From: Casey Kaiser
Sent: Mon, 27 Feb 2017 15:49:41 -0800
To: Asbridge, Gary -FS;Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: RE: draft agenda

Gary & Jim,
I think the agenda looks great. Given the somewhat casual nature of this first meeting I believe it will work just fine for us.
Thank You,

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Subject: draft agenda
Sorry this is late, got sidetracked

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Sent: Mon, 15 May 2017 15:46:14 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: FW: Ochoco Trails Strategy Groups
Attachments: 17CS11060720015PrinevilleChamberTrailsStrategy.xlsx, 17CS11060720015PrinevilleChamberTrailStrategy.docx

Hi Jim,

Here are a couple thoughts on a few of her questions…

1. I'm okay either way, but per her suggestion perhaps we stick with 2 years for now, then extend it later if we need to.
2. Perhaps some estimates on preparing the maps, etc.? Would these items be for use of the group members, or to produce for the public? Do you think we need to come up with some costs for some of these items?
3. We can use an hourly rate of (b)(4) hour for my (Executive Director) Staff time rate. ((b)(4) annual salary divided by 44 working weeks per year. Then divided by 40 hours per week). I'm thinking I'll invest an average of 15 hours per month into this including 3-4 hours of meeting time, prep, communications, organization, etc. 15 Hours per month would be (b)(4) /mos. If you consider we will have 10 meetings (units on her spreadsheet?) per year, in two years we will have had 20 of our meetings. I think that would be a reasonable breakdown for the "actual" costs of my time.
4. Sounds like we will be fine to scrap the meeting room costs portion.

Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Thanks for all your work on this!

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From: Bowles, Kristen E -FS [mailto:kbowles@fs.fed.us]
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To: Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>; casey@prinevillechamber.com
Subject: Ochoco Trails Strategy Groups

Hi Jim/Casey,
Please review the draft documents attached for accuracy. We are almost there, but there are still a couple of things that still need to be addressed:

1. In the word document under Chamber shall we reference 2 years but we have the agreement for 5…for consistency can we match these two up? That doesn't mean that we can't extend it if needed in the future

2. Shall statement mentions publications, maps, etc but we have not indicated any of those costs on the financial plan. Please correct accordingly
3. Want to confirm that Executive Director for the Chamber actual costs are (b)(4) /day
4. Meeting room costs.. (b)(4) day….How was this rate derived? We have to work with actuals. Is this an off-site facility that the Chamber is renting? Is it within the chamber facility and if so is there a sq. foot rate that could be used? Otherwise I think we drop that piece. Match would still be above the minimum required.

If you have any questions please let me know. Thank you!

Kristen

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Instructions: Use this form in conjunction with Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1509.11, Ch. 70, Financial Planning Requirements, for participating, challenge cost-share, joint venture, and cost-reimbursable agreements. This form may be used for other types of Forest Service Manual 1580 agreements, when useful. Choose one of the three (3) financial plan versions and complete. Each version requires identical information and result in calculations and cost analysis that are the same. Version 1 cost analysis data values are automatically entered into the financial plan matrix. Version 2 requires manual entry of the cost analysis data values into the financial plan matrix. Version 3 should be used if there are multiple Cooperators. Users do not have to use or print versions/sheets that are not applicable to their agreement.

The purpose of this form is to capture the total estimated value of the proposed agreement. Once the agreement is approved, in writing, by the parties, then this financial plan becomes the financial estimates for the agreement. This financial plan must display the parties' expected contributions to the agreement. These contributions should be broken down by party contribution type (e.g., non-cash, in-kind, cash to cooperator), see below for definitions, and cost elements (e.g., salaries, supplies, travel). Cost element values should be the result of documented cost analysis on this form. Each financial plan version provides samples of cost analysis calculations, see associated Excel comment balloons. Additional instructions are located on version 1 cost analysis tabs.

Definitions for the Matrix Column Headings:

(a) Forest Service Noncash Contribution: Forest Service noncash contributions may consist of employee salaries, overhead (indirect), travel provided, and/or equipment and supplies purchased and provided to the Cooperator for use in the project. These costs are an expense to the Forest Service, but do not include funding for reimbursement of Cooperator expenses.

(b) Forest Service Cash to Cooperator: This is the maximum amount of funding that will be reimbursed or advanced by the Forest Service to the Cooperator. This is an expense to the Forest Service.

(c) Cooperator Noncash Contribution: These are expenses the Cooperator incurs that are contributed to the project in lieu of cash, but for which costs are incurred, such as employee salaries, overhead (indirect costs), travel, equipment, supplies, and so forth. These do not include in-kind contributions from third parties, such as donations from other entities or volunteer labor. All the costs listed here are an expense to the Cooperator.

(d) Cooperator In-Kind Contribution: In-kind contribution provided to the Cooperator from a third party organization(s) for use in the project for which the Cooperator has incurred no expense. Value assessed for volunteer labor and donated materials, equipment and supplies should be valued based on FSH 1509.11, Ch. 70. These values are not reimbursable and can only be used to satisfy the Cooperator's matching requirement. Display these contributions by Cost Element Expenditures.

(e) Total Project Value: The sum of all the values provided toward the project. This figure reflects the true estimated cost of the project.

Definitions for Cost Allowability

(a) Allowable Cost: A cost, as recorded on the Agreements Financial Plan (Long, Medium, and Short) forms, associated with an agreement, which meets the criteria for authorized expenditures specific in a cost principle methodology. Generally, it meets the cost principle methodology, and is a cost the parties to an agreement intend to charge, and must be: Reasonable for the performance of the award; Necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance and administration of the agreement; Consistently treated as either a direct or indirect cost; Generally, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP); Net of all applicable credits (that is, less any future rebates from the purchase of goods or services); Separate from a cost or from a cost-sharing/matching requirement of another Federal award or agreement, unless otherwise permitted by Federal law or regulation; Adequately documented; Authorized or not prohibited by Federal, State, or local laws and regulations; Compliant with limits or exclusions on types or amounts of costs, as set forth in relevant Federal laws, agreement terms and conditions, or other governing regulations (examples of such costs include: entertainment, alcohol, and taxes); and,Consistent with the agency's and cooperator's internal policies, regulations, and procedures that apply to both Federal awards or agreements and other cooperator activities.

(b) Allocable Cost: A cost, as recorded on the Agreements Financial Plan (Long, Medium, and Short) forms, associated with an agreement, which in accordance with the relative benefit received by either party for the award, is treated consistently with other costs incurred for the same purpose and in like circumstances, and if it: Is incurred specifically for the award; Benefits both the award and other ancillary work, and the cost may be distributed in reasonable proportion to the benefits received (an example of this type of cost is a piece of equipment that is used for multiple projects); or Necessary to the overall operation of the organization, although a direct relationship to any particular cost objective may not be shown.

(c) Reasonable Cost: A cost, as recorded on the Agreements Financial Plan (Long, Medium, and Short) forms, associated with an agreement, that, in its nature and amount, does not exceed an amount that a prudent person, under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made, would incur. Other factors to consider are: Whether the cost is of a type generally recognized as ordinary and necessary for the entity's operation or agreement performance; The restraints or requirements imposed by factors such as generally accepted, sound, business practices; arms-length bargaining; Federal and State laws and regulations; and the terms and conditions of the agreement; Market prices or industry standard costs for similar goods and services (that is, is the cooperator offering goods or services for an amount that exceeds what is readily available in the marketplace); Whether individuals concerned acted with prudence under the circumstances, considering their responsibilities to the entity; its members, employees, and clients; the public; and the government; and Significant deviations from established practices of the governmental entity that might unjustifiably increase costs charged to the agreement.

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Exhibit: A

USFS Agreement No.: 17-CS-11060720-015 Mod. No.:

Cooperator Agreement No.:

Note: This Financial Plan may be used when:

Agreements Financial Plan (Short Form)

Financial Plan Matrix: Note: All columns may not be used. Use depends on source and type of contribution(s).

	FOREST SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS		COOPERATOR CONTRIBUTIONS		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
COST ELEMENTS	Noncash	Cash to Cooperator	Noncash	In-Kind	(e) Total
Direct Costs					
Salaries/Labor		(b)(4)			
Travel					
Equipment					
Supplies/Materials					
Printing					
Other					
Other					
Subtotal					
Coop Indirect Costs					
FS Overhead Costs					
Total	$15,037.64	$10,000.00	$16,600.00	$0.00	
Total Project Value:					$41,637.64

Matching Costs Determination	
Total Forest Service Share = (a+b) ÷ (e) = (f)	(f) 60.13%
Total Cooperator Share (c+d) ÷ (e) = (g)	(g) 39.87%
Total (f+g) = (h)	(h) 100.00%

WORKSHEET FOR

FS Non-Cash Contribution Cost Analysis, Column (a)

Salaries/Labor					
Standard Calculation					
Job Description		Cost/Day	# of Days		Total
Recreation Team Lead		$351.25	10.00		$3,512.50
District Ranger		$466.05	10.00		$4,660.50
Recreation Program Manager		$562.30	10.00		$5,623.00
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Salaries/Labor					**$13,796.00**
Subtotal Direct Costs			$13,796.00		
Forest Service Overhead Costs					
Current Overhead Rate	Subtotal Direct Costs				Total
9.00%		$13,796.00			$1,241.64
Total FS Overhead Costs					**$1,241.64**
TOTAL COST			**$15,037.64**		

WORKSHEET FOR

FS Cash to the Cooperator Cost Analysis, Column (b)

Salaries/Labor					
Standard Calculation					
Job Description		Cost/Day	# of Days		Total
Executive Director Chamber cost/day=		(b)(4)			Is this actual costs
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Salaries/Labor					

Other Expenses					
Standard Calculation					
Item		# of Units	Cost/Unit		Total
Facilitator (20 meeting estimate) = (b)(4) split between chamber and F.S.		(b)(4)			
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Other					
Subtotal Direct Costs					$10,000.00

Cooperator Indirect Costs				
Current Overhead Rate	Subtotal Direct Costs			Total
	$10,000.00			$0.00
Total Coop. Indirect Costs				**$0.00**
TOTAL COST		**$10,000.00**		

WORKSHEET FOR

Cooperator Non-Cash Contribution Cost Analysis, Column (c)					
Salaries/Labor					
Standard Calculation					
Job Description		Cost/Day	# of Days		Total
Executive Director Chamber cost/day=		(b)(4)			
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Salaries/Labor					
Supplies/Materials					
Standard Calculation					
Supplies/Materials		# of Items	Cost/Item		Total
Meeting Room/Day Supplies(paper, whiteboard,markers, etc.)		(b)(4)			
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Supplies/Materials					
Other Expenses					
Standard Calculation					
Item		# of Units	Cost/Unit		Total
Facilitator = (b)(4) plit between chamber and F.S.		(b)(4)			
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Other					
Subtotal Direct Costs			$16,600.00		
Cooperator Indirect Costs					
Current Overhead Rate	Subtotal Direct Costs				Total
	$16,600.00				$0.00
Total Coop. Indirect Costs					**$0.00**
TOTAL COST			$16,600.00		

Is this actual costs

How did you get to this cost... is there a value that can be attributed to the space? Is it an offsite rental? ...If this is what the chamber would charge for someone to use, if so that isn't an actual cost? It needs to be an actual cost!? Square foot rate per day, etc?

WORKSHEET FOR

Cooperator In-Kind Contribution Cost Analysis, Column (d)

Use this worksheet to perform the cost analysis that supports the lump sum figures provided in the matrix. NOTE: This worksheet auto populates the relevant and applicable matrix cells.

Cost element sections may be deleted or lines may be hidden, if not applicable. Line items may be added or deleted as needed. The Standard Calculation sections provide a standardized formula for determing a line item's cost, e.g. cost/day x # of days=total, where the total is calculated automatically. The Non-Standard Calculation sections provide a write-in area for line items that require a calculation formula that is other than the standardized formules, e.g. instead of salaries being calculated by cost/day x # of days, costs may be calculated simply by a contracted value that is not dependent on days worked, such as 1 employee x $1,200/contract= $1,200. Be sure to review your calculations when entering in a Non-Standard Calculation, and provide a brief explanation of units used to make calculation, e.g. '1 month contract,' on a line below the figures.

Salaries/Labor					
Standard Calculation					
Job Description		Cost/Day	# of Days		Total
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Salaries/Labor					**$0.00**

Travel					
Standard Calculation					
Travel Expense	Employees	Cost/Trip	# of Trips		Total
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Travel					**$0.00**

Equipment					
Standard Calculation					
Piece of Equipment	# of Units	Cost/Day	# of Days		Total
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Equipment					**$0.00**

Supplies/Materials				
Standard Calculation				
Supplies/Materials		# of Items	Cost/Item	Total
				$0.00
				$0.00
				$0.00
				$0.00
Non-Standard Calculation				
Total Supplies/Materials				**$0.00**

Printing					
Standard Calculation					
Paper Material		# of Units	Cost/Unit		Total
					$0.00
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Printing					**$0.00**
Other Expenses					
Standard Calculation					
Item		# of Units	Cost/Unit		Total
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Other					**$0.00**
Subtotal Direct Costs			$0.00		
TOTAL COST			**$0.00**		

Attachment:

USFS Agreement No.:

Mod. No.:

Cooperator Agreement No.:

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	FOREST SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS		COOPERATOR CONTRIBUTIONS		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
COST ELEMENTS	Noncash	Cash to Cooperator	Noncash	In-Kind	(e) Total
Direct Costs					
Salaries/Labor					$0.00
Travel					$0.00
Equipment					$0.00
Supplies/Materials					$0.00
Printing					$0.00
Other					$0.00
Other					$0.00
Subtotal	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Coop Indirect Costs					$0.00
FS Overhead Costs					$0.00
Total	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Total Project Value:					$0.00

Matching Costs Determination	
Total Forest Service Share =	(f)
(a+b) ÷ (e) = (f)	#DIV/0!
Total Cooperator Share	(g)
(c+d) ÷ (e) = (g)	#DIV/0!
Total (f+g) = (h)	(h)
	#DIV/0!

2. Cost Analysis:

Use the following section to show additional information that supports the lump sum figures provided above. The following Cost Analysis boxes, (a)-(d), should provide a cost analysis of the corresponding matrix columns, (a)-(d), above, e.g. matrix column (a) *FS Non-Cash Contribution* should be analyzed under block (a), below, and matrix column (b) *FS In-Kind Contribution* should be analyzed under block (b), below, etc. Furthermore, each cost analysis box, below, should have clear labels indicating which cost element, above, is being analyzed, e.g. Salary/Labor = hrs or days x rate; Travel = miles x rate, or months x FOR rate (that is, days x per diem rate; Equipment Use = hrs or days x rate; Supplies & Materials--list of items and estimated cost; Printing = estimated cost per item; Indirect Cost = Direct cost x current indirect rate.

If necessary, add additional sheets for cost analysis. To compress any unwanted portion(s) of this section, highlight the

Column (a)
Forest

Column (b)
Forest Service Cash to Cooperator

Column (c)
Cooperator Noncash Contribution

Column (d)
Cooperator Third Party In-Kind Contribution

U.S. Forest Service

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	FOREST SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS		COOPERATOR 1 CONTRIBUTIONS		COOPERATOR 2 CONTRIBUTIONS		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
COST ELEMENTS	Noncash	Cash to Cooperator	Noncash	In-Kind	Noncash	In-Kind	(g) Total
Direct Costs							
Salaries/Labor							$0.00
Travel							$0.00
Equipment							$0.00
Supplies/Materials							$0.00
Printing							$0.00
Other							$0.00
Other							$0.00
Subtotal	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Coop Indirect Costs							$0.00
FS Overhead Costs							$0.00
Total	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Total Project Value:							$0.00

Matching Costs Determination	
Total Forest Service Share =	(h)
(a+b) ÷ (g) = (h)	#DIV/0!
Total Cooperator Share	(i)
(c+d+e+f) ÷ (g) = (i)	#DIV/0!
Total (h+i) = (j)	(j)
	#DIV/0!

2. Cost Analysis:

Use the following section to show additional information that supports the lump sum figures provided above. The following Cost Analysis boxes, (a)-(d), should provide a cost analysis of the corresponding matrix columns, (a)-(d), above, e.g. matrix column (a) *FS Non-Cash Contribution* should be analyzed under block (a), below, and matrix column (b) *FS In-Kind Contribution* should be analyzed under block (b), below, etc. Furthermore, each cost analysis box, below, should have clear labels indicating which cost element, above, is being analyzed, e.g. Salary/Labor = hrs or days x rate; Travel = miles x rate, or months x FOR rate (that is, days x per diem rate; Equipment Use = hrs or days x rate; Supplies & Materials--list of items and estimated cost; Printing = estimated cost per item; Indirect Cost = Direct cost x current indirect rate.

If necessary, add additional sheets for cost analysis. To compress any unwanted portion(s) of this section, highlight the section to be hidden, then select

Column (a)
Forest
Service

Column (b)

Forest Service Cash to Cooperator

Column (c)

Cooperator Noncash Contribution

Column (d)

Cooperator Third Party In-Kind Contribution

Column (e)

Cooperator Noncash Contribution

Column (f)

Cooperator Third Party In-Kind Contribution

FS Agreement No. 17-CS-11060720-015

Cooperator Agreement No.

CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between The
PRINEVILLE-CROOK COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
OCHOCO NATIONAL FOREST

This CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT is hereby made and entered into by and between the Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as "Chamber," and the USDA, Forest Service, Ochoco National Forest hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service," under the authority: Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-154.

Background: The Chamber has increasingly been hearing from constituents and visitors about non-motorized trail use desires and concerns in the area. Many in the business community, tourism industry and local governments would like to see the local trail systems expanded and improved to further economic growth and community health opportunities. Established user and interest groups have expressed concerns to the U.S. Forest Service about potential trail conflicts, proposals from specific user groups, overuse, and the sustainability of the current system as the local population and pressure on the current trail system increases. Leadership at the Chamber and the U.S. Forest Service have witnessed the growth and problems created when use on trail systems increases rapidly and are not proactively planned for such growth which can result in user-created trails, sustainability issues, and conflict. Both organizations seek to improve the social, economic, and ecological sustainability of the Ochoco National Forest trail system by improving the individual user experience and user group cohesion, creating a larger and more dedicated volunteer and partner group work force, improving trail tread and drainage, addressing the backlog of trail clearing and maintenance, and developing a sustainable trail strategy group.

Title: Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to form a strategic trail user group made up of representative non-motorized trail user groups, land managers, the Chamber, interest groups and the general public to cooperatively work through mutual interests and conflicts to develop a strategic and sustainable trail plan for the U.S. Forest Service in accordance with the following provisions and the hereby incorporated Financial Plan, attached as Exhibit A.

Commented [A1]: Prior to, or early in the G&A Process, both parties should ensure that the cooperator has a EIN/TIN, DUNS, and is CCR registered. CCR registration is required annually. Contact your local G&A Specialist for more information.

Commented [A2]: **This document will auto populate the Cooperator's name throughout the document after you enter the desired name in 2 locations. Those locations are: Section III Part A (Legal Authority) and Section V Part C (Notices). After you enter the desired name in each location hit the "TAB" key. This will trigger the auto populate function. The comments for the locations where you enter the text are in bold.**

Commented [A3]: Insert FS agreement number using the following format: *FY*-CS-11*RRUUSS-XXX.*

Commented [A4]: Insert cooperator agreement number, if applicable. This is the first location of the auto-populate function.

Commented [A5]: NOTE: All provisions in this agreement are mandatory, unless otherwise excepted.

Commented [A6]: Insert Cooperator's legal name.

Commented [A7]: Insert Cooperator's legal name.

Commented [A8]: Insert FS Region/Station/Area/Institute name.

Commented [A9]: Insert Cooperator's legal name.

Commented [A10]: Insert Cooperator's shortened name or the word "Cooperator."

Commented [A11]: Insert FS Region/Station/Area/Institute name.

Commented [A12]: Insert the appropriate authority(s):

1.Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-154

2.Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393, 16 U.S.C. 500, as reauthorized and amended by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008, and Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax relief Act of 2008, Section 601(a) in division C of Pub. L. 110.

Commented [A13]: If applicable, insert historical, background information.

If not applicable, remove.

Commented [A14]: Insert title of agreement consistent with I-Web project title and WorkPlan.

Commented [A15]: Provide explanation about what parties are going to do, i.e., build, install, replace, etc.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

The mission of the Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce is "to encourage a culture of Business and Community coming together in partnership, understanding that our success is measured by the economic vitality of our community."

The Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce is the oldest Chamber in Central Oregon. It was formed in 1919 and incorporated in 1952. The Chamber of Commerce is a private, non-profit membership organization with a focused core mission: to advocate for business, to support economic development, to be a willing community partner, and to operate a visitor center for the City of Prineville. The Chamber offers business assistance, business referrals, tourist and vacation information, relocation information and community information.

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The U.S. Forest Service Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 fully supports this cooperative endeavor, including direction to: "Maintain recreational settings, hiking trails, and other sustainable recreational opportunities on the national forests and grasslands for public use" and "Help meet public needs and expectations for outdoor recreation on the national forests and grasslands through public and private partnerships."

The Chamber and the U.S. Forest Service share a mutual interest in working together to engage a diverse set of stakeholders through facilitated meetings. Some of the mutually beneficial outcomes include:

- Building local and community relationships for management of public lands;
- Sustainable tourism development where tourism relies on public lands;
- Increased effectiveness and targeting of resource deployment;
- Improved information – better maps, coordinated information, opportunities to leverage grant funding and other resources.

In addition, the Chamber benefits from well-managed public lands recreation opportunities that directly return expenditures to local businesses and support the long term economic vitality of the community. The U.S. Forest Service also directly benefits from coordination of efforts to manage user groups and visitors, increased volunteer capacity, and community support for land management decision making.

Commented [A16]: Insert FS benefits and interests, partner's benefits and interest, and mutual benefits and interests.

In Consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

III. THE CHAMBER SHALL:

Commented [A17]: "Cooperator" or Cooperator's name.

Commented [A18]: If there is more than one Cooperator you may add additional Cooperator shall sections. You must add the following provisions to those sections: Legal Authority, Use of Government Owned Vehicles and Building and Computer Access by Non-Forest Service Personnel.

Commented [A19]: **Cooperator's shortened name or "Cooperator." Be sure to include the article "The" if appropriate. This is the first location of the autopopulate function.**

A. LEGAL AUTHORITY. Chamber shall have the legal authority to enter into this agreement, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project, which includes funds sufficient to pay the nonfederal share of project costs, when applicable.

B. Work cooperatively with the U.S. Forest Service and interested parties to develop a trail strategy group.

C. Provide meeting space and amenities (projectors, white boards, markers, etc) required to host meetings.

D. Contract with a professional facilitator to facilitate an estimated 20 meetings over the next two years.

E. Work cooperatively with the U.S. Forest Service in creating agendas and continuing communication between all parties. Participate in meetings.

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F. Work cooperatively with the U.S. Forest Service to develop and distribute, as funding allows, educational materials, maps, and other relevant information to the community. Any publications created through this agreement may not be sold for profit; they must be free or sold only for the cost of printing.

G. Provide $7,500.00 as a match to USFS funds to contribute to the contract for a Facilitator as shown in the financial plan.

IV. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

A. PAYMENT/REIMBURSEMENT. The U.S. Forest Service shall reimburse Chamber for the U.S. Forest Service's share of actual expenses incurred, not to exceed $10,000.00, as shown in the Financial Plan. The U.S. Forest Service shall make payment upon receipt of Chamber's annual invoice. Each invoice from Chamber must display the total project costs for the billing period, separated by U.S. Forest Service and Chamber share. In-kind contributions must be displayed as a separate line item and must not be included in the total project costs available for reimbursement. The final invoice must display Chamber's full match towards the project, as shown in the financial plan, and be submitted no later than 90 days from the expiration date.

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Commented [A22]: Insert amount of FS approved funding for this agreement.

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Each invoice must include, at a minimum:

1. Chamber name, address, and telephone number.
2. U.S. Forest Service agreement number.
3. Invoice date.
4. Performance dates of the work completed (start & end).
5. Total invoice amount for the billing period, separated by U.S. Forest Service and Chamber share with in-kind contributions displayed as a separate line item.
6. Display all costs, both cumulative and for the billing period, by separate cost element as shown on the financial plan.
7. Cumulative amount of U.S. Forest Service payments to date.
8. Statement that the invoice is a request for payment by "reimbursement."
9. If using SF-270, a signature is required.

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10. Invoice Number, if applicable.

The invoice shall be forwarded to:

EMAIL: asc_ga@fs.fed.us

FAX: 877-687-4894

POSTAL: USDA Forest Service
Albuquerque Service Center
Payments – Grants & Agreements
101B Sun Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Send a copy to: James Beaupre
EMAIL: jbeaupre@fs.fed.us
FAX: 541-416-6695
POSTAL: Ochoco National Forest
3160 NE Third Street
Prineville, OR 97754

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B. Work cooperatively with Chamber to develop a list of stakeholders and interested parties to form a trail strategy group.

H. Work cooperatively with Chamber in creating agendas and continuing communication between all parties. Participate in meetings.

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C. Work cooperatively with Chamber to develop and distribute educational materials, maps, and other relevant information to the community. Any publications created through this agreement may not be sold for profit; they must be free or sold only for the cost of printing.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

A. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement.

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Principal Cooperator Contacts:

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Cooperator Program Contact	Cooperator Administrative Contact

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Casey Kaiser 185 NE 10th Street Prineville, OR 97754 Telephone: 541-447-6304 FAX: 541-447-6537 Email: casey@prinevillechamber.com	Casey Kaiser 185 NE 10th Street Prineville, OR 97754 Telephone: 541-447-6304 FAX: 541-447-6537 Email: casey@prinevillechamber.com

Principal U.S. Forest Service Contacts:

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U.S. Forest Service Program Manager Contact	U.S. Forest Service Administrative Contact
James Beaupre 3160 NE Third Street Prineville, OR 97754 Telephone: 541-416-6542 FAX: 541-416-6695 Email: jbeaupre@fs.fed.us	Kristen Bowles 63095 Deschutes Market Road Bend, OR 97701 Telephone: 541-383-5543 FAX: 541-383-5531 Email: kbowles@fs.fed.us

B. NOTICES. Any communications affecting the operations covered by this agreement given by the U.S. Forest Service or Chamber are sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows:

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To the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager, at the address specified in the agreement.

To Chamber, at the address shown in the agreement or such other address designated within the agreement.

Notices are effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

C. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. This agreement in no way restricts the U.S. Forest Service or Chamber from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.

D. ENDORSEMENT. Any of Chamber's contributions made under this agreement do not by direct reference or implication convey U.S. Forest Service endorsement of the Chamber's products or activities.

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E. ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE ENTITIES. This agreement is subject to the provisions contained in the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. No. 112-74, Division E, Section 433 and 434 regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. Accordingly, by entering into this agreement Chamber acknowledges that it: 1) does

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not have a tax delinquency, meaning that it is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and (2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the agreement, unless a suspending and debarring official of the United States Department of Agriculture has considered suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. If Chamber fails to comply with these provisions, the U.S. Forest Service will annul this agreement and may recover any funds Chamber has expended in violation of sections 433 and 434.

F. USE OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE INSIGNIA. In order for Chamber to use the U.S. Forest Service insignia on any published media, such as a Web page, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be granted from the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications (Washington Office). A written request will be submitted by the U.S. Forest Service Ochoco National Forest to the Office of Communications Assistant Director, Visual Information and Publishing Services prior to use of the insignia. The U.S. Forest Service Ochoco National Forest will notify the Chamber when permission is granted.

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G. NON-FEDERAL STATUS FOR COOPERATOR PARTICIPANT LIABILITY. Chamber agree(s) that any of their employees, volunteers, and program participants shall not be deemed to be Federal employees for any purposes including Chapter 171 of Title 28, United States Code (Federal Tort Claims Act) and Chapter 81 of Title 5, United States Code (OWCP), as Chamber hereby willingly agree(s) to assume these responsibilities.

Further, the Chamber shall provide any necessary training to Chamber's employees, volunteers, and program participants to ensure that such personnel are capable of performing tasks to be completed. Chamber shall also supervise and direct the work of its employees, volunteers, and participants performing under this agreement.

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H. MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS. Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no member of, or delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.

I. NONDISCRIMINATION. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

J. ELIGIBLE WORKERS. Chamber shall ensure that all employees complete the I-9 form to certify that they are eligible for lawful employment under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1324a). Chamber shall comply with regulations regarding certification and retention of the completed forms. These requirements also apply to any contract awarded under this agreement.

K. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT (SAM). Chamber shall maintain current information in the System for Award Management (SAM) until receipt of final payment. This requires review and update to the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in information or agreement term(s). For purposes of this agreement, System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a Cooperative. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site at www.sam.gov.

L. STANDARDS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.

1. Financial Reporting

Chamber shall provide complete, accurate, and current financial disclosures of the project or program in accordance with any financial reporting requirements, as set forth in the financial provisions.

2. Accounting Records

Chamber shall continuously maintain and update records identifying the source and use of funds. The records shall contain information pertaining to the agreement, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, outlays, and income.

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3. Internal Control

Chamber shall maintain effective control over and accountability for all U.S. Forest Service funds. Chamber shall keep effective internal controls to ensure that all United States Federal funds received are separately and properly allocated to the activities described in the award/agreement and used solely for authorized purposes.

4. Source Documentation

Chamber shall support all accounting records with source documentation. These documentations include, but are not limited to, cancelled checks, paid bills, payrolls, contract documents. These documents must be made available to the U.S. Forest Service upon request.

M. OVERPAYMENT. Any funds paid to Chamber in excess of the amount entitled under the terms and conditions of this agreement constitute a debt to the Federal Government. The following must also be considered as a debt or debts owed by Chamber to the U.S. Forest Service:

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- Any interest or other investment income earned on advances of agreement funds; or

- Any royalties or other special classes of program income which, under the provisions of the agreement, are required to be returned;

If this debt is not paid according to the terms of the bill for collection issued for the overpayment, the U.S. Forest Service may reduce the debt by:

1. Making an administrative offset against other requests for reimbursement.
2. Withholding advance payments otherwise due to Chamber.
3. Taking other action permitted by statute (31 U.S.C. 3716 and 7 CFR, Part 3, Subpart B).

Except as otherwise provided by law, the U.S. Forest Service may charge interest on an overdue debt.

N. AGREEMENT CLOSEOUT. Within 90 days after expiration or notice of termination the parties shall close out the agreement.

Any unobligated balance of cash advanced to Chamber must be immediately refunded to the U.S. Forest Service, including any interest earned in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D, 200.305.

Within a maximum of 90 days following the date of expiration or termination of this agreement, all financial performance and related reports required by the terms of the agreement must be submitted to the U.S. Forest Service by Chamber.

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If this agreement is closed out without audit, the U.S. Forest Service reserves the right to disallow and recover an appropriate amount after fully considering any recommended disallowances resulting from an audit which may be conducted later.

O. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORTS The parties to this agreement shall monitor the performance of the agreement activities to ensure that performance goals are being achieved.

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Performance reports must contain information on the following:

- A comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period. Where the output of the project can be readily expressed in numbers, a computation of the cost per unit of output, if applicable.

- Reason(s) for delay if established goals were not met.

- Additional pertinent information.

Chamber shall submit annual performance reports to the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager. These reports are due 90 days after the reporting period. The final performance report shall be submitted either with Chamber's final payment request, or separately, but not later than 90 days from the expiration date of the agreement.

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P. RETENTION AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR RECORDS. Chamber shall retain all records pertinent to this agreement for a period of no less than 3 years from the expiration or termination date. As used in this provision, records includes books, documents, accounting procedures and practice, and other data, regardless of the type or format. Chamber shall provide access and the right to examine all records related to this agreement to the U.S. Forest Service Inspector General, or Comptroller General or their authorized representative. The rights of access in this section must not be limited to the required retention period but must last as long as the records are kept.

If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records has been started before the end of the 3-year period, the records must be kept until all issues are resolved, or until the end of the regular 3-year period, whichever is later.

Records for nonexpendable property acquired in whole or in part, with Federal funds must be retained for 3 years after its final disposition.

Q. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA). Public access to agreement records must not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been exempted from disclosure pursuant to Freedom of Information regulations (5 U.S.C. 552).). Requests for research data are subject to 2 CFR 215.36.

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Public access to culturally sensitive data and information of Federally-recognized Tribes may also be explicitly limited by P.L. 110-234, Title VIII Subtitle B §8106 (2009 Farm Bill).

R. TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING. In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," any and all text messaging by Federal employees is banned: a) while driving a Government owned vehicle (GOV) or driving a privately owned vehicle (POV) while on official Government business; or b) using any electronic equipment supplied by the Government when driving any vehicle at any time. All cooperators, their employees, volunteers, and contractors are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging when driving company owned, leased or rented vehicles, POVs or GOVs when driving while on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.

S. PUBLIC NOTICES. It is the U.S. Forest Service's policy to inform the public as fully as possible of its programs and activities. Chamber is/are encouraged to give public notice of the receipt of this agreement and, from time to time, to announce progress and accomplishments. Press releases or other public notices should include a statement substantially as follows:

> "Ochoco National Forest of the U. S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture is in a partnership with the Chamber to create a trail user group to discuss and plan for a sustainable trails network."

Chamber may call on the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communication for advice regarding public notices. Chamber is/are requested to provide copies of notices or announcements to the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager and to U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications as far in advance of release as possible.

T. FUNDING EQIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. Federal funding under this agreement is not available for reimbursement of the Chamber's purchase of equipment and supplies. Equipment is defined as having a fair market value of $5,000 or more per unit and a useful life of over one year.

U. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS. Any contract under this agreement must be awarded following Chamber's established procurement procedures, to ensure free and open competition, and avoid any conflict of interest (or appearance of a conflict). Chamber must maintain cost and price analysis documentation for potential U.S. Forest Service review. Chamber is/are encouraged to utilize small businesses, minority-owned firms, and women's business enterprises.

V. U.S. FOREST SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED IN PUBLICATIONS, AUDIOVISUALS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. Chamber shall acknowledge U.S. Forest Service support in any publications, audiovisuals, and electronic media developed as a result of this agreement.

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W. NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT – PRINTED, ELECTRONIC, OR AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL. Chamber shall include the following statement, in full, in any printed, audiovisual material, or electronic media for public distribution developed or printed with any Federal funding.

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"In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

To file a complaint alleging discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-9410 or call toll free voice (866) 632-9992, TDD (800)877-8339, or voice relay (866) 377-8642. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

If the material is too small to permit the full statement to be included, the material must, at minimum, include the following statement, in print size no smaller than the text:

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

X. REMEDIES FOR COMPLIANCE RELATED ISSUES. If Chamber materially fail(s) to comply with any term of the agreement, whether stated in a Federal statute or regulation, an assurance, or the agreement, the U.S. Forest Service may take one or more of the following actions:

1. Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by Chamber or more severe enforcement action by the U.S. Forest Service;

2. Disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;

3. Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the current agreement for Chamber's program;

4. Withhold further awards for the program, or

5. Take other remedies that may be legally available, including debarment procedures under 2 CFR Part 417.

Y. TERMINATION BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. This agreement may be terminated, in whole or part, as follows:

1. When the U.S. Forest Service and Chamber agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated.

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2. By 30 days written notification by Chamber to the U.S. Forest Service setting forth the reasons for termination, effective date, and in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. If the U.S. Forest Service decides that the remaining portion of the agreement does not accomplish the purpose for which the award/agreement was made, the Forest Service may terminate the award upon 30 days written notice in its entirety.

Upon termination of an agreement, Chamber shall not incur any new obligations for the terminated portion of the agreement after the effective date, and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. The U.S. Forest Service shall allow full credit to Chamber for the United States Federal share of the non-cancelable obligations properly incurred by Chamber up to the effective date of the termination. Excess funds must be refunded within 60 days after the effective date of termination.

Z. ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION – PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT. In the event of any issue of controversy under this agreement, the parties may pursue Alternate Dispute Resolution procedures to voluntarily resolve those issues. These procedures may include, but are not limited to conciliation, facilitation, mediation, and fact finding.

AA. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION. Chamber shall immediately inform the U.S. Forest Service if they or any of their principals are presently excluded, debarred, or suspended from entering into covered transactions with the Federal Government according to the terms of 2 CFR Part 180. Additionally, should Chamber or any of their principals receive a transmittal letter or other official Federal notice of debarment or suspension, then they shall notify the U.S. Forest Service without undue delay. This applies whether the exclusion, debarment, or suspension is voluntary or involuntary.

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BB. COPYRIGHTING. Chamber is/are granted sole and exclusive right to copyright any publications developed as a result of this agreement. This includes the right to publish and vend throughout the world in any language and in all media and forms, in whole or in part, for the full term of copyright and all renewals thereof in accordance with this agreement.

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No original text or graphics produced and submitted by the U.S. Forest Service must be copyrighted. The U.S. Forest Service reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the work for Federal Government purposes. This right must be transferred to any sub-agreements or subcontracts.

This provision includes:

- The copyright in any work developed by Chamber under this agreement.
- Any right of copyright to which the Chamber purchase(s) ownership with any Federal contributions.

CC. PROHIBITION AGAINST INTERNAL CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENTS. All non federal government entities working on this agreement will adhere to the below provisions found in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. 114-113, relating to reporting fraud, waste and abuse to authorities:

(a) The recipient may not require its employees, contractors, or subrecipients seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting them from lawfully reporting that waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(b) The recipient must notify its employees, contractors, or subrecipients that the prohibitions and restrictions of any internal confidentiality agreements inconsistent with paragraph (a) of this award provision are no longer in effect.

(c) The prohibition in paragraph (a) of this award provision does not contravene requirements applicable to any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(d) If the Government determines that the recipient is not in compliance with this award provision, it:

(1) Will prohibit the recipient's use of funds under this award, in accordance with sections 743, 744 of Division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, (Pub. L. 114-113) or any successor provision of law; and

(2) May pursue other remedies available for the recipient's material failure to comply with award terms and conditions.

DD. PUBLICATION SALE. Chamber may sell any publication developed as a result of this agreement. The publication may be sold at fair market value, which is initially defined in this agreement to cover the costs of development, production, marketing, and distribution. After the costs of development and production have been recovered, fair market value is defined in this agreement to cover the costs of marketing, printing, and distribution only. Fair market value must exclude any in-kind or Federal Government contributions from the total costs of the project.

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EE. MODIFICATIONS. Modifications within the scope of this agreement must be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all properly authorized, signatory officials, prior to any changes being performed. Requests for modification should be made, in writing, at least 30 days

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prior to implementation of the requested change. The U.S. Forest Service is not obligated to fund any changes not properly approved in advance.

FF. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. This agreement is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective through June 1, 2022 at which time it will expire. The expiration date is the final date for completion of all work activities under this agreement.

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GG. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last date written below.

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CASEY KAISER, Executive Director — Date
Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce

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STACEY L. FORSON, Forest Supervisor — Date
U.S. Forest Service, Ochoco National Forest

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The authority and format of this agreement (17-CS-11060720-015) have been reviewed and approved for signature.

KRISTEN BOWLES — Date
U.S. Forest Service Grants Management Specialist

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Sent: Tue, 13 Jun 2017 15:30:08 +0000
To: Casey Kaiser
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Subject: Draft Trails User Group notes - June 6 meeting
Attachments: Ochoco NF Trails Strategy Group - notes 060617.docx

Here are the draft notes. Casey, can you forward to the rest of the group? I don't have all the email addresses. I did not put the date of the next meetings – should have. Feel free to add….

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Meeting Notes

June 6, 2017

Attendees: Kim, Kit, Stan, Buck, Sean, Gary, Casey, Jim, Lisa, Bruce

- Results from Jim's survey coming soon from Buck and Sean. Kim's initial results from OET are:
    - All know grassland trails
    - Most know trails in Prineville vicinity
    - Few know Paulina trails
- Some discussion regarding NEPA and how it fits in with the process
    - Some trail alignments or fixes may not require NEPA if they are within 300 feet of the existing trail.
        - Gary wants to check into this as he does not believe this is a blanket situation. For example, if the reroute were to cross a stream that would definitely trigger NEPA analysis.
    - Gary commented that if we built a parallel system within 300 feet that weould require new NEPA
    - Kim mentioned the FS doing a better job with informing the public regarding NEPA projects. No longer surprised by scoping.

<u>Vision Statement draft and hopeful finalization</u>

- A vision statement should be aspirational in nature
- Discussed the need for the vision to include collaboration, tie to the values of a variety of user groups, outline the "why, what, how."
- Are we developing vision for the group and/or the trails system? Do we want two vision statements
- <u>Stan's draft vision:</u>
    - *Create a trail system set of values and strategies that improve,* ***through collaboration****, the experience of individual user groups while protecting and preserving the Forest's brand*
        - Bolded text added by group later, not bolded for emphasis.
- <u>Gary's take on the group vision:</u>
    - *Create a group of people who collaborate to develop consensus about trail related issues.*
- Discussed group's role; how close to or tied to Forest Service is the group?
    - Gary: Ultimately want to implement on the ground what the users (i.e. group) want

- Casey: User groups propose trail ideas, other user groups didn't agree. Wouldn't it be great to get all users together to discuss? Would FS be at tale at all, sometimes, or all the time? He feels that yes, FS is critical to process.
- Lisa: Convene to explicitly hear from users. FS is the decision maker but we don't want to make decisions in a vacuum.
- Casey: His first thought regarding all of this was "We need more trails." Now wonders if that is true.
- Sean: Should we involve wildlife earlier then when we get to NEPA stage?
- Kit: This group probably doesn't need biologists; need expert input but maybe not biologists.
- Gary: When we get to mapping stage then bring in biologists (and other specialists as necessary) to outline potential issues, etc.
    - For example the wildlife group has developed a new way to map out un-fragmented habitat we want to try and avoid.
- Lisa: Need participant's experience, get their understanding on the table. Develop ideas surrounding how much space is needed, trail etiquette, long or short trails distances, etc.
    - These ideas can be aired in this group.

Final draft vision statement agreed to by group:

"We collaborate to create and maintain a range of opportunities for non-motorized trail experiences that help protect and enhance the forest resources we all value for future generations."

<u>Draft objectives/goals (our wants) to meet the vision</u>

The following were ideas thrown out by all group members. I have organized them loosely into similar categories but they are not in order of priority or anything.

- User safety is critical – need to acknowledge and address.
    - Parallel trails
    - Speed of travel concept applied
- Our strategies/recommendations are consistent with the outstanding values of the Ochoco NF/Crooked River National Grassland (or in other words, the brand).
    - What is the "brand?"
        - Scenic, geologic, biodiversity, wildlife, accessibility, climate, solitude?
- Historical/cultural values are important.
    - Preserve and protect.
    - We have cool local history that we should present and disseminate.
- Preserve and protect important geological values.
- Preserve and protect important aquatics/wildlife/botanical values.
- Determine, provide, and preserve a diverse set of opportunities for trail users
    - Need to know the reasons why people use the trails and the experiences they seek.
- Identify user group attributes and their specific needs.

    - What trail(s) match best with specific user group needs
    - Need concrete discussion surrounding the above.
- Consider using old roads, closed roads, etc. as part of the trail network.
    - This may be a priority consideration
    - Trails may include old roads, etc. that are, or become, part of the trails network.
- Assess the current trail network to determine if it meets the identified user needs.
    - If not determine what is needed to meet the needs.
- Identify and develop resources for maintaining the trails network.
    - Expand the volunteer network
- Want more loops and connectivity.
- We want professional promotion of the trail system/experience.
    - Appropriate for uses of trails
- Anticipate future uses (ebike hovercraft ☺) and how they will fit with the current and future network.

<u>Agenda topics for the next meeting</u>

- Determine trails strategy group makeup and size
- Define known/perceived challenges and conflict with current trail system
- List what each user group wants regarding their trail experience
- List what uses are growing, declining, perhaps coming but yet here

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Cc: Beaupre, James - FS;Guinan, Melanie -FS
Subject: Signed Agreement
Attachments: FS_1500-23_Suggested_format_for_Project_Performance_Report.docx, 17CS11060720015PrinevilleChamberTrailStrategySignedwithFP.pdf

Hi Casey,
Attached for your records, please find Challenge Cost Share Agreement 17-CS-11060720-015, Trails Strategy, between the Ochoco National Forest and Crook County-Prineville Chamber for your files.

Please note that the agreement has **annual performance report** due dates**.** The U.S. Forest Service does not have a required template, but I have attached a suggested format that you can (but do not have to) use. The remaining reporting end dates and due dates for the reports will be as follows:

Performance Period End Date	Due Date to USFS Program Manager
12/31/2017	03/31/2018
12/31/2018	03/31/2019
6/30/2019 *Final Report*	09/28/2019

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to working on this project.

Kristen

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Project Performance Report*

Recipient/Cooperator Name:_____

Agreement Number:_____ **Project Title:**_____

Reporting Period End Date:_____ **Report Type:** ☐ **Interim** ☐ **Final**

For each program/project in the agreement narrative, please provide brief information on the following:

1. *Status Summary:*

2. *What has been accomplished to date? Please provide a comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established in the agreement narrative (quantify where possible):*

3. *Any problems encountered? Explain delays or changed costs or conditions that significantly impair the ability to meet agreement objectives and timelines. If necessary, please work with the F.S. program manager for an extension of the agreement period.*

4. *Any changes that you plan to propose? Please work with F.S. program manager to determine if a modification is needed (e.g., a change is needed to the objectives or financial plan).*

5. *Briefly describe work to be performed during the next reporting period.*

6. *Any other comments considered of importance but not discussed above?*

Submitted: Cooperator Program Mgr		
	Signature:_____	***Date:***_____
	Name/Title:_____	***Phone:***_____

**Note to Cooperator Project Lead: This optional form helps respond to the performance reporting required by the agreement.*

Reviewed: FS Program Mgr		
	Signature:_____	***Date:***_____
	Name/Title:_____	***Phone:***_____

Note to F. S. Program Manager: Please document this and any other monitoring activity in I-Web or send to G&A Personnel.

FS Agreement No. 17-CS-11060720-015

Cooperator Agreement No. _____

CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between The
PRINEVILLE-CROOK COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
OCHOCO NATIONAL FOREST

This CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT is hereby made and entered into by and between the Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as "Chamber," and the USDA, Forest Service, Ochoco National Forest hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service," under the authority: Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-154.

Background: The Chamber has increasingly been hearing from constituents and visitors about non-motorized trail use desires and concerns in the area. Many in the business community, tourism industry and local governments would like to see the local trail systems expanded and improved to further economic growth and community health opportunities. Established user and interest groups have expressed concerns to the U.S. Forest Service about potential trail conflicts, proposals from specific user groups, overuse, and the sustainability of the current system as the local population and pressure on the current trail system increases. Leadership at the Chamber and the U.S. Forest Service have witnessed the growth and problems created when use on trail systems increases rapidly and are not proactively planned for such growth which can result in user-created trails, sustainability issues, and conflict. Both organizations seek to improve the social, economic, and ecological sustainability of the Ochoco National Forest trail system by improving the individual user experience and user group cohesion, creating a larger and more dedicated volunteer and partner group work force, improving trail tread and drainage, addressing the backlog of trail clearing and maintenance, and developing a sustainable trail strategy group.

Title: Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to form a strategic trail user group made up of representative non-motorized trail user groups, land managers, the Chamber, interest groups and the general public to cooperatively work through mutual interests and conflicts to develop a strategic and sustainable trail plan for the U.S. Forest Service in accordance with the following provisions and the hereby incorporated Financial Plan, attached as Exhibit A.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

The mission of the Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce is "to encourage a culture of Business and Community coming together in partnership, understanding that our success is measured by the economic vitality of our community."

The Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce is the oldest Chamber in Central Oregon. It was formed in 1919 and incorporated in 1952. The Chamber of Commerce is a private, non-profit membership organization with a focused core mission: to advocate for business, to support economic development, to be a willing community partner, and to operate a visitor center for the City of Prineville. The Chamber offers business assistance, business referrals, tourist and vacation information, relocation information and community information.

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The U.S. Forest Service Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 fully supports this cooperative endeavor, including direction to: "Maintain recreational settings, hiking trails, and other sustainable recreational opportunities on the national forests and grasslands for public use" and "Help meet public needs and expectations for outdoor recreation on the national forests and grasslands through public and private partnerships."

The Chamber and the U.S. Forest Service share a mutual interest in working together to engage a diverse set of stakeholders through facilitated meetings. Some of the mutually beneficial outcomes include:

- Building local and community relationships for management of public lands;
- Sustainable tourism development where tourism relies on public lands;
- Increased effectiveness and targeting of resource deployment;
- Improved information – better maps, coordinated information, opportunities to leverage grant funding and other resources.

In addition, the Chamber benefits from well-managed public lands recreation opportunities that directly return expenditures to local businesses and support the long term economic vitality of the community. The U.S. Forest Service also directly benefits from coordination of efforts to manage user groups and visitors, increased volunteer capacity, and community support for land management decision making.

In Consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

III. THE CHAMBER SHALL:

A. LEGAL AUTHORITY. Chamber shall have the legal authority to enter into this agreement, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project, which includes funds sufficient to pay the nonfederal share of project costs, when applicable.

B. Work cooperatively with the U.S. Forest Service and interested parties to develop a trail strategy group.

C. Provide meeting space and amenities (projectors, white boards, markers, etc) required to host meetings.

D. Contract with a professional facilitator to facilitate an estimated 20 meetings over the next two years.

E. Work cooperatively with the U.S. Forest Service in creating agendas and continuing communication between all parties. Participate in meetings.

F. Provide $7,500.00 as a match to USFS funds to contribute to the contract for a Facilitator as shown in the financial plan.

IV. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

A. PAYMENT/REIMBURSEMENT. The U.S. Forest Service shall reimburse Chamber for the U.S. Forest Service's share of actual expenses incurred, not to exceed $10,000.00, as shown in the Financial Plan. The U.S. Forest Service shall make payment upon receipt of Chamber's annual invoice. Each invoice from Chamber must display the total project costs for the billing period, separated by U.S. Forest Service and Chamber share. In-kind contributions must be displayed as a separate line item and must not be included in the total project costs available for reimbursement. The final invoice must display Chamber's full match towards the project, as shown in the financial plan, and be submitted no later than 90 days from the expiration date.

Each invoice must include, at a minimum:

1. Chamber name, address, and telephone number.
2. U.S. Forest Service agreement number.
3. Invoice date.
4. Performance dates of the work completed (start & end).
5. Total invoice amount for the billing period, separated by U.S. Forest Service and Chamber share with in-kind contributions displayed as a separate line item.
6. Display all costs, both cumulative and for the billing period, by separate cost element as shown on the financial plan.
7. Cumulative amount of U.S. Forest Service payments to date.
8. Statement that the invoice is a request for payment by "reimbursement."
9. If using SF-270, a signature is required.
10. Invoice Number, if applicable.

The invoice shall be forwarded to:

EMAIL: asc_ga@fs.fed.us

FAX: 877-687-4894

POSTAL: USDA Forest Service
Albuquerque Service Center
Payments – Grants & Agreements
101B Sun Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Send a copy to: James Beaupre
EMAIL: jbeaupre@fs.fed.us
FAX: 541-416-6695
POSTAL: Ochoco National Forest
3160 NE Third Street
Prineville, OR 97754

B. Work cooperatively with Chamber to develop a list of stakeholders and interested parties to form a trail strategy group.

G. Work cooperatively with Chamber in creating agendas and continuing communication between all parties. Participate in meetings.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

A. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement.

Principal Cooperator Contacts:

Cooperator Program Contact	Cooperator Administrative Contact
Casey Kaiser 185 NE 10th Street Prineville, OR 97754 Telephone: 541-447-6304 FAX: 541-447-6537 Email: casey@prinevillechamber.com	Casey Kaiser 185 NE 10th Street Prineville, OR 97754 Telephone: 541-447-6304 FAX: 541-447-6537 Email: casey@prinevillechamber.com

Principal U.S. Forest Service Contacts:

U.S. Forest Service Program Manager Contact	U.S. Forest Service Administrative Contact
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B. NOTICES. Any communications affecting the operations covered by this agreement given by the U.S. Forest Service or Chamber are sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows:

To the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager, at the address specified in the agreement.

To Chamber, at the address shown in the agreement or such other address designated within the agreement.

Notices are effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

C. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. This agreement in no way restricts the U.S. Forest Service or Chamber from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.

D. ENDORSEMENT. Any of Chamber's contributions made under this agreement do not by direct reference or implication convey U.S. Forest Service endorsement of the Chamber's products or activities.

E. ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE ENTITIES. This agreement is subject to the provisions contained in the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. No. 112-74, Division E, Section 433 and 434 regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. Accordingly, by entering into this agreement Chamber acknowledges that it: 1) does not have a tax delinquency, meaning that it is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and (2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the agreement, unless a suspending and debarring official of the United

States Department of Agriculture has considered suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. If Chamber fails to comply with these provisions, the U.S. Forest Service will annul this agreement and may recover any funds Chamber has expended in violation of sections 433 and 434.

F. USE OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE INSIGNIA. In order for Chamber to use the U.S. Forest Service insignia on any published media, such as a Web page, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be granted from the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications (Washington Office). A written request will be submitted by the U.S. Forest Service Ochoco National Forest to the Office of Communications Assistant Director, Visual Information and Publishing Services prior to use of the insignia. The U.S. Forest Service Ochoco National Forest will notify the Chamber when permission is granted.

G. NON-FEDERAL STATUS FOR COOPERATOR PARTICIPANT LIABILITY. Chamber agree(s) that any of their employees, volunteers, and program participants shall not be deemed to be Federal employees for any purposes including Chapter 171 of Title 28, United States Code (Federal Tort Claims Act) and Chapter 81 of Title 5, United States Code (OWCP), as Chamber hereby willingly agree(s) to assume these responsibilities.

Further, the Chamber shall provide any necessary training to Chamber's employees, volunteers, and program participants to ensure that such personnel are capable of performing tasks to be completed. Chamber shall also supervise and direct the work of its employees, volunteers, and participants performing under this agreement.

H. MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS. Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no member of, or delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.

I. NONDISCRIMINATION. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

J. ELIGIBLE WORKERS. Chamber shall ensure that all employees complete the I-9 form to certify that they are eligible for lawful employment under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1324a). Chamber shall comply with regulations regarding certification and retention of the completed forms. These requirements also apply to any contract awarded under this agreement.

K. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT (SAM). Chamber shall maintain current information in the System for Award Management (SAM) until receipt of final payment. This requires review and update to the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in information or agreement term(s). For purposes of this agreement, System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a Cooperative. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site at www.sam.gov.

L. STANDARDS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.

1. Financial Reporting

Chamber shall provide complete, accurate, and current financial disclosures of the project or program in accordance with any financial reporting requirements, as set forth in the financial provisions.

2. Accounting Records

Chamber shall continuously maintain and update records identifying the source and use of funds. The records shall contain information pertaining to the agreement, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, outlays, and income.

3. Internal Control

Chamber shall maintain effective control over and accountability for all U.S. Forest Service funds. Chamber shall keep effective internal controls to ensure that all United States Federal funds received are separately and properly allocated to the activities described in the award/agreement and used solely for authorized purposes.

4. Source Documentation

Chamber shall support all accounting records with source documentation. These documentations include, but are not limited to, cancelled checks, paid bills, payrolls, contract documents. These documents must be made available to the U.S. Forest Service upon request.

M. OVERPAYMENT. Any funds paid to Chamber in excess of the amount entitled under the terms and conditions of this agreement constitute a debt to the Federal Government. The following must also be considered as a debt or debts owed by Chamber to the U.S. Forest Service:

- Any interest or other investment income earned on advances of agreement funds; or

- Any royalties or other special classes of program income which, under the provisions of the agreement, are required to be returned;

If this debt is not paid according to the terms of the bill for collection issued for the overpayment, the U.S. Forest Service may reduce the debt by:

1. Making an administrative offset against other requests for reimbursement.
2. Withholding advance payments otherwise due to Chamber.
3. Taking other action permitted by statute (31 U.S.C. 3716 and 7 CFR, Part 3, Subpart B).

Except as otherwise provided by law, the U.S. Forest Service may charge interest on an overdue debt.

N. AGREEMENT CLOSEOUT. Within 90 days after expiration or notice of termination the parties shall close out the agreement.

Any unobligated balance of cash advanced to Chamber must be immediately refunded to the U.S. Forest Service, including any interest earned in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D, 200.305.

Within a maximum of 90 days following the date of expiration or termination of this agreement, all financial performance and related reports required by the terms of the agreement must be submitted to the U.S. Forest Service by Chamber.

If this agreement is closed out without audit, the U.S. Forest Service reserves the right to disallow and recover an appropriate amount after fully considering any recommended disallowances resulting from an audit which may be conducted later.

O. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORTS The parties to this agreement shall monitor the performance of the agreement activities to ensure that performance goals are being achieved.

Performance reports must contain information on the following:

- A comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period. Where the output of the project can be readily expressed in numbers, a computation of the cost per unit of output, if applicable.

- Reason(s) for delay if established goals were not met.

- Additional pertinent information.

Chamber shall submit annual performance reports to the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager. These reports are due 90 days after the reporting period. The final performance report shall be submitted either with Chamber's final payment request, or separately, but not later than 90 days from the expiration date of the agreement.

P. RETENTION AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR RECORDS. Chamber shall retain all records pertinent to this agreement for a period of no less than 3 years from the expiration or termination date. As used in this provision, records includes books, documents, accounting procedures and practice, and other data, regardless of the type or format. Chamber shall provide access and the right to examine all records related to this agreement to the U.S. Forest Service Inspector General, or Comptroller General or their authorized representative. The rights of access in this section must not be limited to the required retention period but must last as long as the records are kept.

If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records has been started before the end of the 3-year period, the records must be kept until all issues are resolved, or until the end of the regular 3-year period, whichever is later.

Records for nonexpendable property acquired in whole or in part, with Federal funds must be retained for 3 years after its final disposition.

Q. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA). Public access to agreement records must not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been exempted from disclosure pursuant to Freedom of Information regulations (5 U.S.C. 552).). Requests for research data are subject to 2 CFR 215.36.

Public access to culturally sensitive data and information of Federally-recognized Tribes may also be explicitly limited by P.L. 110-234, Title VIII Subtitle B §8106 (2009 Farm Bill).

R. TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING. In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," any and all text messaging by Federal employees is banned: a) while driving a Government owned vehicle (GOV) or driving a privately owned vehicle (POV) while on official

Government business; or b) using any electronic equipment supplied by the Government when driving any vehicle at any time. All cooperators, their employees, volunteers, and contractors are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging when driving company owned, leased or rented vehicles, POVs or GOVs when driving while on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.

S. PUBLIC NOTICES. It is the U.S. Forest Service's policy to inform the public as fully as possible of its programs and activities. Chamber is/are encouraged to give public notice of the receipt of this agreement and, from time to time, to announce progress and accomplishments. Press releases or other public notices should include a statement substantially as follows:

"Ochoco National Forest of the U. S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture is in a partnership with the Chamber to create a trail user group to discuss and plan for a sustainable trails network."

Chamber may call on the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communication for advice regarding public notices. Chamber is/are requested to provide copies of notices or announcements to the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager and to U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications as far in advance of release as possible.

T. FUNDING EQIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. Federal funding under this agreement is not available for reimbursement of the Chamber's purchase of equipment and supplies. Equipment is defined as having a fair market value of $5,000 or more per unit and a useful life of over one year.

U. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS. Any contract under this agreement must be awarded following Chamber's established procurement procedures, to ensure free and open competition, and avoid any conflict of interest (or appearance of a conflict). Chamber must maintain cost and price analysis documentation for potential U.S. Forest Service review. Chamber is/are encouraged to utilize small businesses, minority-owned firms, and women's business enterprises.

V. U.S. FOREST SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED IN PUBLICATIONS, AUDIOVISUALS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. Chamber shall acknowledge U.S. Forest Service support in any publications, audiovisuals, and electronic media developed as a result of this agreement.

W. NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT – PRINTED, ELECTRONIC, OR AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL. Chamber shall include the following statement, in full, in any printed, audiovisual material, or electronic media for public distribution developed or printed with any Federal funding.

"In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

To file a complaint alleging discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-9410 or call toll free voice (866) 632-9992, TDD (800)877-8339, or voice relay (866) 377-8642. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

If the material is too small to permit the full statement to be included, the material must, at minimum, include the following statement, in print size no smaller than the text:

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

X. REMEDIES FOR COMPLIANCE RELATED ISSUES. If Chamber materially fail(s) to comply with any term of the agreement, whether stated in a Federal statute or regulation, an assurance, or the agreement, the U.S. Forest Service may take one or more of the following actions:

1. Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by Chamber or more severe enforcement action by the U.S. Forest Service;

2. Disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;

3. Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the current agreement for Chamber's program;

4. Withhold further awards for the program, or

5. Take other remedies that may be legally available, including debarment procedures under 2 CFR Part 417.

Y. TERMINATION BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. This agreement may be terminated, in whole or part, as follows:

1. When the U.S. Forest Service and Chamber agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated.

2. By 30 days written notification by Chamber to the U.S. Forest Service setting forth the reasons for termination, effective date, and in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. If the U.S. Forest Service decides that the remaining portion of the agreement does not accomplish the purpose for which the award/agreement was made, the Forest Service may terminate the award upon 30 days written notice in its entirety.

Upon termination of an agreement, Chamber shall not incur any new obligations for the terminated portion of the agreement after the effective date, and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. The U.S. Forest Service shall allow full credit to Chamber for the United States Federal share of the non-cancelable obligations properly incurred by Chamber up to the effective date of the termination. Excess funds must be refunded within 60 days after the effective date of termination.

Z. ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION – PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT. In the event of any issue of controversy under this agreement, the parties may pursue Alternate Dispute Resolution procedures to voluntarily resolve those issues. These procedures may include, but are not limited to conciliation, facilitation, mediation, and fact finding.

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FF. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. This agreement is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective through June 30, 2019 at which time it will expire. The expiration date is the final date for completion of all work activities under this agreement.

GG. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last date written below.

06/02/17

CASEY KAISER, Executive Director
Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce

Date

05/24/2017

STACEY L. FORSON, Forest Supervisor
U.S. Forest Service, Ochoco National Forest

Date

The authority and format of this agreement (17-CS-11060720-015) have been reviewed and approved for signature.

