The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is initiating a park master planning process for Smith Rock State Park, which will update the 1991 Park Master Plan. This revised Master Plan will guide future development, recreational use and resource management at Smith Rock State Park. OPRD is taking a comprehensive look at natural, scenic area and cultural resource conditions; park management needs; outdoor recreation trends in the region; and community partnerships.

During the planning process, OPRD will hold three sets of public meetings requesting input on planning goals, opportunities, development concepts, and management strategies. Concurrently, OPRD will hold meetings with an advisory stakeholder committee made up of representatives of key interest groups and agencies. A 30-day comment period will follow each meeting.

**Meeting I. Public Comment and Park Values January 2017**

At our first meeting we will explain how the planning process will guide the vision and management of this park. More importantly, we will listen to local residents and park stakeholders to find out what they value about this incredible place.

**Meeting II. Park Assessments and Concept Alternatives Summer 2017 (Tentative)**

At the second set of public meetings we will present the results of our park resource assessments. Community members and park staff will work together to begin to identify key goals and strategies to maintain the future wellbeing of the state park. Staff will also present planning concepts with alternatives for development of the state park and listen to public comment. Concept alternatives present different visions for the park and help us consider the specific opportunities and challenges. Public engagement and discussion at this meeting is especially important to the success of the planning effort.

**Meeting III. Draft Master Plan Review Winter 2017/2018 (Tentative)**

At our third set of public meetings staff will present the draft master plan for public review, including finalized development concepts and park management strategies.

If you are unable to attend any of the public meetings, you may contact OPRD in several ways to share your thoughts:

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You may also visit [www.smithrockparkplan.com](http://www.smithrockparkplan.com) for additional information, updates on the meeting schedule, and to view planning presentations and materials. Public comments can be made directly on this site.

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