

## Oregon Scenic Bikeway Plan



*Photo courtesy of Good Bike Co.*

## Crooked River Canyon State Scenic Bikeway

October, 2017

## Bikeway Proponent Group Information

### Lead Proponent

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### Other Proponent Group Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organizational Affiliation/ Title</b>	<b>Email/ Phone</b>
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## Key Proponent Responsibilities

Proponent Member Name*	Task/Responsibility
Casey Kaiser, Prineville Crook County Chamber of Commerce	<b>Convener.</b> Periodically convene key volunteers and supporting organizations to coordinate promotion and improvement of the bikeway.
Greg Currie	<b>Signs Coordinator.</b> Monitor bikeway directional signs and report missing or down signs to the appropriate road jurisdiction. Work with the OPRD Bicycle Coordinator as necessary to obtain replacement signs.
James Good	<b>Social Media Coordinator.</b> Post information and updates about the bikeway to the RideOregonRide website. Advise the State Parks and Recreation Department Bicycle Coordinator of route closures and other significant events affecting use of the bikeway.
James Good	<b>Bicycle Friendly Business Recruiter.</b> Coordinate identification of members of the local business community who can provide services to bikeway users and assist them in improving and expanding their services.
Casey Kaiser	<b>Local Government Liaison.</b> Maintain contact with each affected road jurisdiction to ensure their continued support of the Scenic Bikeway.

\* Contact information for proponent group members listed here is provided above.

## Bikeway Description

300 words or less

The Crooked River Canyon Scenic Bikeway is a hidden gem in Central Oregon. This approximately 37 mile out and back ride takes visitors from the community of Prineville, across the farm and ranch fields of the Crooked River Valley, then through the deeply incised and dramatic Crooked River Canyon. Riders pass by pastures of cows and llama grazing, and under dramatic basalt cliffs and pillars, while following the route of the Crooked River.

The route passes in and out of ranchlands in the river valley, before passing under high basalt cliffs and climbing the gentle grade up the canyon along the Crooked Wild and Scenic River. Riders will pass by many BLM managed recreation sites along the river. Most of these sites have restrooms, and two of them (Chimney Rock and Big Bend) have water. Several day-use picnic sites are located along the route.

The road curves and climbs to a false summit near Palisades Campground, then descends to Chimney Rock Recreation Site before continuing upstream. Deer, golden eagles and the occasional bald eagle are seen along this route. Anglers fly-fishing the Crooked River are also common sights along the way.

The canyon deepens at the upper end of the bikeway, which ends at Big Bend Campground. This site has parking, restrooms, water and power. A full time campground host typically staffs this site during the summer.

The bikeway climbs 1,455 feet over its length. Some riders may choose to start at Castle Rock Recreation Site, which provides for an approximately 25 mile out and back option.

## Photos

- Photos of the route, along with Release forms signed by the photographer, have been sent to OPRD's Bicycle Recreation Specialist directly via email, through Drop box, Flickr or an FTP site.*

## Map Information

**To be filled out AFTER receiving first draft of map from OPRD.** The campgrounds, parks, public restrooms, public water stops and other publicly available amenities to be shown on the Scenic Bikeway map are listed below:

Amenity	Mile Marker from OPRD Map	Management Agency

## Bikeway Goals

### Infrastructure Improvement

The proponents intend to pursue the following activities to enhance the experience of riding bikeway by improving riding conditions and providing amenities and information for bicyclists:

<b>Infrastructure Improvement Goal:</b> Coordinate with ODOT/Crook County re. weed control on Hwy shoulder to improve cycling conditions		
<b>Action Items/First Steps</b>	<b>Proponent Member Contact/Lead</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set up meeting between BLM botanist, Crook County Weedmaster and ODOT to review current practices.</li> <li>2. Develop options for more effective weed control on road edge.</li> </ol>	Seth Crawford	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spring 2018</li> <li>2. Summer/Fall 2018</li> </ol>

