the ATV program's 30<sup>th</sup> year. Following are tentative dates that are subject to change:

June 25, 2016	Riley Ranch
July 2016	Morrow County
August 2016	Mt. Emily Recreation Area (MERA)
Sept 13-14, 2016	Bend with OPRD Commission

An ATV meeting may be held in conjunction with the September meeting

Tim suggested staging at the truck stop in LaPine; lodging at the Best Western, then ride at Ochoco near Prineville.

### Succession Planning

Tim asked members to be thinking about a succession plan for when Pat, Wade, and Tim's term limit become effective January 2018.

Mike: Shared logistics for the remainder of today and tomorrow.

Chair Custer adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

### Field Trips

LaDee Flat – Mt Hood National Forest, near Estacada. Discussed trailhead, past and future improvements. Rode trails to look at Class II (jeep) routes and play areas. Also saw variety of Class I (ATV) trails. Currently developing trail system.

Tillamook State Forest - Met at Browns Camp. Discussed ODF program. staff, volunteers, equipment, year-round use, events staging areas and trails. Trail equipment was onsite working on an Endurocross course. Rode trail system up to Powerline, University Firepower, Cedar Tree Trail, Cline Road, Log Jam over to Lyda Camp, Back-to-back, Elliott Creek Trail and back to Browns Camp. Discussed trail hardening techniques, adopt a trail programs, Rock Crawl areas for Class II, and single track trails