



## Oregon Statewide Trails Plan

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### STATEWIDE TRAILS PLAN ISSUES WORKSHOPS

#### NORTHWEST REGION

##### Eugene General Public Session (Evening) 5/22/03

(Northwest Region includes Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Hood River, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas, Polk, Marion, Linn, Lincoln, Benton and Lane Counties)

#### Motorized Trail Issues

TTTT. There is a need to address the noise issue on trails within the region. Trail planners should carefully consider compatibility (associated with noise) during the development of multi-use trails. There is also a need for greater tolerance between user groups on multi-use trails (9 dots).

UUUU. There is an opportunity for recreation use of roads scheduled for abandonment (6 dots).

VVVV. Regarding comment UUUU, this is a wonderful opportunity that should not slip by. These abandoned roads make excellent trails. Most are wide, well planned, and have adequate drainage (on-line comment).

WWWW. There is need for more trails close to urban areas in the region (5 dots).

XXXX. Regarding comment WWWW, this is true. While we realize that being too close is not good, having access to areas where travel is not a limiting factor is important. For example when kids and families ride, they are often tired after an hour or so. Driving three hours one way (six round trip) to ride an hour is not a good way of keeping people in our sport. Soon they are riding on illegal lands, or on their own property, which is not popular with neighbors! I am lucky enough to live on enough land that I can ride a little when I like. But I know my neighbors don't enjoy it. It is just not worth it for me to pack up and go a long ways to ride for a little bit with my grandson (on-line comment).

YYYY. There is a need to address environmental impacts including wildlife, need for good planning and design, capacity issues, soil issues and the value in study of impacts (5 dots).

ZZZZ. There is an opportunity to work with private landowners (timber companies) to allow motorized recreational use (5 dots).

AAAAA. Multi-use trails are a great resource if users respect each other (3 dots).

BBBBB. There is a need for additional user education that targets new users (including noise, and trail etiquette) (3 dots).

CCCCC. There is a need for loop trail systems on a variety of terrain (2 dots).

DDDDD. There is a need for good information resources including where to ride, regulations, good signage, mapping, and clear designation (e.g., type, class, etc.) (2 dots).

EEEEE. Trail closures are causing over use of designated areas (2 dots).

FFFFF. There is a need for a better level-of-difficulty classification system and dissemination of such information to allow users to make informed choices about where to ride (2 dots).

GGGGG. There is a need for technical play areas within the region (2 dots).

HHHHH. There is a need for more active trail management by the federal agencies (2 dots).

IIIII. There is a regional BLM recreational opportunity at Horton (2 dots).

JJJJJ. There is a need for adequate sanitary facilities at resting/stopping areas (2 dots).

KKKKK. There is a need for a central location (website) where users can go for information on trip planning (2 dots).

LLLLL. There is a need for more multiple-use trailheads in the region (1 dot).

MMMMM. There is a need for more challenging riding opportunities within the region (1 dot).

NNNNN. There is a need to make sure that trails not regularly maintained are not lost (1 dot).

OOOOO. There is a need to make greater use of volunteers for trail maintenance because agencies do not have sufficient resources (1 dot).

PPPPP. The current law enforcement techniques used at riding areas within the region cause users to avoid contact with law enforcement. There is a need for a more interactive and less threatening approach and courtesy sound checks (1 dot).

QQQQQ. There is a need to promote Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly programs in the region (1 dot).

RRRRR. There is a need to focus on connecting existing trail systems within the region (1 dot).

SSSSS. There is a need for trailheads with adequate facilities such as proper accommodations for trailers (1 dot).

TTTTT. There is a need to consider equipment in planning and design of riding areas (0 dots).

UUUUU. Use the term "sound" instead of "noise" (0 dots).

VVVVV. There is a need to use close-to-home day use riding areas as training areas (0 dots).

### **Non-Motorized Trail Issues**

WWWWW. There is a need to make greater use/coordination of volunteers for trail maintenance because agencies do not have sufficient resources (8 dots).

YYYYY. There is a need to make sure that trails not regularly maintained are not lost and grandfather in older/existing trails (6 dots).

ZZZZZ. There is need for more trails close to urban areas (5 dots).

AAAAA. There is a need to address environmental impacts including wildlife, need for good planning and design, capacity issues, soil issues and the value in study of impacts (5 dots).

BBBBB. There is an opportunity to work with private landowners (timber companies) to allow recreational use (5 dots).