/s/ Kristen Bowles 6/14/2017

5/25/2017

KRISTEN BOWLES
U.S. Forest Service Grants Management Specialist

Date

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Exhibit: A

USFS Agreement No.: 17-CS-11060720-015

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Cooperator Agreement No.:

Note: This Financial Plan may be used when:
(1) No program income is expected and
(2) The Cooperator is not giving cash to the FS and
(3) There is no other Federal funding

Agreements Financial Plan (Short Form)

Financial Plan Matrix: Note: All columns may not be used. Use depends on source and type of contribution(s).

	FOREST SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS		COOPERATOR CONTRIBUTIONS		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
COST ELEMENTS	Noncash	Cash to Cooperator	Noncash	In-Kind	(e) Total
Direct Costs					
Salaries/Labor		(b)(4)			
Travel					
Equipment					
Supplies/Materials					
Printing					
Other					
Other					
Subtotal					
Coop Indirect Costs					
FS Overhead Costs					
Total					
Total Project Value:					$42,165.24

Matching Costs Determination	
Total Forest Service Share = (a+b) ÷ (e) = (f)	(f) 59.38%
Total Cooperator Share (c+d) ÷ (e) = (g)	(g) 40.62%
Total (f+g) = (h)	(h) 100.00%

WORKSHEET FOR

FS Non-Cash Contribution Cost Analysis, Column (a)

Salaries/Labor

Standard Calculation					
Job Description		Cost/Day	# of Days		Total
Recreation Team Lead		$351.25	10.00		$3,512.50
District Ranger		$466.05	10.00		$4,660.50
Recreation Program Manager		$562.30	10.00		$5,623.00
Non-Standard Calculation					
Total Salaries/Labor					**$13,796.00**

Subtotal Direct Costs	$13,796.00

Forest Service Overhead Costs

Current Overhead Rate	Subtotal Direct Costs			Total
9.00%	$13,796.00			$1,241.64
Total FS Overhead Costs				**$1,241.64**

TOTAL COST	**$15,037.64**

WORKSHEET FOR

FS Cash to the Cooperator Cost Analysis, Column (b)

Salaries/Labor

Standard Calculation

Job Description		Cost/Day	# of Days		Total

Non-Standard Calculation

Executive Director
Chamber

(b)(4)

Other Expenses

Standard Calculation

Item		# of Units	Cost/Unit		Total

Facilitator (20 meeting estimate) = (b)(4) split between chamber and F.S.

(b)(4)

Non-Standard Calculation

Total Other

Subtotal Direct Costs	$10,000.00

Cooperator Indirect Costs

Current Overhead Rate	Subtotal Direct Costs			Total
	$10,000.00			$0.00
Total Coop. Indirect Costs				**$0.00**

TOTAL COST	**$10,000.00**

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Cooperator Non-Cash Contribution Cost Analysis, Column (c)

Salaries/Labor

Standard Calculation

Job Description		Cost/Day	# of Days		Total

Non-Standard Calculation

(b)(4)

Supplies/Materials

Standard Calculation

Supplies/Materials		# of Items	Cost/Item	Total
Supplies(paper, whiteboard,markers, etc.)				

Non-Standard Calculation

(b)(4)

Total Supplies/Materials

Other Expenses

Standard Calculation

Item		# of Units	Cost/Unit		Total
Facilitator = (b)(4) split between chamber and F.S.					

Non-Standard Calculation

(b)(4)

Total Other

Subtotal Direct Costs	$17,127.60

Cooperator Indirect Costs

Current Overhead Rate	Subtotal Direct Costs			Total
	$17,127.60			$0.00
Total Coop. Indirect Costs				**$0.00**

TOTAL COST	**$17,127.60**

From: Prineville Chamber
Sent: Tue, 3 Oct 2017 13:18:01 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: Meeting notes from OTS

OCHOCO TRAILS STRATEGY

Meeting Notes - Oct 3 2017

Update on facilitator - Casey

- Casey updated the group on progress in finding a facilitator for the group. Casey shared that he had a proposal from Anne George, was anticipating receiving one from another Central Oregon Firm, and was pursuing a proposal from COIC. Feed back from the group suggested a preference not to use Anne George. Group consensus was for Casey to forge ahead with pursuing COIC for the facilitator.
- Group consensus to pursue COIC for facilitator

RTA - Rapid Trails Assesment

- Most Popular Trails - Lookout Mountain, Round Mountain, Grey Butte, Independent Mine, Black Canyon,, Twin Pillars (Mill Creek Trails)
- Carve out a separate category for backpackers
- Trails Users
- Equestrian Trail Areas to Consider - Coral Flat, & Dry Creek
- Everyone (almost all users) are interested in having more loops
-

Attributes for Trails User Groups

Discussed identifying the top 5 key attributes each user group appreciates in a trail. Group was supportive of taking the time to develop that.

Sent from my iPad

From: Casey Kaiser
Sent: Mon, 6 Nov 2017 15:20:54 -0800
To: Casey Kaiser
Subject: Ochoco Trails Strategy Meeting
Attachments: 20171107 Agenda _ OTSG.pdf, 20171107 Attachment A _ Vision Goals.pdf, 20171107 Attachment B _ Group Process.pdf, 20171107 Attachment C _ Assessment Existing Conditions.pdf, 20171107 Attachment D _ Opportunities to Address Challenges.pdf, 20171107 Attachment E _ Supplementary Info Gathering.pdf

Greetings Ochoco Trails Strategy participants,

Thank you all for your support and patience during the early stages of our group. As you all know our next meeting is tomorrow at 11:15.

I'm excited to tell you all that we have secured an agreement with COIC to provide meeting facilitation services for the group. Hallie Adams and Scott Aycock from COIC will be working together with our group moving forward to facilitate our meetings, send out our meeting agendas, and help us accomplish all of our goals. I have worked with them on several other projects and I believe they will be a great fit for our Ochoco Trails Strategy Group.

Attached are the meeting materials prepared by COIC for tomorrow's meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Best Regards,

Casey Kaiser
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Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

November 7, 2017 11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce

Agenda

11:15 – 11:40a	Introductions & COIC Role
11:40a – 12:35p	Review of group work to date

- Vision & Goals (*Attachment A*)
- Group Process (*Attachment B*)
- Assessment of Existing Conditions (*Attachment C*)
- Strategies to Address Challenges (*Attachment D*)
- Supplementary Information Gathering (*Attachment E*)

12:35 – 1:05p	Begin outlining 12-month work plan
1:05 – 1:15p	Agenda topics for next meeting

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Meeting – November 7, 2017 11:15a – 1:15p

Attachment A: Vision & Goals

Vision Statement

We collaborate to create and maintain a sustainable range of opportunities for non-motorized trail experiences that help protect and enhance the forest resources we all value for future generations.

Goals

No final goals at this point, but group discussion on goals and vision.

- Well-constructed, well-maintained trail *network* to create a quality experience for diverse groups.
- System for funding / support of trail construction and maintenance
- Promotion of trails and recreational opportunities for community and economic benefit
- User safety

Framing

- User group driven process
- Legal / Policy frameworks:
    - Trail Management Objectives (Ochoco National Forest)
    - NEPA
    - Forest Plan
    - Etc.

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Attachment B: Group Process

Guiding Principles

- User group driven
- *Low hanging fruit first to gain momentum, with more ambitious tasks thereafter*

Group Size & Makeup

- Core group as is
- Involve visiting experts, interests, others impacted as appropriate (e.g. conservation groups, OHA, runners, etc.)
- Develop subcommittees

Decision-Making

- *Voting / consensus, etc.*

Communications

- *Who can speak on behalf of the group & how/when*

Public Outreach

- Share information to broader audiences
- *What is the group's plan and strategies to engage the public?*

Executive Functions

- *Staffing & funding coordination*
- *Shaping up meeting agendas*
- *Identifying and providing guidance on strategic issues*

Group Behavior

- *Good faith collaboration*
- Respect, *listening, "hard on issues, soft on people"*
- *Creatively solve problems by addressing underlying interests together*

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Attachment C: Assessment of Existing Conditions

Assessment Methods

- Blind Survey of User Groups
    - What trails do you use & highly enjoy? Why?
    - What trails do you know about and want to use, but haven't yet?
    - What trails do you know about, but will never use?
- Trail Master Plan Analysis
    - Rapid Assessment Tool (each group member + external trail users)
        - Pros: easy to do (not each trail on its own), more value in comments
        - Cons: difficult for users to rate resource concerns
        - Matrix which displays attribute importance by user group would be useful
- One Trail Focus: work through issues, opportunities, funding needs, etc. – will yield a good feel for overall process, will combine experiences/desires with existing trails

Group Identification of Current Challenges / Conflicts of Existing Trail System

- "Lack of"
    - No loops
    - No education (regarding other user needs; regarding the existing trail system, uses, etc.; for new users who don't know the ethics)
    - No maintenance
    - No funding
    - Less opportunity for solitude / scenic views
    - No facilities (e.g. bathrooms)
    - Missing trails in areas where people want to go
- Increased Users
    - Variety of users
    - Number of people
    - More conflict (e.g. bikers & equestrians)
    - High density of use (i.e. use focused in certain areas) – Lookout, Independent Mine, Round Mt
- Adverse impacts on natural resources
- Insufficient user safety (due to conflicts, lack of maintenance, excessive use)
- Problems with Existing Trails
    - Trails go where people don't want to go
- Opportunities for Improvement

Questions

- What is the priority of use on existing trails?
- Is the difference in speed of travel between various user groups contributing to conflict?
- Who are others impacted?

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Attachment D: Strategies to Address Challenges

Overarching Considerations in Addressing Challenges

- Need to balance user needs/wants with resource values
- Tailor opportunities based on user wants: fitness level, time needed, ease of use, access (table/chart)

Strategies to Address Specific Challenges of Existing Trail System

Italic text demonstrates strategies the group has come up with to address specific challenges.

- Strategies to Achieve Goals
    - Well-constructed, well-maintained trail *network* to create a quality experience for diverse groups.
        - *Adequate # of trails for diverse groups*
        - *Zones (areas of focus) tailored to specific user groups*
        - *Take into account trail qualities as they related to various user groups*
        - *Consider single-use trails/systems*
        - *Better trailhead facilities (e.g. bathrooms)*
        - *Stronger connections between camping areas and trails*
        - *More trails (especially loops)*
        - *Enhancing / connecting popular trails*
        - *Reducing unused trails*
    - System for funding / support of trail construction and maintenance
        - *System is self-funded or perpetually funded*
    - Promote trails and recreational opportunities
        - *Advertise & brand OCF trail network*

- Opportunities for Improvement
    - No education (regarding other user needs)
        - *Finding new ways to reach people*
        - *Trails need info/kiosks to inform users about etiquette, etc.*
        - *Need complete info in all sources, including front desk, for users*
        - *Bendtrails.org is a good trail resource*
    - No maintenance
        - *Maintenance should be geared toward designated trail use*
        - *Various user groups should coordinate maintenance*
        - *Volunteers help to maintain*

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Attachment E: Supplementary Information Gathering

Supplementary Information Desired by Group

- NEPA 101
- Visiting Experts / Interests as Appropriate (County Commissioners, Others Impacted – OHA, runners, etc.)
- Strava Heat Map

From: Hallie Adams
Sent: Fri, 17 Nov 2017 09:02:55 -0800
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: Re: FW: Equestrian/MTB conflict experience

Good Morning Jim,

Thanks for passing this along! At first glance, this looks great as a reference for the group. I encourage you to please feel free to discuss these sorts of resources during OTSG meetings.

Best,
Hallie

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On Thu, Nov 9, 2017 at 2:18 PM, Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Hi Hallie,

I wanted to share this info/contact that I made this past summer out in Flagstaff, AZ.

Tahnee sent me the web link for the work captured by the Greater Prescott Trails Group that went through a very similar process to deal with equestrian/bike trail issues. I never did hear back from Jason Williams the FS person listed below, but just looking at the materials on the website…greaterprescotttrails.net…might give you some good ideas/process as we move forward.

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From: Tahnee Robertson [mailto:tahnee@swdresources.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 3:19 AM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Re: Equestrian/MTB conflict experience

Hi Jim - hope our conversation last week was helpful. I wanted to make sure we spoke before I left on vacation. Jason's email address is :Jason Williams <jwilliams12@fs.fed.us> and our website with docs greaterprescotttrails.net. Good luck and let us know how it goes or if you want more info, to share approaches, etc.

Tahnee

On Jun 21, 2017, at 12:45 PM, Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Hi Tahnee,

I'm getting out of here for the week, but will be back in and mostly open. If there is a good time to chat I'd love that. Feel free to send any materials that might be helpful in the meantime. I'm open to read and digest anything you feel like sharing!

Thanks again!

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From: Tahnee@swdresources.com [mailto:Tahnee@swdresources.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 11:20 PM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Re: Equestrian/MTB conflict experience

Hi Jim - I'd be happy to share anything that could be helpful! If you'd like to talk sometime next week, I can send some time options.

Tahnee

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2017, at 1:30 PM, Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Hi Tahnee,

I got your contact info from Andi Rogers. I met her last week while visiting Flagstaff and was expressing some of my current issues and problems as we kick off a Trail Strategy Group to work through issues like conflict, shared trails, exclusive trails, education materials, signs, etc.

I work for the Ochoco National Forest outside of Prineville, Oregon. As Central Oregon grows exponentially and brings a young, healthy and adventurous crowd (and their bikes) the traditional users such as equestrians are feeling they are being pushed out of their historic riding areas due to trail conflict and accidents. We also want to address where the users actually want to play, what makes sense to invest in/divest from, making more loops and logical connections to historic pack trails and cattle routes not designed originally for recreation use, etc.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Ochoco have kicked off this trail strategy group concept and have had a few initial meetings. We have funding to hire a facilitator and get into the weeds with the users.

Andi says you are a fantastic resource for this same problem and have done quite a bit of good work in this realm. If you are able to share any thoughts, notes, products, ideas, problems, whatever with me I would be greatly appreciative.

Thanks!

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From: Hallie Adams
Sent: Tue, 28 Nov 2017 15:05:45 -0800
To: Hallie Adams
Subject: Ochoco Trails Strategy Group 12/5 Meeting Agenda
Attachments: 20171205 Agenda _ OTSG.pdf

Good Morning Ochoco Trails Strategy Group,

Please see the attached agenda for our meeting next Tuesday, December 5. Time and location information are as follows:

Date: December 5, 2017
Time: 11:15a - 1:15p
Location: Prineville - Crook County Chamber of Commerce, 185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Please note that we will be working on a trail maps activity for a large portion of our meeting next Tuesday. In preparation for this activity, please start thinking about which trails are used by your user group and which trails are ideally suited for and meet the needs of your user group.

Best,
Hallie

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Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

December 5, 2017 11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Agenda

11:15 – 11:45a	12-month work plan
11:45a – 1:00p	Trail Maps Activity *The group will work hands-on with trail maps of the Ochoco National Forest to compile the following information:* - *Which trails are used by each user group?* - *Which trails (and what proportion of trails) are ideally suited for and meet the needs of each user group?*
1:00 – 1:15p	Build next meeting agenda

From: Kit Dickey
Sent: Wed, 17 Jan 2018 15:49:42 +0000 (UTC)
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: Re: Draft Project Request for Trail rehab/reroutes

Thanks Jim. Very helpful.

K

Kit Dickey
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On Tuesday, January 9, 2018 4:24 PM, "Beaupre, James - FS" <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Sharing my draft project request form to pitch for a Categorical Exclusion NEPA Document to cover rehabilitating, rerouting and changing TMOs on Potlid, Cougar, Scotty.

Let me know if you have any additions, comments or concerns to make it a stronger case.

Thanks!

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Sent: Tue, 30 Jan 2018 09:40:09 -0800
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Subject: OTSG Feb. 6, 2018 Agenda and Materials
Attachments: 2018_2_06 Agenda _ OTSG.docx, Attachment B _ OTSG Work Plan _ Draft 2018_02_06.docx, Attachment A_20180109_OTSG Notes.docx, 2018_2_06 Agenda _ OTSG.docx, Attachment C _ Trail Attribute Exercise_with reference material.docx

Hello all,

Attached are the agenda and materials for your meeting next Tuesday, Feb. 6 2018 at the Chamber.

I used the contact list that we had in the file - please forward this email to any additional attendees (and cc: me so that I can add them to the contact list).

Thanks!

Scott

Scott Aycock

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Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

February 6, 2018 11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30a	Review Outcomes of Last Meeting *Attachment A: OTSG Notes*
11:30 – 11:40a	Work Plan Updates/Review *Attachment B: Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Work Plan*
11:30a – 1:00p	Exercise: Desired Trail Attributes • Small groups – Equestrian, Hikers, Bikers o Your own desires + consider variety of types of "sub-users" • Group – discuss individual trails and trail system in light of desired attributes • Group – High-level discussion of user group conflicts for individual trails and the trail system as a whole *Attachment B: Trail Attributes Exercise*
If Finish Early	Review Solutions developed for other areas - *Prescott, AZ* - *Molalla River Trail* - *Maston area*
1:00 – 1:15p	Build next meeting agenda

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Work Proposal

Vision: We collaborate to create and maintain a sustainable range of opportunities for non-motorized trail experiences that help protect and enhance the forest resources we all value for future generations.

Goals:

- Well-constructed, well-maintained trail *network* to create a quality experience for diverse groups.
- System for funding / support of trail construction and maintenance.
- Promotion of trails and recreational opportunities for community and economic benefit.
- User safety.

Desired Outcome 1: The OTSG will create a Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal before the end of winter 2018.

The matrix below outlines a series of strategies and an associated timeline to achieve the first desired outcome (Desired Outcome 1) identified by the group. Strategy subcomponents and sub-outcomes are included.

Timeline	Strategy (to Achieve Desired Outcome)	Strategy Subcomponents	Sub-Outcome (to Achieve Desired Outcome)
January – February 2018	1) Synthesize and Finalize Existing Conditions	a. Group ID of current challenges b. Rapid Trails Assessment c. User Group Surveys d. Mapping Activity e. Prioritize existing challenges	Past exercises to assess existing conditions and challenges on the Ochoco have been reviewed and their relevance has been determined.
February 2018	2) Determine Missing Attributes from the Trail Network	a. Identify desired trails attributes by user group b. Assess trails – individually and as a network c. ID priority missing attributes in the trail network as a whole	Group has assessed trails by desired attribute and can now point to a few priority "missing attributes"

Timeline	Strategy (to Achieve Desired Outcome)	Strategy Subcomponents	Sub-Outcome (to Achieve Desired Outcome)
March 2018	3) Identify Key Opportunities	d. Discuss existing group ID of strategies & brainstorm additional strategies to address missing trail network attributes. e. Prioritize strategies to address challenges.	Key opportunities to address existing challenges on the existing Ochoco trail system have been identified and prioritized.
April- May 2018	4) Identify a Proposed Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal	a. Use mapping activity results and compilation of other data to build a Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal.	A sustainable Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal which addresses key issues and opportunities has been created.
April – May 2018	5) Vet Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal by Subject Matter Experts	a. Bring in various experts to assess viability of proposed Proposal.	The Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal has been vetted by various subject matter experts to provide an initial look at viability.
June 2018	6) Conduct Community Meeting	a. Present the refined trail network proposal and receive feedback b. Field Tour?	We have more information from the community to complete the Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal
July 2018	7) Complete a Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal	c. Revise as appropriate upon feedback received in strategy 4.	A Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal which has been created by trail users, is sustainable, and has been vetted by various subject matter experts is complete and ready for recommendation to the Forest Service.

Subsequent Next Steps:

After completing the work outlined above, the group has identified potential options for subsequent work, including:

- Narrowing in on specific geographic areas to solve location-specific user conflicts.
- Field tours and additional community outreach
- Development/support activities for trail development and maintenance

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Notes - January 9, 2017

Attendance: James Good (Good Bike Shop), Sean Callaghan/Sarah Carver (COTA), Bruce Williams (Hiker), Buck Davis, Mary Beyer (Equestrian/Ranch/Land Owner) Stan Shepardson (BCH), Kim McCarrel (OET), Kit Dickey (Hiker, Hunters, and Trail Volunteer), Scott Aycock (COIC), Casey Kaiser (Chamber), Jim Beaupre/Lisa Machnik/Brye Lefler (USFS)

Introductions

- Scott Aycock introduced himself to the group. He committed to facilitating the group for the remainder of COIC's commitment, as facilitator Hallie Adams is no longer with COIC.
- To ensure that the group is on the same page, Scott requested that the group start the meeting with a recap. To date the group has:
    - Decided to create a comprehensive trail vision - create a comprehensive trail map of Ochoco NF with proposed new trails, changes to trails, linkages, etc.
- This goal was agreed upon by all members, except one (consensus minus one)
    - Kim: This process will help determine low-hanging fruit.
- A situational analysis was discussed but has not been performed to date.
- In follow up to requests from the last meeting, Jim:
    - Brought a computer to be able to interactively use Google Earth with the group
    - Had GIS staff enter the endurance trail onto a map. (The endurance race is conducted under a special use permit and is not a designated trail, so it is ineligible for funding).
        - Jim will share a digital version of the map with the group
- The group performed a rapid trail assessment (RTA) (Attachment B; D)
    - The exercise was helpful but not conclusive

Other Comments:

- Stan: We need to not only focus on the 30k feet view, but go to 20k feet (small projects) that we could resolve
- Kim: The group should focus on low-hanging fruit.

Proposed Work Plan (Attachment A: Ochoco Trials Strategy Group Work Plan – Draft)

- Discussion of when to have a community meeting with the larger public:
    - Kim: We can't develop a comprehensive trail plan without having at least one community meeting
    - Scott: We could approach this two ways; either do it at an early stage, or second to last stage after you've gone through your process of figuring out where you'd like the trails
    - Kim: If you do it early, you have an opportunity to say "we hear you saying that…." Then we can show them later how we used the comment.
    - James: Doesn't disagree, but thinks you'd just get dots on same trails; there are only a certain amount of trails.
    - Casey: Agrees to bring in the public later. Shared an example of a swimming pool - they got really broad feedback. If too broad, it's hard to draw conclusions.

- Kit: Do it later once there's a draft plan and there's feedback from specialists so that you can respond and educate the public immediately, for instance that we can't do something because of archaeology/rare plants, etc.
- Stan: We need to bring in the environmental community early.
    - Scott: IDT involvement is built in to number 4.
- Casey: This group is a subset of the public. It was brought together to capture the use group perspectives. This group can then go to the larger public and say "here's a draft plan for sustainable tails from the perspective of user groups", what do you think?
- Kim: We should present it as we've come up with some ideas, rather than a plan, making sure the public feels that they can still effect the plan.
- Casey – the word "plan" has a certain connotation.
- Jim suggests wording of: "community proposal" and/or "draft".
- The group would create the proposal and then the FS would turn it into a plan
- Community meeting would come after step 4 in May, 2018.
    - Action: Scott to update Work Plan.

Synthesize and Prioritize Existing Conditions and Challenges

- Discussion of "Group identification of current challenges" (Attachment. B; A)
- Discussion of table from mapping activity (Attachment. B; B)
    - Dots were placed on a map and ranked
    - Metadata is needed so the table makes sense
    - The approach that was used was: "If I were there alone, this is how I would rate it", ignoring any possible user conflict
    - James: Cyclists can't go in wilderness. There are only 3 usable/rideable trails when you ride single track.
    - Stan: It would be great to know the actual use level.
    - Jim: The FS only has anecdotal information about use and is relative within the Ochoco (high, low use); it can't be compared to other forests.
    - James – what do the numbers mean? Can we define what 1-5 means?
        - Kim – A rating of 1 is desirable.
        - James – Lookout Mountain (LM) should have been 1 then for mountain bikers, but it could be better if it was a loop, so we rated it as a 2.
        - Kim – It would also be a 2 for equestrians by that rating system then – we love to ride it but there are too many bikes, so it could be better.
        - Stan: Could we rank it based on potential then?
        - Scott: And use a notes column to explain.
    - Scott: It would be great to connect all of these exercises into one table/spreadsheet in one place.
    - Sarah: The point is that it is all opinion and different users won't see eye to eye; desirability won't be the same.
    - Casey: When I look at the table, user conflict on LM Trail is not surprising, when it is one of 2 trails that works for bikes. So it seems like the solution is to make more bike trails.
    - James: Maybe LM Trail is the "holy grail" where we have to figure out how to get along or separate.

- Where are other places where the group has looked at lessons learned from other groups?
    - Jim: Prescott AZ examples
    - Mary: Mollalla River Trail example
    - Stan: Maston area figured it out
        - Jim: Parallel trails work great in juniper shrublands, but very challenging to create new trails in heavy timber and creates more logout and maintenance requirements, we are already challenged to logout and maintain the current LOM trails. Consider crux point separation where conflict and consequences are high and maintain combined use where site lines and topography allow.
- Kim: A takeaway is that if equestrians want to reduce conflicts, they need to fight for more bike trails, and also identify trails for only equestrians.
- Casey: The pie in the sky utopian view is for a user to have exactly their experience, everything else is a compromise. That's okay to know and voice. People tend to get defensive but should be okay to voice your ideal user experience.
- Possible outcome:
    - Specific areas for each use group and then shared areas
- Buck: At state meetings for Back Country Horsemen, the group is totally supportive of more bike trails; the concern is the safety component.

- **Discussion of Blind Survey of User Groups (Attachment B; C)**

    - <u>What were the outcomes</u>?
        - Jim: Seeing that equestrians have little interest in Potlid, Cougar Creek and Scotty Creek and since COTA has received $195K in grants to reestablish and reroute these three trails it would be ideal to change the Trail Management Objectives to be managed and designed primarily for bicycle use with equestrians and pedestrians as other allowable uses. Hearing the user groups here agree, we have the social license to make that administrative change. Currently the Ochoco has no trails designed and managed for bike use.
            - Everyone agrees.
            - James: Would love to push people who come to his bike shop to other places than LM.
            - Jim: Needs to report to Rangers that there's agreement.
            - Jim: Without new NEPA, we only have a 10 foot corridor from the GIS line that we can use for reworking trails.
            - The next program of work meeting is on 2/6/18. Jim will try to get Ranger buy-in to sign-off on new NEPA at Cougar Creek, Scotty and Potlid. He plans to discuss money secured by COTA and NEPA needs, and could try to have specialists work Feb/March so that trail work could happen spring/summer 2018. NEPA would open up the corridor to have more flexibility to play around with the trail tread. No scoping is

required for changing trail management objectives, but the decision maker decided to reach out to include user groups.

- Kim: to make sure everyone understands –the proposal was written as a multi-user trail
- Sean: The plan is to keep it as a multi-use trail but to design it for bike use.
- **<u>Decision</u> – The group agrees by consensus that Cougar, Scotty and Potlid should be changed to be designed and managed for bikes, but will remain open to other uses.**
- Scott – it would be good to get regular updates to group about the developments on the FS side of the project.

- Kim: It is not fair that there are more equestrians in the room than bikers. We need more ground rules down the road for how to vote.
- Scott: To be decided later. Perhaps one group one vote?
- **<u>Decision</u> - The group tentatively decided to take a field trip this summer. James offered the Good Bike van if needed.**

Discussion of Rapid Trail Assessment Table (RTA) (Attachment B; D)

- Kim: The group has learned a lot since this exercise was completed in spring 2017. It would be more useful to go around the room again and discuss.
- <u>Conclusions from the RTA</u>
    - Casey: It would be difficult to draw conclusions based on the format, but is a good reference for the future.
    - Scott: It might lend itself to a mega table that links the various information together in one place.
    - Casey: We haven't taken the time for each user group to list five top desired features. If we did that we could ask a question such as: Does this trail provide at least 2 of the 5 features that the equestrians desire?
    - Sean: There are cross-country and downhill cyclists who want different things. Two lists might be needed.
- Prioritize the "biggest lacks" from all user groups/what do you want?
    - Stan: Suggests to break down trail into regions/groups to facilitate talking about so many trails and making sense of where they are.
    - Casey: Decision making over where to focus; if I knew a loop was something we needed for mountain bikers, we could say – where can we put in a loop?
    - Stan: Length of outing and distance from town are other criteria.

Discussion of Attributes (Group Identification of Current Challenges) (Attachment B; A)

- This list is where to start with discussing attributes, but some aren't attributes
- Things to add:
    - Proximity to Prineville
    - Trailhead parking (big for horses)
    - Comfort stations
    - Different objectives for different users – something for everybody

        - Ex. Do we have "2 mile waterfall hikes for families"?
            - Steins Pillar
            - Lower section of Twin Pillars
    - Speed of Travel is another topic
    - Expectation Management – users should go to LM knowing that they're going to meet other users.
- Kim: we should make sure that we're building in opportunities for everyone. Not every user group is in the room (every group that wants a trail in the Ochoco).
- Scott: Some of this work is about improving trails or changing use. Also, the trail system doesn't offer everything we need, we need new trails.
- Should there be a sub-committee meeting that works on developing a LM trail plan? Hard to accomplish everything in a 2 hour once a month meeting.
    - We still have agreement to do overall trail network plan.
    - LM keeps coming up.
    - Kit: by working on one trail we might help alleviate other issues
    - Casey: His concern – ex. We build a parallel trail on LM, at that point all the bikers leave and ride another trail, so we wouldn't have to do that in the first place – we need to think about all of this in community development projects. But, maybe the consensus is that user conflict has reached such a point that we need to address it. Supports Scott's idea about a subcommittee to work on LM. Doesn't know what FS says about whether or not they'd be able to or would use information from a subcommittee.
    - Sarah: Concern about breaking off groups and getting segmented.
    - Buck: LM will always be a key recreation location because of proximity to town.
    - Kim: Would rather not focus on LM initially. Thinks that solutions will fall out of larger planning process. The group has already grown together in last 6 months.
    - Bruce: Thinks use will shift to the Trout Creek area after trails are completed this summer
    - Could set aside time each meeting to discuss implications of each step in planning on LM.
    - Scott: The main goal is to create comprehensive plan.
    - Sarah: We don't need to reinvent the wheel. We should look at what other groups have done.
    - Casey: Part of the proposal could include a line on the map for LM.

Build Next Meeting Agenda

- Next Meeting
    - Attempt to tease out from each conversation – what are big hopes, desires from different user groups, barriers and issues, as starter list.
    - Talk about different action items (e.g. loops).
    - Look at what other groups have done. There are solutions elsewhere.
        - Another "what if?" mapping exercise to play with these concepts (joint user groups, horse only, bike only, etc.).
- Sync all of information in an excel sheet, with a column for trails, desirability rating, trail needs, etc. We could finish it in an hour for every trail on Ochoco NF.

- Scott, Casey and Jim will have a call.
- Adjourn.

Other Topics

Jim introduced and passed around the internal FS briefing paper developed by Brye for Stacey Forson, the incoming Forest Supervisor, Shane Jeffries, and the Regional Recreation staff. The group had no issues with the language provided.

Decision Points

1. A community meeting will be held in May 2018.
2. The group agrees by consensus that Cougar, Scotty's and Potlid should be changed to primary use by bikes, but will remain open to other uses
3. The group tentatively decided to take a field trip this summer. James offered the Good Bike van if needed.
4. Lookout Mountain Subcommittee proposal is unresolved.
5. Next meeting, February 6, 2018. (First Tuesday)

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

February 6, 2018 11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30a	Review Outcomes of Last Meeting *Attachment A: OTSG Notes*
11:30 – 11:40a	Work Plan Updates/Review *Attachment B: Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Work Plan*
11:30a – 1:00p	Exercise: Desired Trail Attributes • Small groups – Equestrian, Hikers, Bikers o Your own desires + consider variety of types of "sub-users" • Group – discuss individual trails and trail system in light of desired attributes • Group – High-level discussion of user group conflicts for individual trails and the trail system as a whole *Attachment B: Trail Attributes Exercise*
If Finish Early	Review Solutions developed for other areas - *Prescott, AZ* - *Molalla River Trail* - *Maston area*
1:00 – 1:15p	Build next meeting agenda

A) Trail Attribute Activity

Trail	Biker Rank	Biker Attributes Notes	Hiker Rank	Hiker Attributes Notes	Eques. Rank	Equestrian Attributes Notes
Allen Creek Area (undesignated)					3	
Bandit Springs Area (snow)			1			
Bandit Springs Area (summer)	4		3			
Barnhouse	5					
Belknap			1		1	
Black Canyon					2	
Cougar	3		3			
Endurance Trail (undesignated)					1	
Giddy Up Go			1		1	
Independent Mine	2		1		1	
Keeton	5		3			
Line Butte			1	(hunter access)		
Lookout Mountain	2		1		1	
Mascall Corral					2	
Ochoco Mountain	4		1		2	
Owl Creek					2	
Potlid	5		2/1			
Round Mountain	2		1		1	
Scotty Creek	5					
South Prong					2	
Stein's Pillar			1			
Twin Pillars (top half)			2/1		2	
Twin Pillars (bottom half)			1		1	
Walton Lake			1			

Trail	Biker Rank	Biker Attributes Notes	Hiker Rank	Hiker Attributes Notes	Eques. Rank	Equestrian Attributes Notes
Walton Lake Area (snow)			1			
Wildcat			3		1	

1 – Meets user needs very well
2 – Somewhat meets user needs
3 – Neutral
4 – Somewhat does not meet user needs
5 – Does not meet user needs at all

Suggestions – for Reference Purposes

Biker

- Connection from Green Mountain TH to S. Potlid TH
- Connection from N Potlid to N Scotty TH
- Connection from S Potlid to S Scotty
- Connection from S Scotty to Bandit / E Cougar / 126
- Connection from Lookout Mountain TH / Ranger Station to Round Mountain TH
- Connection from Lookout Mountain to Independent Mine off of road.

Equestrian

- Giddy Up Go should be horse only & add trail miles
- Designate Endurance Trail
- Add official trails at Allen Creek
- Connection from Rock Creek to Boeing Field

Hiker

- Connection from Giddy Up Go to S Green Mountain
- Connection from Giddy Up Go to Twin Pillars
- Connection from Twin Pillars to Whistler
- Connection from Rock Creek to Boeing Field
- Connection from Owl Creek to S Prong

B) Blind Survey of User Groups – For Reference Purposes

Needs metadata

Question	Respondent 1	Respondent 2	Respondent 3	Respondent 4	Respondent 5
What trails do you use and highly enjoy?	Skull Hollow / Gray Butte	Lookout Mountain	Lookout Mountain	Lookout Mountain	Lookout Mountain – Ranger Station to Top
	Ochoco Endurance	Round Mountain	Round Mountain	Mill Creek Wilderness	Lookout Mountain Loop
	Independent Mine	Giddy Up Go	Cougar Creek	Walton Lake	Gray Butte Loop
	Lookout Mountain	Black Canyon	Scotty Creek	Rock Creek / Spanish Peak	Black Canyon Wilderness
	Round Mountain	Mt Pisgah	Potlid	Round Mountain	Mill Creek Wilderness
	Twin Pillars	Cyrus Horse Camp Trails	Bandit Springs	Giddy Up Go	
	Black Canyon		Gray Butte	Gray Butte	
			Cole Loop	Rimrock Springs	
				Alder Springs	
				Tam-A-Lau	
What trails do you know about and want to use but haven't yet?			Spanish Peak		
			Barnhouse		
			Keeton		
What trails do you know about but will never use?	Cougar Creek			Cougar Creek	

C) Rapid Trail Assessment – For Reference Purposes

Needs metadata

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Alder Springs	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	High	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
Baneberry	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	High	Moderate	horses use it despite hiker only designation
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
Barnhouse	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Very Low	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Very Low	Moderate	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Not maintained last time I rode it
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Very Low	Very Low	
Belknap	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Low	
Black Canyon	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Low Use
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	High	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Beautiful but too far unless cleared
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Beautiful but too far unless cleared
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Beautiful but too far unless cleared
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Needs some trail maintenance

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Coffee Pot	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
Cole Loop	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	User conflict developing
	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Low	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bike useage, getting rocky
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
Cougar	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Low	Low	deferred maintenance last time I rode it
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Low	
Cougar Creek	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	Hiked in 2015
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Low	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Steep drop offs
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Steep drop offs
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Very Low	Very Low	Not maintained, steep steep
Fry Springs Spur	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Very Low	Very Low	
Giddy Up Go	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Some sections on the fall line
	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	Low	Low	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Low	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	Very Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Low	Low	

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	Needs maintenance
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	High	High	Great job restoring this trail
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Giddy Up mileage weird, outside loop is about 12 miles
Giddy Up Go Tie	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	Very Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	Needs maintenance
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
Gray Butte	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	High/Low	High east side, Low west side. West side is too steep of a sidehill to be safe for horses and bikers, user conflict developing
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bike useage, getting rocky
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
Green Mt	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
Hammer Creek	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Very Low	Very Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Very Low	Very Low	
Independent	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate/Low	User conflict

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Mine	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Too many bikes
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Easy Trail and good signage/bike useage
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Too many bikes
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Some trail maintenance at those block things
Keeton	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Very Low	Very Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Very Low	Very Low	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Very Low	Very Low	
Kelsey	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	
Line Butte	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	Heavy hunter use
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes are a problem
Line Butte Tie	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	High	High	good lines of sight, no erosion
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	Heavy hunter use
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Too many bikes
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes are a prolbem
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes create hazards
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Bikes create hazard

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Lookout Mountain	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Low	Low	Rocky, bad spots. User conflict. Rocky, eroded, dangerous spot, rampant user conflict (trail is too steep and has blind spots to accommodate bikes and horses)
	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	High	Low	Risk of bike encounters
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Bikes need to go one way
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Trail too rocky and Bike conflagration
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Getting rocky and eroded, bikes create hazards
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Getting rocky, bikes create hazard
Mascall Corral	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Low	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Low	Low	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Very Low	
McGinnis Creek	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Low	Hiked in 2015
Mother Load Mine	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate/Low	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Bikes need to go one way
Ochoco Mountain	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	Low	Except near Spanish Peak - hunters
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Old Bridge	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
Owl Creek	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Low	Low	Low use, many down trees
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Very Low	Moderate	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Low	Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
Payten	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
Ponderosa Loop	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	NA	Hiked in 2015
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Low	
Potlid	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Low	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Needs to be cleared
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Needs to be cleared
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Very Low	Very Low	Impassible
Rimrock Springs	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	High	Moderate	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Moderate	Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	High	High	
Round Mountain	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Rampant user conflict (trail is too steep and has blind spots to accommodate bikes and horses)
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	Conflict with bikes
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes create hazards

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
Scotty Creek	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Low	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Very Low	Low	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Low	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Needs maintenance
South Prong	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Low Use
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Low	
Stein's Pillar	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
Tam a Lau	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Segment on Peninsula is great but shooting is a huge problem
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	High	High	Shooters are a problem- we have to ride a long way on dirt road to get to it.
Twin Pillars	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Low	Low	Very bad creek crossing, many down trees, trail is impassible
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing, bad creek crossing
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing, nasty water crossing
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Low	Low	First 3 miles nice, upper third terrible, washout, logs down, manzanita brush bad

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Twin Pillars Spur	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing, nasty water crossing
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
Walton Lake	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Low	
Warner Loop	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	High	High	
Wildcat	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Low	Low	Very steep sidehill, deferred maintenance
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	Hunters
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Low	Low	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Steep drop-offs second half
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Very Low	Part bad shape, burn through

* All trails hiked in 2016 & 2017, comment notes if hiked in 2015.

** OET = Oregon Equestrian Trails

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Subject: Trail Research and Searchable Benefits Library

https://headwaterseconomics.org/economic-development/trails-pathways/trails-research/

Sharing…Lots of great information about the benefits of trails and other trail research. I'm sure there is some valuable information from our group in here!

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To: Casey Kaiser;Beaupre, James - FS
Cc: Machnik, Lisa - FS
Subject: Re: flip chart notes
Attachments: OTSG Meeting_flip chart.docx

Haha here you go

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On Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 3:27 PM, Scott Aycock <scotta@coic.org> wrote:
These correspond to the maps.

Cc:ing Lisa in case she's interested in a "sneak peak" :)

Scott

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OTSG Meeting

March 6, 2018

FLIP CHART NOTES FOR MAPPING PROCESS

<u>Equestrians – in Rank Order</u>

A: Lookout Mountain / Independent Mine

- Open lines of sight
- Re-route pinch point – immediate
- Signage
- Consider one-way uphill/alternating weekends, etc.

B. Corral Flat

- Sign endurance trails
- Equestrian and hiker only

C: Mill Creek Wilderness

- Create two trails outside the wilderness to allow loops
    - White Rock to Wildcat Trailhead
    - Bingham Prairie to Whistler Spring
- Equestrian/hiker only or non-OHU trails

**Also: W. Fork Mill Creek hiker/equestrian. Maybe bike?

D: Dry Creek Horse Camp

- Creek connectors to make loop options
- Level horse camp parking pads

E: Allen Creek

- Connect forest roads with single tracks to creek loops.
- Sign routes.
- Consider signed cross county travel
- Equestrian/hiker only?

F: Black Canyon

- Connect trailheads to creek loops

MTB – In Rank Order

1. Connect Pot Lid, Cougar, Scotty, Bandit Springs
    - Eventually wanted to Bandit Springs
    - Multi-use
2. Squirrel Ridge (off Mill Creek)
    - New DH trail area – no existing trails
    - Downhill
    - Not multi-use
3. Lookout/Round Mountain Connection
    - Loop option for each trail system that is off roads
    - Road – to – trail conversion or new trails
    - Multi-use
4. Bandit Springs to Walton/ Round Mountain
    - Connectivity between trail networks
    - Multi-use
5. Cottonwood/Spanish Peak/Barnhouse Connection
    - Create destination trail system for weekend riding
    - Not sure how to connect the 2 at this point
    - Multi-use
6. Hammer Creek/Maury System
    - Re-open existing trails and extend to bigger system
    - Is a loop
    - Multi-use

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From: Asbridge, Gary -FS
Sent: Mon, 7 May 2018 23:06:36 +0000
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: FW: key discussion points for our call

In a nutshell we are going to move forward with a meld of 1 and 2 below. We need to provide larger scale maps (same size map but less are shown – is that right? Brain not working right) of each of their "boxed areas." Within each area we will show topography, RHCA's and springs, fish bearing/non-fish bearing (and critical habitat for ESA listed fish), open roads/trails, and closed roads (need to brainstorm with you on the latter. Chat with you in the morning.

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To: Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us>; Casey Kaiser <casey@prinevillechamber.com>
Subject: key discussion points for our call

Hey guys,

This part of the (unedited) notes is what I'd like to focus on in our conversatio at 3:00:

Best pathways forward?

Gary:

1) OTSG takes the conceptual stuff they've heard today and try to put a finer pen and really draw out what they're talking about. Lines on the map. Not doable by June. Eventually that's what they're going to need. Can't analyze huge boxes.

2) Option 2: the specialists overlay this, and to the degree we can, outline the real areas of concern based on what's drawn there. And then use that as the starting point to fine tune those lines. Gary hasn't secured their time/capacity to do that.

Stan – sounds like a multi-year process. What if we picked a few areas and started there?

Casey – there's two different processes here 1) is a comprehensive proposal; 2) the execution of that.

The important thing is to create that comprehensive proposal and then look at each individual piece.

First thing is just the wholistic view. Draw it and then break it off into different chunks.

Need to go deeper on the conceptual proposal?

Suggestion from Gary:

- Simple GIS analysis to outline real areas of potential concern.
- Then come back and fine tune some of the lines-= take that back to the community.
- Not going to have a finalized system for months. Doesn't want to rush this along. May need to push out the public outreach effort.
- Jay and Jamie are going to be the limiting factor – time and other reports needed.
- Create corridors…..? Maybe work with rec staff to ID those corridors?

Gary – don't need this all ground-truthed before it goes to the community. Just a conceptual look.

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Subject: next OTSG meeting(s)!!! -- Tues. May 22 and Tues. June 5

Hello all,

Wanted to get a couple dates on your calendar asap:

- Tues. May 22 from 11:15-1:15
- Tues. June 5 from 11:15-1:15

Why two meetings so close together? Well, b/c you have a bit of work to do. Essentially, we have to start the process of refining down the very large polygons that you created for your draft proposal into lines or much-smaller polygons.

So, here's what's on deck:

- USFS is going to create some "base maps" for you - one map for each of the polygons.
- These maps will have some of the core considerations that we can assess at this stage of the process - e.g. riparian areas, open roads and trails, contour lines, hopefully some wildlife habitat considerations, etc. It won't have every sensitive plant species or archaeological issue, b/c that's not doable and will require surveys no matter what proposal you deliver.
- We will also have some big-picture principles to guide your work - e.g. avoid riparian areas to the extent you can - while acknowledging that you won't be able to always do so.
- At your upcoming meetings, you will be working with this information to refine your proposal. The plan is to print the maps and then use clear mylar to draw your lines.

We believe that this process will take more than one meeting.

I will generate an appointment request for each date - please rsvp directly to that appointment request.

Thanks!

Scott

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To: Scott Aycock
Cc: Casey Kaiser;Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: RE: how did it go yesterday?

Maps are at the Chamber unless Sean came and got a set for his perusal and drafting of mtn bike trails (we talked on the phone about this and I told him to contact you Casey about getting the maps).

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Subject: Re: how did it go yesterday?

I think those are great ideas - the full Forest map and the Maury's map.

Also, I recall that one of the groups did indeed have an idea for the Maury's, but I don't recall the details. If we have a map, we can bring it up with them next Tuesday.

I'll send a note to the group today reminding them of the meeting and requesting RSVP's. I also accepted all the changes in the work plan and will send that out.

Is their work on the maps from the last meeting downstairs at the Chamber?

See you guys next Tuesday!

Scott

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On Tue, May 29, 2018 at 10:18 AM, Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us> wrote:
Scott and Casey, attached is the new draft OTSG Work Proposal based on the brief discussion we had last week at the meeting. Scott, we did not take any other notes at the meeting – it was truly a working meeting except the for 10-15 minute conversation surrounding the attached.

I think the next 1-2 meetings will be needed to finalize the draft trails network. Sean indicated he could potentially work on the mountain bike side of things before the next meeting but I'm not sure he'll have time or not. I haven't chatted with him yet today. We left the base maps, mylar, etc. at the Chamber office. I could use feedback on:

- The maps we generated focus on the blocks or focus areas identified by the group (the rectangles). I'm wondering if we need at least one set of maps that includes the rest of the forest in the event anyone wants to draw lines outside those focus areas. We also keep forgetting the Maury's. I still say we leave the Grassland for a future date.

- If we want to get the rest of the forest and Maury's mapped out I need to know asap so I can get a request into GIS.

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Subject: Re: how did it go yesterday?

I'm much better but still tired. Hoping to leave work soon.

Glad to hear it! Yes, I figured it would take a few sessions. Definitely the plan for 6/5.

Thanks for letting me know,

Scott

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On Wed, May 23, 2018 at 3:47 PM, Casey Kaiser <casey@prinevillechamber.com> wrote:
Hi Scott,

Yes, it went well. We didn't have any representatives from the mountain biking contingent but we made good progress with the folks that were there. The consensus seemed to be that we will probably need one or two more sessions of working on the maps.

Hope you are feeling better!

Cheers,

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To: Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us>; Casey Kaiser <casey@prinevillechamber.com>
Subject: how did it go yesterday?

Hey guys,

Checking in to see how things went yesterday? Was the group able to be productive and move the ball forward on their proposal?

Scott

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Subject: Ochoco Trails Strategy Group - agenda and materials for August 7 meeting
Attachments: B_Trail Proposals - attributes_updated 7-3-18.docx, C_OTSG Work Plan_Draft 2018_08_07.docx, 2018_8_07 Agenda _ OTSG.docx, A_2018_7_03 Notes _ OTSG.docx

Hello all,

Attached are a proposed agenda + materials for your meeting next Tuesday August 7 at the Prineville Chamber office.

Please let me know if you have other items to add to the agenda. One item - review of the GIS version of the maps - is tentative b/c I don't know if they'll be ready, but it sounds like they will.

See you there,

Scott

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OTSG TRAILS ATTRIBUTES TABLE – LAST UPDATED JULY 3, 2018

Equestrian Trail Proposals = Red

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 – Bingham to Whistler	Same as hiker Box 1 hiker trail. From Bingham Springs, would make sense to go north to Old Spur and connect east to 404 road – this alternative is mapped.
Trail 2 – White Rock to Wildcat	Same as hiker 3 Alternative routing mapped in the White Rock/Wildcat area. Real issue is to create a loop – actual alignment doesn't matter.
Trail 3 – Dry Creek Add-ons	Series of small loops off the Giddyup and Go Trail. Just to add more mileage, vistas and diversity. Stacked loop formation.
Trail 4 Dry Creek – Brennan Connector	Connector trail from Dry Creek Horse Camp to Brennan Palisades. Also mapped a potential loop on mostly FS roads (across the legend).
Trail 5 – Lookout Mtn/North Point	Section of Lookout Mtn. Trail that includes North Point. Want to make that section closed to Mtn. Bikers. Proposed an alternative bike trail (laid out by bikers on their maps). Also is an area high in vistas and many types of wildflowers that should be traveled slowly for aesthetics and safety. *Note: Still need to work this out among the equestrian and bike users. Probably needs to go out there together with someone that knows how to build trails. Part of a field tour?*
Trail 6 – Endurance Trails	Large complex of trails currently used for the Bandit Springs Endurance Ride. Just need to be signed and made into official trails. Many trails. (Note: Proposed OHV trails cut right through this area. We believe that there is a need for slow travel through here.) Note: *The FS at one point had this mapped.*
Trail 7 – Allen Creek Horse Camp	Allen Creek Horse Camp area. Unable to complete proposal b/c of lack of knowledge of the area, but there's a very nice horse camp and there should be some trails there. Might also lend itself to open country travel – not necessarily a developed trail.
Trail 8 – West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge	West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge. Loops, almost entirely on Forest roads. Give us pretty forest and meadows, close to Wildcat so can use that trailhead to access them.
Trail 9 – Miner's Gulch Loop	Starting at JB Corrals on 33 Road, goes up Miner's Gulch to the mine, then two loops – one toward Harvey Gap and one shorter loop. Easy day ride from town. Good town access, good parking. 16-17 miles from town. Want to take them past the mine shaft. Almost all on decommissioned Forest Roads.
Trail 10 – Hash Rock Loop	Close to town, open Ponderosa Pine forest and vistas from old Hash Rock lookout. Start at Whiskey Pit; adequate parking there.

OTSG TRAILS ATTRIBUTES TABLE – LAST UPDATED JULY 3, 2018

Hiker = Green

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 Hikers and equestrians	Connector between Twin Pillars trailhead and Wildcat Trailheads. Outside the wilderness to make it easy to maintain to use chainsaws, paralleling rd. 27. Connects those to make a longer loop option for backpackers and horse people and runners. Safety benefits. Runners, hikers, backpackers and hunters are using it. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Trail 2 Hikers mainly, could be equestrians (but seems unlikely)	Whole new trail. Potlid trail area… Not a good out and back currently, so this makes a loop out of it. Gorgeous views over into the John Day Canyon. Goes a little funky to follow the existing roads. New loop. Looking North.
Trail 3 Hikers and equestrians	Connecting White Rock campground back down to Wildcat campground. Outside the wilderness area so it's easily cleared. Completes a loop. Gorgeous area. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Box 1 trail 4 – connecting trail 1 to 2	Connector to open up more opportunities. Opens up more usage – not used much now.
Trail 5	Totally new trail. Very rough outline in the Bridge Creek Wilderness. Listed as a roadless, trackless wilderness except that there are many people going in there hiking along the creek, destroying habitat. They are also hiking on steep cliffs and shale slopes. Put in a real trail. But if there is going to be an increase in use and lots of S&R, then we should focus that use.
WALTON LAKE AREA PLACEHOLDER	No official trails there.
South of Big Summit Prairie placeholder	Would be easy to put in trails to waterfalls
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Wolf and South Prong trailheads
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Boeing and Rock Creek trailheads (either side of creek OK)
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Mascal and Rock Creek TH

Bike Trail Proposals

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Boxes 3, 4, A, B, and C	
Trail 1	Connectivity between Lookout and Round Mountain to get people off the main road. Connectivity between two major trails. Safety = get people off major paved road. Safety is main emphasis but also the longer ride. About 60% is existing, closed road, which seemed to be the best way to avoid the riparian and avoid opening up previously undisturbed area. Also avoids some steeper areas.
Trail 2	Creating an extra loop and connectivity on LM. High use area. Doesn't address the pinch points
Maury Map:	
Trail 1	Reestablish Hammer Creek Trail – existing mtn biking trail just needs maintenance. Same line on the map as before. Great trail b/c it's already a loop.
Box 5 Map:	
Trail 1	New trail connecting Barnhouse Campground to Keeton Trailhead. Creates a larger loop with many loops inside (feeder trails). Part of the destination idea – way away from town but people can camp in the area and spend time exploring trails. Would help bring people away from LM. Nice high alpine meadows/mixed environments.
Trail 2	Part of it is on this map, remainder is not mapped b/c it isn't on the base map. Goal is to create a really big loop. All day epic-style ride incorporating great vistas including Spanish Peak. **Sean will take the larger Black Canyon wilderness map home and map this.**
Box 1 and 2 Map:	
Ignore the line in Box 2	
Trail 1	Connectivity – see Jim Beaupres on this trail (Sarah and Sean weren't sure). Connectivity of Cougar Creek and Potlid.
Trail 2	*Same area as one of the equestrian trails* Creates a connectivity loop between the top and bottom of Potlid and the top and bottom of Scotty Creek. Incorporates historic trails and views along the way. Most is decommissioned roads. Bruce Williams has GPS for a lot of this.
Trail 3	Connection from Cougar Creek to Bandit Springs area. Existing facilities at Bandit Springs. Make it more of an official trailhead rather than having the sketchy turn off Hwy 26 to access current trailhead. Would be good for hikers and xcountry skiers too.
Trail 4	Bandit Springs. Utilizing some winter trails for summer use. Family-friendly loops right off the highway. Already some existing summer use.

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Work Proposal

Vision: We collaborate to create and maintain a sustainable range of opportunities for non-motorized trail experiences that help protect and enhance the forest resources we all value for future generations.

Goals:

- Well-constructed, well-maintained trail *network* to create a quality experience for diverse groups.
- System for funding / support of trail construction and maintenance.
- Promotion of trails and recreational opportunities for community and economic benefit.
- User safety.

Desired Outcome 1: The OTSG will create a Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal before the end of fall 2018.

The matrix below outlines a series of strategies and an associated timeline to achieve the first desired outcome (Desired Outcome 1) identified by the group. Strategy subcomponents and sub-outcomes are included.

Timeline	Strategy (to Achieve Desired Outcome)	Strategy Subcomponents	Sub-Outcome (to Achieve Desired Outcome)	Status
January – February 2018	1) Synthesize and Finalize Existing Conditions	a. Group ID of current challenges b. Rapid Trails Assessment c. User Group Surveys d. Mapping Activity e. Prioritize existing challenges	Past exercises to assess existing conditions and challenges on the Ochoco have been reviewed and their relevance has been determined.	complete
February 2018	2) Determine Missing Attributes from the Trail Network	a. Identify desired trails attributes by user group b. Assess trails – individually and as a network c. ID priority missing attributes in the trail network as a whole	Group has assessed trails by desired attribute and can now point to a few priority "missing attributes"	complete

Timeline	Strategy (to Achieve Desired Outcome)	Strategy Subcomponents	Sub-Outcome (to Achieve Desired Outcome)	Status
March 2018	3) Identify Key Opportunities	d. Discuss existing group ID of strategies & brainstorm additional strategies to address missing trail network attributes. e. Prioritize strategies to address challenges.	Key opportunities to address existing challenges on the existing Ochoco trail system have been identified and prioritized.	complete
May- August 2018	4) Identify a Proposed Draft Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal	a. Use mapping activity results and compilation of other data to build a Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal.	A sustainable Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal which addresses key issues and opportunities has been created.	in progress
September 2018	5) Conduct Community Meeting	a. Present the refined trail network proposal and receive feedback b. Field Tour?	We have more information from the community to complete the Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal	
October 2018	6) Finalize Initial Trail Network Proposal based on mapping exercise, initial FS specialist review, and community meeting feedback	a.		
Oct-Nov 2018	7) Vet Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal by Subject Matter Experts	b. Bring in various experts (FS recreation, heritage, and biologist specialists, other?) to assess viability of proposed Proposal.	The Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal has been vetted by various subject matter experts to provide an initial look at viability.	in progress
December 2018	8) Complete a Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal	c. Revise as appropriate upon feedback received in strategy 4.	A Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal which has been created by trail users, is sustainable, and has been vetted by various subject matter experts is complete and ready for recommendation to the Forest Service.	

Possible Next Steps:

After completing the work outlined above, the group has identified potential options for subsequent work, including:

- Narrowing in on specific geographic areas to solve location-specific user conflicts.
- Field tours and additional community outreach
- Development/support activities for trail development and maintenance

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

August 7, 2018 11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30a	Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of July 3 Meeting *A_Notes* *B_Trail Attributes*
11:30 – 11:50	OTSG Work Plan - Review updated work plan timings - September community meeting - Discuss membership and FS engagement in light of turnover - OTSG: Post-Strategy – following up with Sisters Trails Alliance *C_Work Plan*
11:50 – TBD	*If available: Review GIS mapped versions of proposals so far*
Noon – 1:00p	Continue Mapping, Trail Attributes, and Prioritization
1:00 – 1:15p	Review and Next Steps

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

July 3, 2018 11:15a – 1:15p

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Agenda

Kim Daniels, Kim McCarrol, Mary and Roy Beyer, Stan, Sarah, Sean, Duane Miller

11:15 – 11:30a Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of June 5 Meeting
A_Notes
B_Trail Attributes

Scott gave an overview of the work at the last meeting. Principles, mapping activities, etc.
We discussed how to get our work mapped. This project isn't on the USFS program of work for this FY. Will try to get the lines mapped onto a layer. Gary will try it but can't guarantee that we can get that done.

What if we GPS'd some of these? That work work.

Gary is going on detail for 120 days. End of July through Thanksgiving @ Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. Fallout from Eagle Creek Fire.

Don't know who the "Acting Gary" will be yet.

Group next steps?

Kim – we need to stay together to work on implementation or it won't happen.

Stuff like fundraising will work better if it's not from the FS. Group members can pursue more $ than the FS can.

Also, address use conflicts, etc. Wayfinding, maintenance.

Chamber – think about how to market this opportunity.

Sean – moving after two meetings. Have to take him and Gary off the community meeting subcommittee. Gary's replacement will be tasked with this project.

Kit indicated that Walton Lake has lots of user trails but no official trails and needs that. Also, campgrounds south of Big Summit Prairie that would lead to waterfalls.

Kim – Sisters Trails Alliance is a good model potentially. Built a community trails plan, multi-user group. Built trails, signed them, now responsible for maintaining them. Big tent = lots of support from the community. Gary Guttormsen and Chuck Humphreys – ask them to address this group.

Regarding use conflicts – one potential solution is one-way trails. Helps a lot. Challenge on LM since it's an up and back trail so no opportunity for that.

11:40a – 1:00p Continue Mapping and Development of Trail Attributes

Group separated into their user groups and continued the mapping/trail attributes process.

1:00 – 1:15p Review and Next Steps

Next meeting:
Equestrians work on priorities
Bikers/hikers complete mapping
Everyone – verify what we get on GIS layers

From: Scott Aycock
Sent: Tue, 7 Aug 2018 16:39:20 -0700
To: Kim Daniels;Young, Jacob C -FS;Kim McCarrel;Kit Dickey;Shepardson;Sarah Carver;Buck Davis;Beaupre, James - FS;Retzlaff, Elysia M -FS;Sean Callaghan;(b)(6) Wine Down Ranch;(b)(6) Sue Williams;Machnik, Lisa - FS;(b)(6) RUTH MILLER;Darlene Henderson;Gregg, Monty -FS
Subject: today's meeting outcomes
Attachments: B_Trail Proposals - attributes_updated 7-3-18.docx

Hello all,

Thanks to everyone for a great meeting today. I wanted to capture what I saw as some of the decisions and action items/next steps to send out so that a) we're all on the same page and b) folks don't hear about an action item after it needs to get done! **Please reply all if I captured anything below incorrectly.**

A couple general items:

- As we noted today reviewing the GIS maps, the mapping is getting a little confusing. We have some overlapping lines on the map, extra lines where we don't want them, and it sounds like there may be some more proposals yet to come in. We began the process of correcting the lines on the map at the end of the meeting today, and that will continue....
- Related, it's starting to get really hard to crosswalk between the Trails Attributes table and the mapped lines. More on that below.
- The group agreed today that all of the trail proposals - while some might meet one user group's need more than another - should for now be considered to be multi-use trails, with the exception of the equestrian endurance trail which would be equestrian only.

<u>Action Items:</u>

- Bike group will complete the process of generating lines for the map.
- Bike group will name each line so that we can crosswalk between the print maps, the trail attributes table (I've attached that again for convenience), and the GIS/Google Earth maps.
- Bike group will work to ID another consistent member to replace Sean.
- Once we have the names for each line on the map, Jim and I will sit down together and add the trail attributes data straight into the GIS/Google Earth files. That will likely then become the central repository for everything (rather than print + digital + a Word table).
- The new Community Meeting Subcommittee (Kit, Kim M, Kim D, and Sarah) will begin planning the Sept. 20 meeting
    - Plan is for an open house format with a brief scheduled overview of what this is (and what it is not - e.g. it is not motorized), who is doing it, etc.
    - Community meeting goals:
        - get input/feedback from the community. General feedback + priority ranking of trails
        - engage more community members in the project. ID new members or others that would like to engage in any way (e.g. volunteers)
    - Chamber will help with outreach
    - Someone will reach out to the County NR Committee/Tim Deboodt.
- Jim Beaupres will invite Rika from Discover Your Forest to the next meeting.
- Scott will continue to work with the Sisters Trails Alliance folks to find the best way to have them share their organizational model, funding sources, etc. with you all.
- Scott will research a couple grant sources that might be useful to sustaining the OTSG's efforts after the initial funding has run out.

- Monte Gregg is added to the group contact list. Kit will follow up with some ODF&W names that Monte suggested be engaged with this project.

