



## Oregon Statewide Trails Plan

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### STATEWIDE TRAILS PLAN ISSUES WORKSHOPS

#### SOUTHWEST REGION

##### Grants Pass General Public Session (Evening) 4/16/03

(Southwest Region includes Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson and Douglas Counties)

#### Motorized Trail Issues

HH. Need to designate trails/areas for motorized use including trails currently used in that manner (4 dots).

II. Regarding comment 1, many of the motorized trails in use in Southern Oregon are not designated for that use. The use is historical, but without designation, trails can be lost. Old logging roads make great trails. We could also use coordination between private landowners and public land managers (on-line comment).

JJ. Regarding comment II, in southern Oregon most trails that are currently in use were never designed to be used for motorized vehicles. These trails were illegally constructed and thus have many problems. We have a greater need for restoration of degradation from motorized vehicles in this area. OHV's should be restricted to roads. Roads are designated to take the abuse that OHV's dish out. The BLM is currently undergoing a planning process for OHV use on roughly 12,000 acres outside of Grants Pass, thus, no need exists for the state to designate more areas for motorized use (on-line comment).

KK. Need for group camping areas (10-15 vehicle) for tents and tent trailers (3 dots).

LL. Need for loop trails and trails with destinations. Trail development should not include dead end trails (2 dots).

MM. Regarding comment LL, trail development should NOT exclude dead end trails. What if a trail could go to a great overlook or scenic vista? Should we not go there because it's a dead end? I think not! Loops are great but why should we limit ourselves to any kind of trail that might fill a need? Let's keep an open mind (on-line comment).

NN. Need for "Tread Lightly" environmental education (2 dots).

OO. Need to develop motorized trail opportunities between Highway 97 and Gearhart (2 dots).

PP. Regarding comment OO, the entire Winema National Forest has lots of opportunities. Connect it to the Freemont National Forest and we could have loops of up to 100 miles on nice single track for Class III (motorcycles). I've been over that area most of my life and it just needs some tender loving care and a decent layout (on-line comment).

QQ. Need for better coordination between agencies on trail planning and development (1 dot).

RR. Regarding comment QQ, if the forests that border each other and the BLM that is often in between could just coordinate their systems, we would benefit tremendously. You know my goal is a seamless interagency coordinated trail system statewide (on-line comment).

SS. Need for increased enforcement during the hunting season and on 3-day weekends (1 dot).

TT. There is a need for updated maps showing which roads are open or closed to OHV use (1 dot).

UU. Regarding comment TT, I suppose that the best we could get would be a map that was made just for motorized recreation. This map would cross all boundaries and would be color-coded to represent the various users and difficulty. I would guess that it would need to be regional for maybe 6 areas. Maps should not end at jurisdictional boundaries. These maps would need GPS coordinates, etc. Utopia would be an automatic annually updated map that we could buy (on-line comment).

VV. Need for regulatory information at trailheads in the region (0 dots).

WW. An increase in designated riding areas will reduce the need for open riding areas in the region (0 dots).

XX. There is a need for improved safety training opportunities within the region including greater scheduling flexibility, classes making participation fun and enjoyable and the construction of training facilities (0 dots).

YY. There is a need for better cooperation between user groups and land managers (0 dots).

ZZ. There is a need for trails providing a variety of challenge and scenic opportunities (0 dots).

AAA. There is a need for more trail signage (0 dots).

BBB. There is a need for signing consistency between different riding areas within the region (0 dots).

CCC. Need for trailheads and related facilities (0 dots).

DDD. Need for maps not divided by jurisdictional boundaries (0 dots).

EEE. Need for appropriate signing when crossing into areas with different regulations (0 dots).

FFF. Need for multiple-use trail tolerance and user-conflict education (0 dots).

GGG. Need for contact information at riding areas on who to contact to address a maintenance issue (0 dots).

HHH. Regarding comment GGG, if we could get the maps I have mentioned, the margins could contain tread lightly tips, various regulations, signing, phone numbers to call, and any other information that we need to address (on-line comment).

III. Need to separate non-compatible motorized and non-motorized uses where appropriate (0 dots).

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

JJJ. Need for trailheads and related facilities (4 dots).

KKK. Need for trailside camping areas in remote locations only accessible by non-motorized means (foot, horse and mountain bike) (4 dots).

LLL. Need for better coordination between agencies on trail planning and development (2 dots).

MMM. Need for connectivity within urban and rural areas of the region (2 dots).

NNN. Need for appropriate signing when crossing into areas with different regulations (2 dots).

OOO. Need for contact information at riding areas on who to contact to address a maintenance issue (2 dots).

PPP. There is a need for signing consistency between different areas within the region (1 dot).

QQQ. Need for multiple-use trail tolerance and user-conflict education (1 dot).

RRR. Regarding comment QQQ, I have often felt that conflict is created by management when they say that there may be conflict. I was riding a multiple-use trail in Montana and asked the ranger about conflicts on his system. He told me that he made it very clear that if someone complained about multiple use too hard he would ban the complaining group. He told me that he had not had a complaint in several years and that everyone seemed to get on just fine (on-line comment).

SSS. Need for more trail signage within the region (0 dots).

TTT. Need for more snow parks (0 dots).

UUU. Need for maps not divided by jurisdictional boundaries (0 dots).

VVV. Need to separate non-compatible motorized and non-motorized uses where appropriate (0 dots).

### **Water Trail Issues**

WWW. There is a need for additional funding for non-motorized/small craft boating facilities within the region (5 dots).

XXX. There is a need for water-based camping facilities within the region (4 dots).

YYY. There is a need for paddling education, training opportunities and outreach programs for inexperienced paddlers within the region (3 dots).

ZZZ. There is a need for water trail facility development and maps showing put-in and take-out locations (3 dots).

AAAA. The water trail planning process should include the involvement of private-sector businesses such as equipment rental shops (2 dots).

BBBB. There is a need to categorized water trails according to level-of-difficulty (1 dot).

CCCC. There is a need to provide seasonal water change information for water trails within the region. In many situations difficulty classifications will vary with water flow rates and the regulation of water flow through reservoir systems (0 dots).

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