

Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway

Bikeway Plan

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	development, Coordination with Wild Rivers Coast Outdoor Recreation Action Team
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Sign Location Table

Wild River Coast Scenic Bikeway – Sign Location Table					
Start/End At Battle Rock	Counter Clockwise Direction Starting at Battle Rock Park	Sign Direction Arrow	Jurisdiction	Size	Jurisdiction Contact
Battle Rock	Intersection @ Hwy 101	Straight	ODOT	18" by 24"	Randy Camp randy.camp@odot.state.or.us
Jefferson St.	Intersection @ 7th street	Turn Left	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
7 th street	Intersection @ Jackson St.	Turn Right	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
Jackson St.	Intersection @ 25 th Street	Turn Left	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
25 th Street	Intersection @ Port Orford Loop Road	Turn Right	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
Port Orford Loop Road	Port Orford Loop Road (at the "Y" on the north end. Approx. 100yds. Before intersection with 101)	Turn Left	Curry County	18" by 24"	Doug Robbins robbinsd@co.curry.or.us
Port Orford Loop Road	Intersection @ Hwy 101	Turn Right	ODOT	18" by 24"	Randy Camp randy.camp@odot.state.or.us
Hwy 101	Intersection @ Elk River Road (Approx. 50 yards. before turn onto Elk River Rd.)	Turn Right	ODOT	24" by 36"	Randy Camp randy.camp@odot.state.or.us

Elk River Road	Just past Forest Service boundary (near Fish Hatchery) on eastbound side only	Straight	USFS	24" by 36"	Lorelei Haukness lhaukness@fs.fed.us
Elk River Road	Just east of Butler Bar Campground entrance on westbound side only.	Straight	USFS	24" by 36"	Lorelei Haukness lhaukness@fs.fed.us
Elk River Road	Intersection @ Hwy 101	Turn Right	Curry County	24" by 36"	Doug Robbins robbinsd@co.curry.or.us
Hwy 101	Intersection @ Cape Blanco RD. (Approx. 50 yds. before turn onto cape Blanco road, could post with existing signage)	Turn Left (North bound lane.)	ODOT	24" by 36"	Randy Camp randy.camp@odot.state.or.us
Hwy 101	Intersection @ Cape Blanco Rd. (Approx. 50 yds. before turn onto cape Blanco road, could post with existing signage)	Turn Right (South bound lane)	ODOT	24" by 36"	Randy Camp randy.camp@odot.state.or.us
Cape Blanco Rd.	Cape Blanco Light House (20 yards east of the parking area before the	Straight (on east bound lane, pointing back towards	OPRD	24" by 36"	Shirley Stentz shirley.stentz@oregon.gov

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Cape Blanco Rd.	Intersection @ Hwy 101	Turn Right	ODOT	24" by 36"	Randy Camp randy.camp@odot.state.or.us
Hwy 101	Intersection @ Paradise Point Rd.	Turn Right	ODOT	24" by 36"	Randy Camp randy.camp@odot.state.or.us
Paradise Point Rd.	Paradise Point Parking area (10 yds. before parking area)	Straight (on east bound lane, pointing back towards hwy. 101)	Curry County	24" by 36"	Doug Robbins robbinsd@co.curry.or.us
Paradise Point Rd.	Intersection @ Arizona St. (20 yds. before intersection)	Turn Right	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
Arizona St.	Intersection @ Pinehurst Dr./ 18 th St.	Turn Right	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
Pinehurst Dr.	Pinehurst Dr. & Boat Ramp access (Just after the access)	Straight (Keep bikers on Pinehurst Dr.)	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
14 th St.	Intersection @ Arizona St.	Turn Right	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
Arizona St.	Intersection @ 9 th Street	Straight (Directing Bikers up coastguard hill)	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
Coast Guard Hill	Intersection @ 9 th Street (20 yds. before intersection)	Turn Right (North bound lane, returning back down from top of hill to Hwy.	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org

		101)			
9 th Street	Intersection @ Hwy 101	Turn Right	ODOT	18" by 24"	Randy Camp randy.camp@odot.state.or.us
Hwy 101	Intersection @ 8 th , 101, and Oregon St. (@ John of Ark building)	Straight (Uphill towards Ocean View Sign)	ODOT	18" by 24"	Randy Camp randy.camp@odot.state.or.us
Oregon St.	Intersection @ 5 th Street	Turn Left	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
5 th Street	Intersection @ Jackson St.	Turn Left	City of PO	18" by 24"	Terrie Richards trichards@portorford.org
Jackson St.	Intersection @ Hwy 101	Turn Right	ODOT	18" by 24"	Randy Camp randy.camp@odot.state.or.us