At the Next Meeting:
- The group will review the GIS maps again
- Review progress on the community meeting
- Work on prioritizing each proposed trail - (perhaps this should wait until after the community meeting? whatever you want to do)
- If available, visit with DYF and the Sisters Trails Alliance

Cheers,

Scott

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OTSG TRAILS ATTRIBUTES TABLE – LAST UPDATED JULY 3, 2018

Equestrian Trail Proposals = Red

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 – Bingham to Whistler	Same as hiker Box 1 hiker trail. From Bingham Springs, would make sense to go north to Old Spur and connect east to 404 road – this alternative is mapped.
Trail 2 – White Rock to Wildcat	Same as hiker 3 Alternative routing mapped in the White Rock/Wildcat area. Real issue is to create a loop – actual alignment doesn't matter.
Trail 3 – Dry Creek Add-ons	Series of small loops off the Giddyup and Go Trail. Just to add more mileage, vistas and diversity. Stacked loop formation.
Trail 4 Dry Creek – Brennan Connector	Connector trail from Dry Creek Horse Camp to Brennan Palisades. Also mapped a potential loop on mostly FS roads (across the legend).
Trail 5 – Lookout Mtn/North Point	Section of Lookout Mtn. Trail that includes North Point. Want to make that section closed to Mtn. Bikers. Proposed an alternative bike trail (laid out by bikers on their maps). Also is an area high in vistas and many types of wildflowers that should be traveled slowly for aesthetics and safety. *Note: Still need to work this out among the equestrian and bike users. Probably needs to go out there together with someone that knows how to build trails. Part of a field tour?*
Trail 6 – Endurance Trails	Large complex of trails currently used for the Bandit Springs Endurance Ride. Just need to be signed and made into official trails. Many trails. (Note: Proposed OHV trails cut right through this area. We believe that there is a need for slow travel through here.) Note: *The FS at one point had this mapped.*
Trail 7 – Allen Creek Horse Camp	Allen Creek Horse Camp area. Unable to complete proposal b/c of lack of knowledge of the area, but there's a very nice horse camp and there should be some trails there. Might also lend itself to open country travel – not necessarily a developed trail.
Trail 8 – West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge	West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge. Loops, almost entirely on Forest roads. Give us pretty forest and meadows, close to Wildcat so can use that trailhead to access them.
Trail 9 – Miner's Gulch Loop	Starting at JB Corrals on 33 Road, goes up Miner's Gulch to the mine, then two loops – one toward Harvey Gap and one shorter loop. Easy day ride from town. Good town access, good parking. 16-17 miles from town. Want to take them past the mine shaft. Almost all on decommissioned Forest Roads.
Trail 10 – Hash Rock Loop	Close to town, open Ponderosa Pine forest and vistas from old Hash Rock lookout. Start at Whiskey Pit; adequate parking there.

OTSG TRAILS ATTRIBUTES TABLE – LAST UPDATED JULY 3, 2018

Hiker = Green

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 Hikers and equestrians	Connector between Twin Pillars trailhead and Wildcat Trailheads. Outside the wilderness to make it easy to maintain to use chainsaws, paralleling rd. 27. Connects those to make a longer loop option for backpackers and horse people and runners. Safety benefits. Runners, hikers, backpackers and hunters are using it. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Trail 2 Hikers mainly, could be equestrians (but seems unlikely)	Whole new trail. Potlid trail area… Not a good out and back currently, so this makes a loop out of it. Gorgeous views over into the John Day Canyon. Goes a little funky to follow the existing roads. New loop. Looking North.
Trail 3 Hikers and equestrians	Connecting White Rock campground back down to Wildcat campground. Outside the wilderness area so it's easily cleared. Completes a loop. Gorgeous area. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Box 1 trail 4 – connecting trail 1 to 2	Connector to open up more opportunities. Opens up more usage – not used much now.
Trail 5	Totally new trail. Very rough outline in the Bridge Creek Wilderness. Listed as a roadless, trackless wilderness except that there are many people going in there hiking along the creek, destroying habitat. They are also hiking on steep cliffs and shale slopes. Put in a real trail. But if there is going to be an increase in use and lots of S&R, then we should focus that use.
WALTON LAKE AREA PLACEHOLDER	No official trails there.
South of Big Summit Prairie placeholder	Would be easy to put in trails to waterfalls
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Wolf and South Prong trailheads
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Boeing and Rock Creek trailheads (either side of creek OK)
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Mascal and Rock Creek TH

Bike Trail Proposals

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Boxes 3, 4, A, B, and C	
Trail 1	Connectivity between Lookout and Round Mountain to get people off the main road. Connectivity between two major trails. Safety = get people off major paved road. Safety is main emphasis but also the longer ride. About 60% is existing, closed road, which seemed to be the best way to avoid the riparian and avoid opening up previously undisturbed area. Also avoids some steeper areas.
Trail 2	Creating an extra loop and connectivity on LM. High use area. Doesn't address the pinch points
Maury Map:	
Trail 1	Reestablish Hammer Creek Trail – existing mtn biking trail just needs maintenance. Same line on the map as before. Great trail b/c it's already a loop.
Box 5 Map:	
Trail 1	New trail connecting Barnhouse Campground to Keeton Trailhead. Creates a larger loop with many loops inside (feeder trails). Part of the destination idea – way away from town but people can camp in the area and spend time exploring trails. Would help bring people away from LM. Nice high alpine meadows/mixed environments.
Trail 2	Part of it is on this map, remainder is not mapped b/c it isn't on the base map. Goal is to create a really big loop. All day epic-style ride incorporating great vistas including Spanish Peak. **Sean will take the larger Black Canyon wilderness map home and map this.**
Box 1 and 2 Map:	
Ignore the line in Box 2	
Trail 1	Connectivity – see Jim Beaupres on this trail (Sarah and Sean weren't sure). Connectivity of Cougar Creek and Potlid.
Trail 2	*Same area as one of the equestrian trails* Creates a connectivity loop between the top and bottom of Potlid and the top and bottom of Scotty Creek. Incorporates historic trails and views along the way. Most is decommissioned roads. Bruce Williams has GPS for a lot of this.
Trail 3	Connection from Cougar Creek to Bandit Springs area. Existing facilities at Bandit Springs. Make it more of an official trailhead rather than having the sketchy turn off Hwy 26 to access current trailhead. Would be good for hikers and xcountry skiers too.
Trail 4	Bandit Springs. Utilizing some winter trails for summer use. Family-friendly loops right off the highway. Already some existing summer use.

From: Darlene Henderson
Sent: Mon, 13 Aug 2018 07:39:41 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Cc: travis.holman@cotamtb.com
Subject: Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

Good Morning Jim,

Travis Holman and I met with Sean Callaghan last week in an attempt to get up to speed on the Ochoco Trail User Group meeting.

Travis and I would like to meet with you to review the scope of user group, their progress to date, what the end result of the group will be, and any deliverables we should have ready for the next meeting. In addition, Sean indicated that you had some maps with the lines of proposed trails that we would like to see.

Travis and I are hoping to have as much background as possible so we can show up at the September meeting ready to fully participate (we figure it will take both of us to fill in for Sean at least initially).

Let us know some dates and times that will work for you.

As always thank you for your ongoing support of COTA in Crook County.

Darlene Henderson

Sent from my iPad
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From: Kim McCarrel
Sent: Wed, 15 Aug 2018 06:08:59 -0700
To: Nelson, Rika - FS; (b)(6) ; Sarah Carver; (b)(6) Kim Daniels
Cc: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: Re: Discover Your Forest and Ochoco Trail Strategy Group Community Meetings

Hi, everybody! We need to get together to plan our upcoming Community Trails meeting. Here is a link to a Doodle poll with some possible dates and time in the next couple of weeks. I'm assuming we'll meet in Prineville, at the Chamber office. (Kim, if this isn't convenient, please let me know and we can find another venue.) Everybody, please follow the link below and indicate which dates/times work for you. Thanks!
Kim (McCarrel)

https://doodle.com/poll/um3nm5m2ptybt37n

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018, 2:51 PM Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Hi Rika,

Meet Kit Dickey, Volunteer Trails Guru and leader of SWATS volunteer group and hiker representative; Kim McCarrel, Oregon Equestrian Trails and equestrian representative; and Kim Daniels, Prineville Chamber of Commerce.

In our meeting today we were discussing the upcoming community meeting where our Trail Strategy group will meet and seek input and feedback on their trail proposal ideas thus far. We were discussing refreshment potential and Shane suggested we tie in with DYF….not just for potential cookies and lemonade, but for the broader potential for volunteer recruitment, community engagement and being more involved with DYF on the Ochoco!

This subcommittee will be planning for the community meeting on the evening of Sept 20th in Prineville. Any guidance, assistance or goodies would be more than appreciated. Thanks Rika, let us know your thoughts and how we can engage DYF with this awesome group!

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From: Kim Daniels
Sent: Thu, 16 Aug 2018 09:36:19 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Cc: Asbridge, Gary -FS
Subject: Re: next steps for OTSG

Here are my notes from today's call.

1. Where will the process be by the end of October?
   - Revise proposal, if needed, based on impact of community meeting
   - Submit final proposal to USFS

2. Based on the above does the group feel they are "done" with their sustainable trails network proposal for the Ochoco?
   - To be determined after the community meeting.

3. If the answer to the above is no what is left to accomplish?

4. What facilitation needs remain to complete the work?
   - Let COIC work to the end of the contract. Plan is to go through October.
   - Meet with subcommittee – (Kim, Sarah, etc) and discuss their needs, and if they are good with forgoing a facilitator at this time and can appoint a member as the chair.
   - After October, work without one until we get to a point where facilitation is needed again.

5. What does group see for the future? We've talked about completing the same process for the Grassland and it's also always been recognized that volunteer involvement is likely critical to actually implement the finally approved network?
   - TBD

On Mon, Aug 13, 2018 at 10:19 AM, Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Thursday at 0900 works great for me. I'll get the conference line going just in case. Kim feel free to come over or I'll send you the number and you can call in if you prefer to stay put.

Thanks! Looking forward to talking with you both then…

From: Kim Daniels [mailto:kim@prinevillechamber.com]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 10:09 AM
To: Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us>
Cc: Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>

Subject: Re: next steps for OTSG

I am available at my office, or to meet Jim somewhere.

Just let me know!

Kim

On Mon, Aug 13, 2018 at 9:50 AM, Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us> wrote:

How about Thursday at 0900? Jim, perhaps we can use the standing conference call line there on the Ochoco (ask Lindsay)? Can you set up? Or you and Kim can be face to face and I'll call wherever you are.

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From: Kim Daniels [mailto:kim@prinevillechamber.com]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 3:54 PM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>
Cc: Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Re: next steps for OTSG

I'm pretty open next Thursday/Friday.

On Fri, Aug 10, 2018 at 8:42 AM Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

That would be good. I'm pretty flexible next week, so just let me know a good time.

From: Asbridge, Gary -FS
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 8:40 AM
To: Kim Daniels <kim@prinevillechamber.com>
Cc: Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>
Subject: FW: next steps for OTSG

Perhaps the three of us can chat over the phone next week?

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From: Scott Aycock [mailto:scotta@coic.org]
Sent: Friday, August 3, 2018 9:26 AM
To: Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us>; Kim Daniels <kim@prinevillechamber.com>
Subject: next steps for OTSG

Gary, Kim,

I'm wondering if we could set up some time to have a conversation about the OTSG going forward, ideally including Shane Jeffries.

What's prompting this for me is that our contract is expiring the end of October, and I know if we want to do anything going forward, it always takes some time.

I also think it might be nice to give Shane a briefing on what this group is up to.

I was thinking of putting this as a short agenda item for the meeting next week, but wanted to get it on your radar.

Thanks,

Scott

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From: Kim McCarrel
Sent: Mon, 27 Aug 2018 13:02:52 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS;Scott Aycock;Buck Davis;Kit Dickey;Sarah Carver;Shepardson;Wine Down Ranch;(b)(6) com;Sue Williams;Machnik, Lisa - FS;Duane & Ruth Miller;Kim Daniels;James Good
Subject: SAVE THE DATE message

Hi, everybody! At our meeting on September 4th, we'll be finalizing plans for the community trails meeting coming up on the 20th, including talking about how we're going to promote the meeting. I figured if I waited until the 5th to tell my fellow OET'ers about it, some of those who are interested would be unable to come because they needed more notice. So I sent out a Save the Date email to hopefully get it on folks' calendars.

The message I sent is below. If you want to send out your own Save the Date message,you are welcome to use this one if you like (or modify it or ignore it, as you see fit). Any, here's the message I sent to OET:

On September 20th there will be a Community Trails Planning Meeting in Prineville, and I hope all of you will come and express your opinions! The Ochoco Trails Strategy Group has been developing the first draft of a trails plan for the Ochoco National Forest and wants your input. This meeting will be at the Prineville Library from 6 to 8 pm. It will be an open house so you can come and go as you like.

The Ochoco Trails Strategy group is an ad hoc group convened by the Prineville Chamber of Commerce and the Ochoco National Forest. It includes representatives of COTA, OET, BCH, hikers, ranchers, & the business community. Its aim is to make sure all trail users have plenty of enjoyable and safe places to hike/ride in the Ochocos. The goal is to create a trails plan for the next 10-15 years -- a plan that will help the Ochocos create more recreational opportunities for all non-motorized trail users, avoid overuse and trail conflicts, and preserve the character of this beautiful area.

The trails plan is truly in its infancy, and you have an opportunity (hopefully the first of many) to help shape it for the future.

Happy Trails, everybody!
Kim

PS: If I missed anybody I should have sent this message to, please forward it. Thanks!

From: Travis Holman
Sent: Mon, 27 Aug 2018 08:59:18 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: trail maps

Heres the map for new proposed trails.

> http://www.gmapgis.com/viewer.htm?4BSib3G5ln.gmp

From: Travis Holman
Sent: Mon, 27 Aug 2018 10:15:22 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS;Darlene Henderson;Sue Williams;(b)(6) com;James Good
Subject: Trail Maps
Attachments: Lemon Creek.kml, McKay Corner.kml, Potlid.kml, Scotty Creek.kml, All Trails.kml, Walton Bandit.kml

Here is the set of lml files for the additional trails we are adding to the proposal. The All Trails file just has everything grouped into one file.
And here's a direct link for easy viewing:(b)(6)
Cheers,
Travis

From: Scott Aycock
Sent: Tue, 4 Sep 2018 18:14:09 -0700
To: Kim Daniels;Young, Jacob C -FS;Kim McCarrel;Kit Dickey;Shepardson;Sarah Carver;Buck Davis;Beaupre, James - FS;Retzlaff, Elysia M -FS;Sean Callaghan (b)(6) Wine Down Ranch; (b)(6) Sue Williams;Machnik, Lisa - FS;RUTH MILLER;Darlene Henderson;Gregg, Monty -FS;Travis Holman
Subject: OTSG Community Meeting discussion - guide, materials, etc.
Attachments: Community Meeting Flyer.pdf, OTSG Community Meeting - SAVE THE DATE message.pdf, Community Meeting Draft Introduction.docx, D_Trail Proposals - attributes_updated 8-7-18.docx, OTSG Community Meeting details.docx

Hello all,

Attached is a document (OTSG Community Meeting Details) that attempts to summarize your discussion today about the Sept. 20 Community meeting - setup, format, materials, maps, who's doing what, etc. I hope it helps you sort out preparation for the event.

Also attached are the previous materials sent by Kim - her proposed invite email, the flyer, and the presentation talking points which are now talking points for everyone (but particularly the welcome desk folks I believe), as well as guidance for the rolling .ppt.

Finally, I'm attaching the Trails Attributes document that is supposed to be linked to the actual lines on the map. I think the equestrian information is up to date, but I'm unsure on how well the current mountain biking maps relate to this document. This would be a resource for you to answer questions about "why" X trail at X location, etc.

Thanks,

Scott

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Kim McCarrel (b)(6) Mon, Aug 27, 2018 at 1:02 PM
To: "Beaupre, James - FS" <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>, Scott Aycock <scotta@coic.org>, Buck Davis (b)(6) Kit Dickey (b)(6) Sarah Carver (b)(6), Shepardson (b)(6) Wine Down Ranch (b)(6) Sue Williams (b)(6) Lisa Machnik <lmachnik@fs.fed.us>, Duane & Ruth Miller (b)(6) Kim Daniels <kim@prinevillechamber.com>, James Good (b)(6)

Hi, everybody! At our meeting on September 4th, we'll be finalizing plans for the community trails meeting coming up on the 20th, including talking about how we're going to promote the meeting. I figured if I waited until the 5th to tell my fellow OET'ers about it, some of those who are interested would be unable to come because they needed more notice. So I sent out a Save the Date email to hopefully get it on folks' calendars.

The message I sent is below. If you want to send out your own Save the Date message,you are welcome to use this one if you like (or modify it or ignore it, as you see fit). Any, here's the message I sent to OET:

On September 20th there will be a Community Trails Planning Meeting in Prineville, and I hope all of you will come and express your opinions! The Ochoco Trails Strategy Group has been developing the first draft of a trails plan for the Ochoco National Forest and wants your input. This meeting will be at the Prineville Library from 6 to 8 pm. It will be an open house so you can come and go as you like.

The Ochoco Trails Strategy group is an ad hoc group convened by the Prineville Chamber of Commerce and the Ochoco National Forest. It includes representatives of COTA, OET, BCH, hikers, ranchers, & the business community. Its aim is to make sure all trail users have plenty of enjoyable and safe places to hike/ride in the Ochocos. The goal is to create a trails plan for the next 10-15 years -- a plan that will help the Ochocos create more recreational opportunities for all non-motorized trail users, avoid overuse and trail conflicts, and preserve the character of this beautiful area.

The trails plan is truly in its infancy, and you have an opportunity (hopefully the first of many) to help shape it for the future.

Happy Trails, everybody!
Kim

PS: If I missed anybody I should have sent this message to, please forward it. Thanks!

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group
Community Trails Meeting, 9/20, 6-8 pm

Hi, everybody! Welcome! I'm going to take about 5 minutes to give you a quick update on why we're all here and what we hope to accomplish, and then you can go back to the maps and provide your input.

First:

- How many of you use non-motorized trails in the Ochocos? (bikes, hikes, horses)
- How many of you are aware of the overuse issues in the Deschutes and Willamette NFs?
- How many of you would like to see our non-motorized trails support a more robust economy in Crook County?
- In the last year, how many of you have been on trails that needed maintenance?
- How many of you have ideas for improvements to the trail system in the Ochocos?

Some background:
In Feb 2017, Chamber of Commerce and Ochoco NF convened a small group of representatives from hiking, mtn biking, & equestrian groups, business community, and local ranchers. Tasked us with coming up with a plan for addressing some of the issues we just raised our hands about. We knew our little group didn't represent the entire community, but the concept was to give some thought to these issues and try to come up with some ideas we could then roll out to the community for your input, to see where you wanted to take them. After all, it's a lot easier to react to something than it is for the whole community to try to develop something from scratch.

Vision:
We collaborate to create and maintain a sustainable range of opportunities for non-motorized trail experiences that help protect and enhance for future generations the forest resources we all value.

We want the Ochocos to have:

- Well-constructed, well-maintained trail network to create a quality experience for diverse groups.
- System for funding/support of trail construction and maintenance.
- Promotion of trails and recreational opportunities for community and economic benefit
- User safety

We went through a bunch of meetings where we learned about what makes for a good (or bad) trail experience for each type of trail user, and we determined what opportunities currently exist for each type of trail user. We found some gaps, and we found some common ground.

That small group came up with some ideas, which you'll see on the maps around the room. We want your input on these ideas – tell us what's good, what's bad, and what's missing. Important: It's not, "Here's the plan, do you like it?" It's "Here are some ideas to get you started. What do you think of them? What things haven't we thought of? And are you interested in creating a new trails plan and making it a reality?"

Whatever we come up with as a group, we can present to the Forest Service as a community trails plan, and they can work with us to help make it a reality.

What we'll do with this info is incorporate all the public input we're getting into an improved draft of a trails plan. And, if you're interested, we'd love to see the formation of a trails group that is truly representative of all non-motorized trail users, and that representative group can help finalize this trails plan, present it to the FS, and implement it in the future.

The maps for horses, hikers, and bikes are in separate corners, with folks there who can answer your questions and get your input. Feel free to visit more than one corner if you enjoy the Ochoco Trails in more than one way. You've all got 3 stickers, and we'd like you to vote for the 3 best trail ideas you see on the maps. Plus, we've got post it notes to capture your comments, ideas and suggestions. So please, head for the corners and let's get started.

We have the room until 8, so you can come and go as you like. Thank you all for coming!

Talking Points for Reception:
Go look at the maps
Ask questions
At 6:20 we're going to gather everybody for 5 minutes to explain how we got to this point, what role you can play in developing a community trails system for the Ochocos
You'll get comment cards and stickers for voting for your best ideas

Stations for horses, hikers, bikes

- Voting stickers
- Post-it notes
- Easels & pad

Equestrian Trail Proposals = Red

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 – Bingham to Whistler	Same as hiker Box 1 hiker trail. From Bingham Springs, would make sense to go north to Old Spur and connect east to 404 road – this alternative is mapped.
Trail 2 – White Rock to Wildcat	Same as hiker 3 Alternative routing mapped in the White Rock/Wildcat area. Real issue is to create a loop – actual alignment doesn't matter.
Trail 3 – Dry Creek Add-ons	Series of small loops off the Giddyup and Go Trail. Just to add more mileage, vistas and diversity. Stacked loop formation.
Trail 4 Dry Creek – Brennan Connector	Connector trail from Dry Creek Horse Camp to Brennan Palisades. Also mapped a potential loop on mostly FS roads (across the legend).
Trail 5 – Lookout Mtn/North Point	Section of Lookout Mtn. Trail that includes North Point. Want to make that section closed to Mtn. Bikers. Proposed an alternative bike trail (laid out by bikers on their maps). Also is an area high in vistas and many types of wildflowers that should be traveled slowly for aesthetics and safety. *Note: Still need to work this out among the equestrian and bike users. Probably needs to go out there together with someone that knows how to build trails. Part of a field tour?*
Trail 6 – Endurance Trails	Large complex of trails currently used for the Bandit Springs Endurance Ride. Just need to be signed and made into official trails. Many trails. (Note: Proposed OHV trails cut right through this area. We believe that there is a need for slow travel through here.) Note: *The FS at one point had this mapped.*
Trail 7 – Allen Creek Horse Camp	Allen Creek Horse Camp area. Unable to complete proposal b/c of lack of knowledge of the area, but there's a very nice horse camp and there should be some trails there. Might also lend itself to open country travel – not necessarily a developed trail.
Trail 8 – West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge	West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge. Loops, almost entirely on Forest roads. Give us pretty forest and meadows, close to Wildcat so can use that trailhead to access them.
Trail 9 – Miner's Gulch Loop	Starting at JB Corrals on 33 Road, goes up Miner's Gulch to the mine, then two loops – one toward Harvey Gap and one shorter loop. Easy day ride from town. Good town access, good parking. 16-17 miles from town. Want to take them past the mine shaft. Almost all on decommissioned Forest Roads.
Trail 10 – Hash Rock Loop	Close to town, open Ponderosa Pine forest and vistas from old Hash Rock lookout. Start at Whiskey Pit; adequate parking there.

OTSG TRAILS ATTRIBUTES TABLE – LAST UPDATED JULY 3, 2018

Hiker = Green

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 Hikers and equestrians	Connector between Twin Pillars trailhead and Wildcat Trailheads. Outside the wilderness to make it easy to maintain to use chainsaws, paralleling rd. 27. Connects those to make a longer loop option for backpackers and horse people and runners. Safety benefits. Runners, hikers, backpackers and hunters are using it. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Trail 2 Hikers mainly, could be equestrians (but seems unlikely)	Whole new trail. Potlid trail area… Not a good out and back currently, so this makes a loop out of it. Gorgeous views over into the John Day Canyon. Goes a little funky to follow the existing roads. New loop. Looking North.
Trail 3 Hikers and equestrians	Connecting White Rock campground back down to Wildcat campground. Outside the wilderness area so it's easily cleared. Completes a loop. Gorgeous area. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Box 1 trail 4 – connecting trail 1 to 2	Connector to open up more opportunities. Opens up more usage – not used much now.
Trail 5	Totally new trail. Very rough outline in the Bridge Creek Wilderness. Listed as a roadless, trackless wilderness except that there are many people going in there hiking along the creek, destroying habitat. They are also hiking on steep cliffs and shale slopes. Put in a real trail. But if there is going to be an increase in use and lots of S&R, then we should focus that use.
WALTON LAKE AREA PLACEHOLDER	No official trails there.
South of Big Summit Prairie placeholder	Would be easy to put in trails to waterfalls
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Wolf and South Prong trailheads
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Boeing and Rock Creek trailheads (either side of creek OK)
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Mascal and Rock Creek TH

Bike Trail Proposals

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Boxes 3, 4, A, B, and C	
Trail 1	Connectivity between Lookout and Round Mountain to get people off the main road. Connectivity between two major trails. Safety = get people off major paved road. Safety is main emphasis but also the longer ride. About 60% is existing, closed road, which seemed to be the best way to avoid the riparian and avoid opening up previously undisturbed area. Also avoids some steeper areas.
Trail 2	Creating an extra loop and connectivity on LM. High use area. Doesn't address the pinch points
Maury Map:	
Trail 1	Reestablish Hammer Creek Trail – existing mtn biking trail just needs maintenance. Same line on the map as before. Great trail b/c it's already a loop.
Box 5 Map:	
Trail 1	New trail connecting Barnhouse Campground to Keeton Trailhead. Creates a larger loop with many loops inside (feeder trails). Part of the destination idea – way away from town but people can camp in the area and spend time exploring trails. Would help bring people away from LM. Nice high alpine meadows/mixed environments.
Trail 2	Part of it is on this map, remainder is not mapped b/c it isn't on the base map. Goal is to create a really big loop. All day epic-style ride incorporating great vistas including Spanish Peak. **Sean will take the larger Black Canyon wilderness map home and map this.**
Box 1 and 2 Map:	
Ignore the line in Box 2	
Trail 1	Connectivity – see Jim Beaupres on this trail (Sarah and Sean weren't sure). Connectivity of Cougar Creek and Potlid.
Trail 2	*Same area as one of the equestrian trails* Creates a connectivity loop between the top and bottom of Potlid and the top and bottom of Scotty Creek. Incorporates historic trails and views along the way. Most is decommissioned roads. Bruce Williams has GPS for a lot of this.
Trail 3	Connection from Cougar Creek to Bandit Springs area. Existing facilities at Bandit Springs. Make it more of an official trailhead rather than having the sketchy turn off Hwy 26 to access current trailhead. Would be good for hikers and xcountry skiers too.
Trail 4	Bandit Springs. Utilizing some winter trails for summer use. Family-friendly loops right off the highway. Already some existing summer use.

James and Bruce had several additional ideas for trails areas.

OTSG Community Meeting September 20

Outcomes/Tasks coming out of 9/4/2018 OTSG meeting.

Meeting Marketing

- Use Kim's flyer and invitation email
- Channels on which to "push" the meeting:
    - Groups already participating: Chamber, Backcountry Horsemen group, OR Equestrian Trails, COTA, etc.
    - Other groups (not clear to me who is contacting them): CORK running group, County Natural Resource Committee (via Tim Deboodt), Central OR Nordic Club, Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative (**Kit**), Newspaper outreach.

Setup: 5pm – everyone please show up by 5.

Meeting Duration: 6-8pm

Personnel/Coverage:

- **Sarah, Darlene, Travis** – Mtn. Bikes
- **Kim** (depending on health), **Duane, and Stan** – Equestrian
- **Mary Beyer** will do registration table (potentially with Kim)
- **Ruth and Darlene** can float as needed
- **FS Staff?**
- **Scott** may come to just help support but has a family conflict at this point.
- *I have a "Dennis" listed in the notes but am unsure who this is or what their role would be?*

Format: Open House. No food or beverages served. No presentation.

- Will have a registration table – get folks' contact information and summarize the talking points. Make sure to include that this is a friendly, amicable event to get input and involvement and that there will be no tolerance for bad behavior.
- 2-3 different areas for each user group – equestrian, mountain bikers, (what about hikers and others? Should there be a separate area for them?)
- Running .ppt to provide the "big picture" (see below)

Talking Points:

- **Kit** is gathering feedback on the talking points.
- Whomever is checking folks in will provide a short version of the talking points at that time, so that everyone understands who the OTSG is, why they were asked here today, and what they are being asked to do.

Means for Gathering Feedback:

- Have different areas for equestrian folks, mountain bikers, (and others?). At least two people manning each area.
- Provide sticky notes to make comments on the map
- Provide comment cards
- Provide an OTSG email address to give comments later, and ongoing.
    - ***Someone*** needs to set up this email address. Ideally, someone that is expecting to be engaged with the group for a while b/c the email address will need to be associated with someone's gmail account.

<u>Materials and Supplies:</u>

- Maps showing the proposals across the entire Forest and maps showing the proposals in smaller areas of the Forest (more detail) – **Jim B**
    - Question as to whether to show the existing trail network + the proposed trails.
    - Maps should be as user-friendly as possible/avoid unnecessary details.
    - All maps will indicate that all proposed trails are to be multi-use, even while explaining that different proposals were built for different user experiences.
    - All maps will indicate that this is for non-motorized uses.
- Rolling .ppt welcoming everyone, providing the name of the group (OTSG), why the OTSG is creating this proposal, who is involved with the OTSG, what the ask is today, and how to engage with the group in the future (providing the email address, providing the meeting calendar(?)). All interspersed with nice pictures. This would be 12-14 slides and would roll throughout the meeting. – **Proposed to be developed by Kim**
- Handout with all of the same information – **proposed to be developed by Kim**
- "Ask Me" buttons for OTSG folks to wear - **Someone**
- All member groups' info – pamphlets/brochures, etc. for participants to pick up as desired

Kim Daniels will talk to the Sheriff's Dept. about having presence on site.

Scott will send out the Trails Attributes document – would be good to have that in hand to help explain what each trail proposal is about – what is the purpose/need/desired experience of each proposal.

From: Travis Holman
Sent: Thu, 6 Sep 2018 15:58:22 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: Re: rank order?

Great!

On Sep 6, 2018, at 11:41 AM, Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Thanks Travis. Brief conversation with Wildlife bio liked Scotty and Lemon creek best due to tighter swath of disturbance. Fisheries bio might not like Scotty as much but I'll get her initial read as well.

From: Travis Holman [mailto (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 12:52 PM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Re: rank order?

Yes, so I think that we decided Scotty would make sense for #1 priority since there are already trails out there and it sounds like minimal user conflict for the area. #2 would be Lemon Creek, especially if Potlid has environmental concerns. Lemon Creek is also the closest to town. Then Potlid, followed by the McKay area.

I know the road up Lemon Creek is gated half the year and Sean had cited that as an issue. I don't believe that is a concern at all from a mountain biker perspective, and may actually be beneficial because it will minimize the riding on the trail during the wet season.

I don't really know how to rank the Walton-Bandit loop as its not really the same style of riding area. Personally, I would place it at the end since we already have the Round-Lookout and Cougar trails providing classic XC type riding.

Cheers
Travis

On Sep 5, 2018, at 12:43 PM, Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Curious if you would have a rank order of your proposals from most desirable to least.

I want to get wildlife/fisheries input on the same idea to see if there is some alignment or if there is conflict in your order vs. theirs.

I know the Potlid area has potential anadromous fish issues which could be a deal breaker there, Scotty Area might have similar concern. The other areas shouldn't have nearly as much fish concern but there may be wildlife issues to work through as well.

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From: Kit Dickey
Sent: Sat, 8 Sep 2018 14:11:12 +0000 (UTC)
To: Travis Holman;Beaupre, James - FS
Cc: Shepardson;Buck Davis;Darlene Henderson;Kim McCarrel;(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Alternate line at Lookout

Checking pix taken on several hikes with the maps I'd say that I've been hiking the new rail for many years now, and wouldn't want to be shunted back to the old trail... it's the VIEWS that make that section of trail attractive.

That said, since I've packed at the Independent Mine TH I always have to hike back up the trail to the highest point to access trails back to my car. I'm now wondering if there's a loop option in there tha weve overlooked.

K

Kit Dickey
(b)(6)

On Friday, September 7, 2018 2:48 PM, Travis Holman <(b)(6) wrote:

I think it sounds like a great solution. Might be up there Sunday so if we are I'll poke around for signs of the OG trail. Do you by chance have an xml or gpx file for that old trail?

On Sep 7, 2018, at 2:46 PM, Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Apologies, ladies.

I only had Travis and Stan when I first started the email, but added the rest on second thought!

From: Beaupre, James - FS
Sent: Friday, September 7, 2018 2:37 PM
To: 'Travis Holman' <(b)(6)>; Shepardson <(b)(6)>; Buck Davis <(b)(6)>; Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com>; 'Kim McCarrel' (b)(6)>; 'Kit Dickey' <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)
Subject: Alternate line at Lookout

Gentlemen,

I dove into the Lookout Trail issue in Google Earth today. I've played around with it before, but had a pretty big realization today.

On the attached maps the red line is the supposed GIS line of the trail according to USFS. The purple is what I can see on the ground and what I experience with Stan and Buck on the rocky

ridge line. Seems users have created the rocky ridge trails and the old trail should be skirting the ridge but probably completely lost in the trees at this point today. However, I'm thinking that following the old line might provide us a way around the rocky ridge. Perhaps we are just reestablishing the old line for equestrians and continuing to allow the bikers on the rocky ridge. Just wanted to share what I discovered today. (Not sure where purple line goes into the trees and connects with the lower trail)

If anyone gets up there in the near future to take a look and see if they can find remnants of the old route that would be great and I'll have it on my list to do some scouting around as well.

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From: Kim McCarrel
Sent: Sat, 15 Sep 2018 11:44:29 -0700
To: Kim Daniels;Young, Jacob C -FS;Kim McCarrel;Kit Dickey;Shepardson;Sarah Carver;Buck Davis;Beaupre, James - FS;Retzlaff, Elysia M -FS;Sean Callaghan;(b)(6) Wine Down Ranch (b)(6) com;Sue Williams;Machnik, Lisa - FS;RUTH MILLER;Darlene Henderson;Gregg, Monty -FS;Travis Holman;Scott Aycock
Subject: Talking points for registration desk
Attachments: Registration Talking Points.docx

Hi, everybody! Here are some suggested talking points for the folks at our registration desk on the 20th to convey to folks as they come into our community meeting next Thursday. If you have suggestions for improvement, please let me know and I'll be glad to add them.

Thanks!

Kim

Welcome to the Ochoco Forest Community Trails Meeting!

Scope: The draft Ochoco Community Trails Proposal covers non-motorized summer trails in the Ochoco National Forest

Background: The Chamber of Commerce brought together representatives of the equestrian, mountain biking, hiking, business, and ranching communities to collaborate on a preliminary Trails Proposal

Today: Maps are on the walls and representatives are here to answer your questions and get your input/ideas

Multi-Use Trails: All the proposed trails will be multi-use, though a few trails may be hiker/equestrian only

Trail Corridors:
The proposed trails are "indicated corridors" only. Actual trails will avoid riparian areas, sensitive habitat, etc.

Sound off!

- Use stickers to vote for your favorites
- Use comment cards to provide ideas
- Tell us what you like and don't like, and what's missing

Join us!

- Come to planning meetings
- Get on the email list
- Help out on the trails

Meetings: The Ochoco Trails Strategy Group meets the first Tuesday of the month, 11:15 a.m., Chamber of Commerce office in Prineville

Email: ochocotrails@gmail.com

Peer, Beth -FS

From: Christian Nauer <christian.nauer@ctwsbnr.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Peer, Beth -FS
Subject: Re: Letter from Ochoco NF
Attachments: PastedGraphic-1.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Beth,

Thanks a bunch for the maps and legals! Good luck with the Project and please keep us in the loop.

Best Regards, and Happy Healthy Holidays to you and family.

Christian

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On Dec 24, 2020, at 10:26 AM, Peer, Beth -FS <beth.peer@usda.gov> wrote:

I apologize if I forgot to attach the map page to the letter in my email to you.
I've attached it here.
The legal location for this project area is: T. 13 S., R. 17 E., Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25; T. 13 S., R. 18 E., Sections 7, 18, 19
~Beth

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From: Christian Nauer <christian.nauer@ctwsbnr.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Peer, Beth -FS <beth.peer@usda.gov>
Cc: Robert Brunoe <robert.brunoe@ctwsbnr.org>
Subject: Re: Letter from Ochoco NF

Hi Beth,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide comment on the Letter from Ochoco NF (Ochoco Trails) Project.

General Comment:

As the technical reviewer for NHPA Section 106 and other cultural resource issues for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (CTWSRO), the CTWSRO Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) has concerns with the potential effects to historic properties or cultural resources within the Project Area of Potential Effects (APE). The Project APE is within the areas of concern for the CTWSRO.

Project-specific Comment(s):

This notice does not include a legal location or a map so I can't make a proper assessment or provide an accurate comment.

Please keep this office in the loop on this Project with regard to efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect historic properties and cultural resources.

Thank you for your efforts to protect cultural resources.

Best Regards, and Stay Safe,

Christian

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On Dec 1, 2020, at 11:24 AM, Peer, Beth -FS <beth.peer@usda.gov> wrote:

From: Peer, Beth -FS
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 11:19 AM
To: christian.nauer@ctwsbnr.or; Robert Brunoe <robert.brunoe@ctwsbnr.org>
Subject: Letter from Ochoco NF

Please see copy of letter sent via hardcopy mail to Council Chariman Tsumpti.

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Ochoco Trails
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021

Member Attendance: Duane Miller,BCH; Brian Nelson, COTA; Jamie Dawson, Oregon Wild; Mona Steinberg, OET; Travis Holman, COTA; Kim McCarrel, OET; Kit Dickey, SWATS; Jeff Scheetz, FANS; Sarah Carver, COTA; Rika Ayotte, Discover Northwest; Sienna Fitzpatrick; COIC/Staff; Darlene Henderson, COTA/Chair

Guests/Partners: Emmy Andrews, COTA Executive Director; Slater Turner, ONF; Jim Beaupre, ONF; Beth Peer, ONF; Johanna Kovark, ONF; Kent Koeller, ONF; Slater Turner, ONF; Monty Gregg, ONF; Ann Potcher, Boise Equestrian; and Jill Mohn, Boise Equesrian

Action Items:

All:

- review minutes prior to April meeting – send edits to Shelby
- Review "Sustaining Nonmotorized Recreation at the Crooked River National Grasslands" with Forest Service response (version 2.0) send comments to Brian, Darlene and Shelby
- Review Facilitator/Coordinator Scope of Work - what tasks can members absorb
- Review Strategic Plan in preparation for April discussion - what still works, what needs to be updated, who else needs to be invited to the table. Fill in survey if haven't already.
- Need to look at long term funding overall. Need to brainstorm other sources. All should think about this now, bring to the next meeting.

Rika/Shelby

- complete OCRF grant agreement

FS

- Add specific examples to goals within framework (statements to get at sustainability objectives)– send to Brian

Brian

- Pull together FS and ODFW input on framework. Send out to full group for suggestions/more input

Rika/Jim B.

- hire contractor to do Lookout Mountain re-route

Future agenda items:

- Discuss enforcement of day-use designation (Jamie suggestion)
- Funding – discuss long term needs and funding ideas

6. <u>Funding Update</u> (moved to front of agenda to facilitate Rika time constraints)
    - $5000 Travel OR grant – working with Jim to contract for Lookout Mountain with this funding. Rika will update Travel OR once contract secured. Rika will follow up with contractor 3/3.
    - DYNW will cover cost of Zoom for OT. Send you a profile once that is ready for this group to start using!
    - Duane -- long term budget discussion - no new sources of funding on horizon; current funds for facilitation will be depleted around August and potentially beyond. Will be important to

continue to look for funding to continue this beyond fall of this year. Will have more in depth conversation at the April meeting.

- Getting ready to sign grant agreement. Start shopping around for bio contractor.
    - Jamie – is there is some flexibility with OCRF timeline beyond Jan 2 2022? Rika – Shelby looked into this. They prefer to stick to the timeline, but there is some flexibility if needed for us to request extension.
- Members discussed the best location to store tools that Jim has in his garage (Good Bike, FS compound at Scott Street or Lamonta potentially – hoping FS not have to be the link – could be on the honor system and would require no FS oversight – use gate code [limited number of people], COTA storage shed, Parks and Rec); not resolved but not an immediate issue. There were concerns about co-mingling, losing, or breaking tools in shared spaces. Tabled for later discussion.

1. <u>Welcome and Introductions</u>
    - Boise equestrians joined meeting to observe and gain insight on how they might start a group like this in their area
    - Kim, Jim and Brian offered brief history of OT

2. <u>Catch-Up</u>
    - Everyone agreed to approve meeting minutes regularly; the notes from this meeting will be formally approved at the next meeting.
    - Brian let everyone know that the Strategic Planning Meeting will be pushed out to April, and reminded everyone to fill out the survey from Shelby.

3. <u>ODFW</u>

    No report – Sara and Greg were not present.

4. <u>Forest Service Updates and Discussion</u>

Misc. Updates

- Scoping (writing proposed action plan) for Lemon Gulch on schedule to be completed next week
    - Darlene – what is scoping? A: Writing action down so public can see
- Looking to get out and look at reroute for shooting pit to get on our POW soon/will get a line for that before we propose that
    - Brian – Green Ridge? A: Yes. Q: timeline? A: Next couple of weeks. Can tie you in there.
- Pedestrian gates across from compressor/Skull Hollow.
- Work to get FS out to take pictures and look at Gray Butte high use area "Zoo" so we can be prepared if grant funding becomes available
    - Kim - Where? A: Back side in between gray Butte and Smith Rock.
- Returning rec crew of 2 and 1 brand new. Tap into field rangers. Should have pretty good trail crew – allen creek and bandit springs to support volunteers
- Forest Service wide plan to update paneled kiosks – working on funding proposal
    - Q: Do you need more bodies for that? A: potentially. Stay in touch.
- Reset travel management signs working with travel manager and all day field day. Posted as open, support knowing which ones can be on!

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Skull Hollow Update

- Kent Koeller joined re: Skull Hollow to talk about what doing in the area and going forward
    - Area feeling pop increase. Busiest trailhead/camping we have in the Ochoco. Response to that:
    - recent renovations increase campground sites and parking lot but area continues to see high use (adding about a dozen horse parking spots; grant-funded work)
    - A lot of user trails – more will develop. Nice to get ahead of that and have managed use. That's what we are trying to do.
    - A lot of dispersed camping in that area, what we've tried to do is armored with rock barriers and created ½ dozen established dispersed opportunities in addition to campground. Beyond that, there are not barriers. If you manage one spot, it pushes out into adjacent areas. Will continue to be a challenge there. Right now trying to manage the most intensive use in the most intensive place.
    - Looking to change management of trailhead to day use only – 6am-6pm (dawn to dusk). Something will be pursuing.
        - Q: Where? A: Directly across from campground right off of lone pine road. Very busy corridor. Skull Hollow is a major portal to the grasslands
    - 900 planting plugs of native veg near parking lot and campground
    - Q: Are you collecting data on veg, use, parking, etc? A: We haven't but do have good campground data – can show trends, is good data. Regarding trailhead and dispersed use, it's all anecdotal; field rangers do collect data during their visits
        - National monitoring use is the official data. Field rangers info is going into basic database but can dig into that anecdotally/estimates. In addition to official numbers. Your one day report is very similar to what I would expect to see out there/on par with our ranger data.
            - Q: Rangers? A: Seasonal. Onboard in April.
    - Q: Have seen paragliders out there. How much do we account for that? A: paragliding is a frequent activity that occurs in select areas of the Grasslands (Lone Pine Ridge, Cyrus Hill – technically closed road). A group we want to keep in mind and reach out at some point.
    - management of area will require a holistic view and approach; diverse recreation area, how to maintain quality of recreation while preserving natural habitat; are there needs the Grasslands cannot meet
    - Q: How many horse trailer parking spots? A: If we can get a dozen, great. Try to take other examples and incorporate into our design
    - Q: Hunters. Do see campers long term (14 days and beyond). Have you considered these folks? A: Yes. It gets some hunting. Being WUI, we actually get a long term residents that are quasi-living. On the books we have 30 day limit. In dev rec, it is 14 days. Trailhead currently doesn't have enforcement for managing day use. We are doing NEPA to change that. Should help. Dispersed camping very accessible on Grassland. Fall – Spring most pressure. Continued challenge. Why we are trying to armor developed rec facilities to increase our capacity to upkeep with that demand. **Brian – would love to continue conversation. Crucial to our current proposal.**
    - Jamie – **can we add this to a future agenda item. Want to learn more about lack of enforcement capability based on designated use/day use.**

- Kent – right now the primary user groups are hiking, mb, horse-riding, and camping. Also increasingly popular because of its accessibility – even people traveling through. Campgrounds managed for overnight, but trailheads not set up to accommodate for that. Unless we actively put on the books managing for "day use" it allows people to automatically camp overnight. Amount of use we are getting, sets up with conflict with other day users. Trying to increase quality of rec experience for all different needs. Already accommodated for overnight use. Now natural improvements come from sign, education, and manage for day use on that trailhead. Holistically, like to look at a whole list of trailheads for that. This sort of being a pilot. Hopefully more to come.

- Q: Parking. No signage. Potential for edu/outreach with regard to travel management plan on the Grassland? A: This is a portal site where we do have large highway reflective signing for travel management, as well as for dispersed camping designations. But when we develop trailhead fully, will have multi-panel kiosk. Great education opportunity and portal site for the public.
- Duane -- We opened our Airbnb and its booked solid since October. With people looking to recreate in the area. People are coming!
- Q: What is the timing on the funding – apply for recreational trails program grant next cycle or other sources? A: Thought we had one internally but fell through. Next opp won't be able to capture it, probably next year for RTP. NEPA is in place so we are shovel ready!
- Monty – Have been working with OHA on winter range signing on east and west side of the Grassland. Recently kicked in $6,000 to help us purchase seasonal closure signs and materials and supplies to reestablish mounting. Brian – laminated get torn down quick. A: Not great tool for that landscape. Don't last long and are a last resort for us when we don't have other options.
- Q: Who grades roads? It's harder and harder for horse trailers to be navigating some of those roads. A: Mixed responsibility of us and the County. PU is a public use road, Jefferson County and we need to work closely with them to do anything.

5. <u>Committee Reports</u>
   - Budget Committee - see funding update. We have enough to get Shelby through the end of the year. May need to restructure what she does and doesn't work on. Group take on other responsibilities. Where best use of her time is. **Shelby sent scope of work – take a look.** We can schedule that review for next meeting. Highlighted points are things we might be able to pull off of Shelby's plate.
     - Need to look at long term funding overall. **Need to brainstorm other sources. All should think about this now, bring to the next meeting.**
   - Website - no updates
   - Mapping
     - Still gathering data – e.g. hunter tag data. Lot of discussion to be had before we start putting pencil to map.
     - Forest Service submitted joint response to "Sustaining Nonmotorized Recreation at the Crooked River National Grasslands" - version 2.0

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- **Everyone should look this over and provide further feedback. Brian will send out latest version to the group.**
- Is great step towards helping us translate complexity of ecology/etc. into trails proposal
- Emmy -- How will we know if we have met Forest Service goals? Is there a way to quantify the objectives and measure success?
- Monty – Most of our conversation in this group centers around mitigating effects of recreation. Side boards around Skull Hollow, resource damage issues. The landscape itself has a lot more going on with restoration. Achieving long term goals is if we put trails, and we are also held accountable for maintaining land as Grassland, going to be impacts. These forests and Grasslands are functioning, not everyone sees it that way. See it as an opportunity/terrain park only for users. Our goal is to try to educate folks to understand that there will be changes, it is dynamic. All those new users and growing community, that's the intent. Support their education of the functions of the landscape and that it is dynamic.
    - Q: Is there a document to help us get more specific? A: Depends on intent of this document. If just utilized objectively, that's a great metric e.g. 60% of landscape is equestrian. Put parameters around trails and what they'll be used for. Trying to support growing understanding of best management practices at the end of document. Curious to understand utility of this document. If it's just recreation, maybe we came at it from different angle. Brian – ask is how specifically to incorporate all of this into a process moving forward. Master plan for the Grassland? A: Land Resource Management Plan but it is dated. Q: Is there an update to that? That's probably how we can get at those questions. Is master plan good place to start? Jim B. – probably won't be helpful. **FS summarize specific sustainability goals in simple way** – max utility of plants, ensure grazing operations not impacted -- **statements to get at sustainability objectives.** Don't need numbers, just more language.
    - Jamie – re what is the purpose of the document? Think this provides the group with first comprehensive discussion on many different aspects – from what people want all the way to critters and what do we need. Want to be sure we have all of the good stuff in there.
    - Darlene – see this as agreed upon framework for mapping. Do we have the necessary input? Brian – suggest as a group digest what FS has given us. Kim – call this version 2.0. Realize there will be other versions as we refine it.
    - Q: Would it be helpful to have these objectives quantifiable? E.g. 27 parcels that are 100 acres or more of unfragmented. This trail network will only fragment no

more than a certain acceptable parameter. A: We have discussed how to collect that data. If we put trail, may increase by x percent but only impact x % of parcels. Have requested from Dino. Is beyond my scope, so will be collaborative effort.

- Sara provided comments from ODFW monitoring perspective. As we implement trails, continue to monitor species of concern.
- Grazing community wants to be re-engaged when we get to putting lines on the map
- Kim -- This document will be useful tool for communicating / educating public. Helps articulate that building more trails isn't just the answer, brings in wildlife perspective/impacts.
- Emmy – thinking about toothpaste analogy. Will go somewhere else if you squeeze it. Make sure we aren't kidding ourselves. Are we just pushing impacts into dispersed unmanaged, not really achieving objectives anyway and don't have real trails to market. If we build trails in places they want, that's where they will stay. Unmet needs create user trails. Concentrate, rather than spread out. Brian – keep in mind, we can't meet everyone's needs. Some user groups we simply can't reach.
    - **Duane – we need to ID as a group, what needs we can't meet.** Could be the educational area we want to address down the line.
- Jamie – Can also support the FS and other agencies in trying to take other actions that benefit that habitat. E.g. Forest Grassland Revision, supporting closing roads in favor of habitat will be helpful to us and them.

6. <u>Funding Updates (cont.)</u>
    - Shelby SOW: the attached document shows in red which tasks of hers that could be taken off her plate. Discuss redistribution of her roles at the next meeting

7. <u>Next Meeting & Next Steps</u>
    - Who is not at the table? A: Need to invite hunters, motorized recreation groups, and paragliders to the table. Re-engage grazing once have lines on the map.
    - Next meeting is April 6th – Strategic Plan review, long term funding discussion, review Shelby scope of work and discuss priorities and offloading some activities. Need to start thinking about 3 community meetings as objective from OCRF funding. Jamie – hosting smaller more targeted meetings could meet that need.

Adjourned at 1:05pm.

From: Kim McCarrel
Sent: Mon, 22 Mar 2021 08:39:18 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: Re: [External Email]Fwd: Lemon Gulch comments
Attachments: image001.png, image001.png

Jim, I couldn't reach that page. I kept getting a "this page does not exist" error.

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021, 8:20 AM Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:

Yes, I'll try and help and reach out if I can't!

Did you get to this page or get kicked out before this comment entry portion…?

From: Kim McCarrel <(b)(6)>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 7:33 PM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Fwd: Lemon Gulch comments

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HI, Jim! Beth is out of the office until Thursday. Can you point me to someone else who may be able to help me get to the right place to offer comments on the Lemon Gulch scoping? Many thanks!

Kim

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Kim McCarrel** <(b)(6)>
Date: Sun, Mar 21, 2021 at 9:53 AM
Subject: Lemon Gulch comments
To: Peer, Beth -FS <beth.peer@usda.gov>, Peer, Beth- FS <Elizabeth.Peer@usda.gov>

Beth, I tried today to input Oregon Equestrian Trails' comments on the Lemon Gulch scoping, and was unable to get to the correct page. My web browser kept telling me that it didn't exist. Could you forward the correct link? Thanks!

Kim

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From: Stephanie Noll
Sent: Mon, 12 Apr 2021 14:55:48 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: Re: [External Email]Lemon Gulch project presentation

Geesh! April! I'm not sure where that October came from on my end.

Steph Noll
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On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 2:50 PM Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:

Copy! I can certainly pull this together and would be glad to!

I assume I can erase the October calendar entry I planned from this email and replace with the April 28 calendar invite?!

From: Stephanie Noll <steph.noll@oregontrailscoalition.org>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: [External Email]Lemon Gulch project presentation

Hi Jim,

Sorry for the delayed response on this. We'd love to have you participate in the webinar. It's scheduled from 4-5:15 on Wednesday, October 28th.

We'd be hoping for about an 8-minute overview of the planning process so far for the Lemon Gulch trail system. Possibly to include

-origin story: where the idea, need, desire came from, was there an original proposal from someone? how long ago?

-role of staff and role of advocates in project planning so far. Role of Ochoco trails and non-MTB stakeholders.

-what stage the project's currently at and how it got there.

-what's next

-any visuals you can share of the landscape and/or planning maps, etc

We're hoping to share 2-3 case studies of trails planning in different contexts as we celebrate the release of our introductory guide to trail planning and development (DRAFT attached.) I'm happy to jump on a call to discuss further.

Thanks!

Steph

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Steph Noll

Coalition Director

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On Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 10:33 AM Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:

Pretty open that day and would be happy to.

Let me know a time/send an invite.

Thanks!

☺

Scoping report from last week: 50 some comments received so far. All supportive and mostly mountain bikers so far...

-----Original Message-----
From: Travis Holman <travis.holman@cotamtb.com>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Cc: Stephanie Noll <steph.noll@oregontrailscoalition.org>
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Hey Jim, Steph Noll from Oregon Trails Coalition is looking for someone to talk a little about the Lemon Gulch project development and process for a virtual event they are hosting on April 28th. Unfortunately Darlene and I will both be off road tripping at the end of April so I thought I would see if you might be interested in doing it? I figured you would have a pretty good run down of the process both from the Ochoco Trails/COTA and the FS side.

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Peer, Beth- FS

From: Lugo Mendez, Anastasia - FS
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Christian Nauer
Cc: Peer, Beth- FS
Subject: Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike Trail Complex

Dear Christian,

Thank you for reaching out about the Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike Trail Complex project (Lemon Gulch project).

The Ochoco National Forest has conducted prefield research on this project area to learn more about its history. Survey areas have been identified within the Lemon Gulch project's area of potential effect using the Ochoco National Forest's archaeological sensitivity GIS model. All areas of high sensitivity that have not been previously surveyed to standard (systematic pedestrian survey at less than 30 meter transect intervals) will receive survey. Additionally, a sample survey of low probability areas will also receive survey. GIS analyses will be conducted to identify potential travel corridors which could intersect or overlap planned trails; these areas will also be inspected.

All previously known and newly discovered sites will be inspected, updated, and the project's potential effects on the sites and the characteristics which make them eligible or potentially eligible to the NRHP will be assessed. Wherever possible, sites will be formally evaluated for eligibility to the NRHP. The Ochoco National Forest will work to protect and avoid sites wherever possible; if not possible, we will coordinate with the SHPO and the tribes to identify adequate mitigation measures. At this time, site protection and avoidance resulting in a finding of historic properties avoided or no adverse effect is anticipated.

We welcome additional information or suggestions that may increase our capacity to protect historic properties and cultural resources in the Lemon Gulch project.

Sincerely,

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From: Darlene Henderson
Sent: Mon, 24 May 2021 09:14:13 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Cc: Shelby Knight;Kim McCarrel;Kim McCarrel
Subject: Re: Range Permittees and Lemon Gulch

Good morning.
I have shared this email thread with Travis - interestingly enough he had already gotten wind of it from James Good who heard directly from Mary Beyer about the grazing concerns.
If permission is granted either Travis or I will be there on Thursday.
COTA spent $4000 to hire professional trail builders to help with the design/flagging of the trail proposal and Travis personally spent over 150 hours on this work.
So what hits me in the gut is the question "how did this happen; why didn't Mary feel comfortable bringing up concerns early on and to OT; how can we prevent this type of situation from happening again - especially in the grasslands".
I am confident that we will reach a solution and this project will move forward but still so sad we are in this situation.

Darlene Henderson
Sent from my iPad

On May 21, 2021, at 8:50 AM, Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:

Chris Joosen and I have determined on our own it would be great to have you Kim as the OT group rep for collaborative listening, planning, reporting, etc.

I think it would be great to have Travis or Darlene too, but will ask Slater to ensure he's into that. That likely won't happen til Monday so stay tuned.

May 27th USFS meeting at noon, headed to Lemon for 2 pm meeting.

Thank you all.

From: Shelby Knight <sknight@coic.org>
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2021 8:25 AM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Cc: Kim McCarrel <(b)(6) Kim McCarrel (b)(6); Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com>
Subject: Re: Range Permittees and Lemon Gulch

Here's the link Beth shared:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/114478_FSPLT3_5632838.pdf

On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 8:21 AM Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:
Here is the summary that was shareable to the group. I think Beth may have also shared the full letters in the meeting zoom chat.

I'll check to see if it's ok to invite you, I think that would go a long way. I think it would be good to have Travis too, for some thinking on the ideas that come out of it, but not sure if we'll be in idea mode or not…I hope so.

Stay tuned. Looking at May 27th at 2 pm on site.

From: Kim McCarrel <(b)(6) >
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 5:11 PM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Cc: Kim McCarrel <(b)(6) ; Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com>; Shelby Knight <sknight@coic.org>
Subject: Re: Range Permittees and Lemon Gulch

Well, for starters, I haven't seen the comments, so I don't know what issues were raised. Is there someplace I can read the comments?

Jim, the FS could meet with the permitees on its own, but that puts you in the position of running interference between two groups with differing views. That's great if you want that role.

However, I think there's merit in considering having some of the Ochoco Trails members attend the meeting you have with the permitees and listen to their concerns. Sometimes it helps to have "the other guy" listen and summarize their concerns, so they know they've been heard. I don't know much about the layout of the trail system, how/where it overlaps with grazing permits, etc., so while I can listen to what the permitees say, I can't then suggest changes that could be made to the Lemon Gulch project that would allay the permitees' concerns.

I will volunteer to come to the meeting if I can, and play the role of the listener charged with taking their concerns back to our group. It would be good to have a bicyclist there as well, in case some of their concerns can be easily dealt with. (It always helps to have the other guy meet you part way and express willingness to work on doing more to address your concerns.) Darlene, you have a lot invested in this project so far, so if you don't feel like you can go listen without getting frustrated, I totally get it (and commiserate!). Could Travis be persuaded to come? That is, Jim, if you feel like our presence would be beneficial. Maybe invite Jamie or Kit as well?

Those are my thoughts, off the cuff.
Kim

On Thu, May 20, 2021, 1:17 PM Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:
Want to let you three know that range issues are the top concern at Lemon Gulch. We are meeting with permittees to discuss next week and look at some concerns on the ground.

Interestingly, Mary Byers, sent a letter of concern not support for Lemon Gulch. She shares some use of this allotment with two others, who have major concerns.

We will work internally and externally to find the right path forward, but wanted to reach out to you to see if you wanted to reach out to Mary as group members who have seen the scoping comments and try and bring her back to the table in a supportive way. Not sure what happened or when we lost support from her. Lemon was on the table the whole time as we did public meetings, staff reviews, etc. The proposal ended up being more miles than originally proposed and we can work through that with some mitigation and negotiation, but hoping to see some support come back from Mary somehow, someway.

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Sent: Fri, 28 May 2021 10:45:26 -0700
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Subject: [External Email]Ochoco Trails Meeting Materials - 6/1 11:15-1:15
Attachments: 2021_05_04_Ochoco Trails Agenda_FINAL.docx, C_OT Collaborative Survey Summary_V2 (1).docx, B_2020_January 7_Final OTSG Strategic Plan_2021 Edits (1).docx, A_2021_05_04_Ochoco Trails JD Notes.docx, D_OT Budget 2021_V02.xlsx

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Attached are the meeting materials for our meeting next **Tuesday, June 1st from 11:15a-1:15p**. The Zoom link is below:
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Looking forward to seeing you all next week!
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Ochoco Trails

June 1, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

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Agenda

11:15 – 11:25 Welcome & Introductions
- Introductions & Agenda Review
- Formal Approval of Notes

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11:25 – 11:45 FS/ODFW Updates
- ODFW Updates
- FS updates

11:45 – 12:15 Funding Check-in
- General Budget Updates
- Roles Draft – discuss and assign
- Identify funding needs and opportunities for 2021 and beyond

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12:15– 12:45 Collaborative Check-in/Strategic Plan Update
- Finalize survey summary outcomes
- Review and approve Shelby edits to SP
- Next steps

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D_OT Collaborative Survey Themes and Outcomes

12:45 – 1:10 Subcommittee and Misc. Updates
- Mapping
- Website
- Kyle Miller Film – are we amenable?

1:10 – 1:15 Next Meeting and Next Steps
- Next meeting is July 6th
  - Agenda items?

OT Collaborative Survey Summary

April 2021

STRENGTHS

Group Collaboration	Collaborative relationships are strong
	Members and partners seek to understand and share their perspectives and interests
	Members and partners feel safe/invited to share concerns
	Members and partners work toward agreement/consensus building
	Collaborative relationships are built on trust
	Membership is diverse and bought in
Decision Making	Structure helps group achieve its goals and work collaboratively
	Decision making process is fair
	Members feel their values are captured in group decisions and work
Staff	Staff communication with all members
	Staff understand and help move group priorities forward
Partnerships	Our effort supports Forest Service in aligning projects with community values
	Our effort has improved group understanding of recreation management practices
Stakeholder Engagement	OT seeks out opportunities to connect with and engage stakeholders
Past Products	Ochoco National Forest trails proposal and process was collaborative and successful

OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT		What? How?	Who? When?
1. Information Sharing	1.1 Need for better communication on work happening outside of meetings	Implement committee reports and limit time allotted each agenda (subcommittee leads ask Shelby for additional agenda time 2 weeks prior to meeting after substantive progress)	Who: Subcommittee Leads When: Ongoing
		invite group members to subcommittee meetings (send meeting invites to full group via email)	Who: Subcommittee Leads When: Ongoing
		compile and update regularly a list of subcommittees and members to share with group	Who: Coordinator When: Update quarterly/Ongoing
		encourage all members to participate in at least ONE subcommittee	Who: All members When: [do we want a join by date?]

