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A Plan for Brian Booth State Park

(Formerly Ona Beach State Park & Beaver Creek State Natural Area)

November 2013 Newsletter

Where are we in the planning process?

There have been numerous refinements to the draft plan concepts discussed at our last public meetings for Brian Booth State Park, as well as many discussions about certain plan concepts that have yet to be well-defined. We are ready to present the draft plan for public review and hold public meetings, even though the details of a few projects still need to be worked out through on-going work.

Draft plan ready for review.

As usual, the draft plan will be available for review on our planning web site as indicated on the reverse side of this newsletter, which reflects the new park name, Brian Booth. We anticipate uploading the plan to the web site as early as November 21 and no later than November 27.

Upcoming public meetings.

Meetings to discuss the draft plan are scheduled as follows. As before, separate meetings have been scheduled for close neighbors of the park, the Planning Stakeholder Committee, and the general public. ***Please note that meeting locations have changed.***

<u>Meeting:</u>	<u>When:</u>	<u>Where:</u>
Park Neighbors:	Dec. 9 th 2:00-4:00 PM	South Beach State Park Meeting Yurt (near campground registration booth) 5580 S. Coast Highway (Hwy. 101), Newport
Stakeholder Committee:	Dec. 9 th 6:00-8:00 PM	(same location as above)
General Public:	Dec. 10 th 6:00-8:00 PM	(same location as above)
General Public:	Dec. 16 th 6:00-8:00 PM	Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept. 725 Summer Street NE, Room 124A, Salem

Poor weather conditions can potentially cause cancellation of the meetings. Please pay close attention to the weather forecast, especially if you are travelling from a distance. If weather conditions suggest possible meeting cancellation, call for an update at one of the following numbers: South Beach State Park, 541-867-7451; OPRD Coastal Region office, 541-563-8502; or Ron Campbell @ OPRD HQ, 503-986-0743.

What are these meetings for?

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the contents of the draft plan for the park. Staff will begin with a brief update on the planning process and key planning issues, followed by presentation of proposed park development and resource management projects supported by geographic illustrations and related information such as day use and camping capacities, acreages, etc. At least half of the meeting time will be set aside for questions and comments from meeting attendees. The meeting contents will be the same for all meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings; however, comments will be taken first from neighbors at the neighbor meeting and from committee members at the committee meeting.

What will happen after these meetings?

As always, our meetings will be followed by a written comment period. Anyone may submit written comments whether or not they attend any of the meetings. *Please submit any written comments by January 10.* Comments received at the meetings and during the written comment period will be summarized and presented to the OPRD Director for consideration in finalizing the draft plan. Sometime in January we will schedule a work session with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to brief them on the draft plan and hear their comments. On February 5 we will present the draft plan to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission and request their approval. Following the Commission's approval of the draft, we will schedule a formal public hearing which will be held in Newport. The hearing will be followed by another written comment period. You will receive notice of this hearing. Any changes that are needed following the hearing will be decided by the OPRD Director and incorporated into the plan before it is adopted. Prior to adoption of the plan, we will ask the Lincoln County Planning Department to confirm that the park plan is compatible with the County's Comprehensive Plan. We cannot adopt the park plan without first determining that the planned park uses are allowable under the County's zoning for the park.

Remind me, what's the planning process all about?

Ona Beach State Park and Beaver Creek State Natural Area were recently combined under a new park name, Brian Booth State Park. Ona Beach is a long-established oceanfront park located along Highway 101 south of Newport. Beaver Creek SNA, located a short distance inland from Ona Beach, was opened with initial improvements as Park-of-the-Year for 2010. The new park now named Brian Booth also includes additional, recently acquired lands that were not formerly named. A long-term plan is needed to guide future resource management and recreational uses on the park properties. In the planning process, OPRD is taking a comprehensive look at natural and cultural resource conditions and management needs, outdoor recreation trends in the region, areas that are suitable for recreational uses, measures needed to avoid significant impacts on local public services and neighboring land uses, and related ideas and concerns identified through public input.

Where can I review the draft plan when it becomes available?

OPRD's planning web site. As materials produced during the planning process become available, including the draft plan, any addendums to the draft, the final plan, newsletters, etc., may be reviewed at the Brian Booth State Park planning web site at http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/PLANS/pages/planning_bevercreek-ona.aspx.

OPRD offices. When available, the plan can also be viewed at the OPRD headquarters office in Salem (see address below), and at the South Beach State Park office near Newport, at 5580 South Coast Highway (Hwy 101).

Questions or Comments?

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