<b>Infrastructure Improvement Goal:</b> Coordinate with ODOT, BLM and BOR to explore options for paving campground entrance aprons to reduce gravel on highway pavement and remove potholes in road edge while improving recreation site access to cyclists		
<b>Action Items/First Steps</b>	<b>Proponent Member Contact/Lead</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meet with ODOT and provide them with photos of each intersection</li> <li>2. Identify Right of Way (ROW) width and which sites have greatest need for paving</li> <li>3. Site survey work at selected sites</li> <li>4. Coordination mtg with ODOT</li> <li>5. develop plans and cost estimates</li> <li>6. identify funding sources</li> <li>7. Develop FLAP/FLTP or other grant for implementation as needed.</li> <li>8. Project implementation</li> </ol>	Greg Currie	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Done</li> <li>2. Done</li> <li>3. 2017/2018</li> <li>4. 2018</li> <li>5. 2018</li> <li>6/7. 2018</li> <li>8. 2021 - 2022</li> </ol>

**Infrastructure Improvement Goal:** Short term and long term improvements to Rimrock Park Site to provide better anchor point facilities. Provide site identification sign, improved water facility, restrooms, information kiosk, possible bike maintenance station, etc. Consider long term design for park to accommodate cyclists and other users, including restroom buildings, hiker/biker camping, etc.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Design and purchase Site Identification Sign</li> <li>2. Extend potable water line and install water fountain.</li> <li>3. Install short-term portable toilets</li> <li>4. Install bike racks and possibly bike maintenance station.</li> <li>5. Design information kiosk and maps, purchase and install</li> <li>6. Develop long-term site plan for parking, restroom, and other long term site amenities as part of larger park design work.</li> </ol>	Duane Garner	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fall 2017</li> <li>2. 2018/2019</li> <li>3. Done, installed annually for summer season</li> <li>4. 2018/2019</li> <li>5. Spring 2018</li> <li>6. 2019 and ongoing</li> </ol>

**Infrastructure Improvement Goal:** Install new signs at State Hwy 126/State Hwy 27 (3<sup>rd</sup> and Main) that better indicate direction/turn to head toward Crooked River/Crooked River Canyon

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take photographs of existing signage. Distribute to proponent team</li> <li>2. Coordinate with ODOT and City of Prineville for replacement signs.</li> <li>3. Seek funding for replacement signs and install</li> </ol>	Seth Crawford/Greg Currie	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Done</li> <li>2. Winter 2017</li> <li>3. 2018</li> </ol>

**Infrastructure Improvement Goal:** Design and install interpretive signs at key locations (Rimrock park, Quail Valley Ranch, Pine Tree pullout, Stearns Dam, WSR entrance, Chimney Rock site, and other locations) along corridor, working with BLM, High Desert Museum, Bowman Museum, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and others.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify locations for interpretive signs and coordinate with ODOT and BLM or other land managers as appropriate for approval and maintenance.</li> <li>2. Design signs/kiosks/mounting posts/boards</li> <li>3. Write grant proposal for funding for purchase</li> <li>4. Use community groups to install, including Central Oregon Fly Fishers, other ODOT adopt a hwy groups, local schools, etc.</li> </ol>	Greg Currie/Gordon Gillespie	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2018</li> <li>2. 2018</li> <li>3. 2018</li> <li>4. 2019</li> </ol>

**Infrastructure Improvement Goal:** Consider options for safety signage on corridor, including at both ends of the corridor (bikes on roadway sign).

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine if these signs are warranted, begin coordination to select sign locations.</li> <li>2. If signs are warranted/authorized, purchase signs and install.</li> </ol>	David Amiton	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Winter 2017</li> <li>2. 2018</li> </ol>

**Infrastructure Improvement Goal:** Install bike parking at Chimney Rock Recreation Site and Big Bend Recreation Site.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
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Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
1. Research and select parking rack style, and identify locations with input/collaboration from Crook County Parks, BLM, and BOR 2. Write grant proposal for purchase and installation. 3. Installation	Greg Currie/James Good	1. Winter 2017/Spring 2018 2. 2018 3. 2018 ongoing

**Infrastructure Improvement Goal:** Install sign at Chimney Rock Recreation Site identifying potable water location. Current location is at downstream end of campground (44.137050°, -120.815583°).