CCCCC. There is an opportunity for recreation use of roads scheduled for abandonment (4 dots).

DDDDDD. There is a need for additional user education (including noise, and trail etiquette) that targets new users (3 dots).

EEEEEE. There is a need for a central website location where users can go for information on trip planning including information such as current trail condition, GIS and mapping (3 dots).

FFFFFF. There is a need for loop trail systems on a variety of terrain (2 dots).

GGGGGG. There is a need to focus on connecting existing trail systems in the region. This should be done through gap analysis and cooperative multi-agency planning efforts (2 dots).

HHHHHH. Multi-use trails are a great resource if users respect each other (1 dot).

IIIIII. There is a need to address the noise issue on trails within the region. Trails planners should carefully consider compatibility (associated with noise) during the development of multi-use trails. There is also a need for greater tolerance between user groups on multi-use trails (1 dot).

JJJJJ. There is a need for good information resources including where to ride, regulations, good signage, mapping, and clear designation (e.g., type, class, etc.) (1 dot).

KKKKKK. There is a need to promote Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly programs in the region (1 dot).

LLLLLL. There is a need for trailheads with adequate facilities such as proper accommodations for trailers (1 dot).

MMMMMM. There is a need for more active trail management by the federal agencies (1 dot).

NNNNNN. There is a need for more multiple-use trailheads in the region (1 dot).

OOOOOO. There is a need to investigate the future of trail use fees in the region. Potential strategies include direct trail use fees, out of state fees, and direct use of fees for trail maintenance (1 dot).

PPPPPP. There is a need for adequate sanitary facilities at resting/stopping areas (1 dot).

QQQQQQ. There is a need for education for dog owners so that dogs are not banned from trails in the region (1 dot).

RRRRRR. There is a need for more accessible trail opportunities in the region (0 dots).

SSSSSS. I would like to add my feelings about the newly posted sign at Elijah Bristow Park restricting horses from October to May. I was under the impression this park was donated for equestrian use. It is also one of the handicap accessible parks. I have just moved my horses 25 miles to be able to ride the park more often. It is so disheartening that we equestrians are being further and further restricted. We spent a lot of money to care and enjoy our horses. What is it about them that is so awful? I have never been a political person, but my voting will certainly be influenced by such decisions. It used to be if you were plain, hard-working folks you could at least go camping for entertainment. Now with fees and restrictions, it is becoming increasingly difficult to share good, clean family fun with our kids (on-line comment)!

### **Water Trail Issues**

TTTTTT. There is a need for additional/adequate public access (access/egress/stopping points) on waterways within the region (9 dots).

UUUUUU. There is a need for maintenance/upgrades of existing facilities to be a higher funding priority (6 dots).

VVVVVV. There is a need for a funding source (similar to motorized watercraft) for constructing non-motorized boating facilities (5 dots).

WWWWWW. There is a need for a central website location where users can go for information on trip planning including information such as current trail condition, GIS and mapping (5 dots).

XXXXXX. There is need for more trails close to urban areas (4 dots).

YYYYYY. There is a need to make greater use/coordination of volunteers for trail maintenance because agencies do not have sufficient resources (4 dots).

ZZZZZZ. There has been a loss of some water access points in the region to closure (3 dots).

AAAAAAA. Technical changes cause different trail needs (3 dots).

BBBBBBB. There is a need for adequate sanitary facilities at resting/stopping areas (3 dots).

CCCCCCC. There is a need to address environmental impacts including wildlife, need for good planning and design, capacity issues, soil issues and the value in study of impacts (3 dots).

DDDDDDD. There are opportunities to work with private landowners to allow recreational access/easements within the region (3 dot).

EEEEEEE. There is a need to make sure that trails not regularly maintained are not lost (2 dots).

FFFFFFF. There is a need for a central location where users can go for information on trip planning (2 dots).

GGGGGGG. There is a need for enforcement and education involving trespass on private property (2 dots).

HHHHHHH. There is a need to address the noise issue on trails within the region. Trails planners should carefully consider compatibility (associated with noise) during the development of multi-use trails. There is also a need for greater tolerance between user groups on multi-use trails (1 dot).

IIIIII. There is a need for trailheads with adequate facilities such as proper accommodations for trailers (1 dot).

JJJJJJ. There is a need for additional user education (including noise, and trail etiquette) that targets new users (1 dot).

KKKKKKK. There is a need for more active trail management by the federal agencies (1 dot).