Preservation and Enhancement

TOP 3 BIKEWAY GOALS: ACTION PLAN 2015 - 2016
<p>PROJECT NAME: Bikeway Ribbon Cutting Ceremony</p> <p>PROJECT LEAD: Tourism Action Team Leads (ORAT – Tyson Rasor, Marketing – Marie Simonds, and EFL – Kathy Boden)</p> <p>ACTION STEPS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upon Designation in July 2015, Action Team leads will meet to set 2016 date and determine next steps 2. Eat Fresh and Local Action Team would help to provide food for event (Cathy Boden) 3. Marketing Action Team to help with outreach to media and consumers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. potential partner groups include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Friends of Elk River ii. Cape Blanco Challenge

- iii. Cape Blanco Heritage Society
- iv. Oregon State Parks
- v. City of Port Orford
- vi. United States Forest Service, Powers Ranger District
- vii. ODFW Elk River Fish Hatchery
- viii. Port Orford Main Street

TARGET DATE: September 2016

PROJECT NAME: Caution "Bikes on Roadway" signs especially on Elk River Road

PROJECT LEAD: Lorelei Haukness, USFS

ACTION STEPS:

1. March 25, 2015 Tyson will contact Lorelei to let her know this
2. USFS needs to compile list of exact location of signs and how many
3. State Parks and Recreation Dept. (Alex Phillips) needs these by March 30, 2015 to purchase
4. USFS will install

INTO FUTURE:

5. Consider other locations to have caution signs like Cape Blanco and other Heads (the various road jurisdictions are going to need to be included in these conversations/decision-making)
6. Obtain Bikeway User feedback to dictate future sign locations and if signs are truly needed

PROJECT NAME: Business Owner/Front Line Staff prepared with Bikeway Toolkit

PROJECT LEADS: Tyson Rasor, John Shipp, and Karl Maxon (and maybe Laurie Pryce?)

ACTION STEPS:

1. Upon Bikeway Designation in July 2015, Leads to meet to flesh out what tools need to be in Business Toolkit and how to do the outreach. Ideas include:
 - a. Inventory of Amenities on the Route and within local community
 - b. Map of WRC Scenic Bikeway
 - c. Additional complimentary bike rides
 - d. Information on how and where to rent and/or repair bikes
 - e. Map
 - f. Information on Bike Friendly Business Program
 - g. Soliciting those who show high interest to become a part of the WRCSB Proponent Group
2. Marie will take this to the Marketing Tourism Action Team to let them know this is a prioritized goal of Bikeway and see how they will/can help
3. Review list of past folks that signed up to do outreach to businesses in their communities from Bike Tourism Studio in Oct 2013 – they can likely help with outreach

Funding to help achieve goals will be sought from:

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 1. People for Bikes | 5. Travel Oregon |
| 2. Cycle Oregon | 6. Oregon Parks and Recreation Department |
| 3. State of Oregon | 7. Wild Rivers Coast Alliance |
| 4. Oregon Lottery | |

ADDITIONAL PRESERVATION & ENHANCMENT GOALS

2017 and Beyond:

(To be developed further as primary goals listed above are achieved)

1. INFRASTRUCTURE - Water at Cape Blanco – Designated spot , Water at Elk River, Paradise Point, and Water at Port Orford Head (put faucet in back)
2. EVENTS - Incorporating bikeway into existing events including music festivals, 4th of July Jubilee, State Parks Day, Coast Guard Day, AND new events going on specifically with Tourism Action Teams
3. MARKETING - Getting Bikeway website link on other websites such as USFS, Chambers, local businesses, etc.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE - Interpretive signs at the 3 historic sites and making sure those points of interest are on the Bikeway Map (possibly having way finding to the historical sites)
5. MARKETING - Develop larger portfolio of photos for marketing purposes
 - a. The proponent group will work with local photographers (Emma Jones, Carrie Grant, Tim Scahill, or another) to take photos at locations not yet photographed (Battle Rock, Overlook at Port of Port Orford, and above Nellies Cove at the Port Orford Heads).

Outreach to Businesses

Businesses to be contacted the first year	
Business	Who will contact
Port Orford Community Co-op	Tyson
Castaway Hotel	Tyson
Sea Crest Hotel	Tyson
Redfish Restaurant	Tyson
Siren's Cove Café	Tyson
Agates Restaurant	Tyson
Bonnie and Leslie's Home style Seafood and Grill	Tyson
Gold Beach Campgrounds	Jodi Fritts
Wild Spring Guest Habitat	Tyson
Griff's on the Dock	Tyson
Langlois Market and Deli	Karl Maxon
Sixes Grange	Hoog
Arch Rock	Jodi Fritts
Washed Ashore	Karl Maxon
Bandon Coffee Co.	Karl Maxon
Elk River Fish Hatchery	Hoog
KOA 101	Karl
Humbug, Cape Blanco, Bullard's Campgrounds	Karl
Brookings Welcome Center	Jodi Fritts

Web Action Items

Proponent group member, Marie Simonds / Wild Rivers Coast Marketing Action Team, working with other volunteers, will:

- Post comments to Rideoregonride.com several times through the winter and every other week during the riding season.