	1.2 Need for better safeguards of draft information and information sharing within versus outside of group	Shelby draft language on this in Strategic Plan and send to group for feedback	Who: Shelby When: By May meeting
2. Shared Learning	2.1 Opportunity to learn more directly about wildlife resource management and relation to trails/recreation	In the works! Bio 101 presentation by FS and ODFW at May meeting	Who: Brian coordinating When: May Full Group Meeting
	2.2 Opportunity to learn more directly about grazing management practices and relation to trails/recreation	Coordinate with Tory Kurtz	Who: When:
	2.3 Opportunity to learn more directly about forest management practices and relation to trails/recreation	Coordinate with Beth Peer (others?)	Who: When:
3. Project Implementation	3.1 Small/mini project opportunities	Field day to build mapped bypass of shooting pit on E side of Pine Ridge	Who: When:
		Pick up small projects as a means to small wins, keep space in our plan for those projects and develop communication channels to share out those opportunities	Who: Full group When: As opportunities arise
		FS has a large workload currently, consider how we communicate with them, and behave as ambassadors to the general public	Who: When:
	3.2 Need for more subcommittees, more regular subcommittee meetings, or more full group meeting time	See 1.1 above	N/A
	3.3 Take time to outline potential challenges in advance of taking on new projects	Build in new project evaluation protocol to Strategic Plan	Who: Shelby When: By May meeting
	3.4 Better track and support ONF proposal while building new proposal	Allocate more agenda time to this as work moves forward	Who: Shelby/Jim B. to coordinate When: Now/Ongoing
4. Decision Making	4.1 Need to engage ALL members/provide clear opportunities for ALL members to share vote/concerns/comments	Members strongly encouraged to join at least ONE subcommittee (see 1.1 above for more details)	Who: When:
		Facilitator regularly check in with members in and outside of meetings	Who: Shelby When: Ongoing (monthly basis)
		Member-member check ins	Who: When:

	4.2 Need to balance user group representation and engage with other stakeholders/decision makers	Establish Executive Committee with balanced representation	Who: When:
		Engage other potential stakeholders: ONDA, GOBW, Grey Butte Grazing Association, USFS Range staff, Crook County NR Committee Chair, OFRC	Who: When:
	4.3 All participants at table sign SP as commitment to collaboration	N/A	N/A
	4.4 Need agreement on foundational principle – see mission and values	Clarify through Strategic Plan discussion – spell out biological component within Strategic Plan	Who: When:
	4.5 Opportunity to strengthen system for sharing specific concerns and working toward agreement	Captured in SP	N/A
5. Oversight	5.1 Formal/standard and reliable method for providing input on budget matters and spending, problem solving, setting full group and subcommittee agendas	Establish Executive Committee?	Who: When:
6. Outreach	6.1 Need for outreach now in online setting		Who: When:
	6.2 Can better support public understanding of available recreation opportunities, negative impacts of illegal/inappropriate use, volunteer opportunities, avoiding conflict with wildlife, grazing, landowners, users		Who: When:
	6.3 Can better engage the community		Who: When:
	6.4 Can improve fostering DEI in our work		Who: When:
	6.5 More regular content and posts through website and social media		Who: When:
7. Membership	7.1 Who is missing?		Who: When:
	7.2 Reach out to members who are less or no longer active to check in		Who: When:
8. Partnerships	Connect with other trails collaborative groups to cross pollinate, learn together, problem solve, share ideas		Who: When:

	Connect with other groups in Crook County to identify shared opportunities and goals (BOCC, NR Committee, OFRC, water district)		Who: When:
9. Funding	Need for longer term and more stable funding sources	Develop funding matrix and priority list Regularly update/reach out to funders to build relationship and knowledge of funding sources	Who: When:

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Collaboration and Agreements	Are our agreements and collaborative commitments strong enough to support us in the "hard work" of making decisions around CRNG proposal?
	Is our work in alignment with our mission and goals?
Partnerships	Are we supporting FS in improving project implementation?
	Are we supporting member organizations to construct, maintain, and monitor trails network?
Project Implementation & Sustainability	Are we monitoring and adjusting our approach/work based on outcomes?
	Are we meeting our goal of protect wildlife habitat and natural resources?
	Are we planning for and actively supporting long term maintenance?
	Are we considering long term funding needs and opportunities and balancing this with our work?

Ochoco Trails

2020-2022 Strategic Plan

January 7, 2020

~~Edits made: May 2021~~

This Strategic Plan was prepared from July-December of 2019, and adopted in January 2020. Minor revisions were made and adopted in May 2021.The plan includes overall direction for the Ochoco Trails as well as more detailed action items and performance measures for 2020 through 2022. The Ochoco Trails may choose to update this Strategic Plan in its entirety in late 2022, or simply add more action items for future years.

1. VISION

A sustainable trails network in the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland makes Prineville and Crook County a more attractive place to live and work, allows our residents to reap the health benefits of outdoor recreation, encourages visitors to come enjoy our beautiful area, connects local residents and visitors with the Ochoco National Forest, and reduces trail conflicts while protecting wildlife habitat and our natural resources for generations to come.

2. MISSION

Ochoco Trails is a community-based coalition dedicated to building and maintaining a sustainable non-motorized trail system that offers a desirable range of experiences, while protecting and enhancing forest resources for future generations.

3. VALUES

The Ochoco Trails values the following:

- *Being **community-based** – identifying and including community values and needs in trails proposals, and providing useful and entertaining community education and outreach on trail use.*
- *Building **ecosystem science and holistic management** into the trails proposal, in order to ensure that trail use on the Ochocos avoids impacting ecosystem function, critical habitat, archaeological/historical sites, and other values that must be managed on National Forests and National Grasslands.*
- *Being **proactive**, rather than reactive, in order to design a trail system that meets community needs without creating problems when trail use increases in the medium to long term.*

- *Supporting **community economic goals** – providing a sustainable trails network that attracts visitors and provides a community amenity for persons and businesses wishing to relocate to the area.*
- *Performing ongoing **adaptive management** – transparently monitoring performance, learning lessons, and adjusting our proposals and activities.*
- *Providing **operational sustainability** -designing and implementing a trails network that can be maintained over the long term*
- *Fostering **diversity, equity, and inclusion** – engaging marginalized populations at the OCHOCO TRAILS table, in community outreach, and working proactively to identify ways to ensure that the trails system may be accessed by all.*
- *Supporting the development of non-motorized **trails for all types of users,** in order to provide a diverse user experience for all.*

4. OCHOCO TRAILS OBJECTIVES:

- Develop and Shepherd a Sustainable Trails Plan for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland
- Support Member Organizations- to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
- Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders

5. ORGANIZATION, DECISION-MAKING, COMMITTEES, STAFFING

Organization Model and Membership

The Ochoco Trails is a representational group designed to accelerate collaboration and action by providing a forum for stakeholder organizations and engaged individuals to ~~engage~~ collaborate and act. Ideally, the primary interests that **should** be represented on the Ochoco Trails include organizations focused on hoof (horse), foot (hiking, hunting, backpacking, running, skiing), and pedal-based (bicycle) recreation. Other interest groups – including environmental interests, community interests, business interests, etc. – are welcome. Other than ensuring those interests are represented, there are no formal "seats" on the OCHOCO TRAILS.

Voting members of the Ochoco Trails are those that have signed on to this Strategic Plan. In the future, the Ochoco Trails may elect to develop a more thorough Operations Manual or similar document. In that event, voting members will be those that have signed on to that future Operations Manual.

Committees

The Ochoco Trails will designate ongoing or ad hoc committees as needed and deemed useful. This may include an Executive Committee in the future, but as of this Strategic Plan all Ochoco Trails decisions will

be made by the full group, including decisions on projects to recommend and implement, staffing and contracting, grants and funding to pursue, etc.

Revenue and Fiscal Administration

The Ochoco Trails will pursue grants and donations for support staff and projects. The Ochoco Trails uses Discover Your Forest as its fiscal ~~administrator~~sponsor, unless otherwise appropriate (e.g. COIC holds the 2020 TFFF funding). Where possible (i.e. when grants allow inclusion of indirect costs), Ochoco Trails will write into grants 10% for fiscal administration costs for Discover Your Forest.

Staffing Model

~~After 2019, the Ochoco Trails will move from employing a facilitator to employing a contract coordinator.~~The Ochoco Trails will employ a contract coordinator.

Ground Rules/Basic Expectations

Following are a set of basic expectations for Ochoco Trails participants:

Focus on learning

- Come willing to learn
- Come to meetings prepared
- Present interests, not positions
- Listen to understand. Be present and aim to fully hear others.
- Critique constructively and ask questions to learn.
- Be willing to be creative, explore alternatives, and search for opportunities.
- Share all relevant information.
- Share and take into account information from diverse sources.
- Please ask—there are no stupid questions.
- Respect the range of knowledge present in the group.
- Adapt ground rules to reflect group needs and dynamics as they evolve.

Listen and speak with respect

- Only one person speaks at a time. Allow people to finish their thought. No interrupting and no side conversations during full group discussions.
- Speak when you have something to say: bring up concerns and different views.
- No personal attacks**.** Come down hard on ideas, but not on people.
- Voice your concerns and take the time to address conflicting concerns.
- Do not dominate discussions. Do not use meetings as a forum to "soapbox."
- Respect each other in and outside of meetings.

Communication outside of meetings

- Keep your colleagues and constituents informed about the process.
- Bring relevant information back to the group.
- Do not criticize individuals or the group process outside of meetings. Bring your concerns directly to the individual or the group.
- Don't presume to speak for others who are not there.
- No backroom deals.

- A Google Drive will be maintained for storing and sharing all information. Partners are encouraged to help develop content for the Drive.

Failure to abide by the above ground rules may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Decision-making:

Consensus
The Ochoco Trails endeavors to make decisions by full consensus. Consensus on a decision about a project, recommendation, or action the group plans to take will be reached when all meeting participants can make one of the following statements about a decision:

- I agree with the decision and will publicly support it
- I agree with the decision but will refrain from publicly supporting it
- I can live with the decision (and won't disparage it in public)

Once the full group has ratified a decision, the decision and deliberations will be captured in the relevant meeting notes.

Inability to Reach Consensus
The Ochoco Trails will make every effort to reach consensus within the given timeframe (as laid out in the project timeline developed at the outset of a project) for making decisions. If the Ochoco Trails cannot reach consensus, members are encouraged to continue the conversation via conference call, email discussions, in-person meetings, or whatever format is most effective, in between meetings in order to function most effectively.

If a time comes when the Ochoco Trails is unable to reach consensus after significant effort, the following actions will be taken:

- Areas of agreement and disagreement will be clearly recorded in writing
- Differing position reports will be written to address the areas of disagreement. Each of these documents will include:
    - The name of the lead author and names of all who agree with the report
    - A description of their proposal and the rationale used to develop it
    - What members in the differing position groups anticipate doing if their proposal is chosen by the USFS (i.e. defend it in public), or not chosen (i.e. file an objection, appeal, litigate, etc.).
- The differing position reports will be given to all Ochoco Trails members and, if appropriate, to the USFS for their consideration in their role as decision makers for USFS managed lands and waters.

Participation in Decision-making: Attendance requirement

In order to assure timely and well-informed decision-making, Ochoco Trails members may only participate in decisions if they have participated in at least 2 of the last 4 meetings.

Document Sharing

All documents circulating internally shall remain DRAFT until formally approved by Ochoco Trails members through the above decision-making process. Draft documents are NOT public facing until they are formally finalized and shall not be shared outside of the group without group consultation and discussion. Failure to abide by this may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Project Evaluation

In order to meet its mission and goals and be strategic with resources, Ochoco Trails will do the following when considering new projects:

1. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consult facilitator and/or Chair to incorporate ask into meeting agenda.
2. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consider and invite relevant partners, groups, or individuals not already at the table to the discussion.
3. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will present the project idea to the full group for open discussion and questions.
4. The facilitator will provide an opportunity for every member to share any potential challenges they see that may face the project. This discussion will be captured in the notes.
5. Depending on the potential challenges or threats to the project identified, the group may be able to answer or address concerns on the spot. Where they cannot:
    i. An attempt will be made to track down more information and will be shared out with the group
    ii. An attempt will be made to invite others to the table for discussion or hold 1:1/small meetings with other groups or individuals and share out to the group
6. The project will be put to a vote, once concerns have been aired and a plan for addressing them has been agreed upon.

6. ACTIONS AND INDICATORS

OBJECTIVE A: Develop and Shepherd a Sustainable Trails Plan
Output Indicators: • Plans delivered to Forest Service • Forest Service provides feedback on priorities • OCHOCO TRAILS and FS continually revise and update Plan **Outcome Indicators** • At least one component of the Proposal is put on the FS Program Of Work every year • Forest Service completes NEPA on high priority components of the Proposal. • Enter into Agreements to build trails

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ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Prepare Ochoco NF proposal and deliver to Forest Service	February 2019 (complete)	N/A - COMPLETE
Shepherd the Trails Proposal with Forest Service staff. This is an iterative process that will be ongoing, as long as the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails continues to operate, and involves getting the various aspects of the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' proposal on the annual Ochoco National Forest Program of Work (POW).	August 2019 – ongoing	Full group maintains an ongoing dialogue with USFS staff re: • Short-term projects that may be implemented via categorical exclusion, quarterly • Longer-term projects that will require more extensive NEPA analysis, each Spring for consideration in the POW for 2 years out.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Engage community support for the Trails Plan (see Objective C for more)	Ongoing	Community meetings, Ochoco Trails member time, etc.
Complete Crooked River National Grassland Proposal(also requires consultation/engagement) Draft Proposal complete Public meetings – ~~Redmond and Madras~~Redmond, Prineville, Madras Receive FS Feedback Deliver Final Proposal to USFS	 ~~May~~ December 2021~~0~~ ~~May-June~~January - March 2022~~0~~ Summer 2022~~0~~ ~~Asap 2020~~	Presentation to the Forest Service at in-person meeting.
Assess outcomes; repeat the above process	2021	
Assess outcomes; repeat the above process	2022	

OBJECTIVE B: Support Member Organizations to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
Output Indicators: • Support letters and other assistance for grant proposals • Resources allocated by FS for NEPA analysis • $ raised for trail construction • $ raised for trail maintenance **Outcome Indicators:** • Trail miles developed, by type/user • Trail miles maintained, by type/user • Trail use by type of user • New system trails are adopted by a individual or entity (covered by a volunteer service agreement)

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Continually request FS to put this on the annual Program of Work, NEPA, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails volunteer board advocacy
Monitor and support 2020 USFS Work Priority order: - Bandit Springs winter (#19) - Endurance Rides (#6)/Allen Creek Horse Camp (#7) - Dry Creek Horse Camp Trails (#3) - Black Canyon connector trails (#13, 14, 15) - Bingham-Whistler tie trail – wait to hear back from the FS if this is possible (#1)	2020	Ochoco Trails Members and ONF Recreation Team Request regular updates from the Forest Service at Ochoco Trails meetings and problem-solve barriers if needed.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
All proposal trails flagged for Lemon Gulch	Winter/spring 2020	COTA, volunteers
All proposal trails flagged for Dry Creek Horse Camp	Winter/spring 2020	OET, BCH, volunteers Note: this is already GPS'd.
Complete mapping for Bingham-Whistler tie trail	2020	Foot powered people
Design and install safety signage for the Lookout Mountain "pinch point"	2020	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team Travel OR $?
Identify and flag a new trail alignment possibility to bypass the LM "pinch point"	2020	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team
Project funding: • Research opportunities for NEPA funding • ID trails construction, trails maintenance, etc. funding sources and prep • Consider development of a local donor campaign targeting businesses and individuals that will benefit from trails development.	2020	Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator IMBA – new funding stream for planning/NEPA. Travel OR – potential new funding stream for planning/NEPA.
Engage with other organizations in other geographies working on the same issues – be a part of a joint voice on NF recreation/trails/etc.	2020-2021	Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator
Monitor use before and after proposal implementation	2020-2021+	Ochoco Trails members – anecdotal evidence and trail counters, trailhead surveys, self-issued permits, etc.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Build subsequent year Program Of Work requests and priority order, including CRNG proposal.	2020+ ongoing	Ochoco Trails members in meetings
Flag next-priority trails.	2021+ongoing	Member organizations, as per primary trail use.

OBJECTIVE C: Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders
Output Indicators: • Community meetings • Field tours • Presentations to stakeholders • New ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails members? • Etc. **Outcome Indicators:** • Community support for proposal and trail development as measured by endorsements, lack of objections or controversy, surveys, etc. • Reduced incidence of trail conflicts • Participation and interest in ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' efforts.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Meet with key local stakeholder groups – e.g. County Court and NR Committee, OFRC, Trail User Groups, Citizens that Support Public Lands, City Council, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails volunteer board
Promote the proposal to regional, statewide, national groups, e.g. COTA, Travel OR, USFS Region 6, Congressional delegation, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails volunteer board
Create a logo and letterhead for the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails	February 2020	Volunteers, TFFF funding

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Target groups to engage more with the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails (regular meetings and processes): Nordic skiers/Central OR Nordic Club, hikers, anglers, local businesses with a natural interest in non-motorized recreation, or others as appropriate.	2020	Ochoco Trails volunteer board
Host public lectures, films, and/or field trips 2x/year – various relevant topics (e.g. safety and wildlife encounters on trails; Ochoco Mountains geology; trail etiquette and use conflicts; resource management; Warm Springs perspective on the Ochocos, etc.). The series would also serve as OCHOCO TRAILS outreach events to bring attention to the trails proposal, Ochoco Trails role, member organizations (volunteer recruitment), etc. This can also serve as an Ochoco Trails fundraiser. Wildlife Encounters on the Ochoco Trails – first event.	~~First one in Winter 2020 – ongoing~~	Ochoco Trails board and knowledgeable speakers. Consider joint event planning with the Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative (OFRC).
Summer Community Event: Horse/bike workshop • Educate community and trail users about horses and bikes sharing the trails. Provide opportunity to desensitize horses to the presence of bikes. (Consider doing this annually?) • Joint volunteer recruitment event	~~Summer 2020~~	Ochoco Trails volunteer board
Community Open House to present Grasslands Trails Plan	~~May-June 2020~~	Ochoco Trails volunteer board

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Share monitoring results	Ongoing	At all appropriate events.

Ochoco Trails: Membership Sign-On

The below signatories are members in full standing of the Ochoco Trails, and agree to support the Ochoco Trails Vision, serve the Mission, abide by the Values; and work within the governance model, ground rules, and other provisions provided in this document.

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Ochoco Trails

May 4, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

Zoom Meeting: (b)(6)

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In attendance: Monty Gregg, Kyle Miller (Timber Reel Productions), Greg Jackle, Jim Akenson, Mona Steinberg, Sara Gregory, Brian Nelson, James Beaupre, Travis Holman, Jamie Dawson, Nathan Hovekamp, Kim McCarrel, Barbara Smith, Beth Peer, Rika Ayotte, Jeff Scheetz, Duane Miller

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30 Welcome & Introductions

- Introductions & Agenda Review
  - Monty – introduce Kyle Miller
    - Met him through Oregon Wildlife Foundation. Pitched Kyle and OWF on ongoing demand for recreation, sustainable trails in Central Oregon and Ochoco Trails' work.
  - Film Discussion
    - Hoping to develop a full-fledged film about sustainable rec in the Ochocos, and how our process works. Would be 1-1.5 year timeline. Looking to highlight the impacts sustainable trail development can have in the area. Will feature four different groups – runners, mountain bikers, equestrians, hunters – in Central Oregon, Ochoco specifically. They'll produce smaller clips that we can use in addition to the full film. Monty can be our go-between contact person.
    - Task: discuss our participation in this – are we amenable?

- Formal Approval of Notes

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11:30 – 11:55 FS/ODFW Updates and Presentation

- Brief updates from USFS
  - Skull Hollow CXT project was funded at 75k
  - Lemon Gulch scoping has happened – got 86 letters, primarily letters of support from trail user groups and the county. Concerns from folks about wildlife habitat, livestock permittees. All are available to read in the project file and Beth also made a summary.
  - 10-year trail strategy was just released, Jim B. will be sending around
  - Corral Flat project is getting ready to gear up – working with field rangers and LEOs in
- FS presentation on wildlife and recreation
  - Wildlife 101: Forest Service Analysis Process
  - "As a land management agency, 90% of what we do is vegetation management" – the goal from wildlife standpoint the goal is to make sure that veg mgmt. is habitat related
  - Primarily focused on east grassland: based on Land and Resource Management Plan the areas are: antelope winter range, old growth juniper, rimrock springs, and general forage. Forest plan "is very old, written in 1989, still very applicable". There was also a 2004 EIS to manage forage across the grassland. For perspective, 20 million of 85 million lbs of forage production allocated to livestock
    - General forage dominates – livestock based land allocation, optimum amount of forage for just livestock and to sustain wildlife
    - Antelope winter range: mgmt. objective is to manage for optimum winter range conditions for antelope

- Old Growth Juniper
    - Trying to connect old growth habitat for dependent species across the landscape. Roughly 40 acres in size, keep them no farther than 5 miles apart from eachother
- Management indicator species: a species selected because its welfare is presumed to be an indicator of the welfare of other species in the habitat.
    - Northern Flicker – old growth juniper
    - Mule deer – this guideline specifically focuses on winter range – (not in this project area but they obviously use the area),
    - Antelope – objective is to manage at carrying capacity for 300-350 animals in the winter range, support this based on ODFW's needs
    - Raptors – all raptors are MIS, have a list of very specific management criteria for those
        - Bald/Golden Eagles – managing these nest sites, trying to mitigate disturbances during critical nesting times (incubation, right after chick hatching). Essentially have buffer zones
        - Hawks/owls – any nest found would receive the same kind of treatment
        - Prairie Falcons – associated with cliffs, same as above
    - After they receive a proposal, they do a pre-field review, includes:
        - Review database for historic info
        - Review past and present veg mgmt. projects or other projects
        - Consult with ODFW
        - Look at a map – they take into account nest sites, water developments, juniper treatments, exclosures to improve habitat for ground nesting birds and (excludes ungulates)
        - Look at best available science and existing conservation strategies – for various species
        - Conduct a core habitat analysis – using distance bands/ buffers
        - A pre-disturbance survey: look at existing use, field review of ongoing issues degrading
    - A goal: to maximize habitat effectiveness – leave as much open space intact is possible
- Questions
    - Is the "winter range" blob actually realistic to where they are on the ground?
        - That blob = it's managed for forage – doesn't have anything to do with core habitat size
    - Mgmt plan is 30 years old – when will we update it?
        - Three years out at least – always gets pushed. The environmental assessment opportunities for projects like this are our best near-term opportunities to effect change.
    - Other than old growth junipers, are there any other veg types that are important?
        - Riparian areas are emphasis areas – all riparian habitats are a priority – Willow Creek is a big cattle exclosure, for example.
    - In some spots we are working to preserve blocks with old growth juniper, and other blocks where we're doing juniper treatments. Other than antelope, most indicator species that are avian, are there other avian species that benefit from juniper removal?
        - Most of the juniper removal is to improve the bunchgrass-shrub ecosystem (like savannah sparrow), historic burrowing owl populations. The places they burrow are usually highly productive sites, first to get colonized by ingrowth.
    - Can you expand a little bit on what metrics exist for ongoing degradation? What units/how are those measured?
        - Measured in habitat. We ask many miles of user create routes are in the area, miles per sq mi of user created roads/trails, how many dump sites, amount of acres that we may have ID'd for treatment/how much juniper encroachment we have.

            - Ochoco Trails groups are happy to help with on-the-ground truthing of core habitat (what green blobs could be orange or red?)
                - Suggestion to use Biological Contractor funds for this
        - **In summary, we should ask: What are the ways we can avoid or improve core habitat, fragmentation, etc.? There's a lot going on out there – let's keep that in mind as we're designing the systems.**

- <u>ODFW presentation on wildlife and recreation</u>
    - ODFW's perspective on how they consider these projects – advisory role "the federal agencies manage the habitat; the state agencies manage the wildlife" they have to work together
    - On bio 101
        - Every critter needs food, water, cover, space
        - We're talking a lot about retaining open space for wildlife species – this includes migration, life history stages
    - ODFW manages the wildlife
        - Bulk of effort is done with huntable species
        - Flying Grizzly survey unit more intensively this year to get a better idea of numbers. They fly, survey/count, and map
        - County has their own mapped pronghorn habitat area, the animals in that area are struggling
        - Highways and roads are a migration barrier
        - Protecting winter range protects habitat for animals that summer elsewhere – it will get used
        - Wolves – disperse through the Ochocos, not an established pack yet but maybe.
        - Fragmentation takes a bunch of different forms,
            - Example: fragmentation of migration paths
                - Mule deer – fidelity to migratory paths. deer survival is dependent upon ability to migrate
                - Elk and pronghorn more flexible migration patterns
            - Response to roads/fences (example of one collared mule deer who only crossed 97 once, example of collared wolf that turned back at highway)
        - Re: Cores/open space, current impacts
            - If the area is degraded, ODFW can't throw away degraded spots
            - They ask "Where can we improve habitat? Where can we invite them back?"
                - Question: Are there opportunities in the planning stage to think about what that might look like?
                - Yes – in our comment letters we often say "it would be a little more palatable to us to create a trail system if you close illegal roads, system roads – if we can do that in a logical or deliberate way"
        - Questions
            - Would like 102 / 201 level presentation on recreation/wildlife impact – do buffers work? How big should they be? Do different species respond more than others – mapping subcommittee could meet on this
            - One of the things we're trying to wrap our head around is the big picture/current state of the grassland, we have a minimal understanding of (anecdotal experience from our own lives) – *through this trails proposal, how can we simultaneously meet recreation use demand and improve habitat by design?*
                - Road closures are one aspect of that, potentially narrowing the corridor for trail proposals, data collection
                - Are there specific approaches or tasks we can take to improve that habitat?
                - It depends – yes, based on what we find occurring on the land, there may be opportunities to change use. If we could put a system in to alleviate some dumping (change use) – this could potentially improve it.

    - Comment: Something that needs to be addressed – appropriate timing of use, it's something many seasonal road closures are addressing - a good detailed conversation about critical timings around elk, mule deer, etc
    - Question: The map that showed the county's antelope range, looks like it overlaps with Cyrus, Warner Loop, Coal loop, if we were to build additional trails within that circle – would we need to coordinate with the county in some fashion in addition to ODFW/USFS?
        - No. County has minimum lot sizes, fencing standards, etc., within that circle. The county isn't going to make the fed mitigate for impact to winter range. No – FS is solely responsible for mgmt. of federal lands.
- Summary: We're trying to bring forward a proposal initially that addresses these concerns to the best of our ability. Use best available information that we have. Working through together through that initial process in proposing line. Looking for what are best practices for habitat/trail design.
- Should take OCRF funds – use for illegal routes/roads – will be discussed at subcommittee level.

OCHOCO TRAILS BUDGET 2021

Budget Category	*Description*		*Amount*	*Notes*
EXPENSE				
Marketing				
	Website	$	102.00	Maintenance and licensing to Travis
Community Engagement				
	N/A			
Trails Projects				
	Work proposed to TO	$	2,500.00	$? Towards contractor for Lookout Mountain
	Biological Contractor	$	4,000.00	OCRF
DYF	Funding Administration	$	1,450.00	10% of each grant managed by DYF
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***8,052.00***	
INCOME	OET	$	2,000.00	
Grants	COTA	$	2,000.00	Not allocated as of 3/31/21
	Travel Oregon	$	5,000.00	Project Work, carryover from 2019 grant
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	4,000.00	*Bio Contractor*
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***13,000.00***	
TOTAL SURPLUS		*$*	*4,948.00*	

Budget Category	*Description*		*Amount*	*Notes*
EXPENSE				
Staff				
	Facilitation	$	13,000.00	Shelby from COIC (25 hrs/mo for 12 mos)
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***13,000.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	The Ford Family Foundation	$	13,000.00	
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	3,500.00	
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***16,500.00***	
TOTAL SURPLUS		$	(3,500.00)	

Ochoco Trails Budget Actuals Updated May 26, 2021

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Marketing				
	Website	$	-	Maintenance and licensing to Travis
Community Engagement				
	N/A			
Trails Projects				
	Work proposed to TO	$	-	Lookout Mountain Contractor
	Biological Contractor	$	-	*OCRF*
TOTAL EXPENSES		***$***	***-***	
INCOME				
Grants	COTA	$	2,000.00	Not allocated as of 3/31/21
	Travel Oregon	$	5,000.00	Project Work, carryover from 2019 grant
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	*4,000.00*	*Bio Contractor*
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***11,000.00***	
TOTAL REMAINING		*$*	*11,000.00*	

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Staff				
	Facilitation	$	8,000.00	Shelby (as of May 1, 2021)
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***8,000.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	The Ford Family Foundation	$	13,000.00	Ends August 31st
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	3,500.00	
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***16,500.00***	
TOTAL REMAINING		*$*	*8,500.00*	

Ochoco Trails 2022 Projected Budget

Budget Category	Description	Amount	Notes
EXPENSE			
Marketing			
	Website	$ 102.00	licensing and maintenance (to Travis)
Community Engagement			
	Host 3 Public Meetings for CRNG	$ 500.00	
Trails Projects			
		$ -	
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$ 602.00***	
INCOME			
Grants			
		$ -	
TOTAL INCOME		***$ -***	
TOTAL DEFICIT		*$ (602.00)*	

Budget Category	Description	Amount	Notes
EXPENSE			
Staff			
	Facilitation	$ 8,400.00	Contractor (35/hour for 20 hours/mo for 12 months
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$ 8,400.00***	
INCOME			
Grants		$ -	
TOTAL INCOME		***$ -***	
TOTAL DEFICIT		*$ 8,400.00*	

Fund Development Strategy

Who	*What*	*Notes*
Rika	Transient Room Tax Dollars (RCPT, Visit Central OR)	Not sure if they'll be available in 2021, Rika will continue to follow up
Shelby	REI/Facebook	Shelby meet with Kim
Budget committee	GAOA	talk to district ranger
Rika	Title II	outreach project (5,000-6,000)
Shelby, Duane	Collaborative Effort	Jefferson County (chamber, comissioners), OFRC, Crook County, Prineville downtown
Shelby, Duane	County?	Collaborative convo supports/strengthens
Shelby, Jim	OCRF	reach out with new plan - alternative that meets goals/outcomes - $3000 to facilitation, $1000 for per diem reimbursement. Jim/Holly
Rika?	Hire new coordinator	hiring new coordinator DTC (part time contractor for both)
Shelby	Exit strategy	Develop based on 25/hr contractor and bring to May meeting
Shelby	Oregon Community Recovery Grant Program	Winter 2021, collaborative convo supports
	Recruitment? Community Outreach?	Collaborative convo supports/strengthens
	Paid Membership Dues	
	Develop contact list and strategy	
	Donation request at public events	
	NFF?	
	Collins Foundation?	
	Fund Development	

Facilitator Scope of Work (Monthly)

Task	*Hours/month*	*Cost*	*Notes*
Meeting Prep	5	$ 360.00	build agendas, materials development, coordination
Meeting Faciliation	2	$ 144.00	
Subcommittee Meeting Support	5	$ 360.00	prep, coordinate, facilitate, follow up
Fund Development	5	$ 360.00	follow up, research, coordination, etc.
Admin	2	$ 144.00	budget, attendance, misc.
Transition Time		$ -	New coordinator support
Meeting Notes	3	$ 216.00	
TOTAL/MONTH	***22***	***$ 1,540.00***	

Project and Committee Roles

Task	*Estimated Hours/Month*	*Lead*	*Support*	*Currently Assigned*	*Task Breakdown*
Meeting Prep	5	*Chair: Darlene*	Executive Committee	Darlene	build agendas, materials development, coordination, scheduling
Meeting Faciliation	3	Facilitator	Chair & Executive Committee		
Website Management	2	Web Manager	Outreach Committee	Travis	Blog posts, updates, etc.
Fund Development	10	Treasurer	Executive Committee		follow up, research, coordination, grant identification and writing, etc.
Admin	2	Secretary			attendance, document management, misc.
Meeting Notes	3	Secretary			Take notes during meeting, revise, and send to group
Budget tracking/dev/oversight	5	Treasurer	?		
Outreach	10	Outreach Lead	Outreach Committee		Develop outreach strategy, support CRNG outreach, ad hoc outreach for upcoming trail
Project: CRNG Proposal	?	Mapping Subcommittee Lead: Brian	Mapping Subcommittee	Brian	Build CRNG proposal
Project: Lemon Gulch	?	Project Lead: Travis		Travis	
Other projects?					

Committees

Committee Name	**Members**	**Notes**
Mapping	Brian, Kim, Travis	
Outreach		

From: Kim McCarrel
Sent: Sat, 29 May 2021 07:49:27 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS
Cc: Travis Holman;Darlene Henderson;Shelby Knight
Subject: Re: THANK YOU
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Jim, when I was a kid, I was the oldest so I babysat my younger siblings all the time. When my little brothers didn't do what I told them, I would smack them. They would hit me back, but since I was bigger and they were little, I always won. When I got to be about 11 and my next youngest brother was 10, I found when I smacked him and he hit me back, it hurt. I realized I had to find a different way of influencing my siblings' behavior. That became my mediation training.
At the meeting, Mary told me that when she came to our meetings, she was totally on board with a bike trail network at Lemon Gulch. Then the pandemic hit, and we started meeting via zoom. Her internet is too erratic for her to participate, and we had moved on to discussing the grassland, which she is not interested in. So she sort of dropped out of the group. She was surprised when she saw the scoping and found that what she had expected to be about 20 miles of bike trails was more like 50. She thought the group had changed its mind about what we all wanted at Lemon Gulch. She didn't realize that the expansion of the project came about because COTA was able to get out on the land and see what the possibilities truly are. She thought the group had sort of thrown her under the bus, but warmed up considerably when she realized that hadn't happened at all.
As for the permitees, it was pretty apparent from their comments that they felt like they were fighting for their livelihoods. In reality, we just needed to know the pinch points that were problems for them so we could move the trails to avoid them. But at first, they needed to tell us off about how important this area is to them and make us understand their concerns. Once they were sure we understood them, they were willing to look at a map and show us the problematic areas. But they couldn't do that until we had heard them out. I was very impressed by how patient and understanding your team and Travis were during that phase.
One of their key concerns is that this will project will have 50 miles of trails. I ride quite a bit at Peterson Ridge, which has about 45 miles of horse and bike trails. Likewise, Maston has about 40 miles of horse and bike trails, and it's not uncommon to see 60 or 70 cars there on nice spring and fall days. Those areas are flatter than Lemon Gulch, but I can't imagine that the trails at either location would interfere with cows grazing or permitees moving cows. 50 miles sounds like a lot, but I don't believe the trail density isn't going to be as big of a problem as they expect. The issue of encountering a downhill bike while they are gathering cows is a real one, but if they know the trails are there, they can pretty much avoid them.
My suggestion would be to consult with the interested permittees by phone every year as the bike trails are being built. Keep them in the loop, give them a chance to air their concerns, and act on the issues that are appropriate. The build-out will happen gradually enough that they will be able to come to terms with it as things move along. It may also make sense for COTA and the FS to invite them out each year to walk the trails we plan to build that year. That way, they feel a part of the process, and will not be surprised when they come back with their cows the following spring and find something on the ground that alarms them. And importantly, if they see

something that is problematic to them, we have a chance to address it before a lot of work goes into building that stretch of trail.
I was impressed with how collaborative Travis and the ID team were at the meeting. Everybody listened, made suggestions, and identified the areas/topics that are negotiable. When I left the meeting, it seemed like the permittees were feeling like they had been heard and were willing to make specific suggestions to improve the project. Very nice work!
Kim

On Fri, May 28, 2021, 8:42 AM Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:

Please know how much I appreciate your presence, time and energy yesterday. I'm always amazed by our group and you individuals in particular.

Darlene, I believe we had the right players in the field yesterday and I think I might have carried some of your feistiness and frustrations without getting fired. Kim was a superb mediator and responded to many issues with calm and confident responses. Travis was absolutely stoic and listened to concerns with intent to make it easier for uses to coexist. And Travis, please know that my original intent was to bring Mary back into the fold, I didn't want to upset you for no reason, but the way it all went you were the right one to be there and I appreciate it so much.

It was a rocky and loud start, but in the end people were laughing, marking up maps, and looking ahead for some compromise and cooperation.

Kim, I'd like to know which mediator trainings you've attended. I've got so much to learn.

I've been searching for the holes that got us to this point. I've expressed quite a bit of frustration for coworkers who were not fully engaged or thinking about their resources and contacts throughout the process. I will be a little more observant when members seem to drop out or have less input than usual. I will also not assume that those getting meeting notes from Shelby are following the process, I will reforward that to my coworkers and leadership to ensure that the relevant information for USFS is digested and understood.

Have a great weekend! Get out and enjoy some of your PUBLIC lands. ;^)

Jim Beaupre
Recreation Team Lead

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Hi OT!
Apologies, these were sitting in my inbox hiding in plain sight! Please look them over and send any edits/additions my way by the end of the month.
Thank you,
Shelby
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Ochoco Trails

June 1, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

Zoom Meeting: (b)(6)

Meeti

Attendance: Brian Nelson, Travis Holman, Jim Beaupre, Nathan Hovekamp, Kim MCCarrol, Kit Dickey, Jaimie Dawson, Darlene Henderson, Sara Carver, Rika Ayotte, Shelby Knight, Kyle Miller (guest with Timber Reel Productions)

Welcome & Introductions

May 4 Notes approved as written.

COTA RTP grant letter approved with minor grammatical corrections.

FS/ODFW Updates

ODFW - no report.

FS Update

1. Lemon Gulch scoping and trail proposal - 3 letters of concern received from grazing permitees and neighbors; meeting was called by Forest Service with representation from neighbors, grazing permitees, County Natural Resource Rep, OT, FS personnel and ODFW; after much discussion and information sharing it was agreed that permitees and neighbors have 2 weeks to review maps and identify areas of greatest concern; Lemon Gulch and the forest are public lands

2. No motorized use signs have been posted at road crossing points of non-motorized trails - especially on the Bandit Spring endurance trails / routes

3. John Schuber will be scouting out an alternative equestrian route(s) for the Lookout Mountain pinch points; sufficient funds are on hand to cover his time; folks interested in joining Jim on scouting expeditions should contact Jim B.

Funding Check-in

1. Ford Family funds are on hand to cover 25 hours of Shelby's time per month time through August 2021when the current Ford Family grant will expire
   - after August there additional funds to cover Shelby's timer an additional 2 months.
   - possible replacements for Shelby, if that becomes necessary, include the facilitator being hired by Deschutes Collaborative or an independent contractor

2. Future funding sources include:
   - Visit Central Oregon - estimated at $6000 per year which would be similar to Deschutes Collaborative; this could cover 20 hours per month for a facilitator type person at a rate of $25 per hour

- Annual Title II funding may be an option
- Collaborative Impact grants / funding through COIC may also be an option

3. Rika has accepted the Executive Director position with Deschutes Land Trust and will be leaving June 30th; her replacement has not yet been selected; in the interim between her exit and her replacement starting she will make sure Shelby has contact information for our fiscal agent grant tracking

4. Review of Roles
   - having a paid person is critical to groups ongoing success
   - Darlene will stay as Chair and assist Shelby with budget/funding
   - Jaimie will take monthly meeting notes and Brian will be her back-up
   - Shelby will focus her remaining time on looking for funding sources to cover costs for paid staff person
   - At this time the group did not take any action toward formalizing roles or an Executive Committee structure

   ACTION ITEM:
   - Shelby will estimate the time and cost for a paid staff person to take on her roles

5. Biological Contractor and OCRF grant

   ACTION ITEMS:
   - Shelby to continue to manage this grant and clarify with Jim A.what his ability and the terms associated with he and Holly serving as the Biological Contractor
   - Shelby will explore options for utilizing OCRF grant funds awarded for Biological contractor for other work - such as facilitation costs

Collaborative Check-in/Strategic Plan Update

Discussion deferred until next month because of a lack of time

ACTION ITEM
- Everyone is to review Shelby edits to Strategic Plan and come prepared to finalize the revised plan

Subcommittee and Misc. Updates
- Website - no updates

- Mapping
  - will be re-working the trails with a vision of determining development versus preservation sections
  - possible work for Biological contractor will be to look at agreed upon preservation sections to determine current status and possible actions to ensure / increase preservation
  - much to consider with stakeholder concerns, wildlife management and grazing permittees; lesson learned from Lemon Gulch is to keep all involved
  - deconstruction process, notification process regarding large event and smaller caps for big events are also considerations
  - connection with Madras East trail network is desired
  - target for completion of trail proposal end of 2021 with public meetings to be held in early 2022

- Kyle Miller film - group amenable to filming with disclaimers and approval process

Next Meeting: July 6th

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Hey everyone, I just wanted to share some fantastic news - COTA just received an unsolicited $50,000 donation earmarked specifically to the construction of the Lemon Gulch trails. It's an amazing gesture considering the project is still undergoing NEPA review and really shows the support for more recreation opportunities in the Ochocos.

Cheers,
Travis
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Administration Conference Room
203 NE Court Street, Prineville, OR

Tuesday June 15, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Members of the public and media are welcome to attend in person with social distancing
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Discussion Items

	Requester's Name	*Matter*	*Docs in Packet?*
1	Katie Plumb	COVID-19 Update (if any)	
2	Darlene Henderson	COAT's 2021 RTP Grant Application Letter of Support	✓
3	Ann Beier	Community Development Fee Changes	✓
4	John Eisler	COIC IGA for Emergency Business Grants	✓
5	John Eisler	TSR North Solar Facility CUP Modification New Sun Energy Formal Continuance Request	✓

Executive Discussion Items

	Requester's Name	*Matter*	*Docs in Packet?*
Exec #1		ORS 192.660(2)(h) Consulting with Counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed	✓

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June 15, 2021 Work Session Agenda Items

Crook County

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June 15, 2021

Re: Letter of Support for COTA's 2021 RTP Grant Application

Dear 2021 RTP Grant Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for the Central Oregon Trails Alliance (COTA) 2021 Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant. COTA's presence has been a boon for Crook County. It is our hope that they are given every resource they need to further their mission.

The Crook County Chapter of COTA is relatively new - around eight years at this point. But during that time, they have already successfully raised funds for construction of the Prineville Bike Park, rehabilitated three historic trails in the Ochoco National Forest, and completed construction of over ten miles of trail on State and County property adjacent to Prineville.

COTA's work is essential to the future prosperity of Crook County. Our local parks and recreation district has just completed a joint 20-year strategic plan with the city of Prineville. This plan calls for expanding the existing local trail systems as well as constructing new trails - particularly in the Barnes Butte Recreational Area. COTA is a key partner for the park district and city to meet the trail related goals identified in this plan. In addition, the Ochoco National Forest is completing the environment analysis on a proposed 50-mile trail network on forest land adjacent to Prineville. Again, COTA is the key partner that will assist the Forest Service complete construction of this new trail network. The stand-on skid steer machine COTA will lease with these grant funds will supercharge the effectiveness and abilities of its volunteers and, ultimately, provide significant benefit to Crook County.

While there are undoubtedly numerous attractive candidates, from our perspective it is hard to imagine a group more deserving than COTA or a grant having more impact than their ability to lease a stand-on skid steer machine. The Crook County Court gives COTA our full support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Seth Crawford County Judge	Jerry Brummer County Commissioner	Brian Barney County Commissioner

Proposed Planning Fee Schedule 2021

Permit Type	Current Fee	Proposed fee
Appeals—Remands [No Code Compliance Fee]		
Appeal to Planning Commission	$250.00	$250.00
Appeal to County Court	$1850 + 20% of original fee	$2050 + 20% of original fee
CD/USB records	$5.00	$5.00
DOCUMENTS PURCHASED		
Duplication fees	$0.25/page	$0.25/page
Duplication of oversize exhibits	$5.00/page	$5.00/page
Local Appeal Record	$5.00	$5.00
LAND PARTITIONS		
Land partitioning (Residential, Commercial or Industrial)		
Land partitions (two – three lots)	$1,800.00	$1,900.00
Measure 49 Partition	$1,500.00	$1,575.00
Farm partition/forest partition (two – three lots)	$1,800.00	$1,900.00
Boundary Line Adjustment	$635.00	$725.00
Combining/Uncombining lots	$400.00	$425.00
Final plat review	$150.00	$160.00
Replat	$825.00	$725.00
CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS		
Conditional use permit, administrative	$950.00	$1,000.00
(e.g., dog kennels, home occupations;)		
Conditional use permit, w/hearing	$2,475.00	$2,600.00
(e.g. bed & breakfast, multi-family residential)		
Conditional use permit, modification of conditions, administrative	$450.00	$475.00
Conditional use permit, modification of conditions w/hearing	$1,500.00	$1,600.00
Temporary hardship	$350.00	$370.00
Temporary hardship renewal fee (every 2 years)	$25.00	$25.00
Conditional use – mineral aggregate	$8,500.00	$8,900.00
Conditional use – commercial energy	$9,500.00	$10,000.00
(Additional fee will apply if a Goal exception is required)		
Conditional use permit, Non-farm dwelling on existing parcel	$2,000.00	$2,500.00
Conditional use permit, Non-farm partition (two to three lots)	$4,000.00	$4,500.00
Conditional use permit, forest dwelling	$3,000.00	$3,200.00
AMENDMENTS		
Comprehensive plan amendment	$5,000.00	$5,250.00
Comprehensive plan amendment, required goal exception	$7,000.00	$7,350.00
Zone map change, measure 56 notice required	$5,000.00	$5,250.00
Zone map change, if no measure 56 notice required	$2,500.00	$2,625.00
Zone text change, measure 56 notice required	$4,000.00	$4,200.00
Zone text change, if no measure 56 notice required	$2,500.00	$2,625.00

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Proposed Planning Fee Schedule 2021

Permit Type	Current Fee	Proposed fee
SITE PLAN REVIEWS		
Site plan review – residential	$650.00	$675.00
Site plan review – accessory structure	$250.00	$125.00
Site plan review—accessory farm help dwelling	$1,500.00	$1,100.00
Site plan review – accessory farm family dwelling	$1,025.00	$1,100.00
Site plan review – farm dwelling	$1,025.00	$1,100.00
Site plan review—accessory forest-family dwelling	$1,000.00	$1,100.00
Site plan review – lot of record – ORS 215.705	$1,000.00	$1,100.00
~~Site plan review - Agricultural Exempt~~	~~$200.00~~	~~$0.00~~
~~Site plan review - Equine facility~~	~~$200.00~~	~~$0.00~~
Site plan review – Commercial, industrial	$0.00	$1,000.00
Site plan review - utility facilities, cell towers	$3,025.00	$3,025.00
Site plan modification	$250.00	$250.00
SUBDIVISIONS / PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS		
Outline development / master plan	$3,000.00+$200/lot + 10% compliance fee	$3,150.00+$200/lot + 10% compliance fee
Subdivision name changes	$500.00	$525.00
Final plat review	$825.00	$1,000.00
Subdivision modification request by applicant w/hearing	$2,000.00	$2,100.00
Public hearing extension request	$500.00	$525.00
Replat	$825.00	$825.00
DESTINATION RESORT		
~~Destination Resort Conditional use permit~~	~~$25,000.00~~	~~$0.00~~
Conditional use permit, modification	$25,000.00	$27,000.00
Subdivision Phase	$3,000.00+$200/lot + 10% compliance fee	$3,000.00+$200/lot + 10% compliance fee
Site plan review – residential	$800.00	$850.00
Site plan review – commercial	$1,750.00	$1,100.00
Final development review	$1,100.00	$1,100.00
Final plat review	$825.00	$1,000.00
Replat	$850.00	$825.00

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Proposed Planning Fee Schedule 2021

Permit Type	Current Fee	Proposed fee
OTHER PERMIT FEES		
Legal parcel/lot determination 1-4 lots	$750.00 +$50.00/lot	$800.00 +$50.00/lot
Legal parcel/lot determination 5+ lots	$250.00 +$50.00/lot	$275.00 +$50.00/lot
Complex project fee	$1,000.00 deposit + actual costs	$1,000.00 deposit + actual costs
Variance without public hearing	$700.00	$250.00
Variance with public hearing	$1,100.00	$1,100.00
Vested right application	$500.00	$550.00
Sign permit	$225.00	$225.00
Temporary use permit – Property owners RV on lot for up to 6 months	$115.00	$200.00
Temporary use permit – Renewal fee for property owner RV next 6 months	$25.00	$25.00
Land Use Compatibility Statement	$75.00	$75.00
Planning Director Determination (Interpretation-Advisory Only)	$865.00	$865.00
Staff Research/Consultation	First 15 minutes free, $25.00 per hour after first 15 minutes	$25.00 per hour
All land use extension requests	$250.00	$250.00
Refunds requests (if applicable)	100% of original fee	100% of original fee
Farm stand reviews	$100.00	$250.00
One mile study/soils report	$175.00	$200.00
Wildlife density analysis	$75.00	$75.00
~~Flood Verification- Written~~	~~$75.00~~	~~$0.00~~

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On-Site Fee Increases for 2021

PERMIT TYPE	Current	Proposed Base fee	DEQ Surcharge	Proposed fee	Jefferson
Site Evaluation	$ 725.00	$ 660.00	$ 100.00	$ 760.00	$ 725.00
Standard Septic System	$ 875.00	$ 820.00	$ 100.00	$ 920.00	$ 900.00
Capping Fill Septic System	$ 1,075.00	$ 1,025.00	$ 100.00	$ 1,125.00	$ 1,100.00
Grey Water Sump	$ 450.00	$ 370.00	$ 100.00	$ 470.00	$ 475.00
Pressure Distribution	$ 1,275.00	$ 1,235.00	$ 100.00	$ 1,335.00	$ 1,275.00
Redundant	$ 675.00	$ 605.00	$ 100.00	$ 705.00	$ 689.00
Sand Filter System	$ 1,575.00	$ 1,550.00	$ 100.00	$ 1,650.00	$ 1,600.00
Septic system permit, first 1,000 gallons, saprolite System	$ 850.00	$ 750.00	$ 100.00	$ 850.00	$ 715.00
Seepage Trench	$ 975.00	$ 1,020.00	$ 100.00	$ 1,120.00	$ 975.00
Steep Slope	$ 975.00	$ 1,020.00	$ 100.00	$ 1,120.00	$ 975.00
Tile Dewatering	$ 2,200.00	$ 2,210.00	$ 100.00	$ 2,310.00	$ 2,600.00
Plan Review, 0-600 covered under permit					
Each 500 gallons *commercial above 1,000	$ 150.00	$ 155.00		$ 155.00	
Commercial Plan review over 600-1000 gal each	$ 250.00	$ 260.00		$ 260.00	
Commercial Plan review over 1000-2500 each 500 add	$ 50.00	$ 55.00		$ 55.00	
Permit Renewal	$ 400.00	$ 300.00	$ 100.00	$ 400.00	$ 400.00
Major Septic System Repair	$ 475.00	$ 395.00	$ 100.00	$ 495.00	$ 500.00
Minor septic System Repair	$ 325.00	$ 240.00	$ 100.00	$ 340.00	$ 400.00
Major Commercial septic system repair	$ 525.00	$ 450.00	$ 100.00	$ 550.00	
Minor Commercial Septic System Repair	$ 350.00	$ 265.00	$ 100.00	$ 365.00	
Major Alteration Permit	$ 775.00	$ 710.00	$ 100.00	$ 810.00	$ 800.00
Minor Alteration Permit	$ 475.00	$ 395.00	$ 100.00	$ 495.00	$ 500.00
Att Annual Report	$ 50.00			$ 50.00	$ 60.00
ATT Systems	$ 1,325.00	$ 1,290.00	$ 100.00	$ 1,390.00	$ 1,350.00
Att systems O&M inspection	$ 400.00			$ 400.00	$ 350.00
Holding Tank	$ 825.00	$ 760.00	$ 100.00	$ 860.00	$ 850.00
Holding Tank inspection report-in-house	$ 40.00			$ 40.00	$ 40.00

On-Site Fee Increases for 2021

Holding tank Inspection annual-field visit	**$ 250.00**	$ 250.00		**$ 250.00**	$ 250.00
Authorization with Field Visit	**$ 600.00**	$ 530.00	$ 100.00	**$ 630.00**	$ 575.00
Authorization in House	**$ 300.00**	$ 200.00	$ 100.00	**$ 300.00**	$ 300.00
Evaluation /Renewal of Hardship Auth	**$ 300.00**	$ 200.00	$ 100.00	**$ 300.00**	$ 300.00
Existing System Evaluation	**$ 640.00**	$ 540.00	$ 100.00	**$ 640.00**	$ 500.00
Pumper Truck Inspection first truck	**$ 150.00**	$ 150.00		**$ 150.00**	$ 150.00
Pumper Truck Inspection each additional	**$ 60.00**	$ 60.00		**$ 60.00**	$ 60.00
Reinspection Fee after each Correction	**$ 200.00**	$ 200.00		**$ 200.00**	$ 200.00
of a pump or dosing system <u>except</u> for Sand Filter, ATT,	**$ 50.00**	$ 50.00		**$ 50.00**	
Onsite Specialist Consultation Fee, In House per hour	**$ 100.00**	$ 100.00		**$ 100.00**	
Onsite Specialist Consultation Fee, Field Visit	**$ 200.00**	$ 200.00		**$ 200.00**	$ 200.00
Refund/Administrative fee	**$ 50.00**	$ 50.00		**$ 50.00**	

Crook County Counsel's Office

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For Work Session
June 15, 2021

MEMO

TO: Crook County Court

FROM: Crook County Legal Counsel's Office

DATE: June 10, 2021

RE: *COIC IGA for Emergency Business Grants*
Our File No.: Ct. Contracts 283

Enclosed is an IGA with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) for the handling of Coronavirus Relief Funds passing through the State to Crook County in the amount of $338,451.49. Pursuant to the agreement, COIC will be compensated $11,922 for direct administrative expenses and the Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce will be reimbursed in the amount of $5,000.

The agreement is effective May 1, 2021 and terminates upon the payout of all funds and conclusion of all administrative activities. Time is of the essence to distribute these funds to local businesses.

If the County Court approves of the IGA, I would recommend a motion to approve the Emergency Business Grant with COIC and to authorize Judge Crawford to sign on behalf of Crook County. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2021.

CROOK COUNTY COURT

Seth Crawford County Judge	Jerry Brummer County Commissioner	Brian Barney County Commissioner

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

CENTRAL OREGON INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL AND CROOK COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN CENTRAL OREGON EMERGENCY BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SECOND GRANT PROGRAM

PARTIES:

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
334 NE Hawthorne Ave.
Bend, Oregon, 97701 ("COIC")

Crook County, Oregon
300 NE Third St.
Prineville, OR 97754 ("County")

This Intergovernmental Agreement for handling of grants (this "agreement") is effective May 1, 2021, and is entered into between Crook County ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Oregon, and Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council ("COIC"), an intergovernmental entity formed and operated pursuant to ORS 190.003-190-190-150.

RECITALS:

A. The State of Oregon previously allocated $714,084.00 to Crook County to provide financial assistance to support Oregon business in Crook which have been impacted by COVID-19. The funding source is CRF Grant Agreement # 2525 (the "Grant Agreement"), which monies originated from the 2020 CARES Act.

B. COIC administered the grants on behalf of the County and distributed grant funds to qualifying Crook County businesses.

C. On or about May 13, 2021, the State of Oregon distributed an additional $338,451.49 of CRF money (the "Additional Funds") to Crook County, for the purpose of assisting Crook County that have been impacted by COVID-19. This additional funding is memorialized in Amendment 1 to the Grant Agreement.

D. COIC will administer the Additional Funds and distribute grants to qualifying Crook County businesses, and provide the services described herein.

IT IS, THEREFORE AGREED:

1. Term.

This agreement will be effective as of May 1st, 2021. This is known as the Effective Agreement Date. No services shall be performed prior to the Effective Agreement date. This agreement will continue until all grant monies under the program have been paid out or returned or until otherwise terminated by the County, and all administrative activities described herein have concluded.

2. Statement of work.

The State is providing CRF grant monies to Crook County as part of an allocable share of CARES Act funds being distributed to counties. This business grant program is detailed further in Exhibit A, Statement of Work, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. County staff shall periodically communicate with COIC on administration of the grant program.

3. Compensation

COIC will invoice Crook County the full amount of the grant program, $338,451.49, upon receipt of an invoice from COIC. COIC will utilize $11,922 of the funding to offset its direct administration expenses incurred in furtherance of this Agreement. COIC will also reimburse the Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce an amount up to $5,000 to reimburse their expenses incurred for this program. Crook County may pay the $338,451.49 using any appropriate funds, which may include, in Crook County's sole discretion, funds allocated to Crook County through the Grant Agreement.

As more fully described in Section 6 below, COIC will provide County with reports specific to administration services and disbursement of grants. COIC will timely prepare any tax information reporting. COIC will receive a copy of the State of Oregon Grant Agreements (Grant # 2525 and #1007) and any Amendments thereto, and will ensure compliance with applicable grant requirements.

4. Invoicing and Payment Schedule

COIC will invoice Crook County for the $338,451.49 immediately upon receipt of the signed IGA. Crook County will remit the funds to COIC within ten (10) business days of receipt of the invoice. If for any reason, grant funds are not fully obligated and utilized as required, they will be returned to the County.

5. Execution of Work.

COIC shall at all times perform the work diligently, without delay, and punctually fulfill all requirements herein.

This Agreement outlines the entire relationship between COIC and County for purposes stated in statement of work. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings between the parties, if any, whether written or oral, concerning the subject matter of this Agreement which are not fully expressed herein. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by a writing signed by all parties.

6. Books and Records.

COIC shall keep proper and complete books of record and account and maintain all fiscal records related to this Agreement and the project in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, generally accepted governmental accounting standards and state minimum standards for audits of municipal corporations. COIC shall provide a report to the County within 30 days after the grant funds have been distributed, detailing the amounts and specific type of grants made in Crook County.

COIC acknowledges and agrees that County and its duly authorized representatives shall have access to the books, documents, papers, and records of COIC which are directly pertinent to this specific Agreement for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcripts for a period of six years after the Agreement expiration date. Copies of applicable records shall be made available upon request. Payment for reasonable costs of copies is reimbursable by County. If for any reason any part of this Agreement is involved in litigation, COIC shall retain all pertinent records for not less than three years after the grant has been made, until all litigation is resolved, or in accordance with applicable ORS County record retention requirements whichever is longer. Full access will be provided to County and to its duly authorized representatives in preparation for and during litigation.

7. Termination.

This Agreement may be terminated for convenience by either party at any time prior to the expiration date upon 30 days' written notice. If one party believes the other party to be in violation of this Agreement, that party shall notify the second party in writing of the circumstances leading to this conclusion. The party alleged to be in violation shall have 15 days to remedy the violation after which, if the violation continues to exist, the agreement will automatically terminate.

8. Litigation.

All claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between COIC and County arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement or the breach of it will be decided, if the parties mutually agree, by arbitration, mediation, or other alternative dispute resolution mechanism, or, if not so agreed, in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Oregon and Deschutes County. In the event of any dispute arising from this Agreement each party shall be required to pay its own separately incurred attorney's fees, expenses, and court costs, including arbitration, trial and appeal.

9. [RESERVED]

10. Indemnity and Insurance.

10.1 County and/or COIC agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each other from all claims, lawsuits and actions of whatever nature brought against it which arise from COIC and/or County's performance or omissions under this Agreement. No party shall be required to defend or indemnify the other for any claim or liability arising out of wrongful, or negligent acts or omissions of its own employees or representatives. Failure to supervise on the part of COIC and/or County shall not constitute a defense to the indemnity obligation imposed by this provision. This provision is subject to the limitations, if applicable, set forth in Article XI, Section 10 of the Oregon Constitution and in the Oregon Tort Claims Act, ORS 30.260 to 30.300.

10.2 Notwithstanding any other provision herein, County will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless COIC from any and all claims, lawsuits, and actions of whatever nature brought against COIC based on the inclusion of, and/or implementation of, demographic and equity identifier designations as further outlined in the Grant Agreement.

10.3 COIC will obtain the insurance described on Exhibit C, "Required Insurance," including naming the State of Oregon as an additional insured as described therein.

11. Successors & Assigns.

The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns. After this Agreement is executed, County and/or COIC shall not enter into any new sub agreements for any work scheduled under this Agreement or assign or transfer any of its interest in this agreement without the prior written consent of COIC and/or County.

12. No Partnership.

COIC will act as an independent contractor for this project. This agreement is not intended to create a partnership, employment status or joint venture.

13. Compliance with Applicable Laws.

13.1 COIC agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations applicable to this agreement and the Grant Agreement that the County executes with the State. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon. Both parties hereby consent to the personal jurisdiction of all state courts within Crook County, and all federal courts within the State of Oregon.

13.2 COIC shall comply with all applicable requirements of federal and state civil rights and rehabilitation statutes, rules, and regulations.

14. Tax Compliance.

By signature on this agreement, COIC hereby certifies that it is not, to the best of its knowledge, in violation of any Oregon Tax Laws. For the purpose of this certification, "Oregon Tax Laws" are ORS Chapter 118, 119, 314, 316, 317, 318, 320, 321, and 323 and Sections 10 to 20, Chapter 533, Oregon Laws 1981, as amended by Chapter 16, Oregon Laws 1982 (first special session); the Homeowner's and Renters Property Tax Relief Program under ORS 310.630 to 310.690; and any local tax laws administered by the Oregon Owner of Revenue under ORS 305.620.

15. Severability.

The parties agree that if any term or provision of this agreement is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the agreement did not contain the particular term or provision held to be invalid.

16. Force Majeure.

No party shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, public health emergencies and orders of federal, state, county and/or city jurisdictions, acts of God, and war which is beyond such party's reasonable control. Each party shall, however, make all reasonable efforts to remove or eliminate such a cause of delay or default and shall, upon the cessation of the cause, diligently pursue performance of its obligation under the agreement.

17. Waiver.

The failure of COIC and/or County to enforce any provision of this agreement shall not constitute a waiver by COIC and/or County of that or any other provision.

18. Ownership.

COIC and County will have full access to, and rights to use, all documents prepared under this agreement.