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
1. decide on sign locations and design signs 2. Purchase signs and install	Greg Currie	1. Winter 2017 2. Spring 2018

### Business Outreach and Services

The proponents intend to pursue the following activities to increase the number and quality of bicycle friendly businesses and build awareness of the Bikeway and its economic benefits.

<b>Business Outreach and Services Goal:</b> Provide Cycling Business and Service Information, Camping information and Road Condition or Event updates at Chamber of Commerce Website		
Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
1. Create bikeway page and begin providing updates	Casey Kaiser	1. ongoing

**Business Outreach and Services Goal:** Identify three multi-day ride or activity itineraries to promote through the Chamber of Commerce website or other avenues. Potential ideas include: Ride the river, fly-fishing, farm to table rides/tours, road ride plus mountain bike rides, road ride plus water trail (paddleboard or kayak), and history rides around town. Also identify and similarly market 3 different multi-activity single day packages that include a ride on the bikeway and other attractions for single day outings.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
1. Identify potential activity packages with partners 2. Promote these online, and through other partners such as Travel Oregon and COVA. 3. Update existing one-page handout “Scenic Crooked River Highway” that is available at Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce to include bikeway info and other activity info.	James Good/Casey Kaiser	1. Winter 2017 2. Winter/Spring 2017/201 3. Nov 2017

### Marketing and Communications

The proponents will pursue the following activities to promote the Bikeway, provide opportunities for bicyclists to participate in group rides of the route, ribbon cutting/media events and to provide timely information to the Parks and Recreation Department and Travel Oregon (via RideOregonRide.com) and to assist the local Destination Marketing Organization in marketing the Scenic Bikeway:

<b>Marketing and Communications Goal:</b> Promote Adopt a Hwy partnerships for the bikeway. Coordinate with existing adopt a hwy groups to do clean-up events that promote bikeway.		
Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline

<b>Action Items/First Steps</b>	<b>Proponent Member Contact/Lead</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact ODOT for info on what groups currently adopt the road, what gaps in adoption occur.</li> <li>2. Contact existing adopt a hwy groups (Band of Brothers and Central Oregon Fly Fishers) and update them on bikeway plan.</li> <li>3. Create map of un-adopted portions of bikeway and seek out new groups to support bikeway by adopting remaining sections. Facilitate these groups signing up with ODOT.</li> <li>4. Organize a clean-up event to promote bikeway with existing Adopt a Hwy groups and cycling groups.</li> </ol>	<p>Greg Currie/Casey Kaiser</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Done – collaboration with Diana Ridenour)</li> <li>2/3. Winter 2017/Spring 2018</li> <li>4. 2018/2019</li> </ol>

**Marketing and Communications Goal:** Update or creating new Chamber of Commerce/Crook County brochure on bikeway/back country byway

<b>Action Items/First Steps</b>	<b>Proponent Member Contact/Lead</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take existing BLM Wild and Scenic River brochure, previous Chamber of Commerce Crooked River Brochure, and existing Bureau of Reclamation brochure and develop a bikeway specific brochure draft.</li> <li>2. Utilize map produced by State Parks/Travel Oregon</li> <li>3. Final brochure design</li> <li>4. Seek grant funds for printing</li> <li>5. Purchase brochure and distribute.</li> </ol>	<p>Casey Kaiser</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Winter 2017</li> <li>2. Winter/Spring2018</li> <li>3. Early Spring 2018</li> <li>4. Fall 2017</li> <li>5. Spring 2018</li> </ol>

**Marketing and Communications Goal:** Seek funding for development of professional video of river corridor/City of Prineville and bicycling to use on Chamber Website, for Travel Oregon and other venues such as Statewide Cycling blogs.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work with Travel Oregon to Identify and select videographer</li> <li>2. Shooting video</li> <li>3. Final editing and production</li> </ol>	Casey Kaiser/James Good	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fall 2017</li> <li>2. Spring 2018</li> <li>3. Summer 2018</li> </ol>

