

ATV-AAC MEETING
April 5 & 6, 2007
Eugene, Oregon

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8 AM - 11:30AM

Field Trip

The ATV Committee and Park staff went on a tour of the Shotgun Creek OHV Area. BLM personnel led the field trip stopping at various sites to look at examples of trail maintenance problem areas and areas where trail rehab had previously been done. The last stop on the tour was at the location of the proposed new staging area and training site currently being considered by BLM to replace an existing staging area.

Noon - 5PM

Business Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chair Runk at 12:05.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the January and February were reviewed by the committee. Two comments; Pat had not rec'd her copy prior to the meeting, Joe noted an error in the minutes concerning the length of term for the chair, it should indicate a two year term not 12 months.

January Meeting Minutes Motion: Pat

Second: Tyrrell

Vote: All

February Meeting Minutes Motion: Pat

Second: Tyrell

Vote: All

Committee Vacancy

A discussion concerning the completed interest forms rec'd for the current vacant positions on the committee. Ten applications for the vacant class I position were returned by the due date. There was only one application rec'd for the class II position that becomes vacant in November. OPRD will advertise in the fall for the class II position.

A three member subcommittee was established to sit on the interview panel along with the ATV Grants Coordinator. The members of the interview panel are Larry Runk, Pat Harris, Tyrrell Hart and Ron Price. (Tim Custer alternate) Parks will assemble applicant information for the interview panel and arrange the date, times and location for the interviews.

Business Cards

Which committee members need business cards? Joe Barrell and Tim Custer

Strategic Plan Report

The ATV - AAC Strategic Plan report to the Parks Commission was discussed. Tim needs a copy of the plan. Chair Runk will assemble a subcommittee to work on the report.

Legislative Update

A discussion on the status of OPRD's proposed bills; HB2062, HB2063, HB2064 and SB 101 included an update on all of the bills with the main focus of the discussion entered around

SB101 amendment number nine. Rule making public meetings for SB101 will take place after the legislative session.

Budget Update

The funding for the new staff safety person was included in this biennium's budget. The ATV-AAC needs to make recommendation on spending limits and set the spending categories. Wayne suggested that the committee separate law enforcement for emergency medical services and establish separate categories for the 2007 - 2009 biennium. Wayne also discussed the ramification of setting precedent with 100% funding for enforcement.

Travel Reimbursement Statements

A brief discussion concerning the correct way to complete the reimbursement request form was led by Ian. Joe would like a current copy of the form sent to him.

September Meeting Logistics

The September ATV committee meeting will be in Bend at the Deschutes National Forest supervisor's office. (September 20, 21) A field trip to several ATV sites in central Oregon for all day Wednesday is being coordinated by Ian. (September 19) The committee plans to attend the Parks Commission meeting on Thursday morning with the ATV committee business meeting in the afternoon.

State Fair

The safety education trailer will be at the fair located in the new "Sports in Oregon" area, not with the Parks display as it has been in the past. Fair dates are August 24 through September 3. Several volunteers will be needed to man the trailer. ASI will be at the fair with there kids ride area. Ian is coordinating this effort with ASI. A brief discussion concerning the operation of the trailer at events included: a suggestion was made to post a training schedule at the events for interested people could see when and where training is available, Joe agreed to provide a video of a local training course for display at the fair. Tyrrell mentioned his previous proposal to have a video created to promote ATV recreation. The need for a feasibility study and the procurement process was discussed.

Safety

The end date for the current ASI safety training contract was discussed, along with the need to keep up the training effort.

Sound Test Meters

A request for bid has been submitted for forty sound test meters. A list of enforcement agencies has been established for distribution of the test meters. Enforcement officers will be required to attend a certification class prior to receiving a test meter. A suggestion was made to purchase Pelican Cases for each test meter to protect them from moisture.

Project Tracking

Westside update was given by Mike:

- Hoover Ponds CXTs installed in two weeks

- Umpqua Beach lot # 3 Asphalt repair is still on hold until the high water recedes.
- Riley Ranch dune access EA, survey and design are all most completed.

Bark Road staging area is still on hold awaiting the release of federal funds.

