

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

May 8, 2008

Agenda Item:	15	Information
Topic:	Scenic Waterway Landowner Notification	
Presented by:	Richard Walkoski	

Background: The Commission discussed several incidents where landowners were unaware that they fell within scenic waterway boundaries. Staff developed the following actions to inform landowners and others affected by scenic waterway designations.

- 1) Update the Scenic Waterway web page – Each scenic waterway will have a live link to its specific rules, OPRD contact person, Notification and Timber Harvest forms and map.
- 2) News article placed in the Oregon Real Estate News-Journal – A quarterly bulletin sent to all Realtors licensed in the state of Oregon. Working in conjunction with the Journal editorial staff, OPRD will provide a description of the scenic waterway program and a link to the OPRD website.
- 3) Constructive Notice to Landowners –This legal recording, in each county containing a state scenic waterway, will state that properties within certain Townships, Ranges, and Sections may be subject to scenic waterway regulations; contact OPRD.
- 4) Mapping – Maps for each scenic waterway showing the length and boundary for each river or lake. Maps will be available to the public as a link on the scenic waterway web page.
- 5) Link at city and county planning department websites – Direct link to OPRD from planning department websites to provide information to those searching for all land use regulations pertaining to their properties.
- 6) Direct mailing to land owners – Provide a friendly reminder about the program and OPRD contact information.

Prior Commission Action: After learning about some landowner violations of state scenic waterway regulations, commissioners suggested that OPRD staff develop a formal method to notify landowners of property within state scenic waterway boundaries.

Action Requested: None.

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Scenic Waterway Landowner Notification Program Timeline