**Marketing and Communications Goal:** First ride event or ribbon cutting ceremony. Possible first ride event for new Scenic Bikeway. Involve managing agencies including BLM/BOR/State Parks, etc. Potentially include Bike Park and Lower 66 Trail activities.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordinate with Alex Philips and stakeholders to identify date</li> <li>2. Publicize and promote the event</li> <li>3. Conduct ribbon cutting, fun ride event, &amp; bbq.</li> </ol>	Casey Kaiser/James Good/Seth Crawford	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fall 2017</li> <li>2. Winter 2017/2018</li> <li>3. Spring 2018</li> </ol>

**Marketing and Communications Goal:** Social Media Campaign.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide page or link to Scenic Bikeway info on Visitor Center website and BLM website. Provide maps and/or brochures at Visitor Center, BLM and USFS offices.</li> <li>2. Post information on Central Oregon Visitors Association platform as well as Ride Oregon Ride, Oregonscenicbikeways.org, and other forms of social media such as Facebook and Instagram (Statewide and regional Cycling Blogs).</li> </ol>	Casey Kaiser	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fall 2017</li> <li>2. Fall 2017</li> </ol>

## Record of Community Outreach & Public Meetings

During development of the Bikeway Plan, the proponents provided the following opportunities for members of the community to learn about and provide input into plans for the proposed Scenic Bikeway:

<b>Description of Outreach or Opportunity for Public Input</b>	<b>Date</b>
Meeting with Crook County Parks and Recreation District	January 13, 2015
City Council Presentation	January 27, 2015
Chamber of Commerce Prineville Perk Public Meeting Presentation	February 11, 2015
Quail Valley Ranch Manager Meeting	Spring 2015
State Park Bikeway Public Meeting	July 7, 2015
State Park Field Review/Ride	July 8, 2015
Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Meeting	December 8, 2015
Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Meeting	January 12, 2016
State Parks Bikeway Webinar and Team Meeting	February 10, 2016
Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Meeting	March 8, 2016
Team meeting with Alex Phillips at Crook County Parks Office	March 28, 2016
Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Meeting	May 10, 2016
Meeting with BOR, State Parks and Ochoco Irrigation District	June 29, 2016
Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Meeting	July 12, 2016
Field Tour of bikeway and proponent meeting	Sept 13, 2016
Bicycle Tourism Partnership Meeting, Bend	October 28, 2016
Oregon Bicycle Tourism Studio, Prineville	February 7, 2017
Crook County Parks and Recreation District Board Meeting, Prineville	June 28, 2017
OPRD Public Meeting	Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017

- Check when copies of news articles, calendar events, minutes from meetings, sign in sheets and other announcements are attached or sent in a separate file.*

## Bikeway Signs Location Tables

### Sign Location Table (direction A upstream/south)

Signs are installed on the right side of the road where cyclists look for and expect signs and approximately 25 feet before an intersection to give the cyclist time to anticipate the turn.

Note: Site Identification Sign for Rimrock Park would be located on west side of State Highway 27, at north side of entry drive into parking area (approximately 44.293408, -120.846504).

Road Name	Intersection With	Arrow Direction	Sign Size	Road Jurisdiction (contact info follows)
State Hwy 27	Rim Rock Park exit (approx. 44.293198, -120.846299)	Right	18" x 24"	ODOT, District 10
State Hwy 27	None (reassurance marker sign) (44.185301, -120.862287)	Straight	18" x 24"	ODOT, District 10
State Hwy 27	None (reassurance marker sign) (44.136446, -120.814631)	Straight	18" x 24"	ODOT, District 10
State Hwy 27	Big Bend Campground Entrance – (approx. 250 ft north of entrance) (44.114434, -121.791481)	Right	18" x 24"	ODOT, District 10

**Sign Location Table**  
**(direction B downstream/north)**

For Bikeways signed in both directions

<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Intersection With</b>	<b>Arrow Direction</b>	<b>Sign Size</b>	<b>Road Jurisdiction (contact info follows)</b>
State Hwy 27	Big Bend Campground Entrance, 70 ft north of entrance (approx. 44.114051, -121.791849)	Straight	18" x 24"	ODOT, District 10
State Hwy 27	None (reassurance marker sign) (approx. 44.136478, -120.814530)	Straight	18" x 24"	ODOT, District 10
State Hwy 27	None (reassurance marker sign) (approx. 44.185416, -120.862315)	Straight	18" x 24"	ODOT, District 10
State Hwy 27	Rim Rock Park entrance, sign located immediately north of north entry to RV park (approx. 44.2933443, -121.846214)	left	18" x 24"	ODOT, District 10

Check when responsible road jurisdictions have reviewed and approved the above Bikeway sign locations.

