

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 9, 2014

Agenda Item: 11 a Information

Topic: Salmonberry Corridor Project Update

Presented by: Steve Kay, Recreation Grants & Community Programs Manager

Background:

In the winter of 2007 a major storm came through northwest Oregon that resulted in catastrophic damage of the Port of Tillamook Bay Rail Line. During the FEMA damage assessment, the Port of Tillamook Bay determined that the rail line was not able to be restored to its active rail use and the formation of the Salmonberry Coalition began. The Salmonberry Coalition developed a framework plan and approved the implementation of the plan. The first item to complete was the feasibility study to determine if a recreation corridor/ trail was feasible. The feasibility study was completed in January 2013 and the Salmonberry Coalition requested that the master planning process begin.

Update:

The master plan is currently on schedule. The master plan held a series of public meetings in Tillamook and Banks on February 18 and 19, 2014. The meetings were held to review the information that the planning team had collected through previous public meetings, interviews and assessments. Each meeting had 45 to 50 people in attendance. The planning team also showed example pages from the draft atlas of the corridor and potential trail standards along the route. The draft atlas and trail standards can be viewed at: www.salmonberrycorridor.wordpress.com.

The planning team will be working over the next few months to meet with identified stakeholder groups and further refine the opportunities and constraints. The next round of public meetings is scheduled for July 2014, where the design alternatives will be reviewed. A draft master plan is planned to be ready for public comment in September 2014 and completion of the plan in November 2014.

The Salmonberry Coalition is scheduled to meet on April 11, 2014 at the Tillamook Forest Center. The Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust should have developed their board revisions, Salmonberry fundraising committee and announced the half-time fundraiser position by this meeting.

OPRD has assisted local partners in writing (3) grants to date for the Salmonberry Corridor:

- Tiger V – Develop 1 mile of trail and shared-use road at Rockaway Beach (unsuccessful)
- *ConnectOregon* V – Develop 1.1 miles of rail with trail near Garibaldi (in process)
- EPA Brownfield – Complete study of corridor and adjacent sites (in process)

Additionally, partners are looking at an ODOT Transportation Growth Management grant that would assist in getting the Salmonberry Corridor Master Plan integrated into local and regional transportation plans, which will assist in future funding opportunities.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: None

Attachment: None

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