- Inform Bicycle Coordinator of information for posting on www.oregonscenicbikeways.org

- Link scenic bikeway marketing products to the Wild Rivers Coast Marketing Action Team's and Outdoor Recreation Action Team's web-based products.
 - Web-products to be linked:
 - Ride Oregon Ride website
 - OPRD Scenic Bikeway webpage
 - Wild Rivers Coast subpages on Travel Oregon website
 - Include information and route of the Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway on the web-based outdoor recreation map (to be hosted on the subpage) currently being developed by the Outdoor Recreation Action Team.

Marketing Action Items

- Supply DMOs, RDMOs and the Bicycle Coordinator with high quality photos for use in promotional material.
- Coordinate and market a fall "Ribbon Cutting Bike Ride" in 2016.
- Provide DMOs ideas for seasonal and timely stories of interest to cyclists.
- Hold regular meetings/calls with DMO to find out what they need to promote the bikeway.
- Tie in with other bicycle projects to be marketed. Such as the "Bike Kiosks" being built in Bandon, Port Orford, Gold Beach, and Brookings.
- Create an Itinerary in Coordination with the Wild Rivers Coast Tourism Action Teams.

Ride Description

This 60 mile route is a perfectly challenging route for a ride with family and friends or a great route for more experienced tour riders. This “summit to sea stacks” experience takes you on a ride exploring a 10 mile reach of the nationally designated Wild and Scenic Elk River. You will wind through working farmlands, past cranberry bogs, and arrive at amazing ocean vistas, with each point boasting incredible panoramic views. As you are experiencing some of the best nature the Oregon coast has to offer, you will be transported through time, traveling past many historically significant locations along the way. For example, The Cape Blanco Lighthouse, dolly dock at the Port of Port Orford, Port Orford Lifeboat Station and other unique sites will have you seeing the land and local culture in a whole new light.

Your ride begins at historic Battle Rock Park, with a view of Oregon’s Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve; then riding north up to the Elk River, where you will be peddling beside two Wilderness Areas and National Forest lands. Visit the Elk River Fish Hatchery or cool off at one of Elk River’s many swimming holes along the way; and then out to Cape Blanco, where you can rest and take in the view at the most westerly point and oldest working lighthouse in Oregon. On your way back south, through Port Orford and past Garrison Lake, consider taking an additional challenge and crank your way up to the Port Orford Heads State Park where a short walk will provide awe inspiring panoramic views of the Wild Rivers Coastline.

The Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway on Oregon’s South Coast is the picture-perfect bike ride that melds an experience in both history and nature. The starting point, in the small town of Port Orford (Pop. 1,200) has quaint hotels, gourmet restaurants, fish and chips, coffee shops and art galleries. You will find all the amenities you might need to ensure your ride on this unique route is an incomparable experience to remember for years to come.

During visits to businesses we will ask if the business has seen an increase in bicyclists as customers and if they have measured it. Any anecdotal stories and data will be recorded and forwarded to OPRD. We will conduct surveys in coordination with Oregon Scenic Bikeway Committee when requested to do so. Additionally, as other surveys are being sought for tourism purposes, the proponent group will work to include the bikeway in those surveys to learn more about the bikeway's effects.

Cyclist Categories

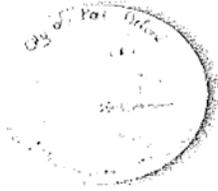
- Heritage traveler; those interested in lighthouses, historic buildings, pioneer history.
- Soft Adventurer, such as RV market, car campers, families, friends visiting the area, people who like riding bicycles.
- Adventure Cyclist, individuals and small groups that want the coastal adventure experience and physical challenges of a 60 mile day ride.
- Bike Packers – Those bikers headed into the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest for multi-day adventures.

Photographs (Alex Phillips has access to a Dropbox account containing the high quality copies of these pictures)





Letters of Support



CITY OF PORT ORFORD

◆ 555 W. 20th St. ◆ P.O. Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465 ◆ Ph: 541-366-4568 ◆ fx: 877-281-5307 ◆

October 17, 2014

Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301

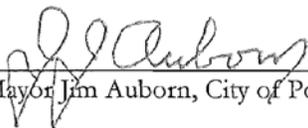
RE: South Coast Scenic Bikeway – City of Port Orford Letter of Support

This is a **Letter of Support** in favor of official designation for “**Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway**” route put forward by the Wild Rivers Coast Proponent Group.