**Sign Contact Information**

<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>Road Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Joel McCarroll, PE	ODOT, Region 4 Traffic Manager	541-388-6189
Tod LaFrance	ODOT District 10 Sign Crew Coordinator	541-388-6152

## Final Bikeway Letters of Support

Final letters of support for each of the following agencies and road jurisdictions were obtained within 6 months prior to submittal of the plan:

Agency/Jurisdiction Name	Date of Letter(s)
ODOT Area/District(s): Region 4 District 10	Completed 5/2017
County(s) Commission: Crook County	Completed 5/2017
City Council: Prineville	
BLM District Manager: Prineville District BLM	Completed 5/2017
State Park Manager(s): Prineville Reservoir State Park	Completed 5/2017
Bureau of Reclamation: Field Office Manager	Completed 5/2017
Crook County Parks and Recreation District	

Check when final letters of support from each of the agencies and road jurisdictions are attached.



Bicycle Racers at Crook County Fairgrounds Track, Prineville, Oregon – 1910 (courtesy Bowman Museum)



# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

**Parks and Recreation Department**

Prineville Reservoir State Park

19020 SE Parkland Dr

Prineville, OR 97754-8611

May 17, 2017

Alexandra Philliph  
Scenic Bikeways Program Director  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
725 Summer Street  
Salem, Oregon 97301-3871

RE: Crook County State Scenic Bikeway Application

Dear Oregon State Scenic Bikeway Committee,

The Prineville Reservoir Management Unit with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) supports the application for the Crooked River Scenic Bikeway. The Proposed route includes Big Bend campground on the Crooked River below Bowman Dam. The Big Bend campground would make a good anchor point for this route because it provides overnight camping with restroom facilities and drinking water. Big Bend is co-managed by OPRD, the Bureau of Reclamation, and The Bureau of Land Management. Each agency is in support of Big Bend being included as an anchor point along the bike route.

A bike tour route linking the local communities to Prineville Reservoir and the Crooked River would expose visitors to the outstanding scenic beauty and recreational opportunities we have to offer. We are dedicated to working with other agencies to provide access to new recreational opportunities throughout the State.

If you have any questions regarding Prineville Reservoir feel free to contact me at (541) 416 - 0645.

Sincerely,

Michael Simonsen  
Park Manager  
Prineville Reservoir Management Unit





# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Transportation

District 10

63055 N Hwy 97, Bldg K

Bend, OR 97703

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May 15, 2017

Alex Phillips  
Bicycle Recreation Coordinator  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
725 Summer St. NE, Suite C  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Scenic Bikeway

Ms. Phillips,

On behalf of the Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 4 in Central Oregon, I wish to express support for establishing a scenic bikeway from Prineville to the Bowman Dam. The proposed route is on the Crooked River State Highway #27, which follows the course of the Crooked River for nearly its entire length, much of it within a few dozen yards of the river. The highway is lightly traveled by motor vehicles with the vast majority of users being recreationists. This is a desirable route for road cyclists due to its natural beauty and peaceful surroundings.

Not only is the route used for recreational bicycling, ODOT also permits its use for several bike events, bike races and foot races each year. ODOT supports designation of this route as a Scenic Bikeway.

Our support is based on the understanding that the designation would in no way restrict the normal maintenance and operations activities along this highway, including development and use of mineral resource sites and stockpile sites used in support of such activities.

Should you have any questions for ODOT, please feel free to contact me at 541-388-6169.

Sincerely,

Pat Creedican  
District 10 Manager  
541-388-6169



# Crook County

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Phone (541) 416-6555 • FAX (541) 416-3891

June 21, 2017

Ms. Alex Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Specialist  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
725 Summer Street NE  
Salem OR 97301

Re: *Support for Crooked River Canyon Scenic Bikeway Application*  
Our File No.: Ct Misc B

Dear Ms. Phillips:

The Crook County Court (County Commission) is pleased to provide its support for the Crooked River Canyon Scenic Bikeway Application.

