

Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative Recreation Committee

Thursday, March 21st 2024 · 2:00 – 3:00pm

“Cooperatively promote recreation activities and management solutions that support the economy and environment for the southern Willamette forest area and nearby communities.”


Attendees: Mariah H. (Staff), Dustin R. (Staff), Sarah A-P. (Staff), Mckenzie J (USFS), Michelle E.(oakridge trails alliance) , Virginia P.(MFWWC), Mike B. (SWFC), Shawn P. (OSMB), August R. (Staff) Susan O. (SWFC), Leslie H. (community partner), Jason N. (SWFC/Parks and Community Services), Matt P. (USFS), Craig M. (OSU),

Agenda

Announcements

- Welcome August, new outreach coordinator

USFS: District Projects Overview

- Powerpoint presentation
 -  Middle Fork Recreation.pdf
 - Powerpoint focusing on operations, fire recovery work, planning and projects, challenges.
 - 27 campgrounds managed- 10 forest service managed, 17 concessionaires, 20 water systems, 12 forest service day use areas, 3 recreation rentals
 - Lot of clean up happening
 - Trailer towing
 - Maintenances 600 miles of trails
 - 165 trail bridges need maintenance annually - 33 bridges expectations per year
 - Helps manage diamond peak, waldo lake and three sisters wilderness
 - 140 miles of trails burned- roughly 25% of trails and campground impacted by fire.
 - NEPA projects in the works
 - GREENWATERS TRAIL EXPANSION
 - SCHWEITZER CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
 - BUNCHGRASS CONNECTION-SIGNATURE TRAIL
 - CLOVER PATCH CONNECTION-SIGNATURE TRAIL
 - DAY USE ONLY CLOSURE ORDER
 - DIAMOND CREEK BRIDGE-GAOA
 - SALT CREEK FALLS RESTROOM AND TRAIL-GAOA
 - 3 NORTH FORK BRIDGE-GAOA
 - CLARK CREEK IMPROVEMENTS-CIP
 - CRALE HORSE TRAIL CONNECTIONS-KV
 - SIDE CHANNEL BRIDGE

- IKO CREEK BRIDGE
 - Challenges: rec workload, big picture planning, day to day emergencies, fire recovery load, increased rec use, non-recreational campers.
- Q&A
- **Q-** How is the workload being managed?
 - **A-** 7 out of 8 positions have been filled (PSE) during hiring event.
 - Decreased workload in certain areas
- **Q-** What are the top priorities for this season?
 - **A-** Waldo decision memo, Salt Creek Falls, Diamond Creek Bridge, Blair Lake, Fall Creek Campground,

USFS: Human Ecology Mapping (HEM)

- Overview from FS staff
- HEM In lieu of April Meeting?
 - Engaging public around recreation facilities -trail head, campgrounds, day use areas etc.
 - Look at burned landscapes to restore areas for recreation.
 - Planning first engagement with this group at the **April 24th** (2-3:30PM) meeting- in person. (Engagement would be **an hour and a half** long. First half recreation facilities, second half to discuss burned landscapes.)
 - Open to the public for engagement to create Master Plan (Oakridge and Westfir residents)
 - USFS has done this before on Willamette as well as other national forests.
 - Different than other efforts- focusing on the recreation facilities and areas, as well as the recovery of the recreation of landscapes.
 - Looking over burned landscapes- map of Fall Creek, Waldo and Cedar Creek areas. Flexible for the public to decide their areas of value.
 - No limit on how many people can participate.
 - RSVP for April meeting- get people in for engagement
 - Flyers available to share.

Updates

- OTA Projects
 - Work party- first Saturday in April
 - Partnering with OHS students and Tree Planting Committee to do work on Mill Pond trails and Flume trail
 - Supporting Diamond View Pump Track
 - Meeting at Industrial Park, split into teams and work on different projects.
 - Finishing up Oregon Tourism Grant

- \$35,000 for staffing
 - Currently working on the Alpine Clover Patch Connection- finishing tread work on newly built corridor (Thank you Trans Cascadia!)
 - Scouting on Larison Rock and Lauler
 - Full first aid class!
 - Hosting a saw recertification program April 27th and 28th.
 - Continuing CTE program at OHS- volunteer trail training
- Salmon Creek reroute

Grants:

- [ORR micro-grants](#)
- COCO [Community Navigator Scholarship Program](#)
- Three Rivers Foundation grant, [open](#) March 1 through March 31, 2024
- Uptown Business Revitalization Association application to Rural Development Initiative's "Build Your Dream Town"

Upcoming events & info:

- Confluence work party March 26th, April 6th - [reserve your slot here](#) by March 22nd (10AM-2PM)
- OTA Work Party April 7th
- Annual Uptown Clean Up on April 27th, 9AM-12PM
- City Nature Challenge April 27th 10AM-2PM
- Travel Oregon [destination boot camp](#) May 13-15

Ground Rules

- ❑ We recognize that the best outcome depends upon cooperation and collaboration by all entities at the table. This means GENUINELY welcoming all willing participants to the table.
- ❑ We commit to openly communicate ideas, potential contributions, and concerns, and also commit to engage in respectful, active listening to each other.
- ❑ We are willing to creatively explore solutions.
- ❑ We recognize that we each have a unique perspective and contribution to make, whether it is expertise, labor, money, in-kind services, etc.
- ❑ We agree to focus on taking specific, concrete steps towards long-term, systematic outcomes.
- ❑ We recognize that we must endeavor to involve any person or group who could influence our ability to achieve our goals.
- ❑ If we, individually, are unable to make a commitment for our organization, we will work to identify the person that can and determine if the commitment is possible.
- ❑ We commit to building trust by doing what we say we will do.
- ❑ When possible, we agree to notify each other before taking outside actions that might impact the process. (This does not mean that we will provide information that it would be inappropriate to share in a public venue.)