The proposed Scenic Bikeway highlights an eco-tourism opportunity that demonstrates the land to sea connectivity involving two South Coast Rivers, the Elk and Sixes Rivers, and many ocean vistas.

The route traveling from Battle Rock Park in Port Orford, up Elk River Road, out to Cape Blanco State Park, to Paradise Point, and then Port Orford Heads, offers some of the most scenic views our area has to offer. As well, this route delivers riders with chances to learn about our regions natural resources, culture, and history through interpretive and experiential offerings at Battle Rock Park, Elk River Fish Hatchery, the Hughes House Museum, Cape Blanco Lighthouse, Port Orford Wetland Interpretive Walkway, and the Port Orford Lifeboat Station Museum.

For these reasons, we support the designation of the Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway to expose people from outside this region to the exciting recreational opportunities on the South Coast and provide bicyclists with an amazing scenic experience that is unique and memorable.



Mayor Jim Auborn, City of Port Orford



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February 4, 2015

Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
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725 Summer Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301

RE: South Coast Scenic Bikeway – Wild Rivers Coast Proponent Group Letter of Support

This is a Letter of Support in favor of official designation for “*Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway*” route put forward by the Wild Rivers Coast Proponent Group.

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For these reasons and many others, we support the designation of the Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway to expose people from outside this region to the exciting recreational opportunities on the South Coast and provide bicyclists with an amazing scenic experience that is unique and memorable.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2015.

CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest

Powers Ranger District
42861 Highway 242
Powers, OR 97466

File Code: 1560

Date: December 5, 2014

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

Dear Alexandra,

RE: South Coast Scenic Bikeway – Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Letter of Support

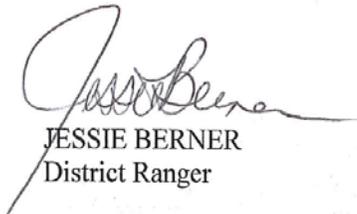
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Sincerely,



JESSIE BERNER
District Ranger





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October 3, 2014

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RE: South Coast Scenic Byway-Wild Rivers Coast Proponent Group Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a **Letter of Support** in favor of official designation for "*Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway*" route put forward by the Wild Rivers Coast Proponent Group.

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For these reasons, we support the designation of the Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway to expose people from outside this region to the exciting recreational opportunities on the South Coast and provide bicyclists with an amazing scenic experience that is unique and memorable.

We are excited to see this designation come to reality and will do our part to make this a great scenic byway. If you need anything please contact me at 541-957-3683.

Sincerely,

Darrin Neavoll
District 7 Manager
Oregon Department of Transportation



Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301

RE: South Coast Scenic Bikeway

This letter is to present our favor for the official designation of the Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway.

The Scenic Bikeway will be an excellent opportunity for business, additional activity, history and tourism as well as show what the Southern Oregon Coast has to offer.

The Port Orford North Curry County Chamber of Commerce does support the Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway as this will be an excellent opportunity bicyclists and for our region.

Thank you,

Colleen Easlon
Secretary
North Curry County Chamber of Commerce
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Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
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RE: South Coast Scenic Bikeway

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association is a regional tourism promotion agency that supports developing and investing in our tourism economy along all 363 miles of the Oregon Coast. We believe the more opportunities and attractions we have to offer visitors, the longer visitors will stay and the greater the long-term economic benefits will be for our coastal communities.

As a coast-wide agency we are involved with many locally based community projects seeking to “re-purpose” important economic, historical and cultural infrastructure assets as these communities diversify their economies due to a decline in traditional industries. Once completed, we market and promote these re-purposed assets to travel writers, group travel/trade operators, individual travelers and other entities which are likely to leverage exposure and inspire travel to the area.

We are issuing this letter of support for “Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway” route put forward by the Wild Rivers Coast Proponent Group for several reasons.

First, research shows that visitors are attracted to the Oregon Coast because of its raw natural beauty and for the chance to get close to the wildlife which inhabits it. Travel Oregon calls this profile “The Explorer.” Much of the growth in this arena is non-motorized exploration via hiking, kayaking, biking, etc. Travelers desire a genuine natural experience, increasingly prefer to tread with a light footprint and, at the same time, want convenient access to natural areas for these recreational purposes.

