



Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

1. Top Regional LWCF Issues

SCORP Planning Region 1

(Includes Clatsop, Tillamook, Lincoln and Coastal-Lane Counties)

1. Funding priority for additional camping facilities.
Need to enlarge existing campgrounds or provide new facilities to offset loss of private facilities that are either converting to time-share management or going out of business. There is also a lack of semi-primitive motorized (car & tent) camping opportunities.
2. Funding priority for new river access facilities and rehabilitation of existing river access facilities.
There is a lack of developed river access facilities (for angling, swimming, kayaking, canoeing and sunbathing). In addition, there is a need for rehabilitation of existing river access facilities.
3. Funding priority for additional recreational trails (non-motorized).
Need for additional recreational trails in close proximity to populated areas. This includes acquisition of land or easements for trails and trail connections. There is also a need for off-highway bicycle trails. At present, there is an increasing demand for hiking, biking, and equestrian trails in the coast range and along the coast. There is also a need for longer trails for multiple-night backpacking trips.

SCORP Planning Region 2

(Includes Columbia, Washington, Multnomah, Hood River, Yamhill, Clackamas, Polk and Marion Counties)

1. Funding priority for land acquisition to keep pace with population growth and rising land costs.
Land acquisition of open space in high-growth areas to satisfy current needs and banking for future needs. Identify and purchase key parcels before being acquired by developers or land values rise to the point of being unaffordable. Land acquisition should include natural areas, land for recreation development and open space.
2. Funding priority for major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities.
The current recreational infrastructure (utilities, roads, trails and buildings) is aging and in need of major rehabilitation. Statewide standards are needed to determine design life and budget needs associated with facility maintenance (deferred maintenance results in the need for major rehabilitation). State should consider reducing the grant applicant match (currently 50%) for rehabilitation projects to provide an incentive for recreation providers to catch up on current rehabilitation backlog.
3. Funding priority for recreational trail (non-motorized) connectivity.
Specific examples of trail types include hiking, biking and equestrian trails (multiple-use trails). Funding priority should be given to projects linking local, regional, and federal trail systems. The objective is to connect communities, existing park and natural areas, and outlying federal trails into an inter-jurisdictional trail system. Good examples of interconnecting trail opportunities are found in the Columbia Gorge Chinook Trail plan and in the extension of the Springwater Corridor Trail and from Boring to Estacada.

SCORP Planning Region 3

(Includes Benton, Linn and non-coastal Lane Counties)

1. Funding priority for major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities.
Examples of major rehabilitation projects include irrigation systems, play equipment, lighting, picnic shelters, restrooms, retrofitting of facilities for ADA accessibility, and river access facilities.
2. Funding priority for recreational trail (non-motorized) connectivity.
Provide more connectivity between parks, schools, and senior centers. Funding priority should be given to projects connecting communities, existing parks, and that better connect parks into the existing transportation network.
3. Funding priority for river corridor acquisition.
Provide funding priority for projects providing river and water access.

SCORP Planning Region 4

(Includes coastal Douglas, Coos and Curry Counties)

1. Funding priority for major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities.
The coastal climate results in rapid deterioration of outdoor recreation facilities. Specific examples include facility infrastructure (utilities/buildings), historic structures, parking and the need to retrofit facilities for universal access (ADA accessibility).
2. Funding priority for cultural resource preservation.
There is a need for acquisition of historic properties for cultural resource preservation.
3. Funding priority for preserving coastal access and view sheds.
There is a need to acquire high-value coastal properties for public recreational use. Specific acquisitions include areas identified for public beach access and those necessary to maintain a natural experience for beach users (e.g., undeveloped coastal areas in proximity to beach access points). Key coastal parcels should be identified and purchased before development occurs.

SCORP Planning Region 5

(Includes non-coastal Douglas, Josephine and Jackson Counties)

1. Funding priority for major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities.
Specific examples include utilities, buildings, campground sites (e.g., size and power requirements for RV sites), trails and upgrading facilities to meet current ADA accessibility requirements.
2. Funding priority for a public information center for the dissemination of regional natural resource and outdoor recreation information. The information center should be located near a metropolitan area in the region and provide information for local residents and visitors from outside the region. In addition, a one-stop website should be developed for accessing regional natural resource and outdoor recreation information.
3. Funding priority for motorized and non-motorized trail connectivity.
Specific examples of trail types include walking, hiking, bimodal non-motorized and motorized trails. Funding priority should be given to projects connecting communities (e.g., Ashland to Medford) and communities to outlying recreation areas and trail systems. Potential projects include land acquisition, purchase of recreational easements, trail development and parking space for trail access. In addition, trail brochures and maps should be developed to direct the public towards available trail opportunities in the region.