Eastside update by Ian:

- Hood River Forestry is working with user groups, county and timber companies to prepare a grant proposal for new trail construction and rehab. of user created trails.
- National Park Service Master Planner Dan Miller is assisting with the planning effort through a grant from the Park Service.
- Mt Hood National Forest has reduced the number of ATV sites for 8 to 6 in their current planning effort. The Rock Creek area is too small as proposed in the draft plan.

National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council

A brief presentation concerning the conference was given by Tyrrell and Mike.

Committee Review of Grant Applications

The committee reviewed all of the grants to be presented at the Friday meeting. Two grants the Grant county land acquisition and the Coos county shop/office facility were discussed at length by the committee

Adjourn

April 6, 2007

8 AM – 4 PM

Committee Business

A motion to accept the January and February meeting minutes was made by Tim and seconded by Tyrrell to accept the minutes with the changes noted at Thursday's business meeting. All in favor.

Applicant Grant Presentations

1.) Wallowa Whitman National Forest - Planning

- Game retrieval by motorized vehicles off of designated routes will not be permitted.
- A discussion to clarify the concerns around designated vs. dispersed ATV use on gated roads

Motion: Joe

Second: Scott

Vote: All

2.) Baker County Sheriff's Office - Enforcement

- ATV training planned for officers and search and rescue personnel
- Resubmitted last years letters of support because of short time to prepare
- Officers are currently issuing warning not citations, they are in education mode
- Committee wants citations issued for no stickers, revenue from sticker sales supports the program

Motion: Scott

Second: Joe

Vote: All

3.) Union County Sheriff's office - Enforcement

- Current request utilizes regular deputies in the past they have been reserve officers, lower cost
- 3121 road high violation area needs regular patrols
- Committee asked that in the future the statistics be broken down by violation, not just year end totals

Motion: Tim

Second: Tyrrell

Vote: All

4.) N F John Day Ranger District - Enforcement

- Need more than one letter of support, short time to prepare, early due date
- ATV enforcement 80% - Big Game enforcement 20%

- Grant request increase due to including additional area for enforcement activities
- Committee asked that in the future the statistics be broken down by violation, not just year end totals

Motion: Scott

Second: Joe

Vote: All

5.) Lake County Sheriff's Office - Enforcement

- Need equipment for two sand rails purchased with federal dollars
- Request includes additional patrol hours
- New smaller trailer will be used to make quick response calls to the dunes by buggy
- Suggested they contact Douglas county for assistance with equipment purchase
- 8 life flight responses out of Bend last season

Motion: Pat

Second: Tim

Vote: All

6.) Morrow County Sheriff's Office - Enforcement

- Ranger side by side to be used in place of quads for rescue and equipment transport
- No citations for no stickers because they are directed to the store to purchase a sticker in place of issuing a citation

Motion: Tim

Second: Scott

Vote: All

7.) Morrow County Health District - First Aid

- Treated 42 patients last season, 1 life flight, several rescues
- Modified the Ranger to carry a stokes litter
- Discussion concerning the medical equipment being purchased
- Budget includes a repair budget, tires line item for purchase

Motion: Tim

Second: Tyrrell

Vote: All

8.) Wasco County Sheriff's Office - Enforcement

- Partners with the Forest Service and ATV club
- Enforcement presence has had a positive impact, proactive education
- Rock creek area patrolled but isn't a designated area
- Memorial Day weekend is the busiest

Motion: Joe

Second: Tyrrell

Vote: All

9.) Hood River County Sheriff's Office - Enforcement

- First application
- Working with Hood River County Forestry Department

- 62 miles of trail
- Used by all three classes of ATVs
- Kinsley Reservoir is an out law are
- Search and rescue can be an issue due to spotty communication capabilities and difficulty locating land zones for air transport
- Will determine equipment needs in the future

Motion: Pat

Second: Scott

Vote: All

10.) Tillamook County Sheriff's Office - Enforcement (Tillamook Forest)

- Reports need to be listed by category not just total number issued
- Why were the two grants separated? Budget process simplified by separating the two applications
- Grant reflects additional patrol hours in Tillamook State Forest
- Increase in large 4x4 use in the forest.