Second, a relevant example of the economic impact related to this travel trend is a recently released study entitled: *The Economic Significance of Bicycle-Related Travel in Oregon: 2012*, Dean Runyan Associates [http://www.deanrunyan.com/doc_library/bicycletravel.pdf]. The report states, “Travelers who participated in bicycle - related activities while traveling in Oregon spent nearly \$400 million in 2012 – representing about 4.4 percent of the direct travel spending in the state (see Oregon Travel Impacts, 1991-2012p).” There is room to grow this market, but only if there exists quality opportunities for cyclists to participate, which leads me to my final point of support.

The proposed Scenic Bikeway highlights an eco-tourism opportunity that demonstrates the land to sea connectivity involving two South Coast Rivers, the Elk and Sixes Rivers, and many ocean vistas. This trail represents the quality of experience we believe visitors are seeking.

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For these reasons, we support the designation of the Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway to expose people from outside this region to the exciting recreational opportunities on the South Coast and provide bicyclists with an amazing scenic experience that is unique and memorable. Once complete, our coastal network will enthusiastically market and promote this new 'marketable attraction.'

In summary, the Oregon Coast Visitors Association encourages community leaders, government and non-profit partners and funders to support innovative grass roots community efforts such as this one. It is the vision of the people of the People's Coast which keeps our natural beauty protected and accessible for all generations to come and for all the world to enjoy.

Kindest Regards,

Marcus Hinz

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January 8, 2015

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RE: South Coast Scenic Bikeway – City of Brookings Letter of Support

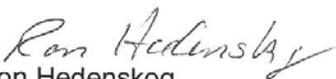
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For these reasons, we support the designation of the Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway to expose people from outside this region to the exciting recreational opportunities on the South Coast and provide bicyclists with an amazing scenic experience that is unique and memorable.

Sincerely


Ron Hedenskog
Mayor, City of Brookings



City of Gold Beach

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Monday, November 24, 2014

Jim Seeley
Marie Simonds
Wild Rivers Coast Alliance

RE: Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway

Dear Jim & Marie:

In February 2013 the City of Gold Beach submitted a letter of support to OPRD for the proposed Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway. We would like to reiterate that support here.

While the Scenic Bikeway is located in our neighboring town, Port Orford, the City strongly feels that regional support for this bikeway will have a positive impact on all the towns on the Wild Rivers Coast. By having this anchor bikeway all our communities can build bike trail spokes off that wheel and in turn, keep visitors in our area longer and spending more dollars in all our communities. A goal in our City Marketing Plan is to increase bike tourism visits/dollars, specifically in the next 2-4 years. We feel this designated bikeway can only help us.

Again, we are pleased to support this bikeway and the City is ready to offer in-kind help (grunt labor!) where ever we are needed.

Sincerely,

Jodi Fritts
City Administrator
jfritts@goldbeachoregon.gov

cc:

The City of Gold Beach is dedicated to enhancing quality of life, while promoting the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens, businesses, and visitors in the most fiscally responsible manner. In doing this, the City will respect the past, respond to current concerns, and plan for the future, while maintaining environmental sensitivity in our beach oriented community.

Wild Rivers
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January 31, 2015

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

RE: South Coast Scenic Bikeway—Cape Blanco Challenge Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Phillips:

On behalf of the Cape Blanco Challenge, I am writing to convey our support for the official designation of the “Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway” route as proposed by the Wild Rivers Coast Proponent Group.

The route traveling from Battle Rock Park in Port Orford, up Elk River Road, out to Cape Blanco State Park, to Paradise Point, and then Port Orford Heads, offers spectacular scenery and views. Riders on this route will have multiple chances to learn about our natural resources, culture, and history through interpretive and experiential offerings at Battle Rock Park, the Hughes House Museum, Cape Blanco Lighthouse, Port Orford Wetland Interpretive Walkway, and the Port Orford Coast Guard Station Museum.

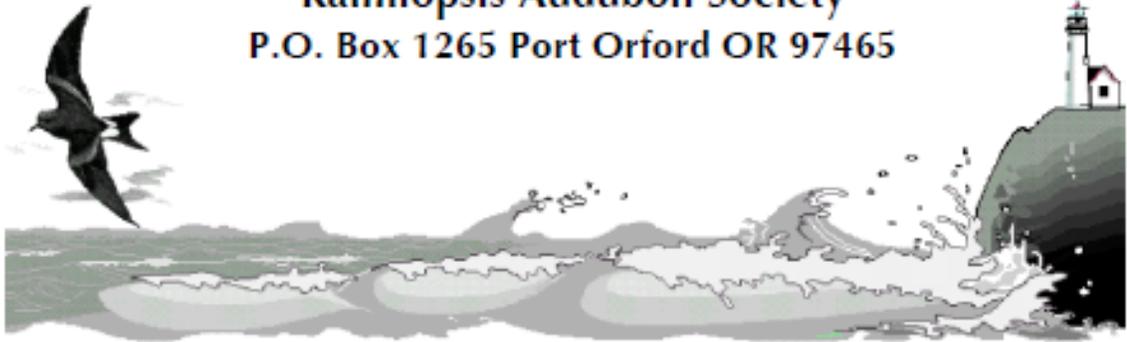
We support the designation of the Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway to give people from inside and outside this region exciting recreational opportunities on the South Coast, and provide bicyclists an amazing scenic experience that is unique and memorable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Wahl, Convener
Cape Blanco Challenge

