



Oregon Statewide Trails Plan

STATEWIDE TRAILS PLAN ISSUES WORKSHOPS

NORTHEAST REGION

LaGrande General Public Session (Evening) 4/1/03

(Northeast Region includes Wallowa, Union, Grant and Baker Counties)

Motorized Trail Issues

OO. There is a need for more motorized trails throughout the region. Especially in the Baker, Pine, and Wallowa Valley Ranger Districts (5 dots).

PP. Need for better communication between motorized groups and the U.S. Forest Service. The USFS should designate a motorized contact staff member to facilitate such communication (3 dots).

QQ. Motorized riding opportunities within the region are greatly affected by the closing or limiting of rider access by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and Native American Tribes for wildlife protection purposes (e.g. elk, lynx, trout) (2 dots).

RR. There is a need for more challenging riding opportunities within the region. Existing trails are becoming wider and easier as with increasing levels of motorized trail management (1 dot).

SS. There is a need for additional motorized camping areas with family oriented riding facilities including open play areas for children and easy trails/loops (Virtue Flats is a good example) (1 dot).

TT. There is a need for motorized maps including trails and gravel roads designated for OHV use within the region. Federal agencies are hesitant to provide such information because of potential use increases (0 dots).

UU. There is potential to share OHV trails with other non-motorized users within the region (0 dots).

VV. There is a strong need to improve the OHV safety program in the region. Needed improvements include making it easier to train instructors, providing more incentives to instructors to remain in the program, and improved class scheduling (0 dots).

WW. There is a need to provide law enforcement officers with an easier method of identifying ATV riders from greater distances (e.g. license plate numbers) (0 dots).

XX. There is a need for a Tri-Forest (Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Malheur National Forest) Motorized Recreation Plan (0 dots).

YY. There is a need for standardized trail regulations to provide consistency and continuity between riding areas in the region. Trail regulations should be included on agency websites, maps, signage and hunter regulation materials (0 dots).

Non-Motorized Trail Issues

ZZ. Need to maintain our existing inventory of non-motorized trails within the region (11 dots).

AAA. Need for improved trail head facilities including separate facilities for stock and other users (9 dots).

BBB. Need for greater cooperation between state and federal agencies in providing trail opportunities within the region (8 dots).

CCC. Need for more close-to-home trail opportunities—especially for children (4 dots).

DDD. Need to evaluate road closures/access easements for trail use. This evaluation process should include public input and agency review (2 dots).

EEE. Need for safety and leave-no-trace education to reduce conflicts between user groups (2 dots).

FFF. Need for connecting existing trails to form long-distance trails and trail loops (1 dot).

GGG. Need to develop additional trail opportunities within the region (1 dot).

HHH. Need for better follow through on trail development projects from planning to project implementation (1 dot).

Water Trail Issues

No issues generated.

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