

Molalla Scenic Waterway Advisory Committee

DRAFT Meeting Summary

April 20, 2015, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Molalla, Oregon

• **Welcome and Introductions**

- Advisory Committee Members in attendance: Mike McCallister, Pete Giordano, Connie Derry, Bob Loucks, Jeff McCusker, Scott Marlega, Bill Taylor, Jack Hammond, Jerry Bailey, Sam Wurdinger, Mark Schmidt, Becky Wolf, John Atkins.
- Staff in attendance: Chris Havel, OPRD; Laurel Hillmann, OPRD; Rocky Houston, OPRD; Rachel LovellFord, OWRD; Amy Kim, OWRD; Andrea Berkley, OPRD; Carrie Lovellette, OPRD.
- Public in attendance: Kay Patterson, Asako Yamamuro

• **Presentation by OPRD and OWRD staff**

- Available on scenic waterway webpage at <http://bit.ly/scenicwaterways>

• **Work session**

- Meeting handouts are available online at <http://bit.ly/scenicwaterways>
- Key discussion points:
 - Upper River: Categories are right but mgmt. issues need more work.
 - Potential uses/recreation
 - Camping at Pine Creek (vegetation screen?)
 - Culverts (views)
 - Road replacement
 - Turner Bridge as potential alternative recreation/scenic break, there is a geologic break and the fishing deadline. However, the group landed on keeping it as is, for now. Also discussion about BLM's plan to potentially put a new campground in in the upper section of river, would that change it from scenic to recreation?
 - Conservation easement near Trout Creek (potential private landowner)
 - Explore removing segment 3 altogether
 - Lower River: Categories are right but segment three may not be necessary. Changing the alignment or not having it as designated and keeping it recreation.
 - Suggestion was to potentially move the recreational area from Pine Creek to Turner Bridge, just below Cow Creek. Moving it up because of the recreational assets and fishing boundary in the area, and the road comes along the river.
- Concern about impacts to private landowners, additional restrictions. Within a ¼ mile owners will work with OPRD to maintain aesthetics. Based on visibility from river
- Most dense recreational activity between Trout Creek and Pine Creek
- How is BLM management blended with Scenic Waterway?
- Key scenic waterway issues will match valves. State scenic waterway is more broadly applied regardless of the ownership.

- Brief OWRD presentation on flowmeters and hydrology.
- **Follow Up Items**
 - Homework – Management issues to identify what you want to see and why you like the river—what you want to keep. If it changed would it change your experience. Two categories to consider: 1) Proposed land management rules and 2) Proposed Management Recommendations
 - Identify sections of the river and times of year that streamflow is most important to recreation needs and conserve these needs in the context of the median monthly flow for the proposed scenic reach.
- **Meeting adjourned.**