Kalmiopsis Audubon Society
P.O. Box 1265 Port Orford OR 97465



Feb. 3, 2015

Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for South Coast Scenic Bikeway

Dr. Ms. Phillips:

I am writing on behalf of Kalmiopsis Audubon Society. Our group has more than 200 members in Curry County who are concerned about habitat for birds, fish, and wildlife and about stewardship of public lands. Many of our members are very interested in outdoor recreation and also support the development of the recreation and eco-tourism based aspects of our local economy. (In years past, we worked on the development of the Oregon Coast Birding Trail.) For that reason, we support designation of the proposed South Coast Scenic Bikeway.

The route traveling from Battle Rock Park in Port Orford, up Elk River Road, out to Cape Blanco State Park, to Paradise Point, and then Port Orford Heads, offers a diverse collection of some of the most scenic views our local area has to offer. And centering the trail Port Orford will provide positive economic benefits to our local community.

In years past, our group has worked on efforts at many of the outstanding sites along the proposed bike route, including the bioswale at Battle Rock Park, the Port Orford wetland interpretive walkway, and conservation efforts up Elk River.

In particular, I'd like to draw your attention to recognize the outstanding natural assets of the Elk River, which include National Wild and Scenic status, the Grassy Knob Wilderness (across the river from the forest service boundary all the way to Butler Bar bridge), and the Copper Salmon Wilderness beyond –all of which help make the river corridor exceptional. Elk River offers beautiful pools where people can swim in the summer and reaches where visitors can view wild salmon spawning in the late fall and winter. At Sunshine Bar, there is a small trail to a grove of large myrtle trees right beside the river, and there are many views to stunning rapids and gorges. These unique natural assets, protected through conservation efforts of local people, are very likely to appeal to bicyclists who appreciate an experience in "wilder" nature. And of course, the gradient of the road is gentle so it's ideal for road bikers of all abilities.

Of course, our state parks –Port Orford Heads and Cape Blanco –are also absolutely outstanding.

I'd like to offer some constructive comments to help make the scenic bikeway work well in our community. First, at state parks, we hope the scenic bikeway will help provide proper bike racks so that bicyclists can safely leave their bikes at trailheads and walk the trails –rather than ride on trails designed for pedestrian use. Trail riding in wet winter months could, of course, be damaging to the trail treads and create conflicts with pedestrian users.

Up Elk River, I know local people are concerned about safety, given that some people already drive too fast on the road with blind turns. I trust that OPRD will draw upon experience from other bike trails to figure out how best to address concerns, manage this situation, and prevent hazards.

Finally, I'd strongly urge that the Department take great care with the route signage to make sure it does NOT mar scenic beauty. I have seen it too many times that agencies place large signs—right smack dab in the center of stunning views to the point where they get in the way of the experience and even make it difficult to take a photo. Surely, with care, the need to mark the route can be accomplished without marring the scenes.

If our group can be helpful with further input, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Cordially,

Ann Vileisis

President, Kalmiopsis Audubon
www.kalmiopsisaudubon.org



South Coast Watershed Council

P.O. Box 1614 Gold Beach, OR 97444 (541) 247-2755 fax 247-0408 harry@currywatersheds.org

TO: Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee

DATE: Jan. 12, 2015

This is a **Letter of Support** for the proposed "*Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway*" put forward by the Wild Rivers Coast Alliance.

As you know, our area has one of the largest concentrations of national wild and scenic rivers in the lower 48 states: the Elk, Rogue, Illinois, Chetco, and N. Fork Smith are all national wild and scenic rivers.

We represent nine watershed councils on the southern Oregon coast. These councils work together to protect water quality and improve salmon habitat on our rivers between Bandon and Brookings. We represent citizens from every watershed, and we fully support the proposed "*Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway*." Part of our mission is to help connect people (visitors and locals) with our rivers -- their beauty, their wild salmon populations, and their recreational potential.

The Oregon Scenic Bikeways Program is a great way to educate recreationists about our rivers' values and attributes. It will also help promote a strong sense of stewardship -- as people directly experience the beauty and majesty of our national wild and scenic rivers. Plus, the "WOW" factor on this ride is off the charts !

Best wishes.