SCORP Planning Region 6

(Includes Wasco, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla Counties)

1. Funding priority for major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities.
A number of park facilities built in the early 70's are in need of major rehabilitation (many funded through the LWCF grants program). Examples include playground equipment (safety concerns), outdoor swimming pools, major infrastructure (including water, sewer and electrical systems) and providing ADA accessibility for boat ramps, trails, old buildings, restrooms, playgrounds and sidewalks.
2. Funding priority for additional camping and associated support facilities.
There is a need for additional RV and tent campsites and alternative camping facilities such as cabins, yurts and support facilities (e.g., restrooms, basic infrastructure such as water and electricity).
3. Need for additional non-motorized recreational trails and associated support facilities.
Specific examples include hiking, equestrian and heritage trails and support facilities such as trailside parking and amenities.

SCORP Planning Region 7

(Includes Jefferson, Wheeler, Crook and Deschutes Counties)

1. Funding priority for recreational trail (non-motorized) connectivity.
Specific examples of non-motorized trail types include hiking, biking and equestrian trails (multiple-use trails). The objective is to establish trail connectivity within the region, especially between the urban areas and surrounding public lands (urban/forest interface). Specific examples of projects receiving priority include land acquisition for trail right-of-ways, easements, trail construction and facility development such as bridges, parking areas, restrooms and garbage collection. A specific need was mentioned for the purchase of canal lands for trail development (e.g., Central Oregon Irrigation District). Also, there is a need for long-distance bicycle loop riding opportunities in urban, urban/forest interface and rural areas within the region. Finally, there is a need for a Deschutes River pedestrian crossing to link the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to U.S. Forest Service (USFS) lands. There is a similar need for a pedestrian crossing at the southern end of Tumalo State Park in order to continue the existing trail along the river and up Tumalo Creek to Shevlin Park and beyond.
2. Need to acquire land or conservation easements for the protection of natural areas, open space and water access in and around urbanized areas and developing areas.
The need is associated with rapid population growth within the region. In the Bend area, there are diminishing opportunities for acquisition of urban open space and green space of all types due to a rapid build out.
3. Need for additional camping and day-use areas/facilities and major rehabilitation of existing facilities to include accommodations for group use.
Specific examples of camping facilities include tent camping and RV mixed-use facilities. Such facilities would serve family reunions, picnics and the recreational needs of a growing Hispanic population within the region.

SCORP Planning Region 8

(Includes Klamath County)

1. Need for additional youth recreation facilities in small communities in the region (e.g., Merrill, Bonanza, Ft. Klamath).
Specific examples include BMX and skate board parks, basketball courts and athletic fields.
2. Need for additional multi-use trails in small communities and connecting small communities in a regional trail network.
Multi-use trails should accommodate walking, jogging, biking and rollerblading activities.
3. Need to secure current and additional access to public lands and waters.
There is a need for land acquisition strategies and pursuit of legal easements to provide adequate land and water-based recreational opportunities (motorized and non-motorized) in the region. Scattered public land parcels often lack public access and are unmanageable from a recreational perspective. Water access includes facility development such as parking, trails, restrooms and boat ramps. Potential strategies include securing legal road and trail easements, land acquisition and land consolidation (exchanges/sales).

SCORP Planning Region 9

(Includes Lake County)

1. Funding priority for building indoor or outdoor swimming pool facilities.
Existing pool facilities in the region are reaching the end of their useful life (e.g., Lakeview pool is 50 years old). It is no longer cost effective to maintain aging pool facilities within the region.
2. Funding priority for restroom facilities along highway corridors.
There are insufficient restroom facilities for those traveling to recreation areas in the region. A number of recreation area restrooms are being removed from service (not designed for the high use they are receiving). The lack of restroom facilities is creating a health and safety issue within the region. Restroom facilities should also include RV dump stations where appropriate.
3. Funding priority for major rehabilitation of existing campground and forest camp facilities.
Examples of camping facilities requiring major rehabilitation include forest camp toilets, campground water systems and ADA accessibility.

SCORP Planning Region 10

(Includes Grant, Baker, Union and Wallowa Counties)

1. Funding priority to maintain access to large tracts of public lands.
Historical access to BLM lands through private roads is being lost. Priority should be given for land acquisition for trail development (motorized & non-motorized) and purchase of easements for access to public lands through private property.
2. Funding priority for major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities.
Examples of facilities requiring major rehabilitation include paving, existing public pools, tennis courts, playgrounds, youth camps, OHV areas, watchable wildlife facilities, aging recreation facilities and ADA accessibility.
3. Funding priority for winter recreation facilities.
Examples of winter recreation facilities include snow parks, snowmobile parking and trails, shelters and winter RV camping spaces.

SCORP Planning Region 11

(Includes Harney and Malheur Counties)

1. Funding priority for additional outdoor swimming pools and major rehabilitation of existing pools within the region.

2. Need for development/continued development of urban non-motorized multi-use trails within the region (e.g., a trail connecting Burns and Hines).

Specific examples of trail development projects would include land acquisition, trail development, trail surfacing, parking and interpretive signing.

3. Funding priority for major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities.

Examples of facilities requiring major rehabilitation include campgrounds, upgrading RV site hookups, restrooms, picnic tables, fire rings, water-based facilities, tennis courts, ball fields and ADA accessibility.