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June 21, 2008

Linda Duffy
Ashland Ranger District

Dear Ms Duffy,

I thank you for sending me the
Ashland Watershed Trails Management
Project proposals

Since I will be gone from June 23 to
Oct 1. (I travel to Alaska and China that bit)

I read over your proposal. I am not
in favor of closing Road 2060 from White Knob

Trailhead to Four Corners as you want an
① alternate no 3. I prefer alternate 2 leaving
this road open so hikers can get to trailhead

These ^{road} corners will be steep) If close it means
going back ~~to~~ ^{up} road down to your car. either
would you could have a car shuttle. Remember
you have a lot of older hikers that would
use these trails. If they knew they exist and
can't get to section

I have a good opinion of your judgment
(over)

I wrote both senators & legislators and also
a letter to President Bill Clinton about your loss
⑥ your money for roads after the flood to
war bombing I think this inquiry.

I am praying someone will see it
is restored for improvement in E 2060
road.

Sincerely

Dr. Gordon E. Messersmith

To: Ashland District Ranger Linda Duffy,
Mike Ricketts,
Kristi Mastrofini.

June 27, 2000

From: Stephen Maluk
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Re: Ashland Watershed Trails Management Projects EA

I'm a local resident, a student, a mountain biker, and a member of the Trails Users' Commission (my paltry attendance record notwithstanding). I wish to comment on the Ashland Watershed Trails Management alternatives listed in the above document on pp II-5 through II-9. These, Alternatives 2 and 3, seem most favorable for recreation and preservation.

Specifically, I wish to say that the proposed Trailhead G is now an unsightly scar in an otherwise-magnificent National Forest. The proposed Trailhead B, and the "party platform" at Four Corners/Coggins Saddle (the spot with the broken glass and the bonfire that seems to have incinerated the sofa chair that was discarded there earlier this spring), are also rather unsightly. Improvements to these areas would, again, benefit recreation and preservation needs. For this reason, I give my fullest support to proposed Alternative 3.

Two other matters that concern me:

As a member of the Trail Users' Commission, I received a rough proposal for trail management (I think I received it in January or February) that outlined the possibility of improving the trail known, among mountain bikers, as Timewarp. This trail begins near the "rabbit ears" on Mt. Ashland and winds down a trail that I've been told was once access to a Mt. Ashland fire lookout. The trail comes out on Road 2060, and an absolutely renegade extension of the trail continues to Reeder Reservoir, roughly following Winburn ridge. This lower section of trail, I understand, cannot be endorsed, improved, or otherwise tolerated. The section above Road 2060, however, offers some great mountain biking and, with some improvements and redirection, could impact the land through which it passes less. As part of the proposal I read this winter, mention was made of diverting the very top of the trail off of Mt. Ashland ski resort land and beginning the trail from the Grouse Gap shelter area. If such concessions could appease the Mt. Ashland folks, perhaps this trail could become "official." That would please me and many other mountain bikers who have enjoyed the trail prior to it being "signed, sticked, and rocked."

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Lastly, I wish to voice my complaint regarding the gravel on the northeastern-most section of Road 2060 -- the two-or-so mile section beginning shortly after Lithia Park. I understand some discussion has addressed removal or smoothing-out of this non-bike-friendly gravel. I think I speak for every mountain biker who has tried to access Hitt Road or Horn Gap, or who has ridden the Loop in saying I would applaud any effort the Forest Service or the City could make in making the road more rideable

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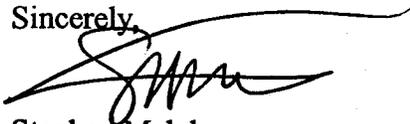
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and safer. I realize the gravel serves a purpose. Perhaps that purpose can be served, or has, while thinning out the rocks a bit. 4

Thank you for your perusal of my comments. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SM', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Maluk



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Dear Linda,

Mike Ricketts and I discussed the benefits of seasonal closure of 2060 (Ashland Loop Road) during fire season. As you know there is a considerable amount of traffic on the loop road in the summer time including many car campers who have been known to have campfires along the road in these dangerous conditions. Furthermore, there has been a pattern of large parties up the loop road including some around the Landmine trail. Others occurred on our property in face, which included a large fire in which our picnic table was consumed and deposition of a tremendous amount of litter which was mostly containers of alcoholic beverages. 5

I believe that seasonal closure of the Loop Road would prevent this activity in the Ashland watershed and would reduce the risk of fire. 5

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

William S. Epstein, M.D.
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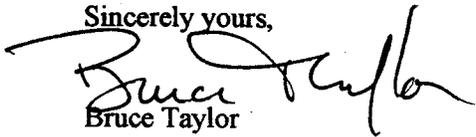
Dear Ms. Duffy:

NS-Support I am writing on behalf of the Ashland Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission to endorse your decision to enact Alternative 2 of the Ashland Watershed Trails Management Project. We feel that this alternative will provide the best and safest access to the watershed for both hikers and mountain bikers.

The closure of 2060 between Alice in Wonderland and Four Corners is a major step to making the watershed much more friendly to non-motorized users. This step plus the upgrade and maintenance of existing trails will markedly improve the safety and enjoyment of this area. The closure of trails down to the reservoir will help safeguard our water supply.

For all the reasons stated above, we strongly endorse your decision to enact Alternative 2 of the management project.

Sincerely yours,



Bruce Taylor
Ashland Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission

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July 12, 2000

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Ms. Linda Duffy

Mr. Mike Ricketts

Re: Ashland Watershed Trails Management Project EA

Comments:

I agree with Ranger Duffy's recommendation to select Alternative 2. I believe it provides an appropriate degree of recreation opportunities while maintaining the pristine character of the watershed. It is important to retain our watershed as a functional forest, in spite of its proximity to Ashland ^{and} the associated public access pressures. The watershed is a wild place. It is not Disneyland and I appreciate the sensitivity your staff has placed on the value of keeping developed sites to a minimum.

I appreciate your use of already existing roads as new trail connectors: Trail #6.

I appreciate the deactivation & decommissioning aspects: Trail #9 & Trail #10.

It is a positive move to finally close Road 2060 to vehicle traffic. There has been an inconsistency between the statement that the watershed is "closed" to vehicle traffic and the reality of that. Road closure will re-inforce your management objective of reducing sedimentation.

I support Alternative 2. It meets and enhances my primary use of the area as a mountain biker.

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I would like to suggest that you establish variable hours for your patrolling operations. Acknowledging safety concerns as a consideration, patrols could be effective regarding fire risk if they patrolled occasionally at night. There has recently been evidence of human campfires along the west side of Rd. 1060 above Lilia Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and for the opportunity to write a real letter by hand. I am in the San Francisco airport without my laptop.

Respectfully,

Keri Green

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