/s/ Harry Hoogesteger
South Coast Watershed Coordinator

February 27, 2015

Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street N.E.
Salem, OR 97310

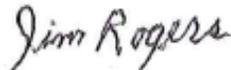
Dear Ms. Phillips,

Friends of Elk River is primarily concerned with the management of the federal forests in the Elk River watershed. We have been fully engaged in the designation of the Grassy Knob Wilderness, the Copper Salmon Wilderness, the Wild and Scenic Elk River and the Elk River Oregon Scenic Waterway. We are very pleased to showcase these accomplishments to the public. We feel that the experience of riding a bicycle along these wilderness areas and scenic rivers can do a great deal to enhance the appreciation for the great outdoors. Attracting more visitor dollars will also help the economy of northern Curry County.

We do, however have one concern and that is the necessity for cars to share the road with many bicycles. Most drivers are cautious but the river does attract more that its share of irresponsible morons.

Please add Friends of Elk River to the list of supporters of the bike trail along the Elk.

Sincerely,


Jim Rogers
Forester



Cape Blanco Heritage Society

P.O. Box 1132

Port Orford, OR 97465

www.capeblancoheritagesociety.com

Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301

March 8, 2015

South Coast Scenic Bikeway - Cape Blanco Heritage Society Letter of Support

Dear Alexandra:

This letter is in support of the "*Wild Rivers Coast Bikeway*" route put forward by the Wild Rivers Coast Proponent Group.

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Sincerely,

Steven A. Roemen

Cape Blanco Heritage Society
Executive Director

Public Meeting Agendas, Meeting Notes and Log-In Sheets

Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway Public Meeting Agenda Aug. 14th 5:00- 6:00pm Port Orford American Legion Hall

5:00	Introduction – Tyson
5:05 – 5:20	Bikeway Overview (Power Point) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background – Proponent group and process for nomination• Statewide Bikeway Map and examples• Rides considered for our region• Chosen Route in Port Orford Area
5:20- 5:30	Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway – Path to designation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan Outline• Next Steps
6:15	Q and A and Comments
6:45	Adjourn

Meeting Notes and Comments:

Comments from the Q and A session included:

- Asking the proponent group to look more closely at which street to turn on 8th or 9th. (When returning from the PO heads and headed south to overlook of the Port of Port Orford).
- There was comment the bikers will have to be extra safe and cautious when crossing Hwy. 101 from Battle Rock Park, as cars can still be moving fast when coming into town from the south.
- Caution “bikers on road way” or similar signs were recommended for Elk River Rd., Cape Blanco Rd. and Coast Guard Hill
- Question on if businesses can be listed on “Wild River Coast Scenic Bikeway Website”
- Who is responsible for the long term maintenance of the bikeway and signs?

Wild Rivers Coast Public Meeting Agenda
Jan. 28th 5:30- 6:45
Port Orford Public Library

5:30	Call meeting to order	Alex
5:40	Bikeway Program Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short power point • Statewide Bikeway Map • Designation Process overview • Economic studies/Bike tourism 	Alex
5:50	Wild Rivers Coast Proposed Bikeway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map – use RldewithGPS.com link Other ideas to cover; This ride will be for people coming to Port Orford to spend a day or two, not the Coast Route cyclists Road jurisdictions – Forest Service- can speak Why this ride is the best of the best in Oregon Local support	Tyson
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Meeting Notes:

Brice Wagner suggested that more time be spent out doing outreach with residents of Elk River. Alex Phillips stated this is the second public outreach meeting and asked all those attending to help spread the word about this bikeway to their neighbors.

Doug Baker asked if there is a protocol for dealing with aggressive dogs along the ride. Alex suggested talking with local authorities to help address the issue.

Audience member asked about how the scenic bikeway will work current road plans and road conditions. Tyson mentioned that the bikeway group is working with all road jurisdictions and has some road improvements built into its Preservation and Enhancement Goals in the Bikeway Plan.

Newspaper Articles and Flyers:

Notice of a Public Meeting

Designation of the "Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway"

August 14, 2014
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Port Orford American Legion Hall
Port Orford, OR, 97465



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For more information, contact: Tyson Razor: razor.tyson@yahoo.com

Notice of a Public Meeting

Designation of the "Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway"

January 27th, 2015
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Port Orford Public Library
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For more information contact Alex Phillips: Alex.Phillips@oregon.gov or 503-986-0631
Or locally contact Tyson Raso: rasor.tyson@yahoo.com



Oregon Scenic Bikeway on the Wild Rivers Coast

By Tyson Rasor

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Bikeways Program, go to:
[www.rideoregonride.com/rides/
scenic-bikeways/](http://www.rideoregonride.com/rides/scenic-bikeways/)