Motion: Pat

Second: Tim

Vote: All

11.) Tillamook County Sheriff's Office - Enforcement (Sand Lake)

- New Sandlake patrol deputy Introduces - Deputy Horton
- Focusing on citation for no sticker violations
- Speeding citations noted were issued on the beach

Motion: Scott

Second: Tim

Vote: All

12.) Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District - First Aid

- Currently using a suburban for transport and rescue activities
- Vehicle is in adequate for the job
- 53 incident last year were responded too
- Current vehicle will go to another station

Motion: Scott

Second: Joe

Vote: All

13.) Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest - Enforcement

- Need to update grant to reflect changes
- Letters of support are last years
- Committee to discuss removing letter of support from enforcement grants (need to discuss the difference between requiring and providing letters of support for enforcement grants)

Motion: Pat

Second: Tyrrell

Vote: All

14.) Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Enforcement

- Similar to last years grant request except for additional seasonal deputy
- Coordinate enforcement efforts with BLM, FS and COHOVPS to cover as much area as possible
- Statistics need to be broken out by activity

Motion: Scott

Second: Joe

Vote: All

15.) COHOVPS – Enforcement

- Includes additional half time Ranger
- Enforcement efforts will be concentrated in the interface area around Bend/Redman area
- Radio coordination between agencies needs improvement

Motion: Scott

Second: Joe

Vote: All

16.) COHOVPS – Development

- The site is in the middle of the East Fort Rock trail system, previously scheduled for removal
- Project has three phases
- Strong user support to keep the site open, ATV, snowmobile and hunter use of existing facility
- Will return for funding for phases 2 & 3

Motion: Pat

Second: Tim

Vote: All

17.) Deschutes National Forest – Planning

- Concern over a two year request, comfortable with one year allocation
- Funds are for the designation of trail not the possibility of trails
- Deliverable from the effort is a signed Environmental Analysis
- Eleven public meetings 100 hours of volunteer time
- Asked to return for second year allocation in April 2008

Motion: Pat

Second: Tyrrell

Vote: 2 in Favor

Further discussion by the committee

Call for a second Motion

Motion: Pat

Second: Tyrrell

Vote: All

18.) Oregon Department of Forestry - Development

- Similar to last years grant
- Trails in this project are currently closed, project will upgrade and reroute existing
- Project is for 1 ¼ mile of existing trail
- Force account crews will work on other trails

Motion: Tim

Second: Tyrrell

Vote: All

19.) Yamhill County Sheriff's Office - Enforcement

- Education is the emphasis
- Sound is not an issue
- Work with Applegate Rough Riders club
- Provides orientation for search and rescue personnel

Motion: Tim

Second: Tyrrell

Vote: All

20.) Douglas County Sheriff's Office - Enforcement

- Needs a revised budget sheet and cover sheet to reflect match

Motion: Scott

Second: Joe

Vote: All

21.) Siuslaw National Forest - Enforcement (ODNRA & Sandlake)

- Additional vehicle costs indicates 3 vehicles for 12months not 1 for vehicle for 36

Motion: Tyrrell

Second: Joe

Vote: All

22.) Coos County Sheriff's Office - Enforcement ODNRA

- Cost increase due to loss of Title III funding

Motion: Tim

Second: Pat

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstention Larry

23.) Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue - First Aid

- Replaces Quads purchased 11 years ago by grant
- Old machines will be transferred to Lane County Sheriff's Office
- Will purchase rider safety equipment with their own funds
- Need an updated match budget sheet

Motion: Pat

Second: Tim

Vote: All

24.) Lane County Sheriff's Office – Enforcement ODNRA

- Deputy Chris Doyle is the new dunes patrol leader

Motion: Scott

Second: Pat

Vote: All

25.) Wallowa Whitman National Forest – Enforcement

- Need to provide year end reports with application in the future

Motion: Joe

Second: Pat

Vote: All

26.) Coos County Sheriff's Office – Development

- Reminded applicant of previous decision to not provide additional funds to this project until dune access is finalized
- 60'x 30' building won't need a larger one in the future
- Grant funds will buy the materials, volunteers and force account will construct
- Design is part of the overall master plan
- FS is closing two primitive camp sites
- Bridge plan completed, core drilling for bridge completed

Motion: Scott

Second: Joe

Vote: All

27.) Grant County Acquisition - Wilson Prairie

- Joint project between Grant and Morrow Counties
- Will include class II opportunities
- Materials for bridging 3 stream crossings is on hand
- Provides connectivity between Morrow County OHV Park, Grant County, Forest Service and BLM
- Time sensitive project

Motion: Tim for 100 % funding

Second: Joe

Vote: All

Adjourn