19. Additional Indemnification.

As to this Agreement, COIC and County shall protect and indemnify each other against any payroll taxes or contributions imposed with respect to any employees of COIC and County by any applicable law dealing with pensions, unemployment compensation, accident compensation, health insurance, and related subjects. COIC shall at COIC's own cost and expense insure each person employed by COIC the compensation provided for by law with respect to worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance.

20. Signatures

This Agreement may be signed in counterparts. A fax or email transmission of a signature page will be considered an original signature page. At the request of a party, the other party will confirm a fax or email transmitted signature page by delivering an original signature page to the requesting party.

21. Attachments

The following attachments are part of and applicable to this Agreement:

Exhibit A – Statement of Work
Exhibit B – State of Oregon Demographic Questionnaire form
Exhibit C – Required Insurance
Exhibit D – Federal terms and conditions, and Federal Award Identification

THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH INCLUDES ALL ATTACHED EXHIBITS, CONSTITUTES THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES. THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE WAIVED, ALTERED, MODIFIED, SUPPLEMENTED, OR AMENDED, IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER, EXCEPT BY WRITTEN INSTRUMENT. SUCH WAIVER, ALTERATION, MODIFICATION, SUPPLEMENTATION, OR AMENDMENT, IF MADE, SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY IN THE SPECIFIC INSTANCE AND FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE GIVEN, AND SHALL BE VALID AND BINDING ONLY IF IT IS SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT. THERE ARE NO UNDERSTANDINGS, AGREEMENTS, OR REPRESENTATIONS, ORAL OR WRITTEN, REGARDING THIS AGREEMENT EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED OR REFERENCED HEREIN. COIC AND COUNTY, BY THE SIGNATURE BELOW OF ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ THIS AGREEMENT, UNDERSTANDS IT, AND AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

CENTRAL OREGON INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL

By _____ Date _____
Tammy Baney, Executive Director

Crook County OR

By _____ Date _____
Seth Crawford, County Judge

EXHIBIT A

STATEMENT OF WORK

The County will provide funding for local business grants; the funding source is Amendment 1 to the CRF Grant Agreement # 2525 (CARES Act funding allocated by the State of Oregon to Crook County). These funds ($338,451.49) will be directed to the Crook County Emergency Business Grant Fund. COIC will serve as the overall project manager and fiscal administrator for this program.

The grant funds are intended to:

- Make a good faith effort to reach the hospitality industry, businesses impacted by the recent freeze, small businesses, and woman, black, indigenous, people of color, and tribal-owned businesses.
- Ensure that these funds are geographically diverse.
- Ensure that these funds are keeping viable businesses operational.

The emergency business grant is NOT for:

- Businesses that have closed and do not intend to reopen.
- Passive real estate holding companies and others holding passive investments.
- Non-profit entities that do not have federal 501(c) (3) status.
- Businesses that experience a decline in revenues for reasons other than those caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. seasonal or cyclical business cycles).
- Businesses that are delinquent on federal, state, or local taxes that were due on or before the date of application.
- Businesses that do not comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- Businesses not headquartered and with principal operations in Oregon.
- Business not registered to do business in Oregon (SOS Business Registry verification) if such registration is required.

Eligibility and Program Criteria

This program will score businesses based on the following criteria (see required):

- Businesses will be asked to report and identify funding from any COVID business support program they have received (such as through the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP); Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance program (EIDL); or grants or loans from the County), however, not providing this information does not disqualify the application.
- Name and description of business (also obtain address and contact information)
- Please indicate if your business was prohibited from operation as directed by recent Executive orders 20-12, 20-65, or 20-66.

- Indicate the percentage decline in sales for a recent month for your business (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) that you can demonstrate if asked. This month should be between March 1, 2020 and November 30, 2020, as compared against the same period of time in 2019.
- Identify type of business.
    - hospitality industry,
    - businesses impacted by the recent freeze:
    - gyms and fitness organizations,
    - indoor recreational activities,
    - museums,
    - zoos,
    - gardens,
    - outdoor entertainment activities (identified in OHA guidance),
    - indoor pools, sports, sports facilities or athletic activities,
    - other small businesses,
- Provide location(s) of business in Crook County. Allocation of monies will generally be geographically diverse within Crook County.
- Provide business start date.
- Provide estimated gross revenues for the most recent 12 months.
- Provide an explanatory statement from the business on why these funds are needed. (please keep to 150 words or less)
- Provide information on voluntary demographic questionnaire (State form).

The jurisdiction of any business/non-profit will be determined by the physical address. Crook County grants will include those businesses/non-profits within the geographical limits of Crook County. The program will seek to provide a thoughtful distribution of monies across the geographical areas of the County.

Anticipated Funding ranges

COIC and the committee of Crook County representatives (described below) may award grant funds to qualifying applicants as they may, in the exercise of their sole discretion and good judgment, deem appropriate, being mindful of the purposes for which these grant funds are intended to be used.

It is anticipated that not all applications will qualify under the CARES Act and thus will not receive grants. However, subject to the program requirements and the discretion of COIC and the committee, it is the intent that 95% of the available funds will be provided to qualifying individuals and businesses. Upon approval by COIC and Crook County, more than 95% may be distributed.

Marketing plan.

COIC will develop and perform a marketing plan which includes:

- marketing to historically disadvantaged populations and other business owners (and consider assistance from EDCO, the Latino Community Association, and other similar organizations);
- marketing towards sole proprietorships;
- marketing to businesses and non-profits;
- marketing in English and Spanish;
- marketing across Crook County; and
- leveraging with other organizations to get the word out.

Duration of grant opening process

The grant process will allow for applications to be received beginning noon on May 21, 2021 with the application closing at 11:59pm on May 27.

Application process/Application review committee

COIC will develop an application that collects information and certifications required by the RFP application and as needed to evaluate applications based on the criteria for Crook County. COIC will perform due diligence on information needed from businesses to classify the application and/or determine eligibility.

Grant applications will be evaluated through a scoring matrix developed by COIC and Crook County. COIC will help assemble a Crook County committee, including representatives designated by the Crook County Court (the board of commissioners for Crook County). The committee will weigh applicable criteria to ensure compliance with State mandates and County guidance. The committee may utilize any information collected in the application. Applications that are incomplete or non-responsive may be rejected.

Efforts are being made by the County and COIC to make this process as quick as possible.

Grant review and award process

COIC will work with Crook County to assemble criteria and a team to evaluate eligible grant applications in order to fulfill the RFP requirements and get grant monies out to small businesses and non-profit business.

COIC will reasonably attempt to obtain voluntary completion of the "State of Oregon Demographic Questionnaire" form, by means of including those questions in the application form. However, the completion or return of this Questionnaire is not a condition for any individual or entity to receive grant funds.

A copy of the Questionnaire is attached as Exhibit B.

Administration and grant disbursement

COIC will be the fiscal agent and administrator for all grants made and be responsible for all reporting and documentation required under the RFP application.

Periodic reports

COIC will provide to County periodic reports containing the following information:

1. Total use of Grant Funds;
2. Total number of applicants and beneficiaries; and
3. For each beneficiary that is awarded a grant:
   a. A short description of the beneficiary's business, including business entity type,
   industry, number of employees and length of operating history; and
   b. The demographic information reported on the voluntary Demographic Questionnaire by owners of each beneficiary business.

These reports will be provided to County by the following dates, but only for those periods in which COIC distributed grant funds under this Agreement.

- April 1 to June 30, 2021: report due Monday, July 5.
- July 1 to September 30, 2021: report due Monday, October 4.
- October 1 to December 31, 2021: report due Monday, January 3, 2022.

EXHIBIT B

Demographic Questionnaire

To be completed by business owners or organizational executives. We encourage you to answer the voluntary demographic questions below. Answers to the questions will help track programmatic outcomes and deliver on our agency vision to advance economic opportunity for all Oregonians. Your responses will only be reported in aggregate. Aggregated data gathered over time may be used to inform future outreach to certain demographic communities or to help the agency think about new program design over time. Submission of this information is voluntary. The information, or declining to provide it, will not subject you to any adverse treatment and will have no impact on agency decision making regarding qualifications for any program or service. Please note that this information may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to Oregon Public Records Law.

Applicant Business or Organization Name

Personal Information

Owner Name

What is your business ownership percentage?

What is your race? Select all that apply

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other (please specify)

What is your ethnicity? Select one:

- ○ Hispanic/Latino
- ○ Non-Hispanic/Latino
- ○ Prefer not to answer

Please describe your ancestry or national origin (example: Russian, Vietnamese, Somali, German, Hmong, Mexican, etc.)

☐ Prefer not to answer

What is your gender?

- ○ Female
- ○ Male
- ○ Other (please specify):
- ○ Prefer not to answer

Are you a person with a disability, per the definition below?

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) defines a covered disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a history of having such an impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment.

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Prefer not to answer

Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard (including currently)?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Prefer not to answer

Are you a member of a federally recognized tribe?

- ○ Yes (please specify) _____
- ○ No
- ○ Prefer not to answer

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Exhibit C
Required Insurance

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
COIC must obtain at COIC's expense, and require its first tier contractors and subgrantees, if any, to obtain the insurance specified in this exhibit prior to performing under this agreement, and must maintain it in full force and at its own expense throughout the duration of this agreement, as required by any extended reporting period or tail coverage requirements, and all warranty periods that apply. COIC must obtain and require its first-tier contractors and subgrantees, if any, to obtain the following insurance from insurance companies or entities acceptable to Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and authorized to transact the business of insurance and issue coverage in Oregon. Coverage must be primary and noncontributory with any other insurance and self-insurance, with the exception of professional liability and workers' compensation. COIC must pay and require its first-tier contractors and subgrantees to pay, if any, for all deductibles, self-insured retention and self-insurance, if any.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION
All employers, including COIC, that employ subject workers, as defined in ORS 656.027, shall comply with ORS 656.017 and provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for those workers, unless they meet the requirement for an exemption under ORS 656.126(2). COIC shall require and ensure that each of its subgrantees, contractors, and subcontractors complies with these requirements. If COIC is a subject employer, as defined in ORS 656.023, COIC shall also obtain employers' liability insurance coverage with limits not less than $500,000 each accident. If COIC is an employer subject to any other state's workers' compensation law, COIC shall provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for its employees as required by applicable workers' compensation laws including employers' liability insurance coverage with limits not less than $500,000, and shall require and ensure that each of its out-of-state subgrantees, contractors, and subcontractors complies with these requirements.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY
☒ Required ☐ Not required
Commercial general liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage in a form and with coverage that are satisfactory to DAS. This insurance must include personal and advertising injury liability, products and completed operations, contractual liability coverage for the indemnity provided under this agreement, and have no limitation of coverage to designated premises, project or operation. Coverage must be written on an occurrence basis in an amount of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence. Annual aggregate limit may not be less than $2,000,000.

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE
☒ Required ☐ Not required
Automobile liability insurance covering COIC's business use including coverage for all owned, nonowned, or hired vehicles with a combined single limit of not less than $1,000,000 for bodily

injury and property damage. This coverage may be written in combination with the commercial general liability insurance (with separate limits for commercial general liability and automobile liability). Use of personal automobile liability insurance coverage may be acceptable if evidence that the policy includes a business use endorsement is provided.

EXCESS/UMBRELLA INSURANCE
A combination of primary and excess/umbrella insurance may be used to meet the required limits of insurance.

ADDITIONAL INSURED
All liability insurance, except for workers' compensation, professional liability, and network security and privacy liability (if applicable), required under this agreement must include an additional insured endorsement specifying the State of Oregon, its officers, employees and agents as Additional Insureds, including additional insured status with respect to liability arising out of ongoing operations and completed operations, but only with respect to COIC's activities to be performed under this agreement. Coverage must be primary and non-contributory with any other insurance and self-insurance. The Additional Insured endorsement with respect to liability arising out of COIC's ongoing operations must be on ISO Form CG 20 10 07 04 or equivalent and the Additional Insured endorsement with respect to completed operations must be on ISO form CG 20 37 04 13 or equivalent.

WAIVER OF SUBROGATION
COIC waives, and must require its first tier contractors and subgrantees waive, rights of subrogation which COIC, COIC's first tier contractors and subgrantees, if any, or any insurer of COIC may acquire against the DAS or State of Oregon by virtue of the payment of any loss. COIC must obtain, and require its first tier contractors and subgrantees to obtain, any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the DAS has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the COIC or the COIC's insurer(s).

TAIL COVERAGE
If any of the required insurance is on a claims made basis and does not include an extended reporting period of at least 24 months, COIC must maintain, and require its first tier contractors and subgrantees, if any, maintain, either tail coverage or continuous claims made liability coverage, provided the effective date of the continuous claims made coverage is on or before the Effective Date of this agreement, for a minimum of 24 months following the later of (i) COIC's completion and DAS's acceptance of all Project activities required under this agreement, or, (ii) DAS or COIC termination of agreement, or, iii) the expiration of all warranty periods provided under this agreement.

CERTIFICATE(S) AND PROOF OF INSURANCE
If COIC is self-insured for any of the Insurance Requirements specified in Exhibit B of this Agreement, COIC may so indicate by submitting a certificate of insurance as required in this Exhibit B. At DAS's request, COIC must provide to DAS a Certificate(s) of Insurance for all required insurance. The Certificate(s) must list the State of Oregon, its officers, employees and agents as a Certificate holder and as an endorsed Additional Insured. The Certificate(s) must

also include all required endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this agreement. If excess/umbrella insurance is used to meet the minimum insurance requirement, the Certificate of Insurance must include a list of all policies that fall under the excess/umbrella insurance. As proof of insurance, DAS has the right to request copies of insurance policies and endorsements relating to the insurance requirements in this agreement. COIC must furnish acceptable insurance certificates to: CoronavirusReliefFund@oregon.gov or by mail to: Department of Administrative Services, Attention: Coronavirus Relief Fund, 155 Cottage Street NE, Salem, OR, 97301 prior to commencing the work.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OR CANCELLATION

COIC or its insurer must provide at least 30 days' written notice to DAS before cancellation of, material change to, potential exhaustion of aggregate limits of, or non-renewal of the required insurance coverage(s).

STATE ACCEPTANCE

All insurance providers are subject to DAS acceptance. If requested by DAS or Crook County, COIC must provide complete copies of insurance policies, endorsements, self-insurance documents and related insurance documents to DAS's representatives responsible for verification of the insurance coverages required under this exhibit.

Exhibit D
Federal Terms and Conditions

FEDERAL PROVISIONS

1. The use of all federal funds paid under this agreement are subject to all applicable federal regulations, including the provisions described below.

2. COIC must ensure that any further distribution or payment of the federal funds paid under this Grant by means of any contract, subgrant, or other agreement between COIC and another party for the performance of any of the activities of this agreement, includes the requirement that such funds may be used solely in a manner that complies with the provisions of this agreement.

3. COIC must include and incorporate the provisions described below in all contracts and subgrants that may use, in whole or in part, the funds provided by this agreement.

4. COIC must comply, and ensure the compliance by subcontractors or subgrantees, with 41 U.S.C. 4712, Program for Enhancement of Employee Whistleblower Protection. COIC must inform subrecipients, contractors and employees, in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of the employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 USC § 4712.

Audit Requirements of 2 CFR §§ 200.500 *et seq.*

i. COIC must comply, and require any subcontractor to comply, with applicable audit requirements and responsibilities set forth in this agreement and applicable state or federal law.

ii. If COIC receives federal awards in excess of $750,000 in a fiscal year, COIC is subject to audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR part 200, subpart F.

iii. COIC must save, protect and hold harmless Department of Administrative Services from the cost of any audits or special investigations performed by the Secretary of State with respect to the funds expended under this agreement. COIC acknowledges and agrees that any audit costs incurred by COIC as a result of allegations of fraud, waste or abuse are ineligible for reimbursement under this or any other agreement between COIC and Crook County or State.

Exhibit D (continued)
Federal Award Identification

EXHIBIT D
FEDERAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION
(Required by 2 CFR 200.331(a))

(i) Grantee Name: *(must match DUNS registration)*	Crook County
(ii) Grantee's DUNS number:	055495964
(iii) Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN):	SLT0038
(iv) Federal award date: *(date of award to DAS by federal agency)*	March 27, 2020
(v) Grant period of performance start and end dates:	Start: March 1, 2020 End: December 30, 2021
(vi) Total amount of federal funds obligated by this Grant:	$338,451.49
(vii) Total amount of federal funds obligated to Grantee by Agency, including this Grant:	$ 1,811,867.09
(viii) Total Amount of Federal Award committed to Grantee by Agency: *(amount of federal funds from this FAIN committed to Grantee)*	$1,811,867.09
(ix) Federal award project description:	Coronavirus Relief Fund
(x) a. Federal awarding agency:	U.S. Department of the Treasury
b. Name of pass-through entity:	Oregon Department of Administrative Services
c. Contact information for awarding official of pass-through entity:	Gerold Floyd, CoronavirusReliefFund@Oregon.gov
(xi) CFDA number, name, and amount:	Number: 21.019 Name: Coronavirus Relief Fund Amount: $1,388,506,837.10
(xii) Is award research and development?	Yes ☐ No ☒
(xiii) Indirect cost rate:	Not allowed per U.S. Treasury guidance
(xiv) Is the 10% de minimis rate being used per §200.414?	Yes ☐ No ☒

Stoel Rives LLP

June 10, 2021

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Re: Request for Continuance of Public Hearing for TSR North Solar Facility CUP Modification, Appeal No. 217-21-000321-PLNG

Dear Crook County Court:

Stoel Rives represents NewSun Energy and its agents Jacob Stephens and TSR North Solar Farm LLC ("Applicant"), in Appeal Hearing No. 217-21-000321-PLNG (the "Appeal"). The Crook County Planning Commission approved the Application on April 2, 2021. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife ("Appellant") appealed on April 26, 2021. The Crook County Court set June 22, 2021 as the hearing date for the Appeal.

Pursuant to CCC 18.172.081(16), Applicant hereby requests a continuance of the Appeal hearing until at least July 21, 2021 at a date, time, and place convenient to the Court. Applicant requests the continuance to allow the Applicant and the County additional time to adequately evaluate their options in light of the recent decision by Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals ("LUBA") in Case No. 2020-114, which affects future solar permitting efforts in Crook County.

Applicant consents to temporarily suspend the 150-day clock in accordance with CCC 18.172.081(16)(c) and pursuant to ORS 215.417(6). Applicant requests that the Court preserve the existing deadline of June 29, 2021 for Appellant to provide a transcript of the relevant portions of the Planning Commission proceedings pursuant to CCC 18.172.110(11), so that the parties and their legal counsel may have adequate time to fully evaluate the record and brief this appeal for the Court.

Stoel Rives has notified Appellant's counsel and County staff of the intended request. County staff have indicated that they do not oppose the request. Appellant has not yet confirmed whether it will support the request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Merissa A. Moeller
Timothy L. McMahan
Max M. Yoklic

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Yep, NEW Sun is working on permitting a few solar projects in Crook County. ODFW has appealed the recent two projects and last week LUBA ruled favorably on our first appeal that the project (West Prineville) needs a more robust specific wildlife habitat mitigation plan. I've attached a recent article from the Capital press.

https://www.capitalpress.com/state/oregon/county-must-reconsider-oregon-solar-project-expansion/article_9b0b9a18-cd5f-11eb-8ea9-7f1e7c369559.html

Cheers!

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To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: [External Email] Lemon Gulch
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 3:06:28 PM

Hi Bryan

I am the Recreation Team Lead for the Prineville and have been meeting with Oshaco Trails, who worked collaboratively to propose this mountain bike trail system. Sharing links to the group we were contacted. The proposal is currently, virtually for now, on the first Tuesdays of the month, 11:15 to 1:15. If you'd like an invitation to the meetings I can share and let you know more about the open public process that occurred and is ongoing.

We we had ODFW, Oregon Hunter's Association, Oregon Wild, Backcountry Hikers of Oregon, Oregon Equestrian Trails, Central Oregon Trail Alliance, Sawyers with Attitude to Spare, many members of the community, the Chamber of Commerce, among others at the table from the beginning. Recently Central Oregon Landwatch has been sitting in to help and understand the upcoming proposals on the Crooked River National Grassland. We also had representatives from cattle permittees, one of them also works this allotment. Not dropped out when we went virtual due to bandwidth issues at the ranch. It's been an amazing, collaborative process with many stakeholders that I am proud to share information about.

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Subject: RE: [External Email] Lemon Gulch

Thanks Bryan. Thanks for your willingness to help, a lot more information follows, and we're certainly able to provide more if it would be helpful. We have been sustaining a pretty robust public involvement process over the last several years but acknowledge there may be some folks who we didn't reach directly or who didn't pick up on our notice of the opportunities to be more involved before we announced the proposed action. Having said that, we are certainly taking our time to look at specific concerns in the project area and will work to design a balanced project considering impacts to natural resources. In fact we currently working directly with some of our grazing permittees to ID specific areas of concern in order to find opportunities, solutions and resolve collaboratively. In addition, there will be further opportunity for follow to review and comment on our environmental assessment when it is complete.

I think also the fear that we're still in the phase of fact-finding and that we'll be looking at a phased approach is concerned. Not every single concern was resolved in the actual development of the project, but we did have a diverse group of stakeholders, beginning with the Prineville Chamber of Commerce. Thanks again for reaching out Bryan! -SJ

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Hello Shane
Hope all is well. I wanted to touch out about the Lemon Gulch trail system. While a office has been getting calls and emails about it from a few people upset about the process apparently. Specifically two folks. One Vegas and Shelly Summers. Apparently there was an issue with the public comment period? Apparently they are reaching out to Congressional Reps etc.

I thought I could maybe head off some issues by reaching out to you to see what we can do? I think we are all in favor of allowing access to the woods.

Bryan Iverson

From: Peer, Beth- FS
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Lemon Gulch trails project information
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 4:07:00 PM
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Hello,
Thank you for talking with me this afternoon about your concerns with the proposal to add a mountain bike trail system up in the Lemon Gulch drainage.
I specifically noted your concerns with safety on the Mill Creek Road. You asked about the distance from the Mill Creek Road to the first proposed trailhead- It's about ½ mile from my estimate. I also understand the proposal did not initially get out to all folks who live along Mill Creek Road. We've been talking with other property owners in the area and hearing similar concerns (safety, wildlife impacts) that are now part of the planning record. Not to be making excuses, but we do have a large mailing list of folks who let us know over the years that they want to be informed of our projects directly and that's what we use for putting out notifications; and then we try to make sure to add others who may be directly impacted as well (such as permittees in this case).

I'd like to share the Forest Service's web page that provides information about our ongoing planning projects.
This web page provides information about each project that is in the works:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ochoco/landmanagement/projects and you can find more details about the Lemon Gulch trails project here.
You will see from the screen shot of the web page I posted below, that you can get email updates by entering your email address in the box and clicking on "submit."
You will then receive notifications that are sent out when a project begins, an environmental assessment is available for review and comment, or when a decision is made.

As for next steps for the Lemon Gulch trails project, we will be working on addressing the concerns we're hearing, developing an alternative project design building in ways to best meet project objectives while avoiding impacts as much as possible. Our folks will then be doing an effects analysis that will be documented in an environmental assessment – we will be putting the environmental assessment out for public review and comment. You have my number!
~Beth

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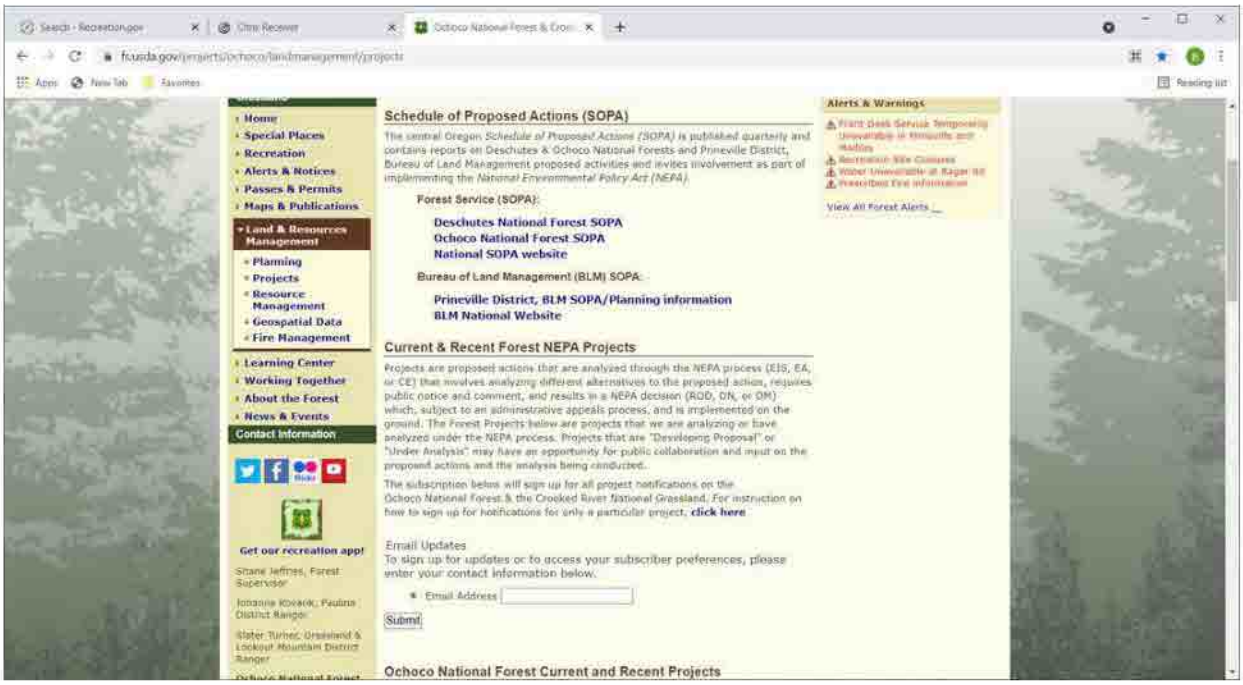
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Subject: Lemon Gulch opposition
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 10:48:44 AM

Hi all, passing along a photo I received through the grapevine of some organizing in opposition to the Lemon Gulch proposal. I'm assuming this was mailed or left in mailboxes of private landowners or permittees in the area. Something to discuss at our next meeting.

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Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal

Mill Creek Property Owners, Forest Service Permittees, Adjacent and affected Landowners

The Forest Service is in the middle of the environmental study for a proposal of a developed mountain biking trail system. Approximately 53 miles of trail, several fully developed trailheads for "shuttling" bikers (to include toilets, parking, etc.).

Issues include, but are not limited to:

- Road Safety – present county road is not engineered or built to transport the increased number of recreationists to include shuttle vans and bicycles in addition to existing recreation and neighborhood traffic.
- Highly developed mountain biking trails are built for the purpose of speed. Speeding mountain bikes and wildlife are not compatible. Speeding mountain bikes and grazing/reproducing cattle are not compatible. There are numerous impacts to both that are not acceptable and needless.
- The desired condition of this forest is for dispersed recreation. This proposal is highly developed. Developed mountain biking trails only grow and grow to be increasingly more disruptive to other uses and users, to adjacent landowners and to affected landowners.
- The density of trails proposed does not allow for livestock or wildlife escape. No matter how many trails become developed (for example, even if the 53 miles gets reduced to 23) they will only grow, especially with developed trailheads.
- User created trails are always of issue in developed mountain biking systems. These are trails created by users to create jumps or adjoin other trails or to open up more country for trail making. Mountain bikers to do not discriminate between public lands and private lands. They take land for their own use.
- The Forest Service does not have funds and will not get funds for maintenance, law enforcement, or patrolling.
- This proposal does not include fees to have mountain bikers pay their way. Adjacent landowners, Forest Service funds, county funds will pay for mountain biking disruption.

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Good morning,
Thanks for talking with me this morning about your concerns with our planning process. I'd like to share the Forest Service's web page that provides information about our ongoing planning projects.

This web page provides information about each project that is in the works:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ochoco/landmanagement/projects
You will see from the screen shot of the web page I posted below, that you can get email updates by entering your email address in the box and clicking on "submit."
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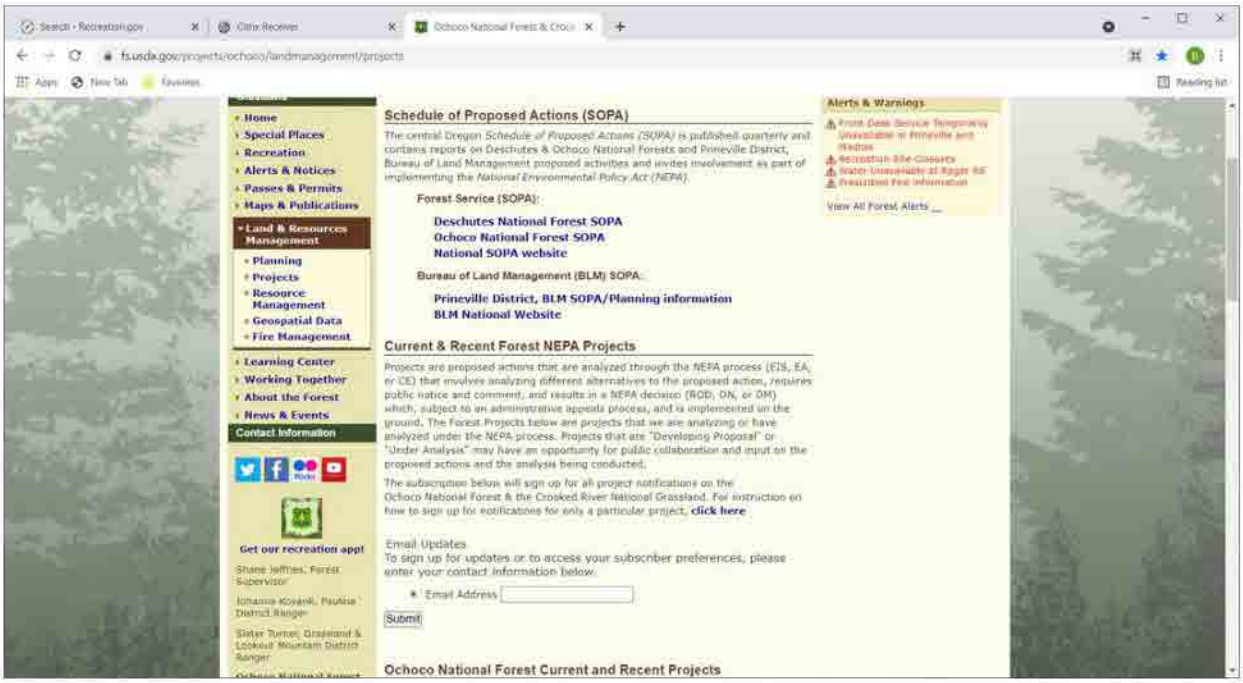

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Hey Jim, just a side note on that grant - Emmy did clarify for me that the donor has committed that money to Lemon Gulch but at this point it is technically a pledge, not in the bank, I wrote it wrong in the email to OT. Not that it matters that much in practice as it still shows support but want to make sure we call it like it is.
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Subject: Re: [External Email]Lemon Gulch
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Perfect
Thanks everyone

Send from remote office of Iverson.

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Thanks for the follow up Bryan. District Ranger Blake Turner is on the assignment up at warm springs at the moment. I've asked our Forest Recreation staff officer Chris Jensen to reach out to you and address some of your specific questions. :)

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Hello Shane
Hope all is well. I wanted to reach out about the Lemon Gulch trail system. Walt's office has been getting calls and emails about it from a few people upset about the process apparently. Specifically one lake, Eric Voge and Brady Sheppard. Apparently there was an issue with the public comment period? Apparently they are reaching out to Congressman Bentz too.

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Cc: Travis Holman
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One thought is to have a copy of our response available to leave with the court.
I like the idea of circulating it via COTA Board as well as some OT folks - especially Kim - for input and refinement.
Do you think it is premature to send out court meeting info to OT folks and CC folks to get this on their calendars? A show of numbers never hurts.

Darlene Henderson

On Wed, Jun 23, 2021, 11:07 AM Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:

Not sure how to do it. Seeing that Jamie sent it out to the group, I think the group could respond with something that goes to FS and the County. It's a tight timeline with the group meeting on the 6th and the court meeting on the 7th. Perhaps some drafts could go on behind the scenes and approved at the group meeting to be shared on the 7th?

Sounds like the FS will be sending a rep to the court meeting as well. Not sure who yet, Shane is away that week.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Cc: Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com>
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Thanks Jim, are you thinking this should be an official response letter sent to the Forest Service, Crook county etc. Or something posted publicly? I did share that letter on my personal accounts but I didn't want to jump the gun on getting too offensive on the official OT or COTA accounts. I want to make sure we respond appropriately but also maintain the political high ground.

I would like to run these points by some of the COTA board folks too as nothing here is new for the long time MTB advocacy people having to argue about.

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On Jun 23, 2021, at 10:04 AM, Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:

FYI…I sent this out to Beth, Chris, Slater and Shane after I saw the letter that got distributed. It would be good for OT to respond to that letter with some written response and here are some things I highlighted to our leadership…

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Here are some draft responses to these comments:

Road Safety – There is a highly developed campground up the road that receives pulses of heavy traffic. We have not heard of safety issues from our Engineering/Transportation staff, the County, or local residents. Having a developed system may help the county prioritize maintenance here. There is opportunity for grant funding to help if there is a developed system. State RTP and Travel Oregon would both help with that.

Built for speed – this is absolutely not true. The system would be built with switchbacks and grade reversals for sustainability and speed checks to keep riders in control. These trails would be managed using state of the art contemporary design specifically for bike use, not adopted cattle drives that go from point a to point b on steep unsustainable lines. Rocky trails, turns, grade reversals and switch backs slow riders to a controllable speed.

Dispersed Recreation – The Forest Plan recognized the need for trails for mountain bikes. Providing a developed area to capture the demand in use alleviates pressure on dispersed areas elsewhere. User created trails and their unanticipated effects are avoided by proper planning. The Forest has a Sustainable Recreation document in draft that recognizes that areas of LOM are appropriate for development and recreation opportunities.

Density of trails does not allow livestock or wildlife to escape – This comment does not make sense to me. ODFW/Wildlife vetted this as the best area for development because of the limited fragmentation and impact to core habitat when looking at the Forest as a whole. When a rider encounters a cow on the trail they will need to wait or let the cow move. They can escape the riders. Cows will become accustomed to riders within a few weeks of interaction. This occurs all over the West. We are looking to add winter range closure to developed trails.

User created trails are of issue in developed mtb systems – User created trails are an issue anywhere that public land development does not address a level of opportunity meeting a portion of desires and needs of users and the population of an area. The Ochoco and the Grassland have zero miles of modern mtb designed trails that the national, regional, and local mountain bike

community has been asking for on public lands. There are some shared systems that utilize the design criteria from historic uses by hikers and equestrians. Not addressing this need will create a higher potential of user created trails. Developed trail systems do not encourage user created trails unless the need is not met. Providing as many miles as possible here, minimizes the need for trails elsewhere.

The FS does not have funds – The FS needs an approved project to get funds. COTA just received an unsolicited $50K grant for a project that has not been approved. An approved project would come with many more donations and grants. There will be no shortage of grant opportunities such as from RTP and Travel Oregon to make this a reality. Developed areas get peer pressure and volunteer/partner support as the first line of compliance with LE as a second line follow up in very rare cases Riding a mountain bike anywhere on the forest, outside of wilderness, is not illegal.

From: Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com>
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I just spoke with Seth Crawford.

Some of the of the permittees have requested time on the Court's July 7 meeting agenda to discuss the Lemon Gulch proposal. Seth suggested OT also have a presence at the meeting.

I plan to be there but wanted to give me the two of you a heads up so we can make good use of this meeting.

Darlene Henderson

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Beth, See the Vogel scoping comments attached.

Slater, See the thread below and the comments if interested. I'm interested to see if Shelly follows up to Kim's email.

Cc'ing Shane here so he can get some background for our update call next week if desired. Cj

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I am a biologist, a life-long hunter and fisherman who lives a conservation ethic and walks softly on the land. We enjoy hiking, especially in pristine, fragile environments where we recharge without chaos. This kind of usage is compatible with the needs of wildlife, including cervids (deer and elk) that depend upon wintering and calving/fawning grounds like those within and adjacent to the proposed area. I can't imagine that public servants who are responsible for making science-based decisions to manage and conserve our natural resources would ever give way to "recreational pressure" and designate such land as a "sacrificial area"

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Dear Mr. Beaupre,

First of all, we appreciate this comment period to be able to address concerns by landowners near a proposed Mountain Bike Trail. We understand their passion and enthusiasm at wanting to enjoy the Ochoco Mountains.

We are landowners in the Lookout Mountain District of the Ochoco Forest area, Crook County. Our address is 9500 NE Mill Creek Road, Prineville, Oregon.
My husband and I are very concerned about the Lemon Gulch Trail System Proposal as it will effect us as adjacent landowners. We have a farm/ranch holding.Thank you for allowing us to give our perspective of how this will effect our livelihood, family, and the general community..

We have reviewed the Scoping Report from April 21, and looked at the Forest Service Maps of the proposed system. It appears that the southern boundary will be along our public property. It also appears that the "Winter Range" for the deer, elk, and groshawk is also included in the proposed boundary of the Lemon gulch system.

Is this not a conflict of forest service stewardship of timber production and forage, erosion control, and protection of wildlife who use Mill Creek area as winter forage? After reading the SOPA of the " Mill Creek Restoration Project", it does not seem to coincide with the environmental impact Lemon Gulch Trail will initiate.

Another concern is the question of "economic impact" for the community of Prineville that as of 2021 is still primarily a Farming/Ranching asset to Oregon?
Will bringing in tourists offset the wealth of agriculture production for this community? Is it what the community wants? Are they aware? The cost of preparing roads, law enforcement, and maintenance of roadways that have tractors, horse trailers on the road will need attention if bikers and shuttles share the road.

There are cattle grazing allotments in the proposed area. How will this mix with the bikers? Are there not other areas in the Ochoco (less populated with a thriving agriculture community) that might fit the bill for diverse mountain bike experiences? With the drought conditions and fire hazard we have been experienced in 2020, I hope we would not ask for more "usage" of land in an already affected area of forest. We are trying to do our part in being good stewards of our land and the forest corridors.

Will look forward to your input. Thank you again for listening.

Respectfully,

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Bryan, I'm glad Shane got us connected and together for our call the other day. We appreciate your willingness to help convene ideas and develop alternatives with the Range/Grazing Permittees for the Lemon Gulch trails proposal. In our discussion you asked me for a project proposal site map with an allotment overlay that Beth Peer, our Environmental Coordinator, was able to provide. You'll see (attached) the Mill Allotment (51,304 acres) is broken into 5 pastures (A-Y, Big, Harvey Ck, Lemon, and McKay). As we talked about on the phone the entire allotment is shared by the Santucci's, Roy and Mary Beyer, and Kim and Don Vogel. Tory can provide details on how all that works if needed as well as anything related to the Lookout Mountain District Range Program.

The trails project area is currently 3305 acres, about 6% of the entire allotment, and about 22% of the Lemon Pasture. It is completely understood that just thinking about percentages doesn't reflect the entire picture. We need to know how impacting these 6% are to the permittee operations in as many ways as possible. (i.e. Water sets and infrastructure, salting sites, gate locations, seasonal movement of cows, timing of pasture rotations, etc.) This will help develop alternatives that include their issues and concerns related to on the ground operations. I also have the map printed out in large plotter size and would be happy to meet for a hand off, perhaps at your coffee shop in town. We can chat over a cup if that works out! Call any time and look forward to follow up discussions.
Chris

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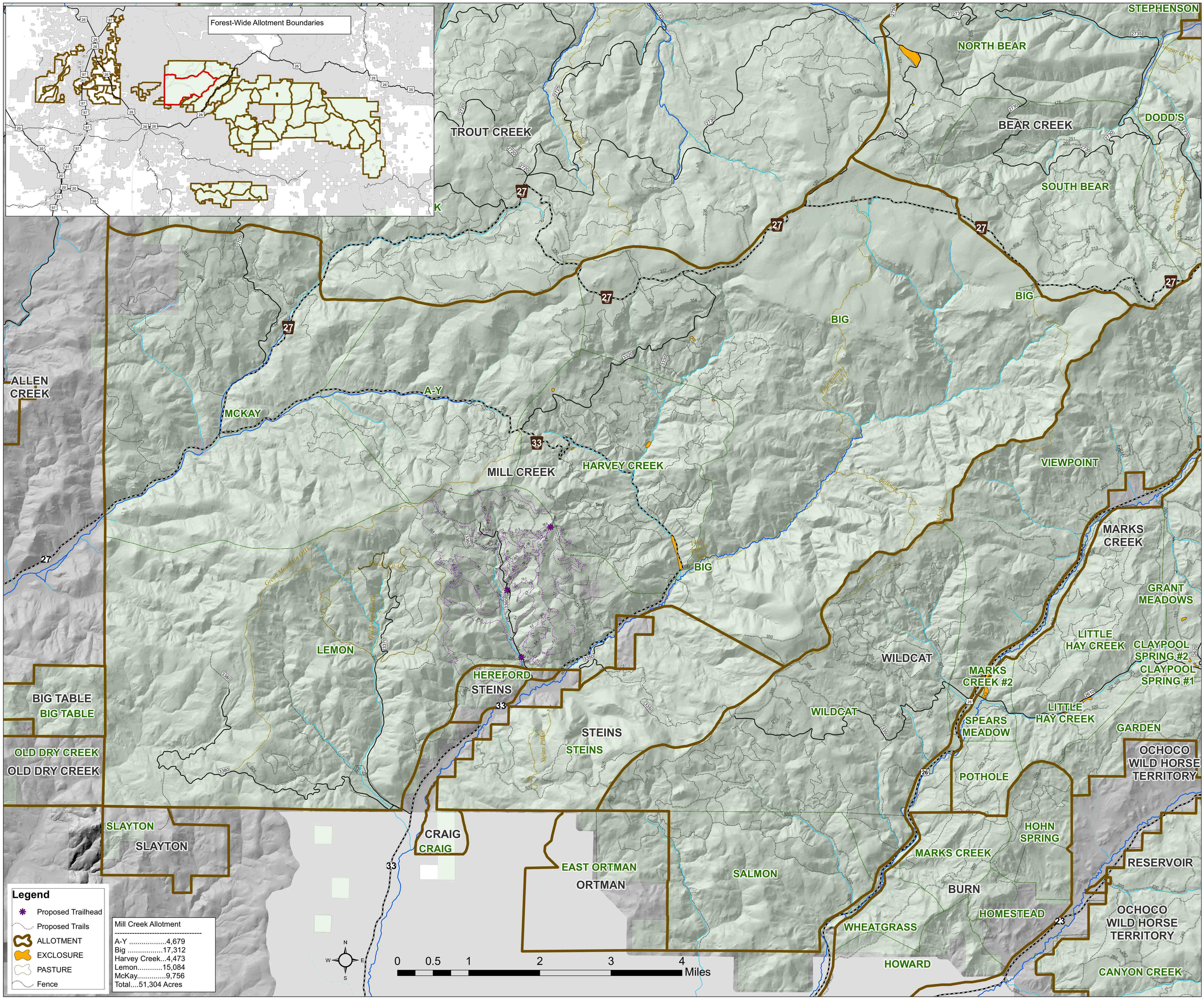
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Good afternoon Paulette, thanks for the call this afternoon. As you requested here's a bit more on where we are with the planning effort for the Lemon Gulch project.

Before the Lemon Gulch Trails proposal became an official Forest Service project, the Ochoco Trails group (OchocoTrails.org) worked with Forest Service staff, ODFW, stakeholders groups such as Oregon Hunters Association, Central Oregon Trail Alliance, and others to work together on identifying sustainable trails across the Ochoco NF. Their efforts included a community meeting where all of the potential trail proposals were open for input from the public.

The Forest Service's NEPA process for the Lemon Gulch Trials project began on March 11, 2020 with a scoping notice distributed to individuals, agencies, and organizations that are subscribed to receive Ochoco NF project updates via email. We also posted information on social media and the Forest Service web page. Grazing permittees with land adjacent to the project area were also given the scoping notice; we accepted written comments from them, and also agreed to have additional discussions about their specific concerns so that we could find workable solutions with the project.

Although a specific time for the public to submit written comments on the initial proposal has passed, we are still committed to working with the affected grazing permittees in the development of alternatives that address their particular use of this part of the Forest (for example, locating trailheads away from water developments). We have heard from a few other citizens in the area who would have liked to have been more involved in the planning process earlier; we have provided information on how to get subscribed to email updates so those folks can weigh in when the Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public comment.

Our next step in the NEPA process is to settle on a set of alternatives to the proposed action that will be analyzed and compared in an EA. Once that analysis is complete, the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on it. Federal regulations require the comment period on an EA to be 30 days.

Thanks for your work, as always, please feel free to reach out if we can provide anything additional.

SJ

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Dear Roy and Mary Beyer,

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Most importantly, I want you to know that we want and need your involvement and ideas to improve this project so it can work within our multiple use principles. Grazing, recreation, wildlife habitat, fisheries, botany, vegetation management, and more are all critical to the future of healthy growing communities within the Ochocos. Multiple use is not always easy, but I do believe that by working together to resolve issues we will end up in a balanced place for diverse interests and people. I am committed to working with everyone having an interest on public lands.

Sincerely,

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Hi All,
Attached are the agenda and materials for our meeting next week, **July 6th from 11:15a-1:15p**. This meeting will require some prep work from the group - see below.
Ahead of Tuesday's meeting, please:
1. Review **Attachment B** and come ready to provide feedback/edits/changes/etc.
2. Review **Attachment C** and the preservation areas identified and come ready to provide feedback/edits/discuss
3. Review **Attachment D** to inform yourself on our current budget (see tab 2 for budget actuals as of June 1)
4. Review **Attachment E** and the edits to the Strategic Plan and come ready to discuss feedback/edits/changes as we will be finalizing this updated document and asking the group to formally approve it
Here are the Zoom login details for joining the meeting (these can also always be found at the top of every agenda):
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Looking forward to seeing you all Tuesday -- have a safe and happy 4th!
Shelby
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Ochoco Trails

June 1, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

Zoom Meeting (b)(6)

Meet

Attendance: Brian Nelson, Travis Holman, Jim Beaupre, Nathan Hovekamp, Kim MCCarrol, Kit Dickey, Jaimie Dawson, Darlene Henderson, Sara Carver, Rika Ayotte, Shelby Knight, Kyle Miller (guest with Timber Reel Productions)

Welcome & Introductions

May 4 Notes approved as written.

COTA RTP grant letter approved with minor grammatical corrections.

FS/ODFW Updates

ODFW - no report.

FS Update

1. Lemon Gulch scoping and trail proposal - 3 letters of concern received from grazing permitees and neighbors; meeting was called by Forest Service with representation from neighbors, grazing permitees, County Natural Resource Rep, OT, FS personnel and ODFW; after much discussion and information sharing it was agreed that permitees and neighbors have 2 weeks to review maps and identify areas of greatest concern; Lemon Gulch and the forest are public lands

2. No motorized use signs have been posted at road crossing points of non-motorized trails - especially on the Bandit Spring endurance trails / routes

3. John Schuber will be scouting out an alternative equestrian route(s) for the Lookout Mountain pinch points; sufficient funds are on hand to cover his time; folks interested in joining Jim on scouting expeditions should contact Jim B.

Funding Check-in

1. Ford Family funds are on hand to cover 25 hours of Shelby's time per month time through August 2021when the current Ford Family grant will expire
   - after August there additional funds to cover Shelby's timer an additional 2 months.
   - possible replacements for Shelby, if that becomes necessary, include the facilitator being hired by Deschutes Collaborative or an independent contractor

2. Future funding sources include:
   - Visit Central Oregon - estimated at $6000 per year which would be similar to Deschutes Collaborative; this could cover 20 hours per month for a facilitator type person at a rate of $25 per hour

- Annual Title II funding may be an option
- Collaborative Impact grants / funding through COIC may also be an option

3. Rika has accepted the Executive Director position with Deschutes Land Trust and will be leaving June 30th; her replacement has not yet been selected; in the interim between her exit and her replacement starting she will make sure Shelby has contact information for our fiscal agent grant tracking

4. Review of Roles
   - having a paid person is critical to groups ongoing success
   - Darlene will stay as Chair and assist Shelby with budget/funding
   - Jaimie will take monthly meeting notes and Brian will be her back-up
   - Shelby will focus her remaining time on looking for funding sources to cover costs for paid staff person
   - At this time the group did not take any action toward formalizing roles or an Executive Committee structure

   ACTION ITEM:
   - Shelby will estimate the time and cost for a paid staff person to take on her roles

5. Biological Contractor and OCRF grant

   ACTION ITEMS:
   - Shelby to continue to manage this grant and clarify with Jim A.what his ability and the terms associated with he and Holly serving as the Biological Contractor
   - Shelby will explore options for utilizing OCRF grant funds awarded for Biological contractor for other work - such as facilitation costs

Collaborative Check-in/Strategic Plan Update

Discussion deferred until next month because of a lack of time

ACTION ITEM
- Everyone is to review Shelby edits to Strategic Plan and come prepared to finalize the revised plan

Subcommittee and Misc. Updates
- Website - no updates

- Mapping
  - will be re-working the trails with a vision of determining development versus preservation sections
  - possible work for Biological contractor will be to look at agreed upon preservation sections to determine current status and possible actions to ensure / increase preservation
  - much to consider with stakeholder concerns, wildlife management and grazing permittees; lesson learned from Lemon Gulch is to keep all involved
  - deconstruction process, notification process regarding large event and smaller caps for big events are also considerations
  - connection with Madras East trail network is desired
  - target for completion of trail proposal end of 2021 with public meetings to be held in early 2022

- Kyle Miller film - group amenable to filming with disclaimers and approval process

Next Meeting: July 6th

Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal

Mill Creek Property Owners, Forest Service Permittees, Adjacent and affected Landowners

The Forest Service is in the middle of the environmental study for a proposal of a developed mountain biking trail system. Approximately 53 miles of trail, several full developed trailheads for "shuttling" bikers (to include toilets, parking, etc.)

Issues include, but are not limited to:

- Road Safety - present country road is not engineered or built to transport the increased number of recreationalists to include shuttle vans and bicycles in addition to existing recreation and neighborhood traffic.

There is a highly developed campground up the road (Wild Cat Campground) that receives pulses of heavy traffic. The Forest Service has no heard no reports of safety issues from Engineering/Transportation staff, the County, or local residents. Having a developed system may help the county prioritize maintenance here. There is opportunity for grant funding to help if there is a developed system. State RTP and Travel Oregon would both help with that.

- Highly developed mountain biking trails are built for the purpose of speed. Speeding mountain bikes and wildlife are not compatible. Speeding mountain bikes and grazing/reproducing cattle are not compatible. There are numerous impacts to both that are not acceptable and needless.

This is based in misunderstanding of the sport and trail design. This trail network is primarily designed towards steeper and more technical trails that are often ridden very slowly. Trails are designed with technical features (ie. rocks), in-slope turns, grade reversals, etc. that all act to control rider speed. These trails would be managed using state of the art contemporary design specifically for bike use, not adopted cattle drives that go from point a to point b on steep unsustainable lines. If and when a section of trail allows for more speed, clear and lengthy sight lines are always used to maintain safety.

- The desired condition of this forest is for dispersed recreation. This proposal is highly developed. Developed mountain biking trails only grow and grow to be increasingly more disruptive to other uses and users, to adjacent landowners and to affected landowners.

The Forest Plan recognized the need for trails for mountain bikes. Providing a developed area to capture the demand in use alleviates pressure on dispersed areas elsewhere. User created trails and their unanticipated effects are avoided by proper planning. The Forest has a Sustainable Recreation document in draft that recognizes that areas of the forest are appropriate for development and recreation opportunities.

- The density of trails proposed does not allow for livestock or wildlife escape. No matter how many trails become developed (for example, even if the 53 miles gets reduced to 23) they will only grow, especially with developed trailheads.

ODFW/Wildlife vetted this as the best area for development because of the existing fragmentation and impact to core habitat when looking at the Forest as a whole. When a rider encounters a cow on the trail they will need to wait or let the cow move. They can escape the riders. Cows will become accustomed to riders within a few weeks of interaction. There are many examples of mountain bikers and cattle coexisting. Virtually all trails in the MTB mecca of Utah as well as much of Colorado are on open range BLM and National Forest land and shared peacefully with cattle. USFS is also looking to add winter range closure to developed trails.

- User created trails are always of issue in developed mountain biking systems. These are trails created by users to create jumps or adjoin other trails or to open up more country for trail making. Mountain bikers do not discriminate between public lands and private lands. They take land for their own use.

User created trails are an issue anywhere that public land development does not address a level of opportunity meeting a portion of desires and needs of users and the population of an area. This is not unique to mountain bikes - any trail-dependent group (equestrians and OHV users for example) will create trails if the desired experience does not exist. The Ochoco and the Grassland have zero miles of modern mtb designed trails that the national, regional, and local mountain bike community has been asking for on public lands. There are some shared systems that utilize the design criteria from historic uses by hikers and equestrians. Not addressing this need will create a higher potential of user created trails. Developed trail systems do not encourage user created trails unless the need is not met. Providing as many miles as possible here, minimizes the need for trails elsewhere.

- The Forest Service does not have funds and will not get funds for maintenance, law enforcement, or patrolling.

The FS needs an approved project to get funds. COTA just received an unsolicited $50K pledge for development of Lemon Gulch. An approved project would come with many more donations and grants. There will be no shortage of grant opportunities such as from RTP and Travel Oregon to make this a reality. Developed areas get peer pressure and volunteer/partner support as the first line of compliance with LE as a second line follow up in very rare cases. Riding a mountain bike anywhere on the forest, outside of wilderness, is not illegal.

- This proposal does not include fees to have mountain bikers pay their way. Adjacent landowners, Forest Service funds, county funds will pay for mountain bike disruption.

The fact is recreation brings VASTLY more money to local economies and the Forest Service than any type of resource extraction. In 2019 Livestock Grazing on National Forests accounted for $550 Million, whereas recreation on National Forest land was worth $12.5 Billion in the US. Mountain bikers spend an AVERAGE of $491 on a

weekend mountain bike trip. Mountain Bikers add $2.3-$4.9 Million to the community of Oakridge, Oregon each year.

Simply put this all adds up to more money in the economy for added infrastructure. But it only happens with planning. Ignoring an increase in users to the forest will not stop them coming but it will cripple the ability of the community to adapt and take advantage of them.

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Ochoco Trails

2020-2022 Strategic Plan

January 7, 2020

This Strategic Plan was prepared from July-December of 2019, and adopted in January 2020. Minor revisions were made and adopted in June 2021.The plan includes overall direction for the Ochoco Trails as well as more detailed action items and performance measures for 2020 through 2022. The Ochoco Trails may choose to update this Strategic Plan in its entirety in late 2022, or simply add more action items for future years.

1. VISION

A sustainable trails network in the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland makes Prineville and Crook County a more attractive place to live and work, allows our residents to reap the health benefits of outdoor recreation, encourages visitors to come enjoy our beautiful area, connects local residents and visitors with the Ochoco National Forest, and reduces trail conflicts while protecting wildlife habitat and our natural resources for generations to come.

2. MISSION

Ochoco Trails is a community-based coalition dedicated to building and maintaining a sustainable non-motorized trail system that offers a desirable range of experiences, while protecting and enhancing forest resources for future generations.

3. VALUES

The Ochoco Trails values the following:

- *Being **community-based** – identifying and including community values and needs in trails proposals, and providing useful and entertaining community education and outreach on trail use.*
- *Building **ecosystem science and holistic management** into the trails proposal, in order to ensure that trail use on the Ochocos avoids impacting ecosystem function, critical habitat, archaeological/historical sites, and other values that must be managed on National Forests and National Grasslands.*
- *Being **proactive**, rather than reactive, in order to design a trail system that meets community needs without creating problems when trail use increases in the medium to long term.*

- *Supporting **community economic goals** – providing a sustainable trails network that attracts visitors and provides a community amenity for persons and businesses wishing to relocate to the area.*
- *Performing ongoing **adaptive management** – transparently monitoring performance, learning lessons, and adjusting our proposals and activities.*
- *Providing **operational sustainability** -designing and implementing a trails network that can be maintained over the long term*
- *Fostering **diversity, equity, and inclusion** – engaging marginalized populations at the OCHOCO TRAILS table, in community outreach, and working proactively to identify ways to ensure that the trails system may be accessed by all.*
- *Supporting the development of non-motorized **trails for all types of users,** in order to provide a diverse user experience for all.*

4. OCHOCO TRAILS OBJECTIVES:

- Develop and Shepherd a Sustainable Trails Plan for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland
- Support Member Organizations- to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
- Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders

5. ORGANIZATION, DECISION-MAKING, COMMITTEES, STAFFING

Organization Model and Membership

The Ochoco Trails is a representational group designed to accelerate collaboration and action by providing a forum for stakeholder organizations and engaged individuals to ~~engage~~ collaborate and act. Ideally, the primary interests that **should** be represented on the Ochoco Trails include organizations focused on hoof (horse), foot (hiking, hunting, backpacking, running, skiing), and pedal-based (bicycle) recreation. Other interest groups – including environmental interests, community interests, business interests, etc. – are welcome. Other than ensuring those interests are represented, there are no formal "seats" on the OCHOCO TRAILS.

Voting members of the Ochoco Trails are those that have signed on to this Strategic Plan. In the future, the Ochoco Trails may elect to develop a more thorough Operations Manual or similar document. In that event, voting members will be those that have signed on to that future Operations Manual.

Governance/Committees

Chair: The Ochoco Trails will elect a Chair person or Co-Chairs, who will support the contracted coordinator in setting agenda; serve as the liaison for the group where and when appropriate; and be the designated signatory for letters, grants, etc. on behalf of the group. Electing a Chair will be governed

by the consensus decision-making structure outlined below. There is no term limit for the Chair or Co-Chairs. The group or the Chair/Co-Chairs may choose to step down or reelect a new Chairperson/s at any time, but should allow at least 2 months of transition time if possible.

Committees: The Ochoco Trails will designate ongoing or ad hoc committees as needed and deemed useful. This may include an Executive Committee in the future, but as of this Strategic Plan all Ochoco Trails decisions will be made by the full group, including decisions on projects to recommend and implement, staffing and contracting, grants and funding to pursue, etc.

Revenue and Fiscal Administration

The Ochoco Trails will pursue grants and donations for support staff and projects. The Ochoco Trails uses Discover Your Forest as its fiscal ~~administrator~~sponsor, unless otherwise appropriate (e.g. COIC holds the 2020 and 2021 TFFF funding). Where possible (i.e. when grants allow inclusion of indirect costs), Ochoco Trails will write into grants 10% for fiscal administration costs for Discover Your Forest. Where not possible, Ochoco Trails will ensure the availability of unrestricted funding to cover the 10% administrative costs annually.

Staffing Model

~~After 2019, the Ochoco Trails will move from employing a facilitator to employing a contract coordinator.~~The Ochoco Trails will employ a contract coordinator.

Ground Rules/Basic Expectations

Following are a set of basic expectations for Ochoco Trails participants:

Focus on learning

- Come willing to learn
- Come to meetings prepared
- Present interests, not positions
- Listen to understand. Be present and aim to fully hear others.
- Critique constructively and ask questions to learn.
- Be willing to be creative, explore alternatives, and search for opportunities.
- Share all relevant information.
- Share and take into account information from diverse sources.
- Please ask—there are no stupid questions.
- Respect the range of knowledge present in the group.
- Adapt ground rules to reflect group needs and dynamics as they evolve.

Listen and speak with respect

- Only one person speaks at a time. Allow people to finish their thought. No interrupting and no side conversations during full group discussions.
- Speak when you have something to say: bring up concerns and different views.
- No personal attacks**.** Come down hard on ideas, but not on people.
- Voice your concerns and take the time to address conflicting concerns.
- Do not dominate discussions. Do not use meetings as a forum to "soapbox."
- Respect each other in and outside of meetings.

Communication outside of meetings

- Keep your colleagues and constituents informed about the process.
- Bring relevant information back to the group.
- Do not criticize individuals or the group process outside of meetings. Bring your concerns directly to the individual or the group.
- Don't presume to speak for others who are not there.
- No backroom deals.
- A Google Drive will be maintained for storing and sharing all information. Partners are encouraged to help develop content for the Drive.

Failure to abide by the above ground rules may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Decision-making:

Consensus

The Ochoco Trails endeavors to make decisions by full consensus. Consensus on a decision about a project, recommendation, or action the group plans to take will be reached when all meeting participants can make one of the following statements about a decision:

- I agree with the decision and will publicly support it
- I agree with the decision but will refrain from publicly supporting it
- I can live with the decision (and won't disparage it in public)

Once the full group has ratified a decision, the decision and deliberations will be captured in the relevant meeting notes.

Inability to Reach Consensus

The Ochoco Trails will make every effort to reach consensus within the given timeframe (as laid out in the project timeline developed at the outset of a project) for making decisions. If the Ochoco Trails cannot reach consensus, members are encouraged to continue the conversation via conference call, email discussions, in-person meetings, or whatever format is most effective, in between meetings in order to function most effectively.

If a time comes when the Ochoco Trails is unable to reach consensus after significant effort, the following actions will be taken:

- Areas of agreement and disagreement will be clearly recorded in writing
- Differing position reports will be written to address the areas of disagreement. Each of these documents will include:
    - The name of the lead author and names of all who agree with the report
    - A description of their proposal and the rationale used to develop it
    - What members in the differing position groups anticipate doing if their proposal is chosen by the USFS (i.e. defend it in public), or not chosen (i.e. file an objection, appeal, litigate, etc.).
- The differing position reports will be given to all Ochoco Trails members and, if appropriate, to the USFS for their consideration in their role as decision makers for USFS managed lands and waters.

Participation in Decision-making: Attendance requirement

In order to assure timely and well-informed decision-making, Ochoco Trails members may only participate in decisions if they have participated in at least 2 of the last 4 meetings.