The proposed bikeway is approximately 19.8 miles in length beginning at the Crooked River Park in Prineville, Oregon, and continuing south on State Route 27 to Big Bend Campground. The route includes dramatic and outstanding scenery, including views of the Crooked River, canyon cliffs, ranch lands, and remote backcountry.

As a county impacted by timber loss, the tourism revenue positively impacts our economy. We feel the designation would be an effective method of informing travelers of a truly significant opportunity and benefits Crook County, our local businesses, and our tourism industry.

On behalf of the Crook County Court, we strongly support and urge your designation of the Crooked River Canyon Scenic Bikeway application.

Sincerely,

CROOK COUNTY COURT

Seth Crawford  
County Judge

Jerry Brummer  
County Commissioner

Brian Barney  
County Commissioner



## United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
1375 SE Wilson Avenue, Suite 100  
Bend, Oregon 97702-2607

IN REPLY REFER TO:

BFO-3000

LND-1.00

Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C  
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Letter of Support Crooked River Canyon State Scenic Bikeway

Dear Oregon State Scenic Bikeway Committee:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Bend Field Office is providing this letter of support for the proposed Crooked River Canyon State Scenic Bikeway application and designation in Oregon. I understand the designated bikeway route will start at Prineville, Oregon and end at Big Bend Recreation Area. Big Bend is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation.

We support this scenic bikeway route, based on the understanding that it includes and ends at Big Bend Recreation Area. Reclamation does not support inclusion of Arthur R. Bowman Dam and the Powder House Cove Recreation Area, both owned by the Bureau of Reclamation, as part of the designated bikeway route due to dam security and safety concerns. We also understand the bike route does not continue on the county road south of Arthur R. Bowman Dam.

Sincerely,

Gregg Garnett  
Bend Field Office Manager



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Prineville District Office

3050 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Prineville, Oregon 97754



In Reply Refer To:  
8357 (ORP060)

Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
725 Summer Street NE< Suite C  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Oregon State Scenic Bikeway Committee:

The BLM Prineville District is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Crooked River Canyon State Scenic Bikeway plan and designation. This community effort of the Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce will provide economic benefits through promotion of tourism. We also believe it will provide health and quality of life benefits for the community.

State Highway 27 (Crooked River Highway) provides significant recreation opportunities and outstanding scenery. The bikeway would pass through approximately 8 miles of BLM administered lands within the Crooked Wild and Scenic River (Chimney Rock Segment). This State Scenic Bikeway designation and use of this corridor for bicycling provides an excellent opportunity for visitors to enjoy the federally designated Wild and Scenic River, and visit one of the many BLM managed recreation sites. We believe this corridor provides some of the best scenery found in central Oregon.

We look forward to being part of the community partnership to implement the bikeway plan and create long-term connections between the community and their public lands.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kitchens  
Field Manager, Deschutes Field Office



October 4, 2017

Alexandra Phillips  
Scenic Bikeways Program Director  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
725 Summer Street  
Salem, OR 97301-3871

Dear Ms. Phillips,

This letter is being written to express strong support from Crook County Parks and Recreation District for the Oregon State Scenic Bikeway designation that is being considered for the Crooked River Canyon corridor between Prineville and Bowman Dam along HWY 27.

The District is in full support of the proposal and is committed to provide Rimrock Park as the official starting point for the Bikeway. Rimrock Park has a paved parking lot, potable water, existing trails and plenty of potential to develop needed amenities.

The District is committed to promoting a healthy lifestyle for its citizens and visitors alike and feels this program will provide an immediate positive impact on the community. The CCPRD Board of Directors fully supports this project and they have allocated funds in the 2017-2018 budget to begin improvements to Rimrock Park that are identified on the Scenic Bikeway Proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration with this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments at your convenience.

Best Regards,

Duane Garner  
Executive Director  
Crook County Parks and Recreation District