An Upcoming meeting at the Port Orford American Legion Hall (421 11th St.) on Thursday, August 14th, from 5 -6pm will focus on designating a "Wild Rivers Coast" Scenic Bikeway. The recommended route is a 65 mile out-and-back route starting at Battle Rock Park, in Port Orford, and stretching to the end of Elk River Road, then to the light house at Cape Blanco, and eventually returning to Battle Rock. The route is one of four routes in the state being recommended for designation. People are encouraged to attend the meeting to make comments and ask questions. For more information on the Scenic



Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public meeting for a proposed Oregon Scenic Bikeway at 5:30 pm., Jan. 27 at the Port Orford Public Library's Freedom of Speech room, located at 555 20th St., Port Orford.

The proposed 61-mile-long Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway starts at Battle Rock Park and passes through the town of Port Orford, Cape Blanco State Park, Elk River Road, Port Orford Heads State Park and Paradise Point State Park. The proposed bikeway uses existing roads.

The meeting agenda will consist

of a short presentation on the Oregon Scenic Bikeway Program and information on the proposed Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway followed by questions from the audience.

Public comment on the proposed bikeway will be taken at the meeting. Written public comment will be accepted both before and after the meeting until the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission acts on the proposed designation. Comments will be presented to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission before the commission votes on designation.

Comments about the proposed bikeway can be sent to Alex Phillips at alex.phillips@oregon.gov or to:
Oregon Parks and Rec. Dept.
ATTN: Alex Phillips
725 Summer St NE, Suite C
Salem OR 97301-1266



Scenic Bikeway designation meeting Aug. 14 in Port Orford

August 07, 2014 7:00 am

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People are encouraged to attend the meeting to make comments and ask questions. For more information on the Scenic Bikeways program, visit www.rideoregonride.com/rides/scenic-bikeways.

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Scenic Bikeway

Wild Rivers Scenic Bikeway proposal nearly complete



Tim Scabill, contributed photo

Cyclist Robert Miller of Bandon rounds a bend in the Cape Blanco Road, cycling toward Cape Blanco Lighthouse on the proposed Wild Rivers Scenic Bikeway.

Oregon is the only state with a scenic bikeway program. Rides are developed by communities throughout Oregon and promoted by Travel Oregon. Learn more about the program at rideoregonride.com/rides/scenic-bikeways.

Written comments on the Wild Rivers Scenic Bikeway proposal may be submitted to Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Specialist, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite C, Salem, OR 97301. Comments may also be submitted by email to Alex.Phillips@oregon.gov.

SOUTH COAST — Proponents of the Wild Rivers Scenic Bikeway are nearing completion on a proposal for the South Coast's first Oregon Scenic Bikeway.

The proposed ride starts at Battle Rock Park and passes through Port Orford, Cape Blanco State Park, Elk River Road, Port Orford Heads State Park and Paradise Point State Park. It's a 61-mile journey through some of the most appealing scenery in north Curry County. While enjoying the natural landscape, riders can also connect with cultural and historic landmarks: Battle Rock, the Elk River fish hatchery, Cape Blanco Lighthouse and the Port Orford Coast Guard Museum, to name a few.

Project proponents from south Coos and north Curry counties first convened in 2012 and invited input on several possible ride locations.

"We're trying to avoid Highway 101, as much as possible. That's why our route looks the way it does," said proponent Tyson Rasor, project coordinator for the Redfish Rocks Community Team in Port Orford.

The goal of the Wild Rivers bikeway proposal is to map a unique destination for cyclists and provide an experience different from the U.S. Highway 101 coastal route.

Public input

Area residents are invited to forward written program comments, questions and support to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

Approximately 35 people attended the final public meeting session in Port Orford on Jan. 27. The session was facilitated by Alexandra Phillips, bicycle recreation specialist with OPRD.

The majority of meeting participants were already familiar with the proposed bikeway and supportive of the project, Rasor said. Discussion included questions about the safety of motorists and cyclists sharing narrow, winding roads.

A thorough sign location table is just one requirement for the final proposal. Additional requirements are a list of the local proponents; a list of goals and actions, such as posting timely alerts to the web, photos for promotional use, ride description and a plan for informing local businesses about the bikeway; and Travel Oregon's bike-friendly business program.

In addition to helpful input from residents and public officials, proponents have benefited from ongoing dialogue with the state bikeway committee.

"I'd much rather take the time to get it done right the first time," Rasor said.

Public input is welcome while the proponents put the finishing touches on the proposal. Phillips anticipates a final draft this spring. Once approved by the bikeway committee, the proposal will be forwarded to OPRD for approval. Notice of OPRD agendas are publicized at least one month in advance.