Document Sharing

All documents circulating internally shall remain DRAFT until formally approved by Ochoco Trails members through the above decision-making process. Draft documents are NOT public facing until they are formally finalized and shall not be shared outside of the group without group consultation and discussion. Failure to abide by this may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Project Evaluation

In order to meet its mission and goals and be strategic with resources, Ochoco Trails will do the following when considering new projects:

1. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consult facilitator and/or Chair to incorporate ask into meeting agenda.
2. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consider and invite relevant partners, groups, or individuals not already at the table to the discussion.
3. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will present the project idea to the full group for open discussion and questions.
4. The facilitator will provide an opportunity for every member to share any potential challenges they see that may face the project. This discussion will be captured in the notes.
5. Depending on the potential challenges or threats to the project identified, the group may be able to answer or address concerns on the spot. Where they cannot:
    i. An attempt will be made to track down more information and will be shared out with the group
    ii. An attempt will be made to invite others to the table for discussion or hold 1:1/small meetings with other groups or individuals and share out to the group
6. The project will be put to a vote, once concerns have been aired and a plan for addressing them has been agreed upon.

6. ACTIONS AND INDICATORS

OBJECTIVE A: Develop and Shepherd ~~a~~ Sustainable Trails Plans for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland
Output Indicators: • Plans delivered to Forest Service • Forest Service provides feedback on priorities • ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails and FS continually revise and update Plan **Outcome Indicators** • At least one component of the Proposal is put on the FS Program Of Work every year • Forest Service completes NEPA on high priority components of the Proposal. • Enter into Agreements to build trails

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ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Prepare Ochoco NF proposal and deliver to Forest Service	February 2019 (complete)	N/A - COMPLETE

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Shepherd the Trails Proposal with Forest Service staff. This is an iterative process that will be ongoing, as long as the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails continues to operate, and involves getting the various aspects of the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' proposal on the annual Ochoco National Forest Program of Work (POW).	August 2019 – ongoing	Full group maintains an ongoing dialogue with USFS staff re: • Short-term projects that may be implemented via categorical exclusion, quarterly • Longer-term projects that will require more extensive NEPA analysis, each Spring for consideration in the POW for 2 years out.
Engage community support for the Trails Plan (see Objective C for more)	Ongoing	Community meetings, Ochoco Trails member time, etc.
Complete Crooked River National Grassland Proposal(also requires consultation/engagement) Draft Proposal complete Public meetings – ~~Redmond and Madras~~Redmond, Prineville, Madras Receive FS Feedback Deliver Final Proposal to USFS	 ~~May 2020~~ January 2022 ~~May-June~~February - April 202~~2~~2~~0~~ Summer 2022~~0~~ ~~Asap 2020~~	Presentation to the Forest Service at in-person meeting.
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2022~~1~~	
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2023~~2~~	

OBJECTIVE B: Support Member Organizations to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
Output Indicators: • Support letters and other assistance for grant proposals • Resources allocated by FS for NEPA analysis • $ raised for trail construction • $ raised for trail maintenance **Outcome Indicators:** • Trail miles developed, by type/user • Trail miles maintained, by type/user • Trail use by type of user • New system trails are adopted by a individual or entity (covered by a volunteer service agreement)

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Continually request FS to put this on the annual Program of Work, NEPA, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails volunteer board advocacy
Monitor and support 2020 USFS Work Priority order: - Bandit Springs winter (#19) - Endurance Rides (#6)/Allen Creek Horse Camp (#7) - Dry Creek Horse Camp Trails (#3) - Black Canyon connector trails (#13, 14, 15) - Bingham-Whistler tie trail – wait to hear back from the FS if this is possible (#1)	2020	Ochoco Trails Members and ONF Recreation Team Request regular updates from the Forest Service at Ochoco Trails meetings and problem-solve barriers if needed.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
All proposal trails flagged for Lemon Gulch	Winter/spring 2020	COTA, volunteers
All proposal trails flagged for Dry Creek Horse Camp	Winter/spring 2020	OET, BCH, volunteers Note: this is already GPS'd.
Complete mapping for Bingham-Whistler tie trail	2020	Foot powered people
Design and install safety signage for the Lookout Mountain "pinch point"	2020	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team Travel OR $?
Identify and flag a new trail alignment possibility to bypass the LM "pinch point"	2020	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team
Project funding: • Research opportunities for NEPA funding • ID trails construction, trails maintenance, etc. funding sources and prep • Consider development of a local donor campaign targeting businesses and individuals that will benefit from trails development.	2020	Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator IMBA – new funding stream for planning/NEPA. Travel OR – potential new funding stream for planning/NEPA.
Engage with other organizations in other geographies working on the same issues – be a part of a joint voice on NF recreation/trails/etc.	2020-2021	Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator
Monitor use before and after proposal implementation	2020-2021+	Ochoco Trails members – anecdotal evidence and trail counters, trailhead surveys, self-issued permits, etc.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Build subsequent year Program Of Work requests and priority order, including CRNG proposal.	2020+ ongoing	Ochoco Trails members in meetings
Flag next-priority trails.	2021+ongoing	Member organizations, as per primary trail use.

OBJECTIVE C: Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders
Output Indicators: • Community meetings • Field tours • Presentations to stakeholders • New ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails members? • Etc. **Outcome Indicators:** • Community support for proposal and trail development as measured by endorsements, lack of objections or controversy, surveys, etc. • Reduced incidence of trail conflicts • Participation and interest in ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' efforts.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Meet with key local stakeholder groups – e.g. County Court and NR Committee, OFRC, Trail User Groups, Citizens that Support Public Lands, City Council, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails volunteer board
Promote the proposal to regional, statewide, national groups, e.g. COTA, Travel OR, USFS Region 6, Congressional delegation, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails volunteer board
Create a logo and letterhead for the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails	February 2020 COMPLETE	Volunteers, TFFF funding

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Target groups to engage more with the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails (regular meetings and processes): Nordic skiers/Central OR Nordic Club, hikers, anglers, local businesses with a natural interest in non-motorized recreation, or others as appropriate.	2020	Ochoco Trails volunteer board
Host public lectures, films, and/or field trips 2x/year – various relevant topics (e.g. safety and wildlife encounters on trails; Ochoco Mountains geology; trail etiquette and use conflicts; resource management; Warm Springs perspective on the Ochocos, etc.). The series would also serve as OCHOCO TRAILS outreach events to bring attention to the trails proposal, Ochoco Trails role, member organizations (volunteer recruitment), etc. This can also serve as an Ochoco Trails fundraiser. Wildlife Encounters on the Ochoco Trails – first event.	~~First one in Winter 2020 – ongoing~~	Ochoco Trails board and knowledgeable speakers. Consider joint event planning with the Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative (OFRC).
Summer Community Event: Horse/bike workshop • Educate community and trail users about horses and bikes sharing the trails. Provide opportunity to desensitize horses to the presence of bikes. (Consider doing this annually?) • Joint volunteer recruitment event	~~Summer 2020~~	Ochoco Trails volunteer board
Community Open House to present Grasslands Trails Plan	~~May-June 2020~~ Jan – March 2022	Ochoco Trails volunteer board

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Share monitoring results	Ongoing	At all appropriate events.

Ochoco Trails: Membership Sign-On

The below signatories are members in full standing of the Ochoco Trails, and agree to support the Ochoco Trails Vision, serve the Mission, abide by the Values; and work within the governance model, ground rules, and other provisions provided in this document.

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OCHOCO TRAILS BUDGET 2021

Budget Category	Description	DYF Fund Account Numbers		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE					
Marketing					
	Website		$	102.00	*Maintenance and licensing to Travis*
Community Engagement					
	N/A				
Trails Projects					
	Work proposed to TO		$	2,500.00	*$? Towards contractor for Lookout Mountain*
	Biological Contractor		$	4,000.00	*OCRF*
DYF	Fiscal Sponsorship/Administration		$	1,450.00	*10% of each grant managed by DYF - will be billed in December 2021 budget subcommittee to decide where those come from*
TOTAL EXPENSE			***$***	***8,052.00***	
INCOME					
Grants	COTA	R130	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 6/1/21*
	OET	R108	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 6/1/21*
	Travel Oregon	R109	$	5,000.00	*Project Work, carryover from 2019 grant*
	TFFF		$	102.00	*Website Fees for 2021*
	P34 - program code for OT for DYNW				
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	R153	$	4,000.00	*Bio Contractor*
TOTAL INCOME			***$***	***13,102.00***	
TOTAL SURPLUS			*$*	*5,050.00*	

Budget Category	Description			Amount	Notes
EXPENSE					
Staff					
	Facilitation		$	13,000.00	*Shelby from COIC (25 hrs/mo for 12 mos)*
TOTAL EXPENSE			***$***	***13,000.00***	
INCOME					
Grants	The Ford Family Foundation		$	13,000.00	
	Travel Oregon		$	900.00	*COIC to bill or comm outreach*
	VCO	R067	$	6,000.00	*I July 1 2021 - July 1 2022 (second round of $ in 2022 - 2023*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund		$	3,500.00	
TOTAL INCOME			***$***	***23,400.00***	
TOTAL SURPLUS			*$*	*(10,400.00)*	

Ochoco Trails Budget Actuals Updated May 26, 2021

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Marketing				
	Website	$	102.00	*Maintenance and licensing to Travis*
Community Engagement				
	N/A			
Trails Projects				
	Work proposed to TO	$	-	*Lookout Mountain Contractor*
	Biological Contractor	$	-	*OCRF*
TOTAL EXPENSES		***$***	***102.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	COTA	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 6/1/21*
	OET	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 6/1/21*
	Travel Oregon	$	5,000.00	*Project Work, carryover from 2019 grant*
	TFFF	$	102.00	*Website Costs for 2021*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	4,000.00	*Bio Contractor*
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***13,102.00***	
TOTAL REMAINING		*$*	*13,000.00*	

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Staff				
	Facilitation	$	11,000.00	*Shelby (estimate as of June 1, 2021)*
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***11,000.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	The Ford Family Foundation	$	13,000.00	*Ends August 31st*
	COVA	$	3,000.00	*COVA - expected in July*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	3,500.00	*Projected to cover through October*
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***19,500.00***	
TOTAL REMAINING		*$*	*8,500.00*	

Ochoco Trails 2022 Projected Budget

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Marketing				
	Website	$	102.00	licensing and maintenance (to Travis)
Community Engagement				
	Host 3 Public Meetings for CRNG	$	500.00	
Trails Projects				
		$	-	
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***602.00***	
INCOME				
Grants				
		$	-	
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	-	
TOTAL DEFICIT		*$*	*(602.00)*	

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Staff				
	Facilitation	$	13,050.00	Shelby (15 hours/month for 12 months)
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***13,050.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	Facilitation - $6,000 per year for 2 years Commit	$	6,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***6,000.00***	
TOTAL DEFICIT		*$*	*7,050.00*	

Fund Development Strategy

Who	*What*	*Notes*
Rika	Transient Room Tax Dollars (RCPT, Visit Central OR)	Not sure if they'll be available in 2021, Rika will continue to follow up
Shelby	REI/Facebook	Shelby meet with Kim
Budget committee	GAOA	talk to district ranger
Rika	Title II	outreach project (5,000-6,000)
Shelby, Duane	Collaborative Effort	Jefferson County (chamber, comissioners), OFRC, Crook County, Prineville downtown
Shelby, Duane	County?	Collaborative convo supports/strengthens
Shelby, Jim	OCRF	reach out with new plan - alternative that meets goals/outcomes - $3000 to facilitation, $1000 for per diem reimbursement. Jim/Holly
Rika?	Hire new coordinator	hiring new coordinator DTC (part time contractor for both)
Shelby	Exit strategy	Develop based on 25/hr contractor and bring to May meeting
Shelby	Oregon Community Recovery Grant Program	Winter 2021, collaborative convo supports
	Recruitment? Community Outreach?	Collaborative convo supports/strengthens
	Paid Membership Dues	
	Develop contact list and strategy	
	Donation request at public events	
	NFF?	
	Collins Foundation?	

Facilitator Scope of Work (Monthly)

Task	*Hours/month*	*Cost*	*Notes*
Meeting Prep	6	$ 432.00	build agendas, materials development, coordination
Meeting Faciliation	3	$ 216.00	
Subcommittee Meeting Support	2	$ 144.00	prep, coordinate, facilitate, follow up
Fund Development	3	$ 216.00	follow up, research, coordination, etc.
Admin	2	$ 144.00	budget, attendance, misc.
TOTAL/MONTH	***16***	***$ 1,120.00***	

Project and Committee Roles

Task	Estimated Hours/Month	Lead	Support	Currently Assigned	Task Breakdown
Meeting Prep	5	Chair	Executive Committee	Darlene	build agendas, materials development, coordination, scheduling
Meeting Faciliation	3	Facilitator	Chair & Executive Committee		Facilitate meetings, check in with members regularly, and
Website Management	2	Web Manager	Outreach Committee	Travis	Blog posts, updates, etc.
Fund Development	10	Treasurer	Executive Committee		follow up, research, coordination, grant identification and writing, etc.
Admin	2	Secretary			schedule Zoom meetings, attendance, document management, misc.
Meeting Notes	3	Secretary			Take notes during meeting, revise, and send to group
Budget tracking/dev/oversight	5	Treasurer	Executive Committee		Grant reporting, budget tracking and updates monthly, reporting out to group, research and pursue grant opportunities
Outreach	10	Outreach Lead	Outreach Committee		Develop outreach strategy, support CRNG outreach, ad hoc outreach for upcoming trail events/etc.
Project: CRNG Proposal	?	Mapping Subcommittee Lead	Mapping Subcommittee	Brian	Build CRNG proposal
Project: Lemon Gulch	?	Project Lead		Travis	
Other projects?					

Committees

Committee Name	Members	Notes
Mapping	Brian, Kim, Travis	Have all members participate in at least 1 subcommittee! More regular scheduling
Outreach		Develop and carry out outreach strategy
Budget	Duane, Jim, Rika, Shelby	Likely will not continue.. Can executive committee replace?
Executive		Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, project leads? Recommend balanced representation of various interests. Would be responsible for budget development and oversight, setting agendas, resolving conflicts, etc.

Ochoco Trails

July 6, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

Zoom Meeting: (b)(6)

Meet

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30 Welcome & Introductions
- Introductions & Agenda Review
- Formal Approval of Notes

A_2021_06_01_OT Meeting Notes_DRAFT

11:30 – 12:00 Lemon Gulch Discussion
- Update
- County Court Meeting
- Next Steps

B_Permittee Letter Counterpoints_DRAFT

12:00– 12:30 Mapping
- Update
- Next meeting
- Field Trips/Outreach
- Bio Contractor Update and Next Steps

C_Grassland_Proposed_Preservation_DRAFT

12:30 – 1:00 Misc. Updates
- Website
- Kyle Miller Film
- Strategic Plan Updates - Finalize
- Funding Updates

1:00– 1:10 FS Update
- Misc. FS updates

1:10 – 1:15 Next Meeting and Next Steps
- Who else needs to be at the table?
- Next meeting is August 3rd
  - Agenda items?

Grassland Proposed Trails
Ochoco Trail Strategy Group
Core Habitat - Proposed Trails Buffered 100 Meters

- Proposed_Trails
- Juniper Springs Loop
- Warner Loop
- Willow Creek Loop
- Prineville Loop

TrailEvent - Designed Use

- ATV - ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE
- HIKER/PEDESTRIAN
- PACK AND SADDLE

Core Habitat (Proposed Trails Erase)

Acre_Breakout

- Greater Than 100 Acres
- 50-100 Acres
- Less Than 50 Acres

Roads

- 1 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Yearlong
- 2 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Seasonal
- 3 Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong
- 14 State or US Highway
- 15 Other Public Roads

Ownership

- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Other Federal Land
- State Land
- Other Land, Including Private

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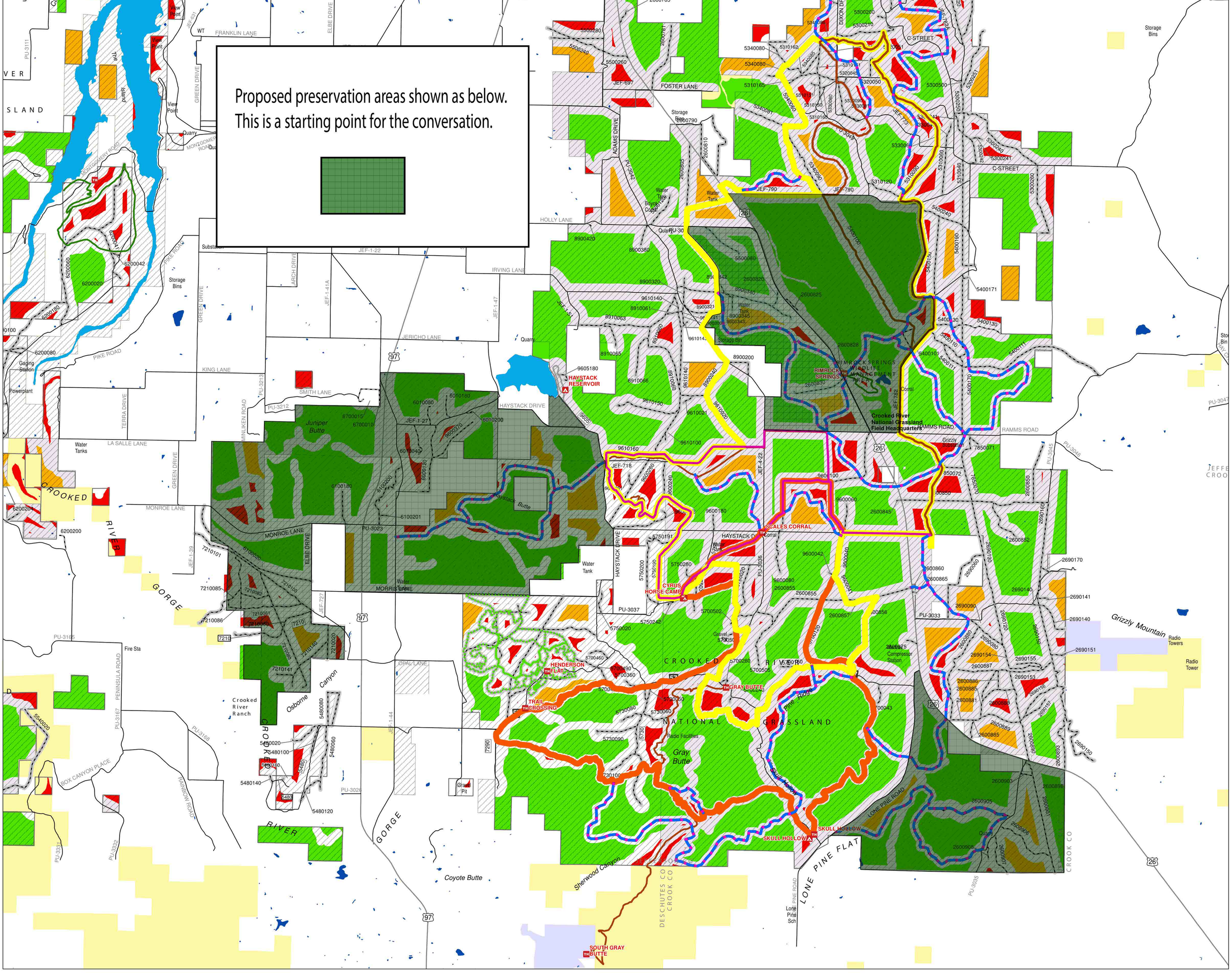
Proposed preservation areas shown as below.
This is a starting point for the conversation.



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Agency Involved: _____

Agency Contact: STAN HICKMAN

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The Issue Is:

why didn't the USFS follow their own rules & regulations, & notify the mill Cr. valley residents about the Lemon Gulch Mt. Bike trails proposal? The USFS is now calling this proposal is a project. if Lemon Gulch is approved it would impact our community Negatively

Specific Action You Are Requesting: Congressional Inquiry

Note: If you want Congressman Bentz to provide a family member or anyone else with information regarding this inquiry, please put that person's name in the space provided below. Be sure you sign and date this portion of the form.

I authorize that all correspondence and information regarding my request for a congressional inquiry be provided to: STAN Hickman

(b)(6)

9/25/21
Date

To whom it may concern:

I respectfully request and authorize Congressman Cliff Bentz, Second Congressional District of Oregon, to act on my behalf and to receive information from the proper officials regarding my concerns. I understand that the information that I provide may be shared with the appropriate agencies in order to attain a resolution.

(b)(6)

9-25-2021
Date

Please return this form to: *U. S. Representative Cliff Bentz*
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Ontario, OR 97914

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5 July 2021

RE: Proposal to Build Mountain Bike Trails in Lemon Gulch

Dear Mr. Jeffries,

I just learned that you are a key person in the evaluation of a proposal to build mountain biking trails in the Lemon Gulch area within the Ochoco National Forest. As a result, I am readdressing this letter that I earlier hand delivered to Mr. Turner.

I respectfully request that you and others responsible for evaluating the mountain bike trail proposal for Lemon Gulch consider the concerns of those of us who just learned about this project, in an effort to find an alternative location. A location for development that will provide them with meaningful recreational experiences without degrading Lemon Gulch and negatively impacting adjacent areas.

Two weeks ago, we learned of a proposal to the Ochoco National Forest to build high use/high density trails in Lemon Gulch. In the short time since learning about this effort, I have found that a well-organized group of trail bikers initiated and spearheaded the proposal with seemingly little effort to alert the general public, including residents of Prineville and Mill Creek valley. We chose to be a part of that community because we respect and honor the land as it has been managed, until now. Furthermore, they apparently assembled a meeting of proponents and leaders in Prineville/Crook County to share their vision, indicate they have support from a diverse group of potential users and received support from a judge and the 2 commissioners back in 2018. I have asked folks in Prineville and the surrounding area about this effort: They tell me that they have not heard about it. When I asked a local USDA, Forest Service employee, whose job is to interact with the public, about the project last week, they had not heard about it. It seems to me that the organizing group did not make an honest effort to inform the local community and Mill Creek residents about the proposal. At least one of the grazing allotment permitters who run cattle in the proposed trails area did not learn about this effort until April 2021. That seems strange and is perhaps outside established protocol.

I am a biologist, a life-long hunter and fisherman who lives a conservation ethic and walks softly on the land. We enjoy hiking, especially in pristine, undeveloped environments where we recharge without chaos. This kind of usage is compatible with the needs of wildlife, including cervids (deer and elk) that depend upon wintering and calving/fawning grounds like those within and adjacent to the proposed area. I cannot imagine that public servants who are responsible for making science-based decisions to manage and conserve our natural resources would ever give way to "recreational pressure" and designate such land as a "sacrificial area" for wildlife. Research studies conducted within the Starkey Project, initiated in 1987 by several institutions including the U. S. Forest Service, have clearly demonstrated that Mountain Biking is second only to All Terrain Vehicles in disturbing cervid activities, including reproduction. Let's not let this happen in Lemon Gulch.

Many of us are old enough to remember when folks thought our natural resources were inexhaustible: Think the 1950's. We developed and used natural resources in ways that mimicked that kind of thinking: Those decisions were not and are not sustainable. We are now suffering from that short-term thinking. In the early 1960's, Oregon enacted land-use and zoning laws to protect farmland. That was not popular with many of us, partly because it was new and partly because we thought it infringed upon our rights to do what we liked with our land. We now see the wisdom of land use planning and zoning required to conserve and sustain critical farmland. I hope that we all agree to apply this conservation ethos in managing our National Forests.

I am unfamiliar with similar restrictions for developing sustainable National Forest lands for high use/high density activities, but I hope they exist. If they do not exist, perhaps it is time to revisit this issue. After recent, rapid development of public Central Oregon land for recreational activities, including mountain biking, perhaps we can pause, begin to think long-term and develop conceptual and functional models that serve us, the land and wildlife now and into the future, rather than continuing unnecessary and unsustainable development.

Folks who read "National Geographic" magazine might be aware of conflicts between Maya beekeepers in Mexico and resident Mennonite farmers who plant GM soybeans that are sprayed several times each year with glyphosate (Round-UP). This kills honeybees, dramatically reducing honey production. Although this conflict is gut wrenching, the Maya do not consider the Mennonites as enemies. They say, "They're good people, it's just that they destroy nature." Let us cherish and live in harmony and partnership with nature, not use and abuse it in ways that degrade our environment. There are better places for mountain biking than in Lemon Gulch. Let us work together to find that place.

Thoughtfully and respectfully,

David G. Nielsen, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus
The Ohio State University
(b)(6)

From: Darlene Henderson
Sent: Tue, 6 Jul 2021 10:01:37 -0700
To: Beaupre, James - FS;Joosen, Christopher -FS
Cc: Travis Holman
Subject: [External Email]Source for the attached
Attachments: NF Supporting the Economy.pdf

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Jim or Chris,
Do you have a source for the attached that Jim sent out a week or two ago in preparation for the County Court meeting tomorrow?
I want to give a copy to the Court but would like to be able to cite a source.
Thank you
Darlene

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2019	Jobs	GDP
National Forest Resource		
Livestock Grazing	14,200	$550 Million
Minerals & Energy Production	37,300	$5.5 Billion
Recreation & Wildlife Visitor Use	153,800	$12.5 Billion
Forest Products	44,700	$4.1 Billion

From: Gregg, Monty -FS
To: Peer, Beth- FS
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon creek ohv trails
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:46:39 AM
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FYI.

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From: Gregg, Monty -FS
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:16 AM
To: John Crafton <(b)(6)>; Keown, Kevin -FS <kevin.keown@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: [External Email]Lemon creek ohv trails

Hi John,

Thank you for the letter and your concern. We really appreciate it.

The Lemon Gulch project is not proposing to develop an OHV system or park. The project is proposing a non-motorized mountain bike trail system.

There is a group of hikers, Equestrian, and mountain bikers called the Ochoco Trails group. They are a non-motorized user group, and have been meeting for the last three years. The outcome of these meeting have been designating two Equestrian trails and identifying an area for a mountain bike trail system.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Hunters Association have been involved in this process. The representative from OHA is Jim Akenson.

Please feel free to reach out to Jim Akenson or myself.

Thanks, Monty.

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Sent: Monday, July 5, 2021 8:50 PM
To: Gregg, Monty -FS <monty.gregg@usda.gov>; Gregg, Monty -FS <monty.gregg@usda.gov>; Keown, Kevin -FS <kevin.keown@usda.gov>
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Monty and Kevin,

I have no idea where to send this letter to, but figured one of you could help me out and get into the right hands?

The only way I heard about this is Tim VanDomelen had a friend call him in Idaho.

Please let me know contact information as to who is in charge of this effort to destroy critical wildlife habitat/

Thanks, John Crafton
(b)(6)

Ochoco Trails

July 6, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

Zoom Meeting: (b)(6)

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In attendance: Chris Joosen, Darlene, Sarah Carver, Kim McCarrel, Nathan Hovekamp, Beth Peer, Tory Kurtz, Ramona Steinberg, Alex Anderson (COTA), Kit Dickey, Emmy Andrews, Travis Holman, Alex Anderson, Jamie Dawson, Monty Gregg, Duane Miller

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30

Welcome & Introductions

- Introductions & Agenda Review
- Formal Approval of Notes – approved with a few grammar edits

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11:30 – 12:00

Lemon Gulch Discussion

- Update
  - Last month, FS met with some grazing permittees and landowners that had concerns about the proposal. After 2 weeks the hope was that those stakeholders would provide direct feedback on areas of concern, but by now it's becoming clear that several folks are opposed to the project.
  - What's the timeline? Currently developing alternatives to the proposed action – this will dive down into the specifics and detail of different options for the trail system. Hoping to have the EA done by the end of the year.
  - This is a great test of our coalition – and it will hopefully bring more people into the fold.
- County Court Meeting
  - A permittee, Mr. Vogel, will be attending the county court meeting, so Darlene got invited as well. Darlene is hoping to assure the county that the proposal represents a variety of county residents' interest and to urge the permittees and landowners to come to the table and work with this group. FS staff has continued to have conversations with permittees, but is planning to continue working towards this proposal and will incorporate their concerns as best they can. Please attend this meeting – 9am at the courthouse – tomorrow. Darlene has been able to organize some community & business support to show up.
  - The county court has previously written up a letter of support. Are we concerned that the county will change their tune solely based on this opposition? Potentially.

- Next Steps

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- Reviewed draft of the letter, all comments and edits were made in the document
- Kim will work her word-wizardry and we'll bring hardcopies tomorrow

12:00– 12:30

Mapping

- Update
  - The mapping subcommittee has looked at the Grassland proposal under a slightly different lens. The general idea is that we categorize the map by areas we propose trail

development vs where we are considering limiting or avoiding development ("habitat preservation area" or whatever we name it).

- Since our goal is to minimize/mitigate impacts to wildlife while developing our trail system(s), we want to make sure that the green/most intact core habitat areas actually are in good quality and remain that way. With that in mind, we'd like to use the OCRF grant funding to hire a few COCC or OSU students to map illegally created roads/routes in the habitat areas. That will show us which blocks that are listed as green on the map are actually green vs what may actually be orange or red (illegally created roads/routes could slice the core habitat block up - making the core habitat areas much smaller in size)
- Monty reminded us that there's still some work to be done on fine-tuning the proposal and shrinking the footprint as much as possible. A good rule of them is to stick to the existing trails system as much as we can. Braiding trails within existing trails' and roads' area of disturbance will be helpful with this effort.

- Next meeting currently being scheduled. All are welcome.

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12:30 – 1:00 Misc. Updates

- Website
- Kyle Miller Film
  - Updates coming soon
- Strategic Plan Updates - Finalize
- Funding Updates
  - We get to keep Shelby on for 2 years, with slightly reduced hours!

1:00– 1:10 FS Update

- Misc. FS updates
  - Coming in via email

1:10 – 1:15 Next Meeting and Next Steps

- Who else needs to be at the table?
- Next meeting is August 3rd
  - Agenda items?

CROOK COUNTY COURT MINUTES
OF JULY 7, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
Open Portion

Be It Remembered that the Crook County Court met in a Regular Court meeting on July 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the County meeting room located at 320 NE Court Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

Court Members Present: Judge Seth Crawford, Commissioner Jerry Brummer and Commissioner Brian Barney
Absentees: None
Others Present in Person or Via WebEx: Legal Counsels Eric Blaine and John Eisler; Administration Executive Assistants Amy Albert; Legal Assistant Lindsay Azevedo; Addressing Tech Nate Trammell; Director Ann Beier; Manager Kim Herber; Director Kim Barber; Road Master Bob O'Neal; Director Tim Deboodt; Director Debra Patterson; Accountant Christine Kurtz; Sheriff John Gautney; Manager Levi Roberts; Clerk Cheryl Seely; Library Technician Cindy York; Derek Hofbauer; Darcy Bedortha; Joseph Merrill; Don Vogel; Darlene Henderson; Shawn Cross; Steven Holman; Monty Kurtz; Emmy Andrews; Kim McCarrel; Duane Miller; Oliver Wisseman; Aaron Lavelle; Dawn Rhoads; Steve Rhomps; Marg Smith-Luces; Robert Lucas; John Unruh; Renee Moss; Slater Turner; Mikayla Mills; Tory Kurtz; James Good; Clint Brooks; Bobbi Brooks; Terry Neill; Marci Waymann; Mathies Fedorspiol; Kevin Klous; Amber Toomey; Jesse Toomey; Mary Beyer; Paul Cuddy; Robin Olson; Art Griffiths; Loreana Brown; Ian Sexten; Hunter Hicks; Julie Brents; Holden Cuse; Cliff Kiser; Kim Daniels; Nettie Downing; Kim Vogel and Linda Manning.

REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was **called to order at 9:00 a.m.**

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with these changes, Consent Agenda Item #21 will be moved to Discussion, Discussion Item #34 will be removed, and the CIS agreement will be added to the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Appearances / Item #24: Darcy Bedortha from H.O.R.S.E.S on the Ranch appeared before the Court to explain the therapeutic opportunities that are being offered at H.O.R.S.E.S on the Ranch and the impact they have on individuals. Currently H.O.R.S.E.S on the Ranch accepts some forms of insurance, such as OHP, unfortunately there are several veterans whose insurance is not covered. Ms. Bedortha requested a donation of $2,500, the County will need to review the budget before any donation decisions can be made. H.O.R.S.E.S on the Ranch will be hosting a fund-raising event August 21st that will be open to the public.

Appearances / Item #25: Joseph Merril from King of the Kastle appeared before the Court requesting permission to host a side-by-side race in October of 2022. The race will access several County roads as crossing points. Mr. Merril will meet with Judge

Crawford, Road Master Bob O'Neal and County Counsel Eric Blaine to finalize a plan for King of the Kastle to access County roads at crossing points.

Appearances / Item #26 & 27: Members of the Community met to discuss the building of the Lemon Gulch trails in the Ochoco National Forest. Individuals spoke about their opposition to mountain biking trails being built in Lemon Gulch but emphasized they were not opposed to mountain biking in the forest. Many of their complaints centered around the Forest Service's lack of communication and requested the Forrest Service and Central Oregon Trail Alliance (COTA) be more communicative to landowners and permittees in the Mill Creek area. It was also requested County Court resend their letter of support for the Lemon Gulch Trail; at this time the County Court will not resend their letter as they wish to speak with the Natural Resources Committee before any decisions are made. Darlene Henderson from COTA and individuals from the Forest Service spoke on why Lemon Gulch was chosen as the location to build mountain biking trails. It was agreed to by all parties that communication would improve, and meetings would take place between the parties to determine how to best move forward with this project.

Appearances / Item #27A: Shawn Cross from Greater Idaho Movement appeared before the Court to provide an update. The Greater Idaho Movement formed a group that is meeting once a month. The group has begun gather statistics comparing Oregon to Idaho and will continue to gather information moving forward. Mr. Cross requested a link to the Greater Idaho Movement be added to the County's website, at this time the County will not be adding a link.

Discussion item #28: Community Development Director Ann Beier discussed Ordinance 325 amending Crook County code chapters 17.08, 18.08, 18.16, 18.28, 18.112, 18.18, 18.116 and 18.127 regarding editing code language for consistency with state law and removing incorrect citations. A public hearing was opened, with no comment the public hearing was closed. This matter will be on the July 21, 2021, Court agenda for a second reading.

MOTION to read Ordnance 325 by title only. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #29: Nate Trammell from Community Development requested the Court approve the naming of a private road SW Cascade View Lane. Mr. Trammell has received the approval from the Crook County 911 Manager, Crook County Road Master, Prineville US Postmaster and Crook County GIS. The County approves of the naming of the private road.

MOTION to approve Order 2021-37 in the matter of naming a private road located in Crook County. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #30: Kev Alexanian had requested the County approve the use of Title III funds at the March 23rd Work Session. Funds will be paid once a year for the next four years to spray for weeds in Juniper Canyon. The County had published a public

notice outlining the use of the funds and provided a ninety-day comment period, no comments were made. The Court approved of the use of these funds.

MOTION to approve the use of Title III funds as requested at the March 23, 2021, Work Session. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #31: Natural Resources Director Tim Deboodt presented the Court with a letter protesting the BOR water application. The purpose of the secondary water right is to release stored water from the Prineville Reservoir for the purpose of fish and wildlife below Bowman Dam through the reach to Lake Billy Chinook, this proposal will affect the amount of water individuals living above the Bowman Dam have access to.

MOTION to approve letter to Tom Byler regarding Prineville Reservoir, Bureau of Reclamation Application for Secondary Water Right Application. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #32: John Eisler presented the Court with a new inmate intergovernmental agreement (IGA) exchange with Jefferson County. The IGA will allow Jefferson and Crook Counties to house inmates in the other counties jail if needed. The base fee for housing an inmate will be $80 per day, with additional reimbursements for medical and non-routine expenses.

MOTION to approve IGA with Jefferson and Crook Counties to house inmates. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #33: John Eisler presented the Court with Order 2021-36 to form Flat Rock Road District. The special district will include a special taxing district and have a committee of three individuals to be appointed.

MOTION to approve Order 2021-36 election of Flat Rock Road District. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion item #21: Eric Blaine presented the Court with plat of phase 14 of Brasada Ranch. The mylar copy of the plat has not been received by the County requiring it to be signed out of Court.

MOTION to approve Brasada Ranch phase 14 plat and sign out of court. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m. the Court convened into Executive Session under the following statute(s): ORS 192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the County Court convened back into Open Session, inviting members of the public into the meeting room.

There being no further business before the Court, the meeting was **adjourned at 11:46 a.m**.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Albert

From: Travis Holman
Sent: Thu, 8 Jul 2021 11:25:45 -0700
To: Darlene Henderson;Shelby Knight;Kim McCarrel
Cc: Alex Anderson;Aaron Lazelle;Emmy Andrews;Beaupre, James - FS;Joosen, Christopher -FS
Subject: [External Email]Documents from County Court

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I have added the three documents we submitted to the county court members yesterday to the Ochoco Trails website to make it easier to share with whomever might want to see them:

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I should be able to make Wednesday work

On Jul 8, 2021, at 7:43 PM, Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com> wrote:

Please see email below from Tim Deboot.
The next meeting is next Wednesday - July 14th.
It is not clear to me if the Lemon Gulch trail proposal will be on discussed or not.
I know I want to be there if and when the permittees and residents are there.
Chris or Jim, I will defer to you if you want OT / Lemon Gulch to be on the agenda and then either Shelby or I will request time on next week's agenda. I can attend this meeting but of I would want some friends.

Darlene Henderson

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Tim Deboodt** <Tim.Deboodt@co.crook.or.us>
Date: Wed, Jul 7, 2021, 8:43 PM
Subject: Re: CC Natural Resource Committee
To: Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com>, Amy Albert <amy.albert@co.crook.or.us>

Darlene,
Good evening. The County's Natural Resources Advisory Committee meets next Wednesday, July 14 from 1 - 3 pm at the 4H clover bldg on the fairgrounds. Their meetings are always the second Wednesday of the month. In listening to today's County Court meeting on this topic, I was left to believe that the FS was charged with reaching out to lead this conversation . I have not heard from them yet and I unfortunately don't expect them to reach out. Given that, I am going to schedule time on next week's agenda to bring the Committee up to date on the issue and its potential problems. As the committee discusses topics, the public is encouraged to participate. If you would like to be a part of that discussion let me know and I will make sure to add you to the agenda. A similar invite will go to the homeowners of Mill Creek and the permittees on the Forest allotment. The Forest will be aware of the agenda item.

How the Committee chooses to proceed will be up to them. They always prefer being at the beginning of a project.
Let me know if you have any other questions or want to be a part of the agenda.
Tim
Tim Deboodt
Natural Resources Policy Coordinator, Crook County
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Prineville, OR 97754
(541)903-5903
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From: Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Amy Albert <amy.albert@co.crook.or.us>
Cc: Tim Deboodt <Tim.Deboodt@co.crook.or.us>
Subject: Re: CC Natural Resource Committee
Thank you Amy.
Tim I look forward to hearing from you.

Darlene Henderson

On Wed, Jul 7, 2021, 2:35 PM Amy Albert <amy.albert@co.crook.or.us> wrote:

Darlene,

Tim Deboodt, who I have copied on this email, would be the best person to answer these questions.

Amy

From: Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Amy Albert <amy.albert@co.crook.or.us>
Subject: CC Natural Resource Committee

Amy,

As I mentioned in my voice message, I would like to know when the Crook County Natural Resource Committee will be meeting to discuss mountain bikes in the ONF and Lemon Gulch.

I would also like to know how I would go about getting on the agenda for this meeting.

Thank you

Darlene Henderson

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To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: WWW Mail: Lemon gulch/Bike trails
Date: Friday, July 9, 2021 12:48:00 PM

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Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 12:37 PM
To: Peer, Beth- FS <Elizabeth.Peer@usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: WWW Mail: Lemon gulch/Bike trails

See below—-

Kassidy Kern
Public Affairs Officer
Ochoco National Forest/
Crooked River National Grassland

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Kern, Kassidy -FS
Subject: WWW Mail: Lemon gulch/Bike trails

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From: Peer, Beth- FS
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 8:44 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Trail System Proposal

Good morning,
Jim forwarded your message about the Lemon Gulch trail project to me. I am the project leader for the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process.
The concerns you've raised will be looked at in the environmental assessment. If you'd like to subscribe to email updates to this and other projects on the Ochoco NF, please see this web page:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ochoco/landmanagement/projects
In the middle of the web page is a place for you to enter your email address. If you get on our mailing list, then you will be notified when the environmental assessment is available for public review and comment.
You are right- the Mill Creek restoration project will be looking at vegetation management (thinning and fuels reduction) in the area in a separate environmental assessment.
~Beth

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Dear Mr. Beaupre,

First of all, we appreciate this comment period to be able to address concerns by landowners near a proposed Mountain Bike Trail. We understand their passion and enthusiasm at wanting to enjoy the Ochoco Mountains.

We are landowners in the Lookout Mountain District of the Ochoco Forest area, Crook County. Our address is (b)(6) (b)(6) Prineville, Oregon.
My husband and I are very concerned about the Lemon Gulch Trail System Proposal as it will effect us as adjacent landowners. We have a farm/ranch holding.Thank you for allowing us to give our perspective of how this will effect our livelihood, family, and the general community..

We have reviewed the Scoping Report from April 21, and looked at the Forest Service Maps of the proposed system. It appears that the southern boundary will be along our public property. It also appears that the "Winter Range" for the deer, elk, and groshawk is also included in the proposed boundary of the Lemon gulch system.

Is this not a conflict of forest service stewardship of timber production and forage, erosion control, and protection of wildlife who use Mill Creek area as winter forage? After reading the SOPA of the " Mill Creek Restoration Project", it does not seem to coincide with the environmental impact Lemon Gulch Trail will initiate.

Another concern is the question of "economic impact" for the community of Prineville that as of 2021 is still primarily a Farming/Ranching asset to Oregon?
Will bringing in tourists offset the wealth of agriculture production for this community? Is it what the community wants? Are they aware? The cost of preparing roads, law enforcement, and maintenance of roadways that have tractors, horse trailers on the road will need attention if bikers and shuttles share the road.

There are cattle grazing allotments in the proposed area. How will this mix with the bikers? Are there not other areas in the Ochoco (less populated with a thriving agriculture community) that might fit the bill for diverse mountain bike experiences? With the drought conditions and fire hazard we have been experienced in 2020, I hope we would not ask for more "usage" of land in an already affected area of forest. We are trying to do our part in being good stewards of our land and the forest corridors.

Will look forward to your input. Thank you again for listening.

Respectfully,

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Date:	Tuesday, July 13, 2021 10:13:08 AM
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Beth,
Yes, Duane Miller and I attended the Natural Resources Advisory Committee meeting on May, 8, 2019. At that meeting we had the map with all of the proposed areas available. We explained who OT was and invited them to participate.

OT also had a permittee in the group from Jan 2018 - Feb 2020 which is the time period OT was putting together the trail proposal that we presented to the Forest Service in January 2019. The OT minutes from 4/25/2018 do mention cattle movement in the Lemon Gulch area but there are no comments in the OT meeting notes that this would be a conflict with trails in that area.

Darlene

On Mon, Jul 12, 2021 at 7:12 AM Peer, Beth- FS <Elizabeth.Peer@usda.gov> wrote:

> Hi Darlene,
>
> Slater tells me that Ochoco Trails presented their trails proposal to the Crook County Natural Resource Advisory Committee some time back before we started scoping individual projects. Do you know the date of that? I'd like to get the committee's meeting minutes.

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Subject: Re: Meeting reminder Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Meeting
Attachments: County involvement in trail expansion on the Ochoco National Forest.docx, January 8 2019 Work Session.docx, 2021_03_11_LemonGulchTrailsScopingNotice_.pdf

Good afternoon,
Here is some additional information on the trail proposal conversation. I was asked to put together a timeline of Committee interaction with this topic.
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Subject: Meeting reminder Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Meeting

Good morning!
A reminder that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee is scheduled for next Wednesday, July 14th @ 1:00 pm, at the 4H Clover

Building, Crook County Fairgrounds. I am attaching a draft agenda for that meeting, draft minutes from the 2 meetings held in June and a copy of the letter the County Court has sent to OWRD regarding the water rights application by BOR on Prineville Reservoir.
As for new topics, a large group of landowners/home owners and grazing permittees met with County Court last week regarding the negative impacts of the Lemon Gulch trail system being proposed by the Ochoco National Forest (Scoping ended in May) and supported by the Ochoco Trail Group. The homeowners and permittees asked the County Court to either suspend their letter of support for this expanded trail system or amend their letter with addition information on the possible impacts to grazing and traffic/trespass issues on Mill Creek Road and the private lands up Mill Creek. The Court suggested that the Forest get all parties together to resolve the conflicts and deal with the request at this time. The Court also asked the parties to work with the Natural Resources Committee.
The Mill Creek owners and grazing permittees have asked to be placed on the agenda for next week. The Ochoco Trail group has also been made aware of this topic being placed on your agenda.
You might also be interested in viewing the following webinar that was made for the Oregon Wildlife Foundation regarding restoration work being done on Williams Prairie and the surrounding uplands. This work was reviewed in the NEPA Decisions associated with the GAP project.
https://myowf.brand.live/c/climate-resiliency-one-watershed-at-a-time?fbclid=IwAR1k81kuHnWa7Tg8ot097EZ_1HVWJUNq02M91CliGIqees7iB__J8gxe3kg

Climate Resiliency One Watershed at a Time

In this episode, we'll see what it really takes to protect and restore a whole watershed in central Oregon, using processes that increase landscape resilience to climate change. Community Conservation is Oregon Wildlife Foundation's free online wildlife series where we explore conservation topics from habitat restoration to species studies.myowf.orginfo@myowf.org@ORwildlife

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If you have any questions about the agenda, topics of discussion or things you want to address, please let me know.
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County involvement in trail expansion on the Ochoco National Forest:

Nov., 2017 Crook County adopts the Crook County Natural Resources Policy

Nov., 2018 Crook County appoints 11 Crook County residents to the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Dec. 10, 2018 Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee holds its first meeting.

May 8, 2019 Darlene Henderson and Dwain Miller (Ochoco Trail Strategy Group) made a presentation to the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee. Minutes from that portion of the meeting:

Ochoco Trail Strategy Group:

Dwain Miller provided an overview of this groups activities with the Ochoco National Forest. The OTSG was initiated by the FS and Prineville Chamber of Commerce 2 years ago. The initial concern was growing the access to the forest while not creating the issues that the Deschutes Forest has experienced. Want to avoid trail creation (off trail that suddenly becomes an existing trail). The discussions include creating loop systems that provide both day and overnight experiences. There are multiple groups, landowners, agencies and permittees involved with the OTSG. COIC is providing facilitation for the group. The work of the group was presented to the Court and public during meetings held in September, 2018. In January, 2019 the group provided its work to the Forest. The proposal utilizes existing but unused trails/roads to create new opportunities. Conflicts with bikes and horses has been worked out to create different trails with different priorities (who has right of way) for trail respect. All trails will be open to all types of non-motorized use (ex: hiking, biking, horse).

The OTSG meets the first Tuesday of every month at noon/Chamber of Commerce office. Proposal is moving internally within the Forest and has been shared with the Regional office. Dwain and Slater stressed that there has been no NEPA done yet. The proposal is for non-motorized use and bikes are not allowed in the designated wilderness areas. Volunteers will be used to help build/maintain the system. Education will be a big part of plan development and implementation. Hoping that 2020 will be the year that this moves forward. Somethings might be able to move forward since they are already covered by existing NEPA and workloads. Examples are conflict on Lookout Mtn trail (blind corner fix) and Allen Creek just needs signage.

Committee asked what the group wants from them. Attendance at monthly meetings would be great. See Facebook page of group for more info. https://www.facebook.com/OTSGonline/

July 8, 2020 FS update to Advisory Committee from Kevin Keown (portion of minutes of Committee meeting):

The Ochoco Trails projects (Allen Creek Horse Trail, Bandit Springs Summer Trails and Dry Creek Equestrian Trail) are working with categorical exclusions and these projects were formally scoped with the public this spring. Frank asked the Committee if there was interest to engage with these projects. The Committee made no decision. The Ochoco Trails Collaborative group is working with the FS.

Oct. 14, 2020 FS Update to Advisory Committee by Kevin Keown (portion of committee minutes):

Three trail projects (two equestrian, one mountain bike) that are part of the Ochoco Trails proposal have had NEPA decisions this year.

Jan. 13, 2021 FS gives update to Committee on Mill Creek Dry Forest Project. No mention of recreation activities:

Presentation on the Mill Creek Dry Forest Project was given by the Forest. Presenters included Sarah Kaschberger, Jona Ensley, Jon Kocherberger and Beth Peer. Sarah provided an overview of the project, the history of the Blue Mtn. Resiliency Project and an overview of the scoping document. A review of the area and past treatments were discussed as well as the status of the current conditions and why here, why now. The project as proposed covers approximately 36,000 acres, of that, approximately 23,000 acres is being proposed for some type of treatment. None of the treatment area includes the Mill Creek Wilderness. The project area does include the Stein Pillar Recreation Area and some general winter range.

March 10, 2021 FS provides update on Lemon Gulch Scoping process and release of Scoping Notice to Committee:

Slater also mentions that there is now a Scoping letter seeking input for the Lemon Gulch Complex Mtn. Bike Trail System.

March 12, 2021 Ochoco National Forest releases Scoping Notice on Lemon Gulch Trail System Project. Proposal involves approximately 52 miles of non-motorized trails (within approximately 9 sq. miles) with primary use by mountain bikes but also open to hiking. Area is classified as both General Forest (MA-F22 and Winter Range MF-F-20). In big game winter range, activities would be restricted from Nov. 20 to May 1). Scoping closed April 15, 2021.

May 27, 2021 Ochoco National Forest held site visit with grazing permittees, Ochoco Trail group and County. Approximately 25 people were in attendance including numerous Forest Service employees. Meeting was to discuss history of the project, issues and concerns regarding site selection (specific to Lemon Gulch vs. Bear Creek) and lack of communication/coordination with grazing permittees and Mill Creek landowners.

July 7, 2021 Grazing permittees, Mill Creek landowners, Ochoco Trail group met during regularly scheduled County Court meeting to discuss concerns about the project, the letter of support for the project written by the County during Scoping and a request by the permittees and landowners to either rescind the County letter or to write another one which would address concerns raised by permittees and landowners. County suggested FS work with all parties to address concerns and to meet with County's Natural Resources Advisory Committee to address concerns as well.

July 14, 2021 Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee agenda will include a discussion of this topic. Permittees, landowners and Ochoco Trail group have been invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

Crook County Court
January 8, 2019
Work Session

The Crook County Court held a Work Session on January 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Admin Conference room located at 203 NE Court Street, Prineville, OR 97754. In attendance: Crook County Court members and staff; Crook County Legal Counsels and Staff; Department Heads and members of the public.

Judge Crawford call the meeting to order.

Ochoco Trail Strategy Group presentation

Darlene Henderson, Mary Beier and Duane Miller and Ruth, the Oregon Trail Strategy Group of Mountain Bike riders, hikers and equestrians, met with the Court to discuss the non-motorized trails In the Forest Service Ochoco Plan. Discussion was held regarding a positive trail plan to submit to the Forest Service. Discussion was held regarding marking trails, building Kiosks, minimizing impacts and not impacting , not shutting down anything but using old roads that are already closed, the user conflict in the Lookout Mountain area and Air B&B guests that come to the area to hike and bike. Discussion of rehab after logging or trail damage was discussed. Maintenance through grants, and strategic planning to include maintenance was also discussed. Tim Deboodt discussed Permittees and damage repaid. Signage was discussed, trails well signed and educational process regarding the areas will be included in the plan. The hope is to work together to have a well-planned trail area that works for all those enjoying the forests.

USFW Letter regarding Cooperating Agencies
Tim Deboodt presented information regarding a letter to the agencies speaking to Habitat Conservation Plans(HCP) , compliance with the Natural Resources Plans and Policy, meetings with cooperating agencies, and presentation of a meeting in Deschutes. County. Discussion held regarding not being asked to be at the meeting table to participate in the discussions with cooperating agencies, but the Federal Agencies, State Agencies, ODF&W, DEQ, but no local County government. Further discussion was held regarding the Counties of Crook and Jefferson aligned with their respective Irrigation Districts and the possibility of this being a less political situation if Deschutes County was not involved. Mike Britton spoke on this practice. If you invite one, you invite all.

MOTION:

Commissioner Brummer moved, and Commissioner Brummer seconded to approve the letter as presented by Mr. Deboodt. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

Further discussion was held regarding updates quarterly on the Natural Resources activities and information on the letter from BLM regarding three allotment reviews as well as the recent resignations of two of the Natural Resources Committee members. Brooke Gray, and Laura York resigned. Ms. Gray had knowledge of the County and Natural Resources, and Ms. York brought some concerns to the table

for State agencies. Discussion held regarding the requirement number of members set at 11 but no over that.

9:53 a.m. Discussion continued regarding the letter that was approved for signature this morning. The letter is regarding coordination, plan and policy.

Fiber Discussion #2

IT Director Izaac Ross presented additional information at this second meeting of Fiber Optic project. He presented his business case with scope and costs. He reached out for quotes to two companies currently used by the City of Prineville and received two quotes for two options. He provided the costs at a 60 month and after 60-month term. Mr. Ross believes this to be a good cost quote. The current internet provider, PrineTime, has notified the County that they are changing their business model and will no longer provide the County with Service. Mr. Ross provided the information regarding the four buildings not connected to the County internet and servers located at the Beaver Street building. Discussion was held regarding the two companies that own all the internet through Oregon. The County currently uses Bend Broadband. Discussion was held regarding if the County does not own its own fiber, then the County will always be paying. After 60 months, the County would own. Mr. Ross presented information regarding the County internet going door to door for the Counties facility and described the central area and spokes. Mr. Ross asked the Court with assistance working with the owners of Prinetime, saying he has received threats. Discussion was held regarding the contracts the County holds with Prinetime and agreements as well as tower placements, but that would involve a whole new route. Discussion was held regarding RFP's to two companies for fiber to just the valley floor and talking with the landfill to negotiate. The cost benefit analysis was discussed that would involve microwave, poles, radio and a possible proposal to Bend Broadband to do maintenance. Mr. Ross asked again for help dealing with Prinetime. Commissioner Barney will speak with Prinetime. And he will let everyone know the plan. The plan will be to do three of the County buildings and then the landfill. Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Ross to assist with the language for the RFP.

FLEET PURCHASE

Planning Director Ann Beier discussed the 2014 Escape that the inspectors have been using that is beyond repair for the job. Mr. Beier would like to go out for a bid for a Fleet vehicle that was authorized previously. Inspectors use a lot of miles and need a stronger car for the areas they travel.

MOTION:

Commissioner Brummer moved to purchase another vehicle for the Community development using the first fleet quotes received earlier last year. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

Pacificorp---Authorization to apply for land use on City property (substation), Brief on transmission lines

Planning Director Ann Beier, the Court, Bob O'Neil discussed the need for Pacificorp to act on behalf of the County to begin the land use application for the two separate projects: One for Ochoco substation and one for transmission lines. Discussion was held regarding the engineer's explanations, the planned

structures next to BPA lines, permission from private landowners, and additional substations started in 2018. Ms. Beier explained that the permits cannot be applied for until there is a legal description for the area.

The Open House held recently was more optimistic than previously. County Counsel Jeff Wilson explained there has been no correspondence with the company since August 7th, with some conversation on September 17, 2018 but none since.

Judge Crawford called a break at 10:55 to reconvene at 11:00 a.m.

Finance Department 18-Month Plan
County CFO Jeff Caldwell discussion an 18- month plan. He will be meeting with Department heads to discuss this plan prior to the afternoon Budget Committee meeting. Mr. Caldwell presented the planned agenda for the budget meeting and the dates for the meetings planned.

Information was provided on the Tyler Munis migration and the challenges of staffing and time challenges, resulting in paying out for comp time.

Judge Crawford discussed the need for staff to take vacation time and time off, and to really look to see if additional staff is needed in the departments. Mr. Caldwell agreed and provided information on a recent meeting held to restart the program that was derailed because people had been burned out. Discussion was held on the options to be considered regarding keeping this project on tract and also not burning out the employees. Discussion held regarding the training team provided by Tyler that was less than expected. More discussion regarding this project will be held at the Budget Meetings.

OEM Grant Agreements—New Requirements
Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine presented the new requirements in the recent grants regarding allegation of decimations against the County and the questions of any settlements. Commissioner Barney said that these requirements are generally in Federal grants, but rarely seen in State grants as requirements.

ADDITION: Maintenance Personnel Directive
Discussion was held regarding a maintenance person that would be involved with the new jail's electrical, pipes, and equipment as well as the old electrical and boiler in the Courthouse. Safety is top and foremost in all of this. Discussion held on moving this application out as the position is a necessity , not a luxury. Mr. Caldwell presented information from the financial side, and the plan to work on-going with maintenance to run this more as a business, more efficiently and get ahead of the curve with long term planning and team members. This position has been run through the compensation study and will need to increase. The job notice will go out right away.

MOTION:
Commissioner Brummer moved to approve the new position as presented and subject to changes. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

ADDITION--Space Issues
The Court discussed relocating the Human Resources Department from 203 NE Court Street to the Chucker Building next door on 2nd Street and go forward remodeling the HR space for a conference room and the remodeling involved. The lease and remodeling of the conference room were discussed.

MOTION:
Commissioner Barney moved to move the County HR Department to the Chuckerpoint Building subject to approval of a lease and to remodel this current HR Department in the building at 203 NE Court Street into a Conference Room. Commissioner Brummer seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) membership—Invoice for Fiscal Year 2018-19
Commissioner Brummer presented information regarding the EOCA, the Eastern Oregon Counties involved, and not splitting off from Association of Oregon Counties, but providing lobbying on behalf of the eastern counties that have different needs, and with more Eastern Oregon counties involved, this will provide a big enough group to go to AOC with more clout. This organization has been promoting SRS, and provides information on the Blue Mt. Resilience team, the one NEPA study and one EIS for the whole forest. The information on the involvement of more counties bringing the cost of joining down from $14,000 will be researched, and more information will be brought back to the Court for consideration.

LPSCC Coordinator Succession Planning
Discussion help regarding the grant funding that will run out for this LPSCC Coordinator position in August or Sept, amount $50.000. Discussion held regarding a possible back fill from the state. More on this at a later date when more information has been received.

AOC Annual Membership Dues—2019 Invoice
The Court discussed the membership dues for the Association of Oregon Counties membership, the involvement in some of the meetings and no involvement and no vote in others. Discussion held on whether to pay the membership dues, and the support received from the organization that are important to the management of the PERS plan in the County and the Federal Land Management involvement, that this may be a good time to stay involved with the Organization.

MOTION:
Commissioner Brummer moved to approve the $404.42 dues payment for the AOC Budget this year. Commissioner Barney seconded the motion. Vote was 3-0, motion carried.

The Court asked that grant writer Jeremy Thamert to send out the notice of his grant writing services to the Department heads, and also a list of the grant available.

Discussion held regarding whether to hold the proposed Executive Work Session of : Executive Work Session Item noticed to be held under: ORS 265C.620 Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 (Definitions for ORS 192.311 to 192.478 (Exemption for Judicial Department, the identity of an applicant for an eligible project determination under ORS 25C.606 (Determination of projects for tax exemption, the application form submitted to the county governing body and the Oregon business Development Commission and

the negotiations conducted between the applicant and the county shall be confidential, until the county governing body gives notice of its intent to take official action on the application; Whether to hold the session of not since County Counsel Jeff Wilson was not available for the discussion today. **Following the discussion, the Court agreed to not go forth with the Executive Work Session.**

11:59 a.m.

Judge Crawford adjourned the meeting at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ferguson, Crook County Court Secretary.

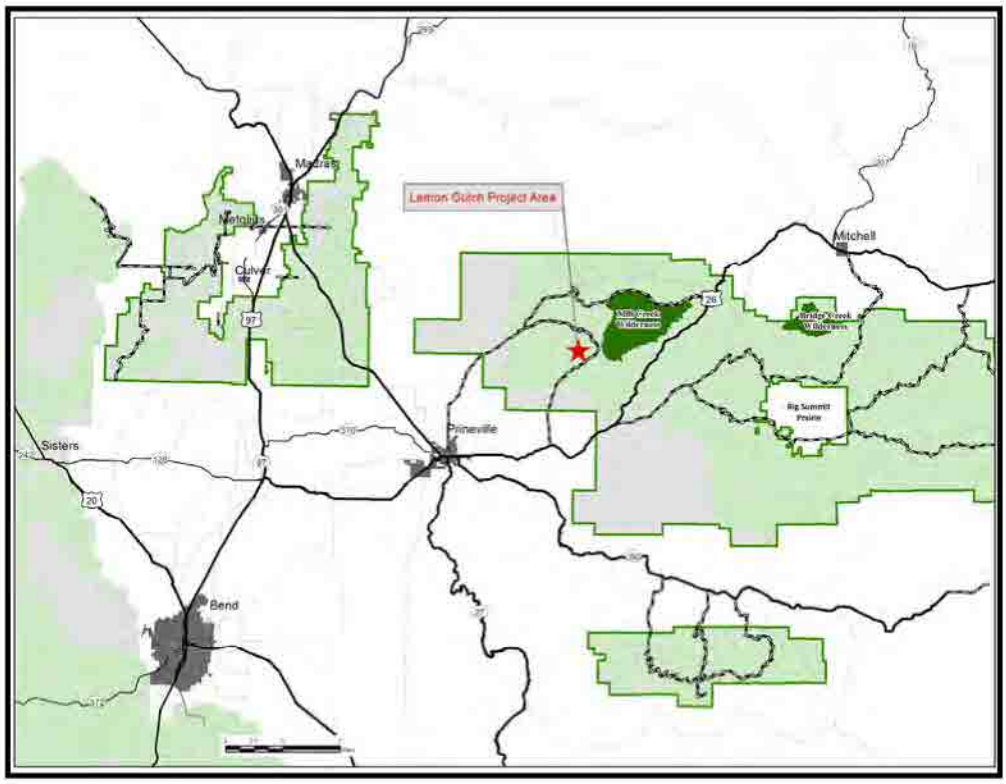
United States Department of Agriculture

Lemon Gulch Trail System Project

Scoping Notice

Project Initiation

The Lookout Mountain Ranger District is beginning the planning process for the Lemon Gulch Trail System Project. The project area is located about 15 miles northeast of Prineville, Oregon in the Ochoco Mountains.



The proposal involves approximately 52 miles of non-motorized trails with primary use by mountain bikes but also open to hiking. More details of the proposal are provided on page 2.

The purpose of the project is to meet the needs of the community and the desire for new mileage, multiple loops, downhill riding opportunities, and trails designed and managed for mountain bike use.

