



Oregon Statewide Trails Plan

STATEWIDE TRAILS PLAN ISSUES WORKSHOPS

NORTHCENTRAL REGION

Bend General Public Session (Evening) 4/3/03

(Northcentral Region includes Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Jefferson, Wheeler, Deschutes and Crook Counties)

Motorized Trail Issues

II. Utilize snow park areas for OHV use during summer months (such as currently occurring at Edison). Bandit Springs is an example of a snow park area with potential to accommodate more summer OHV capacity. Snow park areas may require additional parking and restroom facilities to accommodate such use (11 dots).

JJ. Maintain OHV use in Cline Butte and Kelsey (9 dots).

KK. Agencies should not close/eliminate OHV trails within the region as a result of resource damage. Rather, OHV trails should be either repaired or rerouted to minimize resource damage (4 dots).

LL. There is a need for larger snow park and OHV parking areas within the region (3 dots).

MM. There is a need for increased education and enforcement of current noise regulations within the region (3 dots).

NN. There is a need to keep backcountry dirt roads open for OHV use within the region (2 dots).

OO. There is a need for better and consistent OHV riding information (maps, signs, brochures) regarding shared-use backcountry dirt roads within the region (2 dots).

PP. There is a need for motorized trail connectivity between areas of concentrated use to provide long-distance riding opportunities in the region (2 dots).

QQ. There is a need for consistent enforcement of OHV use on backcountry dirt roads within the region (1 dot).

RR. There is a need for more overnight snow parks within the region (1 dot).

SS. There is a need for more OHV riding maps showing riders where to go and when areas are open for riding within the region (1 dot).

TT. There is a need for USFS and BLM staff in the region to be better educated in OHV management (1 dot).

UU. There is a need for a better OHV safety education program within the region. Enthusiasts need to be better informed on who needs training and where to go to get safety training (1 dot).

VV. There is an increasing need within the region for more OHV riding opportunities to accommodate a growing number of OHV enthusiasts. But rather than creating more riding opportunities, agencies are closing more and more trails to OHV use (1 dot).

WW. There is a need for an increased OHV law enforcement presence within the region (0 dots).

XX. There are an increasing number of conflicts between hunters and OHV enthusiasts within the region. As a result, there is a need for more scientific information related to OHV use on wildlife (0 dots).

YY. There is a need for better management of user-created trails within the region. As a result, there is a need to recognize the importance of small riding area maintenance and regulation. A potential solution would be to promote an adopt-a-trail concept (0 dots).

Non-Motorized Trail Issues

ZZ. There is a need for trail access opportunities that do not require user fees or permits. Such trail opportunities should include minimal levels of improvement (8 dots).

AAA. There is a need for more non-commercial groomed cross-country ski trails within the region (8 dots).

BBB. There is a need for more equestrian camps and day-use trailheads within the region (7 dots).

CCC. There is a need for more snow parks and related facilities within the region (6 dots).

DDD. There is a need for additional funding for maintenance and trail development within the region (6 dots).

EEE. Regarding comment DDD, I agree with the above comment. For example we would like to see a looped trail developed within our community that would be about 2 miles long through our greenbelt area. It would provide opportunities for joggers, walkers, bike riders, and those interested in scenic vistas, history and nature as it goes through an area abundant in bird and wildlife. There doesn't seem to be much funding for such trails for small communities like ours (on-line comment).

FFF. There is a need for increased multi-use non-motorized trail connectivity (local, regional and state trail networks) within the region (5 dots).

GGG. There is a need for more urban trails within the region. Such trails contribute to the disbursement of recreational use in urban areas (5 dots).

HHH. There is a need for public education and planning for people of different age and cultural groups to reduce user conflicts on multi-use trails within the region (4 dots).

III. There is a need for more designated target shooting areas and firearm education so that target shooting does not occur in public-use trail areas (3 dots).

JJJ. There is a need for more off-leash dog trail opportunities within the region (3 dots).

KKK. There is a need for incentives/programs to encourage volunteer trail maintenance and construction projects within the region. Recreation providers should make better use of the special skills of trail volunteers and to provide more training/certification opportunities for volunteers (3 dots).

LLL. There is a need to coordinate summer and winter trails for multiple uses (2 dots).

MMM. There is a need for trail use in a variety of settings (urban to wilderness) within the region. Care should be taken to develop facilities based on actual user need (e.g. need for less developed facilities in certain areas of the region) (1 dot).

NNN. There is a need for larger parking areas for multi-use trailheads which accommodate equestrian or snowmobile use. Separate facilities for equestrian and snowmobile use should be considered where appropriate (1 dot).

OOO. Allow leashed dogs on all trails within the region (1 dot).

PPP. There is a need for more separate use trails to reduce the number of user conflicts occurring on multiple-use trails within the region (1 dot).

Water Trail Issues

QQQ. There is a need for improved in-stream flow/water levels for recreational use of waterways within the region. There is a need to recognize the economic benefits of recreational use of water. For example, reservoirs receive much more recreational boating use (and inflow of tourism dollars) when there is a sufficient water level for such use (4 dots).

RRR. There is a need to identify water trail (resource) impacts associated with rapid growth of water-based recreation in the region. Such impact will need to be properly addressed through site improvements such as launch sites, restroom facilities, campgrounds and ADA accessibility (4 dots).

SSS. There is a need for close-to-home water trail development in urban settings within the region. Such projects will require a coordinated public/private planning effort to ensure that the necessary water access and support facilities are identified and developed (3 dots).

TTT. There is a need to accommodate the needs of both guided and non-guided travel groups during water trail planning and development (2 dots).

UUU. There is a need to develop whitewater parks/play areas, training and instructional areas in the region (2 dots).

VVV. There is a need to properly publicize and communicate the development of water trails and their appropriate uses within the region (1 dot).

WWW. There is a need to establish guidelines (e.g. Memorandums of Understanding) that will assist agencies in making multi-jurisdictional decisions and to ensure that water trail development goals, objectives and strategies are implemented (1 dot).

XXX. The water trail development process must consider the special needs of all user groups (e.g. canoers, kayakers, rafters, etc.) and ensure that the planning and decision-making processes are equally open to all user groups (0 dots).

YYY. Water trail rules of use should emphasize a proper respect for private property/navigability issues to ensure long-term access to the resource (0 dots).

ZZZ. There is a need to research and evaluate water trail development processes used in other states for application in Oregon water trail projects (0 dots).

AAAA. We need to recognize that paddling competitions, paddle tests and other water-related events are a valid use of public lands (0 dots).

BBBB. There is a need to consider the development of an Oregon Coastal Water Trail (0 dots).