Lemon Gulch area would meet the community's need for an easily-accessible network of trails. The project is also expected to draw and more evenly distribute current and future mountain bike use from the high use areas of Lookout and Round Mountain. This would minimize interactions and improve the experience and safety of equestrians and hikers in these areas.

The proposal is in alignment with the Forest Plan objective that a managed trail system will be provided for a variety of uses, including hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, all terrain vehicles, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiles.

See page 4 for information on how to comment on this proposal.

Sustainable Recreation

The Lemon Gulch Trail System is part of a larger scale trails proposal developed through a collaborative process led by Ochoco Trails.

Ochoco Trails is a community-based coalition dedicated to building and maintaining a sustainable non-motorized trail system that offers a desirable range of experiences, while protecting and enhancing forest resources for future generations. Member organizations include: Central Oregon Trail Alliance, Oregon Equestrian Trails, Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon, Sawyers With Attitude To Spare, Oregon Wild, Discover Your Forest, Oregon Hunters Association, local ranchers, and Prineville Chamber of Commerce with participation and coordination with US Forest Service and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

As we move forward, Ochoco Trails is committed to providing resources for building and maintaining the trails.

For more information, see OchocoTrails.org.

Proposed Action

Trails

The system would consist of a maximum of 52 miles of single-track trails, as shown on the map page 3. The trail system would follow the trail difficulty framework of Green Circle – Beginner, Blue Square – Intermediate, Black Diamond – Advanced, Double Black Diamond - Expert.

Trails would be built with a mini excavator and hand tools.

Design and construction would follow direction and guidelines in the Trails Management Handbook (FSH 2309.18), Forest Service Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Trails (EM-7720-103), the Central Oregon Trail Alliance Trail Standards, and National Best Management Practices for Water Quality Management on National Forest System Lands (BMP 2012).

Proposed trail routes are marked with orange flagging

Trailheads and Facilities

Three trailheads and parking areas are proposed. One would be located at the bottom of the system near the 3360 and 3360100 road junction, one centrally located near the 3360 and 3360200 road junction, and one at the top along the 3360307. Signs would be installed to warn of frequent bike traffic on these roads.

Entry and junction signs would be installed on 4x4 posts. Installation of a CXT vault toilet is proposed at the bottom trailhead. Multi-panel kiosks would be constructed at each trailhead with maps, rules and regulations, and interpretive sign panels. Invasive plant prevent measure such as boot brush stations may also be included at trailheads.

The trail system would be built out over time and as the availability of grants, funding, and volunteer and employee labor allow. Priorities for build out include the two main arterial trails and two trails that would be designed for people with disabilities on adaptive mountain bikes as well as a few technical, downhill trails.

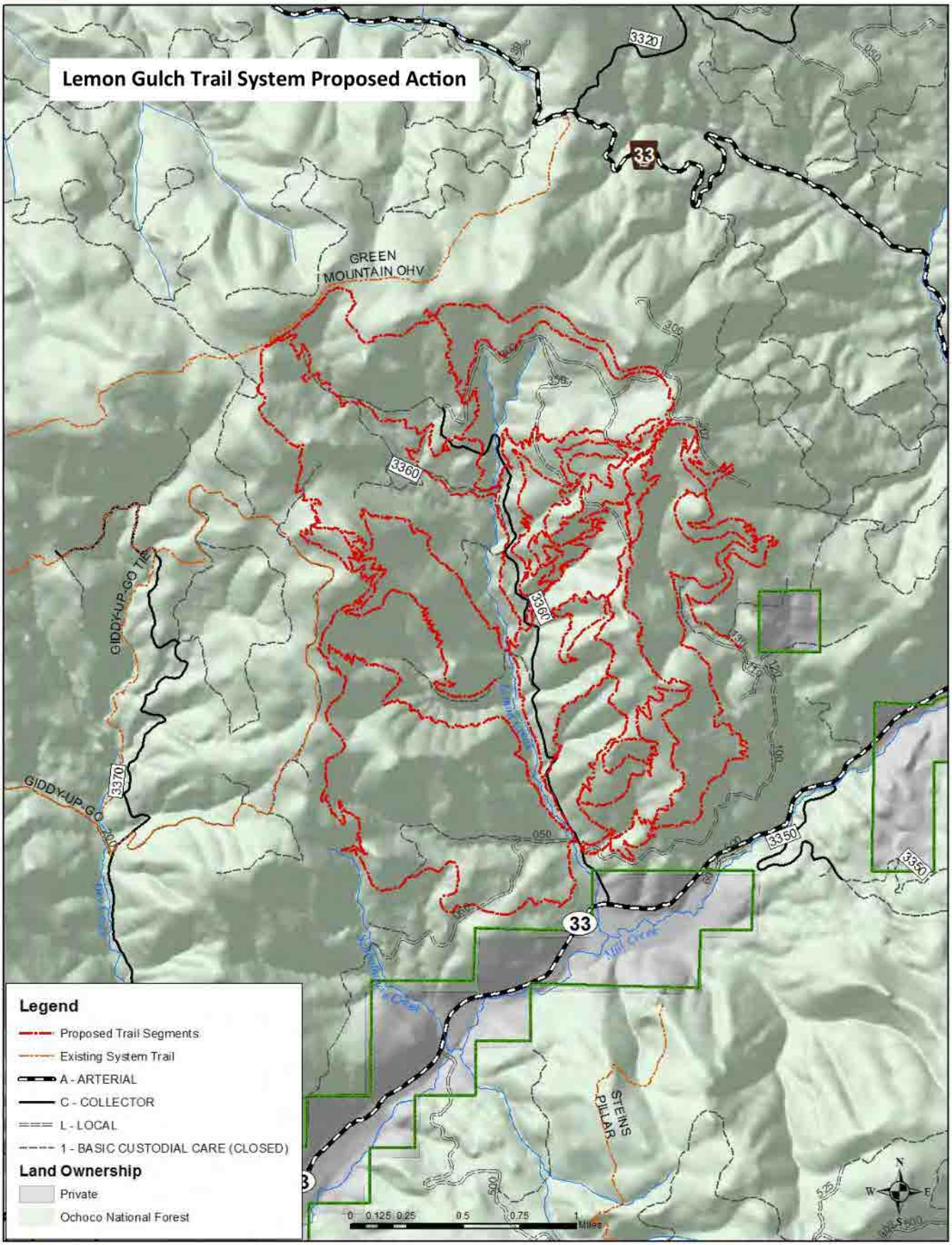
Maps and other information will be posted to the project web page as planning continues: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58831

Lemon Gulch Project Area

Ochoco Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan)

The Forest Plan has the following recreation goal: Provide for a variety of recreational experiences across all areas of the Ochoco National Forest, in a manner consistent with other resource objectives and environmental constraints. (LRMP 4-22).

Trails are proposed within the General Forest (MA-F22) and Winter Range (MA-F-20) management allocations. The management emphasis in General Forest is on the production of timber and forage while meeting Forest-wide standards and guidelines for all resources. The management emphasis in Winter Range is on managing for big game winter range habitat. Big game use on winter range is considered the primary activity with other human activities restricted from November 30 to May 1; therefore, trails in Winter Range MA would be closed to non-motorized use during this period to encourage wildlife utilization in the winter months.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Invitation to Comment

We are informing you about this proposal so that you can provide comments to us. Your comments and feedback will help provide valuable information used to identify issues and opportunities associated with this proposal. This notice marks the beginning of the scoping comment period. Please provide feedback by April 15, 2021. There will be an additional opportunity to provide comments when the environmental assessment is completed.

We strongly encourage you to submit comments electronically. Those wishing to provide electronic comments should use the Forest Service online comment system available at:

https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=58831. Comments may be typed into the online form, or uploaded as an attachment in Microsoft Word, rich text format (rtf), or portable document format (PDF) only.

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Anyone wishing to obtain additional information on the project should contact

Beth Peer, Environmental Coordinator, at Elizabeth.Peer@usda.gov or by phone (541)416-6463.

Thank you for your interest in the Ochoco National Forest and the Lemon Gulch Project. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Slater R. Turner

Slater Turner

District Ranger

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Minutes

Crook County Natural Resource Committee

July 14, 2021

Committee Members Present: Lynne Breese, Andy Gallagher, Mike Lunn, Tim Deboodt, Frank Porfily, Ston McDaniel, John Dehler, Casey Kaiser, Steve McGuire, Jace Rhoden, Cliff Kiser, Trent Smith

Members absent:

Guests present: Shane Jeffries (FS), Johanna Kovarik (FS), Kyle Gorman (Water Master), Amanda Roberts (BLM), Don Vogel (FS Permittee – Lemon Gulch), Darlene Henderson (Ochoco Trails), Kevin Keown (FS)

Public Present: Mikayla Mills, Ty Powell, Holli Kingsbury, Eric Bush, Nettie Downing, Dave and Sharron Neilsen, Nanette Hickman, Ann Dill, Dave Heppner, Mike and Wendy Woodley, Bob Williams, Roy Beyer, and others who didn't sign in.

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Lynne Breese @ 4H Building.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Minutes:

Mike moved to accept the June 6th and June 28, 2021 draft minutes as presented. Cliff seconded. Motion passed.

Agency Reports:

BLM: Amanda Roberts

Amanda provided the BLM update. Jeff Kitchens is on fire duty this week. Dennis Teitzel is also on fire duty this week in LaPine. The BLM has been very busy already this summer with wild fire. Fire level is already at Level III. The BLM has stretched its resources already and it is anticipated the fire season will be a long one.

Ston asked Amanda about the new transportation maps that Jeff Kitchens was helping to coordinate showing where off-road vehicle use was allowed (open/closed roads). Amanda was not aware of the progress of that work but would check in with Jeff.

Forest Service: Shane Jefferies, Johanna Kovarik and Kevin Keown

Shane reported that the FS is also fully engaged in an early fire season. The Grand View Fire (Crooked River National Grasslands) has Slater involved. The Darlene Fire in LaPine is active. The Forest assisted with the 33 ac. fire across from the Redmond Airport. Fire near Mitchel is being held to a minimum amount of acres. The dry season and high temperatures are putting the resource at extreme level, 1 to 2 months ahead of normal. The FS Chief's letter emphasizes fire fighter health and well-being requiring a 3 day rest period between every 14 days of fire fighting.

Walton Lake is still in litigation.

Johanna reported lots of fire ignition due to lightning strikes. Sunflower project is still in process. FS is reviewing North Fork/Paulina Creek internally for resource issues.

Kevin shared that the Mill Creek Vegetation and Fuels planning is moving forward. They have reviewed comments from scoping and are working on alternatives now. Project is using information from TEAM 21, the Ochoco Collaborative and other input for this project.

Frank asked Shane if he knew what started the fire at Grand View? Shane said the cause of the fire was yet undetermined but that it had started on private lands.

Water Resources: Kyle Gorman

Kyle announced that the water application by Bureau Of Reclamation (BOR) was received and posted yesterday (July 13th) by Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD). The posted notice allows for a 30 day public input process (closes August 12th). Kyle reviewed the BOR application and the history behind it. The 2014 Crooked River legislation allocated the rest of the unallocated water storage adding the City of Prineville, North Unit Irrigation District and fish and wildlife enhancement below the dam. The application allows for releases of 10,000 ac.ft. for North Unit and 58, 887 ac.ft. for fish and wildlife needs. The application could have implications for both above as well as below the reservoir and will affect junior water right holders. (if approved, the application would create a water right of 1914 for the storage and a priority date below the dam for the releases of June 28th, 2021).

Until now, all releases below the dam have been voluntary. Voluntary flows released are not protected from diversion.

Frank asked about stored water above the dam becoming junior to the stored water right of Prineville Reservoir and could it be called. Kyle said yes to any water stored above the reservoir that had been stored during that storage year (old stored water could not be called). Bob Williams asked about the impact on live flow above the reservoir, could it be regulated with fish screens and weirs being required? Kyle responded that OWRD lacks the measuring devices to regulate live flow above the reservoir but the law clearly states that water users have to stay within the rate and duty of their water right.

Based on the draft decision of OWRD regarding this application, the NRAC's water sub-committee could make a recommendation to the NRAC and County regarding a formal protest letter.

Lemon Gulch Trail (Ochoco National Forest)

Tim reviewed for the Committee, the history of Lemon Gulch Trail system, and the public hearing at County Court on July 7th. Members of the public (Mill Creek landowners and FS Permittees) expressed concern over the lack of communication by the FS on this proposed project and the County's letter of support without using the NRAC committee for review. These folks asked the County to rescind their letter or to write another one with the issues they had identified. The Court asked the NRAC committee to review and report back to them. The Ochoco Trial group made in 2019 to both the County and the Committee regarding this volunteer group's desire to work with the FS to expand Bicycling trail systems and opportunities on the Ochoco National Forest. Darlene Henderson (representative of the Ochoco Trail Group) talked about the formation of the group under the direction of the Prineville Chamber of

Commerce in 2017. The scope of their work was to review opportunities for trail expansion on both the Ochoco National Forest and the Crooked River National Grasslands. This group held public meetings in September of 2018 with 62 people in attendance. The meeting discussed all non-motorized trail opportunities including equestrian, hiking and biking.

The Ochoco Trail group made presentations to the County Court (Jan. 8th, 2019) and this Committee on May 8, 2019. In August of 2019, the Trail Group turned over their work to the FS and the FS determined that the Lemon Gulch area presented the fewest natural resource concerns of the 5 areas outlined by the Trail Group's proposal. Darlene indicated that their group did include one permittee from the area.

Darlene will send to Tim a list of trail systems that currently exist within and across allotments (both within the Ochoco's as well as other public lands). Darlene also pointed out that the NR policy talks about the expansion and revitalization of multiple use activities and that multiple use should be inclusive, not exclusive.

Don Vogel, Permittee in the Lemon Gulch area shared information that the person identified as a permittee in the Trail group was not a part of the committee as on official representative of the permittees or of grazing interests. Other members of the committee represented various organizations. Don pointed out that the original conversations of the Trail group were focused on using existing old roads (now closed) and skid trails, not the proposed 52 miles of constructed trail that is now a part of the project being reviewed.

Roy Beyer, another permittee in the area, said it was his wife Mary that sat on the group in 2018-19 and at the time of her participation, the discussion did not include any new construction but instead was going to use approximately 20 – 22 miles of old roads. A permittee was not part of the group during the detailed development of what is now proposed through the Scoping proposal.

Casey Kiser (Committee member) was the Director of the Chamber at the time the Trail group was created. The original focus of the group was to deal with user conflicts (bike and horse) on the Lookout Mountain Trail. At the time of the group's formation, there was no preconceived idea that the trail system would expand beyond what existed at the time. Casey also mentioned that it was believed that if facilities (trails) were built, people would come to use them. Also, if trails were not built, users would disperse and create their own trails, an outcome that everyone wanted to avoid.

Dave Neilsen (Landowner in the Mill Creek area) said that the proposal did not have the support of the Oregon Hunters Association (his communication with that organization). Dave asked the question, why here, why now? He also mentioned that the site (Lemon Gulch) was not suggested because it was the best location but because it has the least resource impact.

Jace Rhoden (Committee member) talked about his experience of logging within existing trail systems. He said it was very difficult and that with logging, the problems are just during the logging operation but with grazing, the problems will be annual (reoccurring).

Shane Jefferies (FS) responded that he was familiar with trail issues on the Deschutes National Forest. He said that coordination amongst uses is critical for recreation and contractors. The challenge is making sure that governance is in place. He said that logging is critical for vegetation management and grazing is important for forest management. Shane pointed out that the Forest just not just allow for

out-right trail development and that this particular project is still in the Alternative development stage and the FS want to hear from everyone.

Don Vogel spoke again. He read a prepared statement and handed out copies to the Committee. The statement referenced the County's Natural Resources Policy and its language related to protecting existing uses. He indicated it is the FS's responsibility to involve permittees early and often for planning purposes. Don said that grazing is a part of the custom and culture of Crook County. He mentioned he among others had asked the Court to rescind their letter of support to the trail system in light of the information the landowners and permittees presented and request the FS to follow their procedures for creating and moving projects like this forward.

Issues raised by the permittees and landowners:

> Economic loss associated with the lost animal weight and increase incidence of non-bred cows due to harassment,
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> Increased risk of weed introduction/expansion due to ground disturbance, vehicle travel, etc.,
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> Increased risk of wild fire due to increase traffic in the Mill Creek area,
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> Increased hazards on Mill Creek road with increased traffic and vehicle speed,
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> Impact on wildlife, ODF&W quoted as saying this area would become a sacrificial area for loss of habitat,
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> Landowners and permittees not made aware of the project until April, 2021, almost 20 months after proposal idea was handed over to the FS,
>
> Other valid areas for a high density trail system (52 miles in 9 square miles) were not evaluated.

Marcy (landowner in Mill Creek area) spoke about her meeting with Travis from the Central Oregon Trail Alliance (COTA) to get a better understanding of the proposal and what COTA was hoping to create (COTA was a member of the Ochoco Trail group). She said she asked Travis what success looked like to his organization? She said she asked him how he would feel, know the FS said the area would become a wildlife sacrifice area with the loss of habitat. She said he responded that he wouldn't like it. Marcy asked the Committee and those in attendance, "it was said they will come anyway", how much longer do we approach topics with this thought process? Public lands allow access but that doesn't mean that all access should occur.

Don Vogel mentioned that the permittees and landowners in the Mill Creek area are very willing to work on the issues identified in this conversation. However, he felt they needed as much time to work on solutions as the FS and Trail group have had to develop the project proposal. Shane responded that anyone at anytime can propose something. He is interested in real work that focuses on Lemon Gulch and not going back to the beginning.

John Dehler (Committee member) asked if there had been any evaluation of existing trail systems and their use, maintenance and issues/problems? Shane said that there were some issues beginning to arise on the Gray Butte trail on the grasslands with recreation. Shane emphasized again that education of users is critical. Shane also shared with the Committee that almost all of the allotments on the Ochoco National Forest are being grazed now.

John Dehler spoke about enforcement and the ability to stay on top of problems. In talking to Greg Jackel (ODFW), the honor system is failing. The Green Dot system for road management on the east side of the Ochoco's was given as an example.

Shelli Santucci (Permittee in the Mill Creek area) spoke, asking the Committee to Coordinate with the FS on this project. She wants everyone to be held accountable for whatever is created. She said that there is a lack of understanding about cows by the biking community and spoke of examples of allotments across the PNW where permittees have given up permits due to increased frustration/problems with managing cows when bikes were present. Shelli spoke about how her permit to graze is important to the success of her ranching operation and the generations to come which will follow her.

Trent Smith (Committee member) asked about forming a sub-committee to address the concerns presented today. Ston asked Shane if the FS can stop the process while a sub-committee and County address these concerns. Shane said yes, the FS can pause the process.

Lynne Breese (Committee member) asked if the FS could meet face-to-face (not through Zoom like meetings)? Can we get the resource people (recreation and range and ??) at the table? Shane said he would be present at the August meeting.

Trent moved to create a sub-committee to discuss the Lemon Gulch project and issues presented here today. John seconded. Motion passed 9 – 2. Committee members are Trent, John, Casey and Jace. Non Committee appointments were given to Don Vogel, Darlene Henderson, Dave Nielsen and Holli Kingsbury. Trent Smith will chair this sub-committee.

Good of the order

Mike asked Kevin Keown about the information sent out regarding the Williams Prairie Restoration project. Specifically issues regarding the work and the impact on a designated section of a federally listed stream under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Mike commented that the work proposed is a direct violation of Sec. 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Mike reviewed the history of his work related to Williams Prairie. From the initial work resulted from the FS attempts to reconstruct stream channels within the prairie in the late 1990's. Mike talked about the involvement of the National Riparian Team from 2000 – 2010 and the reports that were generated from that work (2006). Shane spoke about the project and its goal of being a full aquatic restoration project. Similar work to what was done on Ochoco and McKay creek. Called a "Stage Zero" restoration effort.

Kevin Keown proposed a review of the project. A date will be set and the entire Committee will get notice.

Andy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

From:	Joosen, Christopher -FS
To:	Peer, Beth- FS
Cc:	Turner, Slater -FS; Jeffries, Shane- FS
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Hey Chris,
Thanks much for your follow-up. We have appreciated your communication with us. I did see this email and then reread it after we spoke at the meeting. This works great and I very much appreciate you routing our comment to Beth to include in the record. We hope to work with you soon as well.
Thank you!

On Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 1:52 PM Joosen, Christopher -FS <christopher.joosen@usda.gov> wrote:

> Kim, I'm following up to your question at the County Court house meeting last week about standing in the scoping process. See my email to you and Don from 6/25 below. The opening sentence I think covers your concern about standing and wanting it in writing. Also, we did receive your scoping comments to me through email which I forwarded to Beth Peer, our Environmental Coordinator, to include into the Lemon Gulch project record. If you need more than these two emails just let me know and I'll follow up. Hope to talk with the two of you soon. Chris

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From: Joosen, Christopher -FS
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 10:58 AM
To: 'Don Vogel' <(b)(6)
Subject: RE: [External Email]Re: Ochoco contact information

Kim and Don, I spoke with our Environmental Coordinator this morning and I was correct when I stated you have standing and we are accepting your comments. Rather than trying to figure out the reason for the website link challenges that you had, I think the easiest option is for you to send me your comments and I will get them in the record. I will email you back stating I have received them once you get them to me if you want that official record. Additionally, as you know, there will be another comment opportunity if a decision is signed down the road.

To the points we touched on yesterday regarding alternatives. I don't have new thoughts this morning on your desire for considerably more time, but with that said we do have time to involve you in alternatives. This is something that you probably want to discuss more and of

course that would be fine. In the mean time I will say that as much as you can participate in the process now that will help get your voice into our alternative development. We have interdisciplinary resource team meetings scheduled with all the program areas (i.e. Fisheries, Range, Wildlife, Botany, Rec, Heritage, etc.) to develop initial alternatives in July and August. We want to collect as much information as we can get from the permittees if you are willing to provide it to ensure we can mitigate concerns. I think it will be important for us to know your water set issues, salting locations, fence challenges, etc for the objective on the ground topics for analysis. While this occurs we are still listening to the other broader comments that were raised during our field meeting in May such as road concerns and why here in Lemon Creek.

Let me know how you can provide that ground data if desired and if you need any tech help to do that. We can figure out how and when we can join you in the field to identify locations in GIS. Again, thanks for reaching out and look forward to more discussions. Chris

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Hey Chris,

Yes, it was very good speaking with you today. You were very helpful and I appreciate you getting back with us via email, so we are in touch.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Thanks,

Kim

(b)(6)

On Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 5:36 PM Joosen, Christopher -FS <christopher.joosen@usda.gov> wrote:

> Don and Kim, Good taking with the two of you today and I'll be in touch to answer your questions.
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> Chris
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File Code: 1950
Date: July 15, 2021

Congressman Cliff Bentz
2430 SW 4th Ave., Suite 2
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Dear Congressman Bentz:

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to talk about the Lemon Gulch Project. It's unique to our area and is a great example of collaboration in our community. Before this proposal became an official Forest Service project, the Ochoco Trails group (ochocotrails.org), made up of stakeholders such as Oregon Hunters Association, Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Central Oregon Trail Alliance, etc., worked with Forest Service staff and ODFW to collaboratively identify sustainable trails across the Ochoco NF that would meet existing and growing demand. Their efforts included a community meeting where all the potential trail proposals were open for input from the public.

The Forest Service's NEPA process for the Lemon Gulch Trials project began on March 11, 2020 with a scoping notice distributed to individuals, agencies, and organizations that are subscribed to receive Ochoco NF project updates via email. We also posted information on social media and the Forest Service web page. Grazing permittees with land adjacent to the project area were also given the scoping notice; we accepted written comments from them, and also agreed to have additional discussions about their specific concerns so that we could find workable solutions with the project.

Although a specific time for the public to submit written comments on the initial proposal has passed, we are still committed to working with the affected grazing permittees in the development of alternatives that address their particular use of this part of the Forest (for example, locating trailheads away from water developments). We have also heard from other citizens who live near the National Forest, including the Kleins, who are concerned about impacts to the National Forest and the local community from the addition of recreation trails. We have provided them with information on how to get subscribed to email updates so those folks can weigh in when the Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public comment. The EA will disclose the expected impacts to other resources on the National Forest including the concerns raised by your constituents.

Our next step in the NEPA process is to settle on a set of alternatives to the proposed action that will be analyzed and compared in the EA. Once that analysis is complete, the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on it. Federal regulations require the comment period on an EA to be 30 days.

I hope this addresses your concerns related to the Lemon Gulch Trails project. Please feel free to share this information with any other constituents who may have similar issues with the proposal so they can learn how to participate in the planning process moving forward.

Sincerely,

A. SHANE JEFFRIES
Forest Supervisor

cc: Paulette Pyle

From: Tim Deboodt
To: (b)(6) John Dehler; Casey Kiser, City of Prineville; Jace; Don and Kim Vogel; Darlene Henderson; Dave Nielsen; (b)(6)
Cc: Jeffries, Shane- FS; Keown, Kevin -FS; Peer, Beth- FS; Turner, Slater -FS
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1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 9 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 10 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thanks for you time and interest in this topic.

Tim

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I think you being available to work with a subcommittee is a great idea Beth, if the subcommittee is looking for some involvement by FS. SJ

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Is there an expectation for a Forest Service employee to join the subcommittee? I don't mind doing that, as I had started the work of sketching out alternatives that addressed the concerns we've heard to date.
~

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From: Peer, Beth- FS
Sent: Mon, 12 Jul 2021 15:33:43 +0000
To: Beaupre, James - FS;Joosen, Christopher -FS;Turner, Slater -FS
Subject: RE: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Trail System Proposal

Thanks for forwarding this. Please forward any additional correspondence or phone conversation logs for the project file.
I can send a link to the Klein's so they can subscribe to our mailing list and I can let them know that their concerns are part of the record.
~Beth

From: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 8:27 AM
To: Peer, Beth- FS <Elizabeth.Peer@usda.gov>; Joosen, Christopher -FS <christopher.joosen@usda.gov>; Turner, Slater -FS <slater.turner@usda.gov>
Subject: FW: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Trail System Proposal

I'm back!!

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From: Cora Klein <(b)(6) >
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2021 2:40 PM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Cc: Rodney <(b)(6) paul.lissette@co.crook.or.us
Subject: [External Email]Lemon Gulch Trail System Proposal

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Dear Mr. Beaupre,

First of all, we appreciate this comment period to be able to address concerns
by landowners near a proposed Mountain Bike Trail. We understand
their passion and enthusiasm at wanting to enjoy the Ochoco Mountains.

We are landowners in the Lookout Mountain District of the Ochoco Forest area, Crook County. Our address is (b)(6) Prineville, Oregon.
My husband and I are very concerned about the Lemon Gulch Trail System Proposal as it will effect us as adjacent landowners. We have a farm/ranch holding.Thank you for allowing us to give our perspective of how this will
effect our livelihood, family, and the general community..

We have reviewed the Scoping Report from April 21, and looked at the Forest Service Maps of the proposed system. It appears that the southern boundary will be along our public property. It also appears that the "Winter Range" for the deer, elk, and groshawk is also included in the proposed boundary of the Lemon gulch system.

Is this not a conflict of forest service stewardship of timber production and forage, erosion control, and protection of wildlife who use Mill Creek area as winter forage? After reading the SOPA of the " Mill Creek Restoration Project",
it does not seem to coincide with the environmental impact Lemon Gulch Trail will initiate.

Another concern is the question of "economic impact" for the community of Prineville that as of 2021 is still primarily a Farming/Ranching asset to Oregon?
Will bringing in tourists offset the wealth of agriculture production for this community? Is it what the community wants? Are they aware? The cost of preparing roads, law enforcement, and maintenance of roadways that have tractors, horse trailers on the road will need attention if bikers and shuttles share the road.

There are cattle grazing allotments in the proposed area. How will this mix with the bikers? Are there not other areas in the Ochoco (less populated with a thriving agriculture community) that might fit the bill for diverse mountain bike experiences? With the drought conditions and fire hazard we have been experienced in 2020, I hope we would not ask for more "usage" of land in
an already affected area of forest. We are trying to do our part in being
good stewards of our land and the forest corridors.

Will look forward to your input. Thank you again for listening.

Respectfully,

Rodney and Cora Klein
(b)(6)
Prineville, Oregon 97754

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STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 28

Shane Jeffries, Forest Supervisor
Ochoco National Forest
3160 NE Third Street
Prineville, OR 97754

Mr. Jeffries,

Central and Eastern Oregon have a rich and deep history in natural resource industries. Agricultural communities laid the groundwork for all we enjoy today. For generations ranchers have worked in concert with the US Forest Service, BLM and state agencies to find balance in resource management of our public lands. In the area of Lemon Gulch, this includes grazing permits paid for by ranchers and used in the scope of the their ranching operations.

U.S. and state agencies have an obligation to manage public lands, owned by all Americans, which includes a variety of uses. These agencies must consider opportunities to serve the public but cannot do so without consideration for agreements already in place. All agencies have a process to follow, especially for complicated considerations such as the proposal of the Lemon Gulch Bike Trail.

We are concerned current permit holders and land owners in the area may have been missing from the public process of the Lemon Gulch Bike Trail proposal. We ask the Forest Service to review their process and make sure all appropriate steps were taking in consideration of input, from the public, the permittees and those land owners in adjacent areas. Oregon has a robust land use system and expectation of similar consideration for all lands within the state is a given. We support transparent processes, active conversations and dotting the 'i's' and crossing the 't's'.

Our small communities throughout our districts rely on the ever growing outdoor activities. Central and Southern Oregon have worked with state and federal lands to enjoy a combined effort to engage the mountain bike enthusiasts. We appreciate the potential economic support it may provide our economies. We hear the voices of those seeking additional biking trials in public lands.

However, true community involvement comes when all parties feel they have been heard and their concerns taken into account and addressed. **Process matters**. We ask you to review the process to this point, back up slightly and make sure all notification has been properly provided and all input has consideration.

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We appreciate you taking time to consider our request and take a deeper consideration of the process in this matter.

Representative Vikki Breese-Iverson

Senator Dennis Linthicum

CC: Crook County Court

Prineville City Council

Crook County Natural Resource Committee

From: Shelby Knight
Sent: Sun, 1 Aug 2021 21:37:27 -0700
To: Jim Akenson;Beaupre, James - FS;Wine Down Ranch;Sarah Carver;Kim Daniels;Buck Davis;Jamie Dawson;Kit Dickey;Gregg, Monty -FS;Sara.c.gregory@state.or.us;Lydia Hemsley;Darlene Henderson;(b)(6) greg.s.jackle@state.or.us;Joosen, Christopher - FS;Kovarik, Johanna - FS;Kim McCarrel;Max Merlich;Duane Miller;RUTH MILLER;Brennan Morrow;Brian Nelson;Jeff Scheetz;Shepardson;Barbara Smith;mona Steinberg;Sue Williams;Mills, Mikayla - FS, Prineville, OR;Michael O'Casey;Nathan Hovekamp
Cc: Decker, Lindsay -FS;Machnik, Lisa - FS;Kern, Kassidy -FS;James Good;Peer, Beth-FS;Kurtz, Tory -FS
Subject: [External Email]Ochoco Trails August Meeting Reminder and Materials
Attachments: E_2020_January 7_Final OTSG Strategic Plan_2021 Edits_jb.docx, A_2021_07_06_Ochoco Trails Notes_DRAFT (1).docx, 2021_08_03_Ochoco Trails Agenda_FINAL.docx, B_2020_January 7_Final OTSG Strategic Plan_2021 Edits_jb.docx, D_OT Budget 2021_August.xlsx, C_Grassland_Proposed_Presevation_DRAFT.pdf

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Hi OT,
Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow from 11:15-1:15. Attached you'll find the agenda and materials. In order to make the most of our time together, please do the following prep ahead of our discussion:
1. Think through your own lessons learned from the Lemon Gulch project/any questions you still have and come prepared to discuss how we can bring those lessons into future processes and projects.
2. Thoughtfully review the Strategic Plan updates. Come prepared to discuss any final edits/changes/questions.
3. Review the draft Grassland Proposal and come prepared to share your thoughts, questions, concerns. We will do a round table so that everyone gets a chance to provide feedback.
Thank you and see you Tuesday!
Shelby
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Ochoco Trails

2020-2022 Strategic Plan

January 7, 2020

This Strategic Plan was prepared from July-December of 2019, and adopted in January 2020. Minor revisions were made and adopted in June 2021.The plan includes overall direction for the Ochoco Trails as well as more detailed action items and performance measures for 2020 through 2022. The Ochoco Trails may choose to update this Strategic Plan in its entirety in late 2022, or simply add more action items for future years.

1. VISION

A sustainable trails network in the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland makes Prineville and Crook County a more attractive place to live and work, allows our residents to reap the health benefits of outdoor recreation, encourages visitors to come enjoy our beautiful area, connects local residents and visitors with the Ochoco National Forest, and reduces trail conflicts while protecting wildlife habitat and our natural resources for generations to come.

2. MISSION

Ochoco Trails is a community-based coalition dedicated to building and maintaining a sustainable non-motorized trail system that offers a desirable range of experiences, while protecting and enhancing forest resources for future generations.

3. VALUES

The Ochoco Trails values the following:

- *Being **community-based** – identifying and including community values and needs in trails proposals, and providing useful and entertaining community education and outreach on trail use.*
- *Building **ecosystem science and holistic management** into the trails proposal, in order to ensure that trail use on the Ochocos avoids impacting ecosystem function, critical habitat, archaeological/historical sites, and other values that must be managed on National Forests and National Grasslands.*
- *Being **proactive**, rather than reactive, in order to design a trail system that meets community needs without creating problems when trail use increases in the medium to long term.*

- *Supporting **community economic goals** – providing a sustainable trails network that attracts visitors and provides a community amenity for persons and businesses wishing to relocate to the area.*
- *Performing ongoing **adaptive management** – transparently monitoring performance, learning lessons, and adjusting our proposals and activities.*
- *Providing **operational sustainability** -designing and implementing a trails network that can be maintained over the long term*
- *Fostering **diversity, equity, and inclusion** – engaging marginalized populations at the OCHOCO TRAILS table, in community outreach, and working proactively to identify ways to ensure that the trails system may be accessed by all.*
- *Supporting the development of non-motorized **trails for all types of users,** in order to provide a diverse user experience for all.*

4. OCHOCO TRAILS OBJECTIVES:

- Develop and Shepherd a Sustainable Trails Plan for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland
- Support Member Organizations- to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
- Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders

5. ORGANIZATION, DECISION-MAKING, COMMITTEES, STAFFING

Organization Model and Membership

The Ochoco Trails is a representational group designed to accelerate collaboration and action by providing a forum for stakeholder organizations and engaged individuals to ~~engage~~ collaborate and act. Ideally, the primary interests that **should** be represented on the Ochoco Trails include organizations focused on hoof (horse), foot (hiking, hunting, backpacking, running, skiing), and pedal-based (bicycle) recreation. Other interest groups – including environmental interests, community interests, business interests, etc. – are welcome. Other than ensuring those interests are represented, there are no formal "seats" on the OCHOCO TRAILS.

Voting members of the Ochoco Trails are those that have signed on to this Strategic Plan. In the future, the Ochoco Trails may elect to develop a more thorough Operations Manual or similar document. In that event, voting members will be those that have signed on to that future Operations Manual.

Governance/Committees

Chair: The Ochoco Trails will elect a Chair person or Co-Chairs, who will support the contracted coordinator in setting agenda; serve as the liaison for the group where and when appropriate; and be the designated signatory for letters, grants, etc. on behalf of the group. Electing a Chair will be governed

by the consensus decision-making structure outlined below. There is no term limit for the Chair or Co-Chairs. The group or the Chair/Co-Chairs may choose to step down or reelect a new Chairperson/s at any time, but should allow at least 2 months of transition time if possible.

Committees: The Ochoco Trails will designate ongoing or ad hoc committees as needed and deemed useful. This may include an Executive Committee in the future, but as of this Strategic Plan all Ochoco Trails decisions will be made by the full group, including decisions on projects to recommend and implement, staffing and contracting, grants and funding to pursue, etc.

Revenue and Fiscal Administration

The Ochoco Trails will pursue grants and donations for support staff and projects. The Ochoco Trails uses Discover Your Forest as its fiscal ~~administrator~~sponsor, unless otherwise appropriate (e.g. COIC holds the 2020 and 2021 TFFF funding). Where possible (i.e. when grants allow inclusion of indirect costs), Ochoco Trails will write into grants 10% for fiscal administration costs for Discover Your Forest. Where not possible, Ochoco Trails will ensure the availability of unrestricted funding to cover the 10% administrative costs annually.

Staffing Model

~~After 2019, the Ochoco Trails will move from employing a facilitator to employing a contract coordinator.~~The Ochoco Trails will employ a contract coordinator.

Ground Rules/Basic Expectations

Following are a set of basic expectations for Ochoco Trails participants:

Focus on learning

- Come willing to learn
- Come to meetings prepared
- Present interests, not positions
- Listen to understand. Be present and aim to fully hear others.
- Critique constructively and ask questions to learn.
- Be willing to be creative, explore alternatives, and search for opportunities.
- Share all relevant information.
- Share and take into account information from diverse sources.
- Please ask—there are no stupid questions.
- Respect the range of knowledge present in the group.
- Adapt ground rules to reflect group needs and dynamics as they evolve.

Listen and speak with respect

- Only one person speaks at a time. Allow people to finish their thought. No interrupting and no side conversations during full group discussions.
- Speak when you have something to say: bring up concerns and different views.
- No personal attacks**.** Come down hard on ideas, but not on people.
- Voice your concerns and take the time to address conflicting concerns.
- Do not dominate discussions. Do not use meetings as a forum to "soapbox."
- Respect each other in and outside of meetings.

Communication outside of meetings

- Keep your colleagues and constituents informed about the process.
- Bring relevant information back to the group.
- Do not criticize individuals or the group process outside of meetings. Bring your concerns directly to the individual or the group.
- Don't presume to speak for others who are not there.
- No backroom deals.
- A Google Drive will be maintained for storing and sharing all information. Partners are encouraged to help develop content for the Drive.

Failure to abide by the above ground rules may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Decision-making:

Consensus

The Ochoco Trails endeavors to make decisions by full consensus. Consensus on a decision about a project, recommendation, or action the group plans to take will be reached when all meeting participants can make one of the following statements about a decision:

- I agree with the decision and will publicly support it
- I agree with the decision but will refrain from publicly supporting it
- I can live with the decision (and won't disparage it in public)

Once the full group has ratified a decision, the decision and deliberations will be captured in the relevant meeting notes.

Inability to Reach Consensus

The Ochoco Trails will make every effort to reach consensus within the given timeframe (as laid out in the project timeline developed at the outset of a project) for making decisions. If the Ochoco Trails cannot reach consensus, members are encouraged to continue the conversation via conference call, email discussions, in-person meetings, or whatever format is most effective, in between meetings in order to function most effectively.

If a time comes when the Ochoco Trails is unable to reach consensus after significant effort, the following actions will be taken:

- Areas of agreement and disagreement will be clearly recorded in writing
- Differing position reports will be written to address the areas of disagreement. Each of these documents will include:
    - The name of the lead author and names of all who agree with the report
    - A description of their proposal and the rationale used to develop it
    - What members in the differing position groups anticipate doing if their proposal is chosen by the USFS (i.e. defend it in public), or not chosen (i.e. file an objection, appeal, litigate, etc.).
- The differing position reports will be given to all Ochoco Trails members and, if appropriate, to the USFS for their consideration in their role as decision makers for USFS managed lands and waters.

Participation in Decision-making: Attendance requirement

In order to assure timely and well-informed decision-making, Ochoco Trails members may only participate in decisions if they have participated in at least 2 of the last 4 meetings.

Document Sharing

All documents circulating internally shall remain DRAFT until formally approved by Ochoco Trails members through the above decision-making process. Draft documents are NOT public facing until they are formally finalized and shall not be shared outside of the group without group consultation and discussion. Failure to abide by this may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Project Evaluation

In order to meet its mission and goals and be strategic with resources, Ochoco Trails will do the following when considering new projects:

1. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consult facilitator and/or Chair to incorporate ask into meeting agenda.
2. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consider and invite relevant partners, groups, or individuals not already at the table to the discussion.
3. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will present the project idea to the full group for open discussion and questions.
4. The facilitator will provide an opportunity for every member to share any potential challenges they see that may face the project. This discussion will be captured in the notes.
5. Depending on the potential challenges or threats to the project identified, the group may be able to answer or address concerns on the spot. Where they cannot:
    i. An attempt will be made to track down more information and will be shared out with the group
    ii. An attempt will be made to invite others to the table for discussion or hold 1:1/small meetings with other groups or individuals and share out to the group
6. The project will be put to a vote, once concerns have been aired and a plan for addressing them has been agreed upon.

ATTACHMENT A: WORK PLAN

6. ACTIONS AND INDICATORS

OBJECTIVE A: Develop and Shepherd ~~a~~ Sustainable Trails Plans for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland
Output Indicators: • Plans delivered to Forest Service • Forest Service provides feedback on priorities • ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails and FS continually revise and update Plan **Outcome Indicators** • At least one component of the Proposal is put on the FS Program Of Work every year • Forest Service completes NEPA on high priority components of the Proposal. • Enter into Agreements to build trails

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ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Prepare Ochoco NF proposal and deliver to Forest Service	February 2019 (complete)	N/A - COMPLETE

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Shepherd the Trails Proposal with Forest Service staff. This is an iterative process that will be ongoing, as long as the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails continues to operate, and involves getting the various aspects of the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' proposal on the annual Ochoco National Forest Program of Work (POW).	August 2019 – ongoing	Full group maintains an ongoing dialogue with USFS staff re: • Short-term projects that may be implemented via categorical exclusion, quarterly • Longer-term projects that will require more extensive NEPA analysis, each Spring for consideration in the POW for 2 years out.
Engage community support for the Trails Plan (see Objective C for more)	Ongoing	Community meetings, Ochoco Trails member time, etc.
Complete Crooked River National Grassland Proposal(also requires consultation/engagement) Draft Proposal complete Public meetings – ~~Redmond and Madras~~Redmond, Prineville, Madras Incorporate input from public meetings and final group review ~~Receive FS Feedback~~ Deliver Final Proposal to USFS Receive FS Feedback/Prioritization	 ~~May 2020~~January 2022 ~~May-June~~February - April 2022~~20~~ May 2022 Summer 2022~~0~~ Fall 2022 ~~Asap 2020~~	Presentation to the Forest Service at in-person meeting.
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2022~~1~~	

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2023~~2~~	

OBJECTIVE B: Support Member Organizations to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
Output Indicators: • Support letters and other assistance for grant proposals • Resources allocated by FS for NEPA analysis • $ raised for trail construction • $ raised for trail maintenance **Outcome Indicators:** • Trail miles developed, by type/user • Trail miles maintained, by type/user • Trail use by type of user • New system trails are adopted by a individual or entity (covered by a volunteer service agreement)

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Continually request FS to put this on the annual Program of Work, NEPA, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails volunteer board advocacy
Monitor and support 2020/2021 USFS Work Priority order: Send to Jim - Bandit Springs winter (#19) 12 miles multi use -– NEPA COMPLETE, corridor/tread/drainage/water crossing work ongoing through 22 - Endurance Rides (#6) – NEPA planned for FY 22 - /Allen Creek Horse Camp (#7) – NEPA complete, corridor/signag/water crossing/mapping ongoing through 22	2020 - 2022	Ochoco Trails Members and ONF Recreation Team Request regular updates from the Forest Service at Ochoco Trails meetings and problem-solve barriers if needed.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
- Dry Creek Horse Camp Trails (#3)-NEPA complete, work held until Mill Creek Veg complete on old road/trail. - Black Canyon connector trails (#13, 14, 15) – need mapped for official proposal – map in 22 or 23? - Bingham-Whistler tie trail – wait to hear back from the FS if this is possible (#1) No longer feasible		
All proposal trails flagged for Lemon Gulch - COMPLETE	Winter/spring 2020	COTA, volunteers
All proposal trails flagged for Dry Creek Horse Camp - COMPLETE	Winter/spring 2020	OET, BCH, volunteers Note: this is already GPS'd.
Complete mapping for Bingham-Whistler tie trail	2021~~0~~	Foot powered people
Design and install safety signage for the Lookout Mountain "pinch point" - COMPLETE	2020	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team Travel OR $?
Identify and flag a new trail alignment possibility to bypass the LM "pinch point" ~~– IN PROGRESS~~ – John Schubert found and flagged a line. Need to digitally map by USFS and propose through NEPA.	2021~~0~~	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team

Commented [BJ-F1]: I think this is still feasible, just low priority because road can be used. Ideally planned soon, but low on the list of needs.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Project funding: • Research opportunities for NEPA funding • ID trails construction, trails maintenance, etc. funding sources and prep • Consider development of a local donor campaign targeting businesses and individuals that will benefit from trails development.	2020	~~Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator IMBA – new funding stream for planning/NEPA. Travel OR – potential new funding stream for planning/NEPA.~~Budget Subcommittee
Engage with other organizations in other geographies working on the same issues – be a part of a joint voice on NF recreation/trails/etc.	2020-2021	~~Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator~~+ members and their organizations
Monitor use before and after proposal implementation	~~2020~~ 2021+	Ochoco Trails members – anecdotal evidence and trail counters, trailhead surveys, self-issued permits, etc.
Build subsequent year Program Of Work requests and priority order, including CRNG proposal.	202~~0+ ongo~~1~~+ing~~	Ochoco Trails members in meetings + Forest Service
Flag next-priority trails.	2022~~1~~+ongoing	Member organizations, as per primary trail use.

OBJECTIVE C: Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders
Output Indicators: • Community meetings • Field tours • Presentations to stakeholders • New ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails members? • Etc. **Outcome Indicators:** • Community support for proposal and trail development as measured by endorsements, lack of objections or controversy, surveys, etc. • Reduced incidence of trail conflicts • Participation and interest in ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' efforts.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Meet with key local stakeholder groups – e.g. County Court and NR Committee, OFRC, Trail User Groups, Citizens that Support Public Lands, City Council, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members
Promote the proposal to regional, statewide, national groups, e.g. COTA, Travel OR, USFS Region 6, Congressional delegation, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members
Create a logo and letterhead for the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails	February 2020 COMPLETE	Volunteers, TFFF funding

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Target groups to engage more with the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails (regular meetings and processes): Nordic skiers/Central OR Nordic Club, hikers, anglers, local businesses with a natural interest in non-motorized recreation, or others as appropriate.	2022+~~0~~	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~outreach committee
Host public lectures, films, and/or field trips 2x/year – various relevant topics (e.g. safety and wildlife encounters on trails; Ochoco Mountains geology; trail etiquette and use conflicts; resource management; Warm Springs perspective on the Ochocos, etc.). The series would also serve as ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails outreach events to bring attention to the trails proposal, Ochoco Trails role, member organizations (volunteer recruitment), etc. This can also serve as an Ochoco Trails fundraiser. Wildlife Encounters on the Ochoco Trails – first event.	~~First one in Winter 2020 – ongoing~~ 2022+	~~Ochoco Trails board and knowledgeable speakers. Consider joint event planning with the Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative (OFRC).~~Ochoco Trails outreach committee
Summer Community Event: Horse/bike workshop • Educate community and trail users about horses and bikes sharing the trails. Provide opportunity to desensitize horses to the presence of bikes. (Consider doing this annually?) • Joint volunteer recruitment event	~~Summer 2020~~ 2022+	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~outreach committee
Community Open House to present Grasslands Trails Plan	~~May-June 2020~~ Feb-April 2022	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Share Draft CRNG proposal with specific and relevant agencies/organizations (Natural Resource committees, nonprofits, etc.) as part of outreach strategy	Spring 2022	Ochoco Trails mapping subcommittee Ochoco Trails outreach subcommittee
Share monitoring results	Ongoing	At all appropriate events.

ATTACHMENT B: SIGNATURES

Ochoco Trails: Membership Sign-On

The below signatories are members in full standing of the Ochoco Trails, and agree to support the Ochoco Trails Vision, serve the Mission, abide by the Values; and work within the governance model, ground rules, and other provisions provided in this document.

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Ochoco Trails

July 6, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

Zoom Meeting: (b)(6)

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In attendance: Chris Joosen, Darlene, Sarah Carver, Kim McCarrel, Nathan Hovekamp, Beth Peer, Tory Kurtz, Ramona Steinberg, Alex Anderson (COTA), Kit Dickey, Emmy Andrews, Travis Holman, Alex Anderson, Jamie Dawson, Monty Gregg, Duane Miller

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30

Welcome & Introductions

- Introductions & Agenda Review
- Formal Approval of Notes – approved with a few grammar edits

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11:30 – 12:00

Lemon Gulch Discussion

- Update
  - Last month, FS met with some grazing permittees and landowners that had concerns about the proposal. After 2 weeks the hope was that those stakeholders would provide direct feedback on areas of concern, but by now it's becoming clear that several folks are opposed to the project.
  - What's the timeline? Currently developing alternatives to the proposed action – this will dive down into the specifics and detail of different options for the trail system. Hoping to have the EA done by the end of the year.
  - This is a great test of our coalition – and it will hopefully bring more people into the fold.
- County Court Meeting
  - A permittee, Mr. Vogel, will be attending the county court meeting, so Darlene got invited as well. Darlene is hoping to assure the county that the proposal represents a variety of county residents' interest and to urge the permittees and landowners to come to the table and work with this group. FS staff has continued to have conversations with permittees, but is planning to continue working towards this proposal and will incorporate their concerns as best they can. Please attend this meeting – 9am at the courthouse – tomorrow. Darlene has been able to organize some community & business support to show up.
  - The county court has previously written up a letter of support. Are we concerned that the county will change their tune solely based on this opposition? Potentially.

- Next Steps

B_Permittee Letter Counterpoints_DRAFT

- Reviewed draft of the letter, all comments and edits were made in the document
- Kim will work her word-wizardry and we'll bring hardcopies tomorrow

12:00– 12:30

Mapping

- Update
  - The mapping subcommittee has looked at the Grassland proposal under a slightly different lens. The general idea is that we categorize the map by areas we propose trail

development vs where we are considering limiting or avoiding development ("habitat preservation area" or whatever we name it).

- Since our goal is to minimize/mitigate impacts to wildlife while developing our trail system(s), we want to make sure that the green/most intact core habitat areas actually are in good quality and remain that way. With that in mind, we'd like to use the OCRF grant funding to hire a few COCC or OSU students to map illegally created roads/routes in the habitat areas. That will show us which blocks that are listed as green on the map are actually green vs what may actually be orange or red (illegally created roads/routes could slice the core habitat block up - making the core habitat areas much smaller in size)
- Monty reminded us that there's still some work to be done on fine-tuning the proposal and shrinking the footprint as much as possible. A good rule of them is to stick to the existing trails system as much as we can. Braiding trails within existing trails' and roads' area of disturbance will be helpful with this effort.

- Next meeting currently being scheduled. All are welcome.

C_Grassland_Proposed_Preservation_DRAFT

12:30 – 1:00 Misc. Updates

- Website
- Kyle Miller Film
  - Updates coming soon
- Strategic Plan Updates - Finalize
- Funding Updates
  - We get to keep Shelby on for 2 years, with slightly reduced hours!

1:00– 1:10 FS Update

- Misc. FS updates
  - Coming in via email

1:10 – 1:15 Next Meeting and Next Steps

- Who else needs to be at the table?
- Next meeting is August 3rd
  - Agenda items?

Ochoco Trails

August 3, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

Zoom Meeting (b)(6)

Meet

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30	Welcome & Introductions - Introductions & Agenda Review - Formal Approval of Notes *A_2021_07_06_OT Meeting Notes_DRAFT*
11:30– 11:50	FS and ODFW Updates - Misc. FS updates
11:50 – 12:15	Lemon Gulch Discussion - Update - Our role in scoping process? - Lessons Learned & Strategy for CRNG o Membership and representation o Who isn't at the table? o Collaborative Engagement
12:15 – 12:45	Strategic Plan Update - Finalize - Round Table Check In - Discuss and Approve *B_Strategic Plan with Edits_DRAFT*
12:45– 1:00	Mapping Subcommittee - Update - Round Table Check In - Bio Contractor *C_Grassland_Proposed_DRAFT*
1:00 – 1:10	Funding Updates - Review Budget - Budget subcommittee *D_OT Budget*
1:10 – 1:15	Next Meeting and Next Steps - Who else needs to be at the table? - Next meeting is September 7th ▪ Agenda items?

Ochoco Trails

2020-2022 Strategic Plan

January 7, 2020

This Strategic Plan was prepared from July-December of 2019, and adopted in January 2020. Minor revisions were made and adopted in June 2021.The plan includes overall direction for the Ochoco Trails as well as more detailed action items and performance measures for 2020 through 2022. The Ochoco Trails may choose to update this Strategic Plan in its entirety in late 2022, or simply add more action items for future years.

1. VISION

A sustainable trails network in the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland makes Prineville and Crook County a more attractive place to live and work, allows our residents to reap the health benefits of outdoor recreation, encourages visitors to come enjoy our beautiful area, connects local residents and visitors with the Ochoco National Forest, and reduces trail conflicts while protecting wildlife habitat and our natural resources for generations to come.

2. MISSION

Ochoco Trails is a community-based coalition dedicated to building and maintaining a sustainable non-motorized trail system that offers a desirable range of experiences, while protecting and enhancing forest resources for future generations.

3. VALUES

The Ochoco Trails values the following:

- *Being **community-based** – identifying and including community values and needs in trails proposals, and providing useful and entertaining community education and outreach on trail use.*
- *Building **ecosystem science and holistic management** into the trails proposal, in order to ensure that trail use on the Ochocos avoids impacting ecosystem function, critical habitat, archaeological/historical sites, and other values that must be managed on National Forests and National Grasslands.*
- *Being **proactive**, rather than reactive, in order to design a trail system that meets community needs without creating problems when trail use increases in the medium to long term.*

- *Supporting **community economic goals** – providing a sustainable trails network that attracts visitors and provides a community amenity for persons and businesses wishing to relocate to the area.*
- *Performing ongoing **adaptive management** – transparently monitoring performance, learning lessons, and adjusting our proposals and activities.*
- *Providing **operational sustainability** -designing and implementing a trails network that can be maintained over the long term*
- *Fostering **diversity, equity, and inclusion** – engaging marginalized populations at the OCHOCO TRAILS table, in community outreach, and working proactively to identify ways to ensure that the trails system may be accessed by all.*
- *Supporting the development of non-motorized **trails for all types of users,** in order to provide a diverse user experience for all.*

4. OCHOCO TRAILS OBJECTIVES:

- Develop and Shepherd a Sustainable Trails Plan for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland
- Support Member Organizations- to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
- Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders

5. ORGANIZATION, DECISION-MAKING, COMMITTEES, STAFFING

Organization Model and Membership

The Ochoco Trails is a representational group designed to accelerate collaboration and action by providing a forum for stakeholder organizations and engaged individuals to ~~engage~~ collaborate and act. Ideally, the primary interests that **should** be represented on the Ochoco Trails include organizations focused on hoof (horse), foot (hiking, hunting, backpacking, running, skiing), and pedal-based (bicycle) recreation. Other interest groups – including environmental interests, community interests, business interests, etc. – are welcome. Other than ensuring those interests are represented, there are no formal "seats" on the OCHOCO TRAILS.

Voting members of the Ochoco Trails are those that have signed on to this Strategic Plan. In the future, the Ochoco Trails may elect to develop a more thorough Operations Manual or similar document. In that event, voting members will be those that have signed on to that future Operations Manual.

Governance/Committees

Chair: The Ochoco Trails will elect a Chair person or Co-Chairs, who will support the contracted coordinator in setting agenda; serve as the liaison for the group where and when appropriate; and be the designated signatory for letters, grants, etc. on behalf of the group. Electing a Chair will be governed

by the consensus decision-making structure outlined below. There is no term limit for the Chair or Co-Chairs. The group or the Chair/Co-Chairs may choose to step down or reelect a new Chairperson/s at any time, but should allow at least 2 months of transition time if possible.

Committees: The Ochoco Trails will designate ongoing or ad hoc committees as needed and deemed useful. This may include an Executive Committee in the future, but as of this Strategic Plan all Ochoco Trails decisions will be made by the full group, including decisions on projects to recommend and implement, staffing and contracting, grants and funding to pursue, etc.

Revenue and Fiscal Administration

The Ochoco Trails will pursue grants and donations for support staff and projects. The Ochoco Trails uses Discover Your Forest as its fiscal ~~administrator~~sponsor, unless otherwise appropriate (e.g. COIC holds the 2020 and 2021 TFFF funding). Where possible (i.e. when grants allow inclusion of indirect costs), Ochoco Trails will write into grants 10% for fiscal administration costs for Discover Your Forest. Where not possible, Ochoco Trails will ensure the availability of unrestricted funding to cover the 10% administrative costs annually.

Staffing Model

~~After 2019, the Ochoco Trails will move from employing a facilitator to employing a contract coordinator.~~The Ochoco Trails will employ a contract coordinator.

Ground Rules/Basic Expectations

Following are a set of basic expectations for Ochoco Trails participants:

Focus on learning

- Come willing to learn
- Come to meetings prepared
- Present interests, not positions
- Listen to understand. Be present and aim to fully hear others.
- Critique constructively and ask questions to learn.
- Be willing to be creative, explore alternatives, and search for opportunities.
- Share all relevant information.
- Share and take into account information from diverse sources.
- Please ask—there are no stupid questions.
- Respect the range of knowledge present in the group.
- Adapt ground rules to reflect group needs and dynamics as they evolve.

Listen and speak with respect

- Only one person speaks at a time. Allow people to finish their thought. No interrupting and no side conversations during full group discussions.
- Speak when you have something to say: bring up concerns and different views.
- No personal attacks**.** Come down hard on ideas, but not on people.
- Voice your concerns and take the time to address conflicting concerns.
- Do not dominate discussions. Do not use meetings as a forum to "soapbox."
- Respect each other in and outside of meetings.

Communication outside of meetings

- Keep your colleagues and constituents informed about the process.
- Bring relevant information back to the group.
- Do not criticize individuals or the group process outside of meetings. Bring your concerns directly to the individual or the group.
- Don't presume to speak for others who are not there.
- No backroom deals.
- A Google Drive will be maintained for storing and sharing all information. Partners are encouraged to help develop content for the Drive.

Failure to abide by the above ground rules may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Decision-making:

Consensus

The Ochoco Trails endeavors to make decisions by full consensus. Consensus on a decision about a project, recommendation, or action the group plans to take will be reached when all meeting participants can make one of the following statements about a decision:

- I agree with the decision and will publicly support it
- I agree with the decision but will refrain from publicly supporting it
- I can live with the decision (and won't disparage it in public)

Once the full group has ratified a decision, the decision and deliberations will be captured in the relevant meeting notes.

Inability to Reach Consensus

The Ochoco Trails will make every effort to reach consensus within the given timeframe (as laid out in the project timeline developed at the outset of a project) for making decisions. If the Ochoco Trails cannot reach consensus, members are encouraged to continue the conversation via conference call, email discussions, in-person meetings, or whatever format is most effective, in between meetings in order to function most effectively.

If a time comes when the Ochoco Trails is unable to reach consensus after significant effort, the following actions will be taken:

- Areas of agreement and disagreement will be clearly recorded in writing
- Differing position reports will be written to address the areas of disagreement. Each of these documents will include:
    - The name of the lead author and names of all who agree with the report
    - A description of their proposal and the rationale used to develop it
    - What members in the differing position groups anticipate doing if their proposal is chosen by the USFS (i.e. defend it in public), or not chosen (i.e. file an objection, appeal, litigate, etc.).
- The differing position reports will be given to all Ochoco Trails members and, if appropriate, to the USFS for their consideration in their role as decision makers for USFS managed lands and waters.

Participation in Decision-making: Attendance requirement

In order to assure timely and well-informed decision-making, Ochoco Trails members may only participate in decisions if they have participated in at least 2 of the last 4 meetings.

Document Sharing

All documents circulating internally shall remain DRAFT until formally approved by Ochoco Trails members through the above decision-making process. Draft documents are NOT public facing until they are formally finalized and shall not be shared outside of the group without group consultation and discussion. Failure to abide by this may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Project Evaluation

In order to meet its mission and goals and be strategic with resources, Ochoco Trails will do the following when considering new projects:

1. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consult facilitator and/or Chair to incorporate ask into meeting agenda.
2. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consider and invite relevant partners, groups, or individuals not already at the table to the discussion.
3. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will present the project idea to the full group for open discussion and questions.
4. The facilitator will provide an opportunity for every member to share any potential challenges they see that may face the project. This discussion will be captured in the notes.
5. Depending on the potential challenges or threats to the project identified, the group may be able to answer or address concerns on the spot. Where they cannot:
    i. An attempt will be made to track down more information and will be shared out with the group
    ii. An attempt will be made to invite others to the table for discussion or hold 1:1/small meetings with other groups or individuals and share out to the group
6. The project will be put to a vote, once concerns have been aired and a plan for addressing them has been agreed upon.

ATTACHMENT A: WORK PLAN

6. ACTIONS AND INDICATORS

OBJECTIVE A: Develop and Shepherd ~~a~~ Sustainable Trails Plans for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland
Output Indicators: • Plans delivered to Forest Service • Forest Service provides feedback on priorities • ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails and FS continually revise and update Plan **Outcome Indicators** • At least one component of the Proposal is put on the FS Program Of Work every year • Forest Service completes NEPA on high priority components of the Proposal. • Enter into Agreements to build trails

~~7.~~

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Prepare Ochoco NF proposal and deliver to Forest Service	February 2019 (complete)	N/A - COMPLETE

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Shepherd the Trails Proposal with Forest Service staff. This is an iterative process that will be ongoing, as long as the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails continues to operate, and involves getting the various aspects of the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' proposal on the annual Ochoco National Forest Program of Work (POW).	August 2019 – ongoing	Full group maintains an ongoing dialogue with USFS staff re: • Short-term projects that may be implemented via categorical exclusion, quarterly • Longer-term projects that will require more extensive NEPA analysis, each Spring for consideration in the POW for 2 years out.
Engage community support for the Trails Plan (see Objective C for more)	Ongoing	Community meetings, Ochoco Trails member time, etc.
Complete Crooked River National Grassland Proposal(also requires consultation/engagement) Draft Proposal complete Public meetings – ~~Redmond and Madras~~Redmond, Prineville, Madras Incorporate input from public meetings and final group review ~~Receive FS Feedback~~ Deliver Final Proposal to USFS Receive FS Feedback/Prioritization	 ~~May 2020~~January 2022 ~~May-June~~February - April 2022~~20~~ May 2022 Summer 2022~~0~~ Fall 2022 ~~Asap 2020~~	Presentation to the Forest Service at in-person meeting.
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2022~~1~~	

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2023~~2~~	

OBJECTIVE B: Support Member Organizations to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
Output Indicators: • Support letters and other assistance for grant proposals • Resources allocated by FS for NEPA analysis • $ raised for trail construction • $ raised for trail maintenance **Outcome Indicators:** • Trail miles developed, by type/user • Trail miles maintained, by type/user • Trail use by type of user • New system trails are adopted by a individual or entity (covered by a volunteer service agreement)

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Continually request FS to put this on the annual Program of Work, NEPA, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails volunteer board advocacy
Monitor and support 2020/2021 USFS Work Priority order: Send to Jim - Bandit Springs winter (#19) 12 miles multi use -– NEPA COMPLETE, corridor/tread/drainage/water crossing work ongoing through 22 - Endurance Rides (#6) – NEPA planned for FY 22 - /Allen Creek Horse Camp (#7) – NEPA complete, corridor/signag/water crossing/mapping ongoing through 22	2020 - 2022	Ochoco Trails Members and ONF Recreation Team Request regular updates from the Forest Service at Ochoco Trails meetings and problem-solve barriers if needed.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
- Dry Creek Horse Camp Trails (#3)-NEPA complete, work held until Mill Creek Veg complete on old road/trail. - Black Canyon connector trails (#13, 14, 15) – need mapped for official proposal – map in 22 or 23? - Bingham-Whistler tie trail – wait to hear back from the FS if this is possible (#1) No longer feasible		
All proposal trails flagged for Lemon Gulch - COMPLETE	Winter/spring 2020	COTA, volunteers
All proposal trails flagged for Dry Creek Horse Camp - COMPLETE	Winter/spring 2020	OET, BCH, volunteers Note: this is already GPS'd.
Complete mapping for Bingham-Whistler tie trail	2021~~0~~	Foot powered people
Design and install safety signage for the Lookout Mountain "pinch point" - COMPLETE	2020	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team Travel OR $?
Identify and flag a new trail alignment possibility to bypass the LM "pinch point" ~~– IN PROGRESS~~ – John Schubert found and flagged a line. Need to digitally map by USFS and propose through NEPA.	2021~~0~~	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team

Commented [BJ-F1]: I think this is still feasible, just low priority because road can be used. Ideally planned soon, but low on the list of needs.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Project funding: • Research opportunities for NEPA funding • ID trails construction, trails maintenance, etc. funding sources and prep • Consider development of a local donor campaign targeting businesses and individuals that will benefit from trails development.	2020	~~Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator IMBA – new funding stream for planning/NEPA. Travel OR – potential new funding stream for planning/NEPA.~~Budget Subcommittee
Engage with other organizations in other geographies working on the same issues – be a part of a joint voice on NF recreation/trails/etc.	2020-2021	~~Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator~~+ members and their organizations
Monitor use before and after proposal implementation	~~2020~~ 2021+	Ochoco Trails members – anecdotal evidence and trail counters, trailhead surveys, self-issued permits, etc.
Build subsequent year Program Of Work requests and priority order, including CRNG proposal.	202~~0+ ongo~~1~~+ing~~	Ochoco Trails members in meetings + Forest Service
Flag next-priority trails.	2022~~1~~+ongoing	Member organizations, as per primary trail use.

OBJECTIVE C: Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders
Output Indicators: • Community meetings • Field tours • Presentations to stakeholders • New ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails members? • Etc. **Outcome Indicators:** • Community support for proposal and trail development as measured by endorsements, lack of objections or controversy, surveys, etc. • Reduced incidence of trail conflicts • Participation and interest in ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' efforts.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Meet with key local stakeholder groups – e.g. County Court and NR Committee, OFRC, Trail User Groups, Citizens that Support Public Lands, City Council, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members
Promote the proposal to regional, statewide, national groups, e.g. COTA, Travel OR, USFS Region 6, Congressional delegation, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members
Create a logo and letterhead for the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails	February 2020 COMPLETE	Volunteers, TFFF funding

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Target groups to engage more with the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails (regular meetings and processes): Nordic skiers/Central OR Nordic Club, hikers, anglers, local businesses with a natural interest in non-motorized recreation, or others as appropriate.	2022+~~0~~	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~outreach committee
Host public lectures, films, and/or field trips 2x/year – various relevant topics (e.g. safety and wildlife encounters on trails; Ochoco Mountains geology; trail etiquette and use conflicts; resource management; Warm Springs perspective on the Ochocos, etc.). The series would also serve as ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails outreach events to bring attention to the trails proposal, Ochoco Trails role, member organizations (volunteer recruitment), etc. This can also serve as an Ochoco Trails fundraiser. Wildlife Encounters on the Ochoco Trails – first event.	~~First one in Winter 2020 – ongoing~~ 2022+	~~Ochoco Trails board and knowledgeable speakers. Consider joint event planning with the Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative (OFRC).~~Ochoco Trails outreach committee
Summer Community Event: Horse/bike workshop • Educate community and trail users about horses and bikes sharing the trails. Provide opportunity to desensitize horses to the presence of bikes. (Consider doing this annually?) • Joint volunteer recruitment event	~~Summer 2020~~ 2022+	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~outreach committee
Community Open House to present Grasslands Trails Plan	~~May-June 2020~~ Feb-April 2022	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Share Draft CRNG proposal with specific and relevant agencies/organizations (Natural Resource committees, nonprofits, etc.) as part of outreach strategy	Spring 2022	Ochoco Trails mapping subcommittee Ochoco Trails outreach subcommittee
Share monitoring results	Ongoing	At all appropriate events.

ATTACHMENT B: SIGNATURES

Ochoco Trails: Membership Sign-On

The below signatories are members in full standing of the Ochoco Trails, and agree to support the Ochoco Trails Vision, serve the Mission, abide by the Values; and work within the governance model, ground rules, and other provisions provided in this document.

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OCHOCO TRAILS BUDGET 2021

Budget Category	Description	DYF Fund Account Numbers		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE					
Marketing					
	Website		$	102.00	*Maintenance and licensing to Travis*
Community Engagement					
	N/A				
Trails Projects					
	Work proposed to TO		$	2,500.00	*$? Towards contractor for Lookout Mountain*
	Biological Contractor		$	4,000.00	*OCRF*
DYF	Fiscal Sponsorship/Administration		$	1,450.00	*10% of each grant managed by DYF - will be billed in December 2021 budget subcommittee to decide where those come from*
TOTAL EXPENSE			***$***	***8,052.00***	
INCOME					
Grants	COTA	R130	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 6/1/21*
	OET	R108	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 6/1/21*
	Travel Oregon	R109	$	5,000.00	*Project Work, carryover from 2019 grant*
	TFFF		$	102.00	*Website Fees for 2021*
	P34 - program code for OT for DYNW				
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	R153	$	4,000.00	*Bio Contractor*
TOTAL INCOME			***$***	***13,102.00***	
TOTAL SURPLUS			*$*	*5,050.00*	

Budget Category	Description			Amount	Notes
EXPENSE					
Staff					
	Facilitation		$	13,000.00	*Shelby from COIC (25 hrs/mo for 12 mos)*
TOTAL EXPENSE			***$***	***13,000.00***	
INCOME					
Grants	The Ford Family Foundation		$	13,000.00	
	Travel Oregon		$	900.00	*COIC to bill or comm outreach*
	VCO	R067	$	6,000.00	*I July 1 2021 - July 1 2022 (second round of $ in 2022 - 2023*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund		$	3,500.00	
TOTAL INCOME			***$***	***23,400.00***	
TOTAL SURPLUS			*$*	*(10,400.00)*	

Ochoco Trails Budget Actuals Updated May 26, 2021

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Marketing				
	Website	$	102.00	*Maintenance and licensing to Travis*
Community Engagement				
	N/A			
Trails Projects				
	Work proposed to TO	$	-	*Lookout Mountain Contractor*
	Biological Contractor	$	-	*OCRF*
TOTAL EXPENSES		***$***	***102.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	COTA	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 6/1/21*
	OET	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 6/1/21*
	Travel Oregon	$	5,000.00	*Project Work, carryover from 2019 grant*
	TFFF	$	102.00	*Website Costs for 2021*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	4,000.00	*Bio Contractor*
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***13,102.00***	
TOTAL REMAINING		*$*	*13,000.00*	

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Staff				
	Facilitation	$	11,000.00	*Shelby (estimate as of June 1, 2021)*
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***11,000.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	The Ford Family Foundation	$	13,000.00	*Ends August 31st*
	COVA	$	3,000.00	*COVA - expected in July*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	3,500.00	*Projected to cover through October*
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***19,500.00***	
TOTAL REMAINING		*$*	*8,500.00*	

Ochoco Trails 2022 Projected Budget

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Marketing				
	Website	$	102.00	licensing and maintenance (to Travis)
Community Engagement				
	Host 3 Public Meetings for CRNG	$	500.00	
Trails Projects				
		$	-	
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***602.00***	
INCOME				
Grants				
		$	-	
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	-	
TOTAL DEFICIT		*$*	*(602.00)*	

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Staff				
	Facilitation	$	13,050.00	Shelby (15 hours/month for 12 months)
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***13,050.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	Facilitation - $6,000 per year for 2 years Commit	$	6,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***6,000.00***	
TOTAL DEFICIT		*$*	*7,050.00*	

Fund Development Strategy

Who	*What*	*Notes*
Rika	Transient Room Tax Dollars (RCPT, Visit Central OR)	Not sure if they'll be available in 2021, Rika will continue to follow up
Shelby	REI/Facebook	Shelby meet with Kim
Budget committee	GAOA	talk to district ranger
Rika	Title II	outreach project (5,000-6,000)
Shelby, Duane	Collaborative Effort	Jefferson County (chamber, comissioners), OFRC, Crook County, Prineville downtown
Shelby, Duane	County?	Collaborative convo supports/strengthens
Shelby, Jim	OCRF	reach out with new plan - alternative that meets goals/outcomes - $3000 to facilitation, $1000 for per diem reimbursement. Jim/Holly
Rika?	Hire new coordinator	hiring new coordinator DTC (part time contractor for both)
Shelby	Exit strategy	Develop based on 25/hr contractor and bring to May meeting
Shelby	Oregon Community Recovery Grant Program	Winter 2021, collaborative convo supports
	Recruitment? Community Outreach?	Collaborative convo supports/strengthens
	Paid Membership Dues	
	Develop contact list and strategy	
	Donation request at public events	
	NFF?	
	Collins Foundation?	

Facilitator Scope of Work (Monthly)

Task	*Hours/month*	*Cost*	*Notes*
Meeting Prep	6	$ 432.00	build agendas, materials development, coordination
Meeting Faciliation	3	$ 216.00	
Subcommittee Meeting Support	2	$ 144.00	prep, coordinate, facilitate, follow up
Fund Development	3	$ 216.00	follow up, research, coordination, etc.
Admin	2	$ 144.00	budget, attendance, misc.
TOTAL/MONTH	***16***	***$ 1,120.00***	

Project and Committee Roles

Task	Estimated Hours/Month	Lead	Support	Currently Assigned	Task Breakdown
Meeting Prep	5	Chair	Executive Committee	Darlene	build agendas, materials development, coordination, scheduling
Meeting Faciliation	3	Facilitator	Chair & Executive Committee		Facilitate meetings, check in with members regularly, and
Website Management	2	Web Manager	Outreach Committee	Travis	Blog posts, updates, etc.
Fund Development	10	Treasurer	Executive Committee		follow up, research, coordination, grant identification and writing, etc.
Admin	2	Secretary			schedule Zoom meetings, attendance, document management, misc.
Meeting Notes	3	Secretary			Take notes during meeting, revise, and send to group
Budget tracking/dev/oversight	5	Treasurer	Executive Committee		Grant reporting, budget tracking and updates monthly, reporting out to group, research and pursue grant opportunities
Outreach	10	Outreach Lead	Outreach Committee		Develop outreach strategy, support CRNG outreach, ad hoc outreach for upcoming trail events/etc.
Project: CRNG Proposal	?	Mapping Subcommittee Lead	Mapping Subcommittee	Brian	Build CRNG proposal
Project: Lemon Gulch	?	Project Lead		Travis	
Other projects?					

Committees

Committee Name	Members	Notes
Mapping	Brian, Kim, Travis	Have all members participate in at least 1 subcommittee! More regular scheduling
Outreach		Develop and carry out outreach strategy
Budget	Duane, Jim, Rika, Shelby	Likely will not continue.. Can executive committee replace?
Executive		Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, project leads? Recommend balanced representation of various interests. Would be responsible for budget development and oversight, setting agendas, resolving conflicts, etc.

Grassland Proposed Trails
Ochoco Trail Strategy Group
Core Habitat - Proposed Trails Buffered 100 Meters

- Proposed_Trails
- Juniper Springs Loop
- Warner Loop
- Willow Creek Loop
- Prineville Loop

TrailEvent - Designed Use

- ATV - ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE
- HIKER/PEDESTRIAN
- PACK AND SADDLE

Core Habitat (Proposed Trails Erase)

Acre_Breakout

- Greater Than 100 Acres
- 50-100 Acres
- Less Than 50 Acres

Roads

- 1 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Yearlong
- 2 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Seasonal
- 3 Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong
- 14 State or US Highway
- 15 Other Public Roads

Ownership

- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Other Federal Land
- State Land
- Other Land, Including Private

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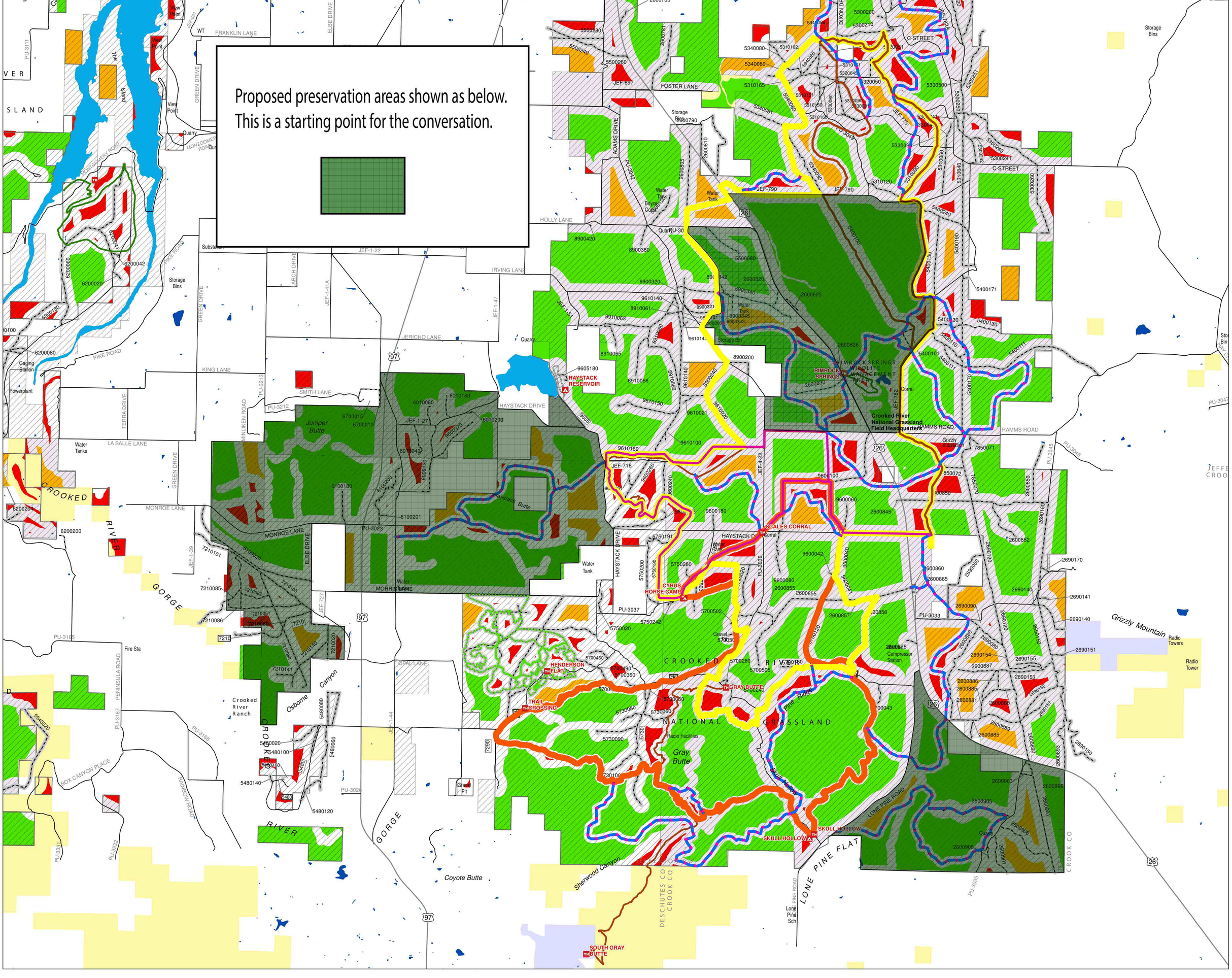
Proposed preservation areas shown as below.
This is a starting point for the conversation.



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File Code: 1950
Date: August 2, 2021

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Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St NE, Room H-381
Salem, OR, 97301

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During the two years of work, the group asked the Forest Service and ODFW for natural resource feedback on numerous potential locations for a variety of multiple use trails and activity-specific systems. After assessing the feedback given, covering topics such as elk security and habitat, fisheries, botany, invasives weeds, etc the group approached the National Forest with a proposal. Last year, we undertook the NEPA process on three small projects within the sustainable trails proposal, which will provide improved equestrian trail loops at Dry Creek and Allen Creek Campgrounds, as well as summer trails at Bandit Springs where there is currently only a winter trail.

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Looking forward to our meeting and discussion today.
I hope you have all had a chance to review the Strategic Plan and are ready to sign off on it. We will be doing a round table consensus agreement to make sure we capture any hesitations or concerns. We will also be asking for input on who else we should invite to our table - especially as it relates to the Grasslands proposal.
To start the conversation regarding lessons learned from Lemon Gulch, I offer the following lessons I learned:
1. Do not interpret silence as agreement
2. Continually work to keep people engaged in our work - even if they cannot or do not attend our meetings we should individually work to stay connected with them
3. Do not overlook community outreach - even during times of COVID we could have explored options to stay connected with community members and elected officials
4. If you identify yourself at the OT table as a member of an established organization or community group it is then expected that you continually communicate OT work to your group our community and solicit their feedback to be shared and incorporated into OT work; if you are representing yourself, it is than expected that you help OT to identify ways to reach out to other individuals or groups that may need to know what we are working on
See you all later this morning.
Darlene

On Sun, Aug 1, 2021 at 9:38 PM Shelby Knight <sknight@coic.org> wrote:
Hi OT,
Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow from 11:15-1:15. Attached you'll find the agenda and materials. In order to make the most of our time together, please do the following prep ahead of our discussion:
1. Think through your own lessons learned from the Lemon Gulch project/any questions you still have and come prepared to discuss how we can bring those lessons into future processes and projects.
2. Thoughtfully review the Strategic Plan updates. Come prepared to discuss any final edits/changes/questions.
3. Review the draft Grassland Proposal and come prepared to share your thoughts, questions, concerns. We will do a round table so that everyone gets a chance to provide feedback.

Thank you and see you Tuesday!
Shelby
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Hi All,
See attached. Please review and let me know if you have any final edits/comments/additions by 1 week before our next meeting. We will then bring this to the September OT meeting for formal approval. FYI while we are still operating virtually -- if you've already signed on to the Strategic Plan, we will capture your vote in the notes and it will serve as your "re-sign". If you have not yet signed on to the Strategic Plan, please let me know so we can coordinate that together.
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Ochoco Trails

2020-2022 Strategic Plan

January 7, 2020

This Strategic Plan was prepared from July-December of 2019, and adopted in January 2020. Minor revisions were made and adopted in September 2021.The plan includes overall direction for the Ochoco Trails as well as more detailed action items and performance measures for 2020 through 2022. The Ochoco Trails may choose to update this Strategic Plan in its entirety in late 2022, or simply add more action items for future years.

1. VISION

A sustainable trails network in the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland makes Prineville and Crook County a more attractive place to live and work, allows our residents to reap the health benefits of outdoor recreation, encourages visitors to come enjoy our beautiful area, connects local residents and visitors with the Ochoco National Forest, and reduces trail conflicts while protecting wildlife habitat and our natural resources for generations to come.

2. MISSION

Ochoco Trails is a community-based coalition dedicated to building and maintaining a sustainable non-motorized trail system that offers a desirable range of experiences, while protecting and enhancing forest resources for future generations.

3. VALUES

The Ochoco Trails values the following:

- *Being **community-based** – identifying and including community values and needs in trails proposals, and providing useful and entertaining community education and outreach on trail use.*
- *Building **ecosystem science and holistic management** into the trails proposal, in order to ensure that trail use on the Ochocos avoids impacting ecosystem function, critical habitat, archaeological/historical sites, and other values that must be managed on National Forests and National Grasslands.*
- *Being **proactive**, rather than reactive, in order to design a trail system that meets community needs without creating problems when trail use increases in the medium to long term.*

- *Supporting **community economic goals** – providing a sustainable trails network that attracts visitors and provides a community amenity for persons and businesses wishing to relocate to the area.*
- *Performing ongoing **adaptive management** – transparently monitoring performance, learning lessons, and adjusting our proposals and activities.*
- *Providing **operational sustainability** -designing and implementing a trails network that can be maintained over the long term*
- *Fostering **diversity, equity, and inclusion** – engaging marginalized populations at the OCHOCO TRAILS table, in community outreach, and working proactively to identify ways to ensure that the trails system may be accessed by all.*
- *Supporting the development of non-motorized **trails for all types of users,** in order to provide a diverse user experience for all.*

4. OCHOCO TRAILS OBJECTIVES:

- Develop and Shepherd a Sustainable Trails Plan for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland
- Support Member Organizations- to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
- Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders

5. ORGANIZATION, DECISION-MAKING, COMMITTEES, STAFFING

Organization Model and Membership

The Ochoco Trails is a representational group designed to accelerate collaboration and action by providing a forum for stakeholder organizations and engaged individuals to ~~engage~~ collaborate and act. Ideally, the primary interests that **should** be represented on the Ochoco Trails include organizations focused on hoof (horse), foot (hiking, hunting, backpacking, running, skiing), and pedal-based (bicycle) recreation. Other interest groups – including environmental interests, community interests, business interests, etc. – are welcome. Other than ensuring those interests are represented, there are no formal "seats" on the OCHOCO TRAILS.

Voting members of the Ochoco Trails are those that have signed on to this Strategic Plan. In the future, the Ochoco Trails may elect to develop a more thorough Operations Manual or similar document. In that event, voting members will be those that have signed on to that future Operations Manual.

Governance/Committees

Chair: The Ochoco Trails will elect a Chair person or Co-Chairs, who will support the contracted coordinator in setting agenda; serve as the liaison for the group where and when appropriate; and be

the designated signatory for letters, grants, etc. on behalf of the group. Electing a Chair will be governed by the consensus decision-making structure outlined below. The Chair shall serve a 2 year term.

Committees: The Ochoco Trails will designate ongoing or ad hoc committees as needed and deemed useful. This may include an Executive Committee in the future, but as of this Strategic Plan all Ochoco Trails decisions will be made by the full group, including decisions on projects to recommend and implement, staffing and contracting, grants and funding to pursue, etc. All members are encouraged to join at least one subcommittee.

Revenue and Fiscal Administration

The Ochoco Trails will pursue grants and donations for support staff and projects. The Ochoco Trails uses Discover Your Forest as its fiscal ~~administrator~~sponsor, unless otherwise appropriate (e.g. COIC holds the 2020 and 2021 TFFF funding). Where possible (i.e. when grants allow inclusion of indirect costs), Ochoco Trails will write into grants 10% for fiscal administration costs for Discover Your Forest. Where not possible, Ochoco Trails will ensure the availability of unrestricted funding to cover the 10% administrative costs annually.

Staffing Model

~~After 2019, the Ochoco Trails will move from employing a facilitator to employing a contract coordinator.~~The Ochoco Trails will employ a contract coordinator.

Ground Rules/Basic Expectations

Following are a set of basic expectations for Ochoco Trails participants:

Focus on learning

- Come willing to learn
- Come to meetings prepared
- Present interests, not positions
- Listen to understand. Be present and aim to fully hear others.
- Critique constructively and ask questions to learn.
- Be willing to be creative, explore alternatives, and search for opportunities.
- Share all relevant information.
- Share and take into account information from diverse sources.
- Please ask—there are no stupid questions.
- Respect the range of knowledge present in the group.
- Adapt ground rules to reflect group needs and dynamics as they evolve.

Listen and speak with respect

- Only one person speaks at a time. Allow people to finish their thought. No interrupting and no side conversations during full group discussions.
- Speak when you have something to say: bring up concerns and different views.
- No personal attacks**.** Come down hard on ideas, but not on people.
- Voice your concerns and take the time to address conflicting concerns.
- Do not dominate discussions. Do not use meetings as a forum to "soapbox."
- Respect each other in and outside of meetings.

Communication outside of meetings

- Keep your colleagues and constituents informed about the process.
- Bring relevant information back to the group.
- Do not criticize individuals or the group process outside of meetings. Bring your concerns directly to the individual or the group.
- Don't presume to speak for others who are not there.
- No backroom deals.
- A Google Drive will be maintained for storing and sharing all information. Partners are encouraged to help develop content for the Drive.

Failure to abide by the above ground rules may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Decision-making:

Consensus

The Ochoco Trails endeavors to make decisions by full consensus. Consensus on a decision about a project, recommendation, or action the group plans to take will be reached when all meeting participants can make one of the following statements about a decision:

- I agree with the decision and will publicly support it
- I agree with the decision but will refrain from publicly supporting it
- I can live with the decision (and won't disparage it in public)

Once the full group has ratified a decision, the decision and deliberations will be captured in the relevant meeting notes.

When submitting products or proposals to decision makers, all members in favor of the proposal must sign it or a related document indicating they are in favor of the proposal as it is submitted. Those with dissenting opinions will develop a report outlining areas of agreement and disagreement as outlined below.

Inability to Reach Consensus

The Ochoco Trails will make every effort to reach consensus within the given timeframe (as laid out in the project timeline developed at the outset of a project) for making decisions. If the Ochoco Trails cannot reach consensus, members are encouraged to continue the conversation via conference call, email discussions, in-person meetings, or whatever format is most effective, in between meetings in order to function most effectively.

If a time comes when the Ochoco Trails is unable to reach consensus after significant effort, the following actions will be taken:

- Areas of agreement and disagreement will be clearly recorded in writing
- Differing position reports will be written to address the areas of disagreement. Each of these documents will include:
    - The name of the lead author and names of all who agree with the report
    - A description of their proposal and the rationale used to develop it
    - What members in the differing position groups anticipate doing if their proposal is chosen by the USFS (i.e. defend it in public), or not chosen (i.e. file an objection, appeal, litigate, etc.).

- The differing position reports will be given to all Ochoco Trails members and, if appropriate, to the USFS for their consideration in their role as decision makers for USFS managed lands and waters.

Participation in Decision-making: Attendance requirement

In order to assure timely and well-informed decision-making, Ochoco Trails members may only participate in decisions if they have participated in at least 2 of the last 4 meetings.

Document Sharing

All documents circulating internally shall remain DRAFT until formally approved by Ochoco Trails members through the above decision-making process. Draft documents are NOT public facing until they are formally finalized and shall not be shared outside of the group without group consultation and discussion. Failure to abide by this may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Project Evaluation

In order to meet its mission and goals and be strategic with resources, Ochoco Trails will do the following when considering new projects:

1. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consult facilitator and/or Chair to incorporate ask into meeting agenda.
2. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consider and invite relevant partners, groups, or individuals not already at the table to the discussion.
3. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will present the project idea to the full group for open discussion and questions.
4. The facilitator will provide an opportunity for every member to share any potential challenges they see that may face the project. This discussion will be captured in the notes.
5. Depending on the potential challenges or threats to the project identified, the group may be able to answer or address concerns on the spot. Where they cannot:
    i. An attempt will be made to track down more information and will be shared out with the group
    ii. An attempt will be made to invite others to the table for discussion or hold 1:1/small meetings with other groups or individuals and share out to the group

6. The project will be put to a vote, once concerns have been aired and a plan for addressing them has been agreed upon.

ATTACHMENT A: WORK PLAN

6. ACTIONS AND INDICATORS

OBJECTIVE A: Develop and Shepherd ~~a~~ Sustainable Trails Plans for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland
Output Indicators: • Plans delivered to Forest Service • Forest Service provides feedback on priorities • ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails and FS continually revise and update Plan **Outcome Indicators** • At least one component of the Proposal is put on the FS Program Of Work every year • Forest Service completes NEPA on high priority components of the Proposal. • Enter into Agreements to build trails

~~7.~~

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Prepare Ochoco NF proposal and deliver to Forest Service	February 2019 (complete)	N/A - COMPLETE

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Shepherd the Trails Proposal with Forest Service staff. This is an iterative process that will be ongoing, as long as the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails continues to operate, and involves getting the various aspects of the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' proposal on the annual Ochoco National Forest Program of Work (POW).	August 2019 – ongoing	Full group maintains an ongoing dialogue with USFS staff re: • Short-term projects that may be implemented via categorical exclusion, quarterly • Longer-term projects that will require more extensive NEPA analysis, each Spring for consideration in the POW for 2 years out.
Engage community support for the Trails Plan (see Objective C for more)	Ongoing	Community meetings, Ochoco Trails member time, etc.
Complete Crooked River National Grassland Proposal(also requires consultation/engagement) Draft Proposal complete Public meetings – ~~Redmond and Madras~~Redmond, Prineville, Madras Incorporate input from public meetings and final group review ~~Receive FS Feedback~~ Deliver Final Proposal to USFS Receive FS Feedback/Prioritization	 ~~May 2020~~January 2022 ~~May-June~~February - April 202~~2~~2~~0~~ May 2022 Summer 2022~~0~~ Fall 2022 ~~Asap 2020~~	Presentation to the Forest Service at in-person meeting.
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2022~~1~~	

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2023~~2~~	

OBJECTIVE B: Support Member Organizations to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
Output Indicators: • Support letters and other assistance for grant proposals • Resources allocated by FS for NEPA analysis • $ raised for trail construction • $ raised for trail maintenance **Outcome Indicators:** • Trail miles developed, by type/user • Trail miles maintained, by type/user • Trail use by type of user • New system trails are adopted by a individual or entity (covered by a volunteer service agreement)

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Continually request FS to put this on the annual Program of Work, NEPA, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails volunteer board advocacy
Monitor and support 2020/2021 USFS Work Priority order: Send to Jim - Bandit Springs winter (#19) 12 miles multi use -– NEPA COMPLETE, corridor/tread/drainage/water crossing work ongoing through 22 - Endurance Rides (#6) – NEPA planned for FY 22 - /Allen Creek Horse Camp (#7) – NEPA complete, corridor/~~signag~~signage/water crossing/mapping ongoing through 22	2020 - 2022	Ochoco Trails Members and ONF Recreation Team Request regular updates from the Forest Service at Ochoco Trails meetings and problem-solve barriers if needed.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
-o Ongoing Signage - Dry Creek Horse Camp Trails (#3) NEPA complete, work held until Mill Creek Veg complete on old road/trail. -o Ongoing Signage - Black Canyon connector trails (#13, 14, 15) – need mapped for official proposal – map in 22 or 23? - Bingham-Whistler tie trail – wait to hear back from the FS if this is possible (#1) No longer feasible		
All proposal trails flagged for Lemon Gulch - COMPLETE	Winter/spring 2020	COTA, volunteers
All proposal trails flagged for Dry Creek Horse Camp - COMPLETE	Winter/spring 2020	OET, BCH, volunteers Note: this is already GPS'd.
~~Complete mapping for Bingham-Whistler tie trail~~	~~2021~~0	~~Foot powered people~~
Design and install safety signage for the Lookout Mountain "pinch point" - COMPLETE	2020	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team Travel OR $?
Identify and flag a new trail alignment possibility to bypass the LM "pinch point" ~~– IN PROGRESS~~ – John Schubert found and flagged a line. Need to digitally map by USFS and propose through NEPA.	2021~~0~~	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team

Commented [BJ-F1]: I think this is still feasible, just low priority because road can be used. Ideally planned soon, but low on the list of needs.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Project funding: • Research opportunities for NEPA funding • ID trails construction, trails maintenance, etc. funding sources and prep • Consider development of a local donor campaign targeting businesses and individuals that will benefit from trails development.	2020	~~Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator IMBA – new funding stream for planning/NEPA. Travel OR – potential new funding stream for planning/NEPA.~~Budget Subcommittee
Engage with other organizations in other geographies working on the same issues – be a part of a joint voice on NF recreation/trails/etc.	2020-2021	~~Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator~~+ members and their organizations
Monitor use before and after proposal implementation	~~2020~~ 2021+	Ochoco Trails members – anecdotal evidence and trail counters, trailhead surveys, self-issued permits, etc.
Build subsequent year Program Of Work requests and priority order, including CRNG proposal.	202~~0+ ongo~~1~~+ing~~	Ochoco Trails members in meetings + Forest Service
Flag next-priority trails.	2022~~1~~+ongoing	Member organizations, as per primary trail use.

OBJECTIVE C: Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders
Output Indicators: • Community meetings • Field tours • Presentations to stakeholders • New ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails members? • Etc. **Outcome Indicators:** • Community support for proposal and trail development as measured by endorsements, lack of objections or controversy, surveys, etc. • Reduced incidence of trail conflicts • Participation and interest in ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' efforts.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Meet with key local stakeholder groups – e.g. County Court and NR Committee, OFRC, Trail User Groups, Citizens that Support Public Lands, City Council, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members
Promote the proposal to regional, statewide, national groups, e.g. COTA, Travel OR, USFS Region 6, Congressional delegation, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members
Create a logo and letterhead for the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails	February 2020 COMPLETE	Volunteers, TFFF funding

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Target groups to engage more with the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails (regular meetings and processes): Nordic skiers/Central OR Nordic Club, hikers, anglers, local businesses with a natural interest in non-motorized recreation, or others as appropriate.	2022+~~0~~	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~outreach committee
Host public lectures, films, and/or field trips 2x/year – various relevant topics (e.g. safety and wildlife encounters on trails; Ochoco Mountains geology; trail etiquette and use conflicts; resource management; Warm Springs perspective on the Ochocos, etc.). The series would also serve as ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails outreach events to bring attention to the trails proposal, Ochoco Trails role, member organizations (volunteer recruitment), etc. This can also serve as an Ochoco Trails fundraiser. Wildlife Encounters on the Ochoco Trails – first event.	~~First one in Winter 2020 – ongoing~~ 2022+	~~Ochoco Trails board and knowledgeable speakers. Consider joint event planning with the Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative (OFRC).~~Ochoco Trails outreach committee
Summer Community Event: Horse/bike workshop • Educate community and trail users about horses and bikes sharing the trails. Provide opportunity to desensitize horses to the presence of bikes. (Consider doing this annually?) • Joint volunteer recruitment event	~~Summer 2020~~ 2022+	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~outreach committee
Community Open House to present Grasslands Trails Plan	~~May-June 2020~~ Feb-April 2022	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Share Draft CRNG proposal with specific and relevant agencies/organizations (Natural Resource committees, nonprofits, etc.) as part of outreach strategy	Spring 2022	Ochoco Trails mapping subcommittee Ochoco Trails outreach subcommittee
Share monitoring results	Ongoing	At all appropriate events.

ATTACHMENT B: SIGNATURES

Ochoco Trails: Membership Sign-On

The below signatories are members in full standing of the Ochoco Trails, and agree to support the Ochoco Trails Vision, serve the Mission, abide by the Values; and work within the governance model, ground rules, and other provisions provided in this document.

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Sent: Wed, 4 Aug 2021 16:18:19 -0700
To: Darlene Henderson;Shelby Knight
Cc: Sarah Carver;Joosen, Christopher -FS;Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: Re: [External Email]Fwd: Potential Funding Opportunity for OT
Importance: Normal

I think that is a wise approach Darlene....
Jim
PS, where is Rika going? I think I missed that meeting or word...she'll be tough to replace!

Jim Akenson
Chair, Advisory Council
Oregon Hunters Association
(b)(6)

From: Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com>
To: Shelby Knight <sknight@coic.org>
Cc: Sarah Carver <(b)(6) Jim Akenson <jim@oregonhunters.org>, "Joosen, Christopher -FS" <christopher.joosen@usda.gov>, "Beaupre, James - FS" <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Sent: 8/4/2021 3:34 PM
Subject: Re: [External Email]Fwd: Potential Funding Opportunity for OT

With all of the Lemon Gulch stuff going on, I only have the capacity right now to keep the Budget Committee focused on tracking our current funds.
Once Lemon Gulch is less intense and Rika's replacement is up to speed I am hoping effort can then be spent on identifying new funding sources.
I will save these emails as they come for future reference.

Darlene Henderson

On Wed, Aug 4, 2021, 2:47 PM Shelby Knight <sknight@coic.org> wrote:
https://oregoncf.org/grants-and-scholarships/grants/oregon-historic-trails-fund/
Another random but potentially interesting grant program I came across today. Perhaps a good first step for this group would be to build out a funding list? I've attached an example from a workshop I attended earlier this year.

On Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 4:12 PM Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:

Looks very appropriate and promising!

From: Shelby Knight <sknight@coic.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]Fwd: Potential Funding Opportunity for OT

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You may want to look at this as well!

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From: **Shelby Knight** <sknight@coic.org>
Date: Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 3:40 PM
Subject: Potential Funding Opportunity for OT
To: Darlene Henderson <darlene.henderson@cotamtb.com>, Sarah Carver
(b)(6), Jim Akenson <jim@oregonhunters.org>

Hi budget subcomm!

Sarah, thank you for offering to participate. Jim, I'm keeping you on this list until you ask me to remove you :D

I have not dug into this at all yet, but saw it come through my email and it caught my attention. Let me know if you think it may be worth exploring! I believe COIC would be an eligible applicant.

https://eda.gov/arpa/travel-tourism/

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Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 8:47 PM
To: Peer, Beth- FS
Subject: Re: Trails Subcommittee of the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Beth, I will work on a zoom link first thing in the morning. Your presence in the room will be missed. Hopefully soon they will soon change the rules and allow you to meet again in person.

Tim

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From: Peer, Beth- FS <Elizabeth.Peer@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Tim Deboodt <Tim.Deboodt@co.crook.or.us>
Subject: RE: Trails Subcommittee of the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Almost forgot – if there is a need from us, can you provide a Zoom option as we're now directed against meeting in person again due to increasing covid.

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Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 2:30 PM
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Minutes

Crook County Natural Resource Committee

August 11, 2021

Committee Members Present: Lynne Breese, Andy Gallagher, Mike Lunn, Tim Deboodt, Frank Porfily, Ston McDaniel, John Dehler, Jace Rhoden

Members absent: Trent Smith, Casey Kaiser, Steve McGuire, Cliff Kiser

Guests present: Johanna Kovarik (FS), Kevin Keown (FS), Slater Turner (FS), Jeff Kitchens (BLM)

Public Present: Don Vogel, Melinda Kestler, Gayle Hunt, Mikayla Mills, Kim Vogel

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Lynne Breese @ 4H Building.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Minutes:

Mike moved to accept the July 14th minutes as amended. John seconded. Motion passed.

Agency Reports:

FS: Kevin Keown and Johanna Kovarik

Kevin provided an update for the Grasslands and Lookout Mtn. District. Currently, there has been very little fire activity on the Ochoco's. The Grandview fire, which included parts of the Grasslands had grown to over 6000 ac. but is now contained. Central Oregon has sent firefighters and fire administrators to the Umpqua and Bootleg fires. Some are working on preliminary rehab planning on the Bootleg.

Due to increasing COVID risks, the Ochoco Forest personnel are still on lockdown, requiring no face-to-face meetings.

Projects: Mill Creek Vegetation Management: Team is working on possible alternatives to evaluate. The same ID Team is working on the Lemon Gulch Trail Project. Walton Lake project hearings schedule has been set. FS is anticipating a preliminary injunction. FS hopes to start on Walton Lake project this fall as soon as the Campground closes for the season (mid-October). Wild Horse project is now being implemented. FS is working on plans for a fall, 2021 gather. FS is working with partners (including Central Oregon Wild Horse Coalition) to create a handling facility on the Grasslands (old headquarters) and an adoption program.

Johanna shared information about Paulina District. Many of the staff are assigned to various fires on other forests. Still working on the Sunflower EA, ID Team is working on reviewing options for the North Fork, Crooked River planning area. All the Forest is in an Industrial Level 4 classification, meaning all industrial activities are shut down and no camp fires are allowed.

Frank asked about the article in the Bend Bulletin regarding the FS settlement on the Black Mtn. project (to not log within 300' of a riparian area)? And the payment of $100,000.00 to the environmental law attorneys. Kevin responded that that suit had been settled, allowing the FS to move forward with a significant amount of the planning area to still be logged. The plan did not include any decision from Team 21 (the 21" rule) because their decision came after the Black Mtn. project had already been approved. The FS had to settle ($$ spent) as part of the outcome. Frank thanked the FS for being able to move forward with the harvest and not let this area burn.

BLM: Jeff Kitchens

Jeff provided the update for the BLM. Most of the last month has been spent with wildland fire operations (Prineville District BLM staff). The last 10 days has been fairly quiet in regards to fire activity. In June and July, there was no 10 day period where there was not an active Type 1, 2 or 3 level fire team activated somewhere. Regionally, the area is in a Level 4 classification (like FS). Recent rains have helped reduce fire risk a little but have not had an impact on 1000 hour fuels.

BLM has been active with lands actions. Still responding to requests on access (right-of-ways). BLM workload has been impacted also by the lack of being able to get seasonal help this year. This impact is most commonly seen in campground management.

Jeff showed the Committee some of the most recent work on maps (draft) dealing with travel management. New maps are easier to read and understand and include additional detail over existing maps available to the public. In addition to map work, BLM is working on standardizing Kiosk design and content. The intent is to make the information provided in uniform manner, trying to make them user friendly. Jeff said that within the next few weeks, BLM will reach out to the Committee's transportation sub-committee to present this information and get feedback. John Dehler asked about the availability of the draft maps. Jeff said the new maps are not ready for any distribution until they have a chance to check all of them for accuracy. Ston mentioned that he wants to be a part of the review committee. Ston asked what happens if an area is closed to the public seasonally but are still used for private access (right-of-way) year round. Jeff responded that right-of-way access is outside of the road regulations for use/season designations. Jeff also mentioned that BLM will be working on increasing signage throughout the travel areas and will not be relying on Kiosks to provide all the information. Mike commended the BLM and the quality of the work and how difficult this is for a public land management agency.

Lemon Gulch Sub-committee report:

John Dehler, sub-committee chair provided the Committee with an overview of the sub-committee's meeting held August 10th. John reported that there was good discussion with lots of opinions. John provided a brief history of the events leading up to the sub-committee's formation and meeting. FS permittees had expressed frustration over not being involved in the process until this spring even though FS and Ochoco Trail Group had been meeting/planning for almost 2 years. FS has agreed to provide the sub-committee with a history of how they came to select Lemon Gulch for the expansion of bike trails in the Ochoco National Forest.

John mentioned that the discussion involved some alternatives to the proposed project including the use of existing road/skid trails within the Forest, modification of existing trail systems already in place, and changing annually the emphasis of trail use (horses, bikes, hiking). Darlene mentioned that the difficulty of using existing trail systems is that the tread (the surface of the trail itself) is not appropriate for what the bik'ers like/need/want.

A discussion about wildlife was also had. Lemon Gulch is located within a winter use area for big game and is a popular place to hunt in the fall. Questions about whether Oregon Hunters Association and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife had been consulted were raised. Also questions about how these groups were represented within the Ochoco Trail Group and did the organizations authorize such representation.

John closed his update with stating that the sub-committee was now waiting for the Forest Service report that Slater had agreed to provide (the history of the FS feasibility study that selected Lemon Gulch).

Don Vogel (FS Permittee in the Lemon Gulch area) stated that the permittees in this area along with the landowners in the Mill Creek drainage still want the FS to stop the Lemon Gulch EA and start over again with a broader representation of the public involved (beyond the Ochoco Trail Group). Don noted that the permittees were contacted by the FS during the feasibility study, a step that Don said was required within the FS Guidelines. Kim Vogel, responded that the FS should have also consulted the County since the County had its Natural Resources Policy. The FS should have addressed the Custom and Culture of the County and this area and that those most affected by this project, were not consulted (permittees) as required by FS policy.

Kim Vogel expressed that the permittees and landowners in this area are still asking the County to oppose this project and to encourage highly developed recreation to stay focused in areas of the forest that are designated for this use (Forest Land Management Plan) and not expand outside of those areas.

Melinda Kestler asked what areas are considered to be "designated recreational areas"? Kim answered that within the Forest Plan (for the Ochoco's) areas are zoned or designated as recreational areas. Through that adopted plan, the public has already agreed to development within these areas. Lemon Gulch is not within one of these recreational planning areas. Discussion from the public also included that there appears to be no evidence that the FS looked at the other areas (up to 5) that the Ochoco Trail Group had initially studied and presented to the FS in August, 2019, prior to expanding outside of the already approved (Forest Plan) designated recreational areas. Kim Vogel stated that she recognizes that the Forest has to be managed for multiple use but that the feasibility study done by the FS prior to moving forward needed to look at all affects, not just biological. Melinda stated that the Ochoco Forest is a working forest, the Deschutes is a recreational forest.

In closing, Kevin (FS) again mentioned that the Forest is working on a future presentation to the sub-committee, covering the issue of how Lemon Gulch was selected.

Discussion on Committee

Committee members were asked about their thoughts regarding the function of the Committee since they first were appointed by the County Court, December, 2018.

John Dehler: The Committee is breaking new ground in working with the public land management agencies. We don't have a template or real life example to draw from so we are always learning. John stated he felt the Committee and its work was doing pretty good.

Andy Gallagher: No comment

Mike Lunn: The Committee is doing pretty good. Some of the projects the Committee has taken on will take time to see results, ie: transportation issues. Mike stated that working with the BLM has gone pretty well and the he and Kevin (FS) still want to meet on the Williams Prairie Restoration Project proposal. Mike want the Committee to work as a conduit of information between the agencies and the public. Ultimately, Mike hopes the Agencies and the Committee with talk about project prior to their being actually developed by the agencies.

Frank Porfily: Frank asked Slater what the plan was for reducing horse numbers on the Ochoco under the recently approved plan. Slater responded that the FS plans to being capturing horses this fall. The FS is working on developing a learning and adoption center on the grasslands this fall also. They will be using the area that used to be the old headquarters on the Crooked River National Grasslands. Frank asked about some reported killings of horses on the forest. Slater had heard nothing about any horses being shot. Frank then said we tried to be involved in issues that were already resolved (roads) and that was a waste of time. Frank mentioned the Wild Horse project and the County's letter being submitted without the Natural Resources Committee meeting to discuss it. The County settle the dispute and had to pay for attorney's fee.

Jace Rhoden: As one of the newest members (spring 2021) he sees positive actions coming from the Committee. He likes the diversity of the group and the public comments.

Lynne Breese: The Committee has become more aware of issues within the County and seeing all the issues the County has to deal with. Lynne hope more public continues to come to the meetings. Lynne expressed a need to education residents (her example was the Post/Paulina Rangeland Protection Assoc.) on the use of fire on private lands, liability issues and County rules/regulations.

Ston McDaniel: He talked about how things rot in the dark, meaning that issues usually start out small but without input, can blow up. He said that when the Committee is involved early on in the process, issues are not blowing up when all parties get to hear the entire story. Ston believes that the community is better off with the Committee than without it. He said it is his desire that as a County, we become more proactive than reactive. Ston stated he believes that the BLM is good about answering questions and responding to concerns (ex. BLM road use map update). He stated we are still more reactive to FS issues but feels the relationship will improve as we continue to work together.

Public Comment:

Gayle Hunt expressed that her greatest concern about the Committee is the lack of diversity it represents. She said that the Committee should include diverse opinions by including the environmental community. John Dehler asked Gayle if she believed if the Committee heard those diverse opinions? Her response was that multiple use doesn't require including all uses on all lands. Her

example was mountain bikes. She discussed a variety of negative impacts of mountain bikes on the forest. She stated that the FS has no obligation to place its use somewhere on the Forest. She said we all need to know the difference.

Don Vogel said that this Committee has offered an opportunity to present their concerns that wasn't given to them in any other way.

Mike Lunn asked about an update on the BOR water right application on Prineville Reservoir. Tim stated that tomorrow (Thursday, August 12th) was the deadline for public comment to the Oregon Department of Water Resources. Tim directed anyone interested in providing comment should do so through the Department's webpage. Web link provide.

Andy provided an update on Crook County Soil and Water Conservation District projects. Andy mentioned the District had submitted a letter opposing the water right application. Also, SWCD was working on a large grant project in the eastern end of the County, addressing sage grouse habitat issues.

No other business, John moved to adjourn. Frank Seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:20 p.m.

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Subject: Re: Trails Subcommittee of the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Thank you, Tim.
I appreciate this information.
I'm somewhat perplexed that the Forest Service might be calling this a project: Thought it was a proposal.

Is it too early to ask Mr. Slater Turner to call a town meeting to discuss this mountain bike trails proposal? At some time, we probably will want to have a well-advertised, open forum to discuss our concerns.

All of us appreciate your efforts to inform the public and the USFS about the need to legally and thoroughly vet projects that impact environmental health, residents and local culture.

In my opinion, we have an opportunity to lead others to understand the need to honor and revere our natural resources, managing them wisely: Not allowing special interest groups to use public lands in ways that degrade the land and sacrifice nature for recreation.

Sincerely,
Dave

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Good morning!

Here is a diagram from FS regarding the status of the Lemon Creek project as far as the planning process does. Thanks Beth for this information.

Tim

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Good morning!

Just a reminder that this group is scheduled to meet tomorrow morning @ 10:00 a.m.

The meeting location will be the 4H Clover Building, 502 SE Lynn Blvd (fairgrounds).

I am attaching a copy of the draft minutes from the NRAC meeting on July 14th plus the handout provide by Darlene Henderson on grazing allotments and existing trail systems.

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Good morning all!

During last Wednesday's meeting of the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee, you were appointed to a subcommittee to address the proposed trail expansion (non-motorized) within the Ochoco National Forest. During the meeting, Shane Jeffries said he would pause the FS Lemon Gulch Trail proposal until this group had a chance to address concerns about trail expansion in the Forest.

I will schedule a meeting of this group as soon as I know your availability. Below are 3 dates and times, please indicate what dates/times work for you.

August 6 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 9 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 10 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thanks for you time and interest in this topic.

Tim

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24 August 2021

RE: Proposal to Build Mountain Bike Trails in Lemon Gulch

Dear Mr. Turner,

Those of us in the Mill Creek Valley and other residents of Prineville and Crook County appreciate that you are reassessing the wisdom of constructing high density/high use mountain biking trails in Lemon Gulch. We know that a group of zealous mountain bikers and you have invested a great deal of time while siting and evaluating the proposal. As we have matured in our understanding of Forest Service mandates and considered the impact of implementing the proposal, we have become aware that your organizational model does not allow this kind of negative impact to the land you manage.

To quote a poster at the Wildcat Campground on the edge of the Mill Creek Wilderness area: "Welcome to your National Forest. When operating vehicles of any kind, do not damage the land or vegetation or disturb wildlife."

My family is now stewards of land that adjoins Lemon Gulch. As soon as we learned about the mountain bike trails proposal, we began exploring the flagged areas. As we hike the flag lines, we commonly encounter deer beds: Some of the beds are large enough that they might belong to elk. We find elk spoor in the area.

While attending Congressman Bentz's town meeting on 13 August 2021 in Prineville, I learned that he had not heard of the Lemon Gulch proposal until about 30 minutes before I introduced myself and hand-delivered a letter to one of his aides. During his interaction with attendees, he stated: "If people don't want it, it shouldn't happen." That quote was in reference to the effort to institute a mileage tax on automobiles in Oregon. It seems that his quote applies to constructing mountain biking trails in Lemon Gulch. Most of the attendees at that town meeting stood to share their opposition to the Lemon Gulch mountain biking proposal.

Leaders of the mountain biking trails proposal told influential citizens of Prineville and leaders in the local USFS that their work was a community, grass roots effort with wide support form a diverse group of potential users. That is certainly misleading, if not wrong. It's obvious that most people who live in Prineville and Crook County had not heard of the proposal until recently.

Most residents have probably still not heard of it. I believe that the organizers of the proposal did not advertise their ultimate agenda to the community or the USFS, on purpose. Furthermore, they used other popular jargon, like sustainability, to deceive decision makers. They took advantage of an organization that was receiving significant and persistent "recreational pressure" that wishes to accommodate potential user groups. In my opinion, the biking group misled community members and misrepresented their agenda and purported support to you and your colleagues. I understand this approach by the biking community and reject it as deceitful and problematic.

As of today, mountain bikers have access to more than 1000 miles of trails in Deschutes County and many more miles of trails and tertiary roads in Crook County and other parts of Oregon. At this point, they are even permitted to ride trails/roads that are closed to other vehicles during critical times in the life cycle of deer and elk. Now, Lemon Gulch is open to multiple use, including mountain biking. If this proposal is implemented, multiple use will be jeopardized. Darlene Henderson has indicated several times at recent meetings that they want trails with loops and treads. I'm told that this requires heavy machinery that will dramatically disturb the land and wildlife.

As you and other USFS employees further consider permitting mountain biking trails in the Ochoco Mountains and elsewhere, I hope you will emphasize dispersed use in areas that will: (1) "Not damage the land or vegetation or disturb wildlife," (2) Not create road and trails traffic that will disturb human settlements, thereby changing the ambience and culture of that community. I would like to volunteer my time and experience to help with this effort.

I was hoping to meet you at the first subcommittee meeting of the Crook County Natural Resources Committee on 10 August 2021. I hope you will meet with me to discuss the mountain biking proposal, at your convenience. I'm available.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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Beth,
Let me know if you have any questions.

I am out of town but will do my best to help.

Also, don't be afraid to reach out to Roy and Mary. I think he would be open to talking with you.

Darlene Henderson

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Travis,
Attached are two documents - a written summary of what I learned from Roy and a map of the proposed trails annotated with information from Roy.

After talking with Roy, I decided it did not make sense for me to offer a compromise at this point as I am not sure which of his suggestions make the most sense.

I do think one other thing I should do is call Seth and push the County to monitor traffic status on Mill Creek Road and pave the road when traffic meets a certain threshold.

I leave town tomorrow but am happy to do what I can remotely.

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What I learned from Roy Beyer on August 25, 2021

1. Vogel's are minimally impacted by trail plan - see yellow highlight in lower left corner; I propose we just move that section of trail and eliminate it off of their allotment (see pink highlighted portion of trail in lower left corner of proposed trails)

2. Beyer's are minimally impacted - only 45 pairs, they let them out up high above a ridge and their cattle usually stay high and above the ridge; they are also considering reducing their cattle operation and letting their allotment expire

3. Santucci is most impacted - their cattle come out low on the allotment and move through it from the southwest corner to the northeast corner before moving out of Lemon pasture
   a. Santucci salt licks are placed near STRICKLAND Pond (north part of proposed trails) and in the blue highlights area

4. No troughs at the following springs: Mountain Spring, Buck Spring, Mineral Spring

5. Doe Spring trough just repaired / replaced by Forest Service

6. There are two springs on far west part of allotment - Mud Spring has a trough and yellow jacket spring needs to be fixed; these are not in the vicinity of the trail proposal

7. Cattle congregate such of Green Mountain OHV trails

8. Roy thinks the grazing and mountain bikes trails can work; his suggestions are:
   a. move start point south (see orange highlight)
   b. move the trails in blue highlight from the west slope to the east slope; if we don't move these make them the last to build
   c. avoid cross fences

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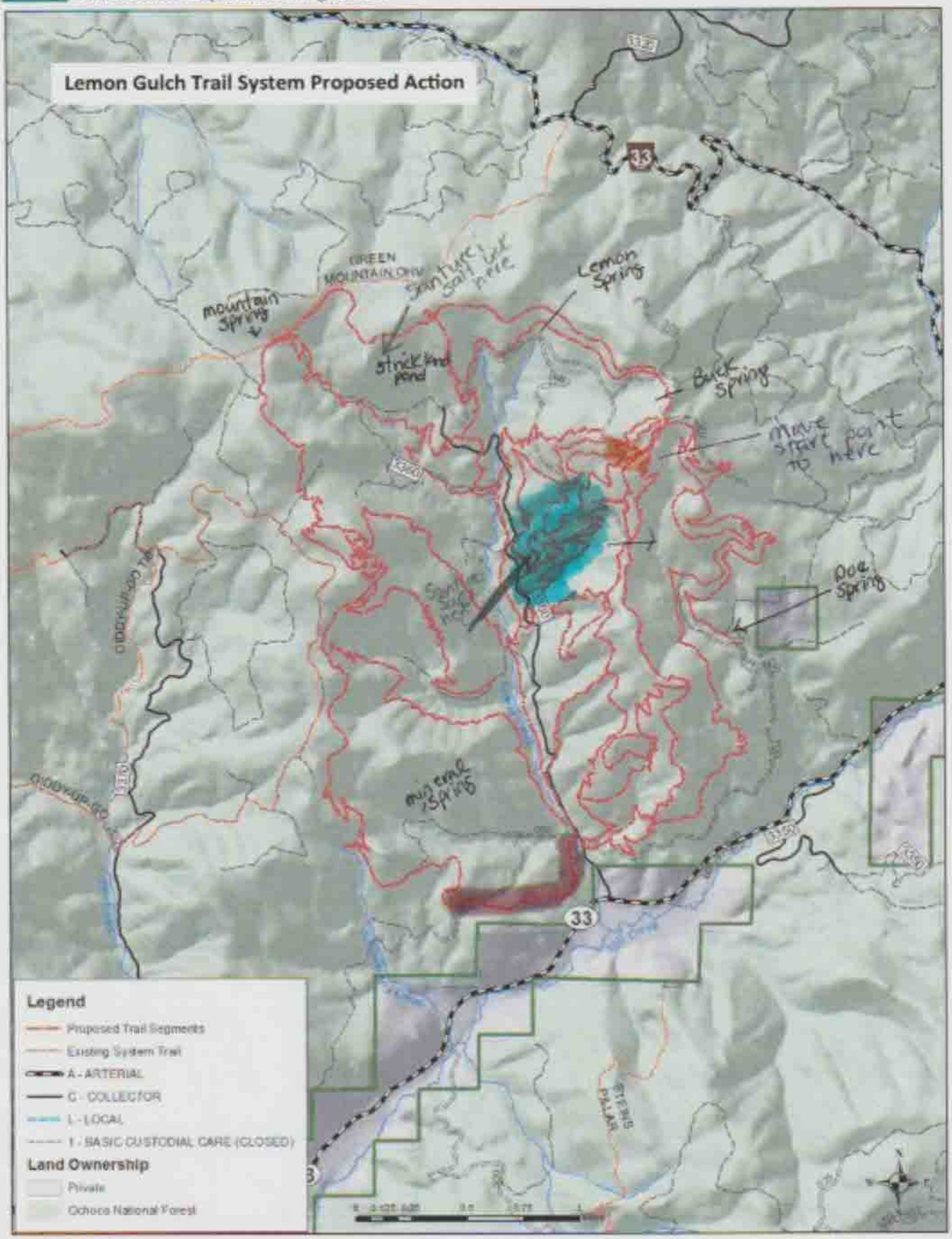

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Lookout Mountain Ranger District
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Good morning,
Sorry for the delay, I've been swamped over the last week with ongoing litigation. Attached is a brief summary of the process and thoughts relating to providing a mountain bike experience on the Ochoco NF.
~Beth

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Good morning!

I am just checking in this morning. I got an email from Kevin Keown (FS) last week. The FS is wrapping up gathering the information Slater said he would provide on how they (FS) conducted their feasibility study (how they determined Lemon Gulch was the best spot for this

Ochoco National Forest

Summary Background of Lemon Gulch Trails Proposed Action

1989 Forest plan calls for many miles of trails including trails for mountain bikes. No trails have ever been designed or built for mountain bikes.

Early in the 2010s COTA proposed a large network across the entirety of the west half of the Forest 2014-2015 – Forest scoped a portion of that in the Lookout Mountain area. However, conflict between different user groups as well as multiple additional non-motorized trail proposals led the Forest Service to cancel the proposal and instead request trail user groups to work together and collaborate before submitting anything to the Forest. That is where Ochoco Trails Strategy Group (now called Ochoco Trails) began. The local Chamber of Commerce helped facilitate the group initially. Their intention was to develop trails that are supported by the community and that offer the experiences desired by all types of trail users, while minimizing the impact on wildlife.

The group was convened to work through proposals with multiple user groups and come to agreement. They were asked to consider: what type of trails currently exist, what type of trails do we have too much of or too little of, and where it would make sense to vary use or manage trails. The end goal was to create a non-motorized trail plan & proposal for the Forest to consider. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) later took on group facilitation. 2017-2018 Ochoco Trails participation: Prineville Chamber of Commerce, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Scott Aycock, Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) Kim McCarrel, Back Country Horsemen (BCH) Buck Davis, Stan Shepardson, Duane and Ruth Miller, Central Oregon Trails Assoc. (COTA) Travis Holman and Darlene Henderson, Oregon Hunters' Association- Karl Findling, Oregon Wild, Sawyers with Attitudes to Spare-Hiker/Wilderness focus- Kit Dickey, Local Ranchers- Mary Beyer and Bruce, (Non-voting SME feedback for resource specific consulting from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Ochoco National Forest specialists.

Ochoco Trails met monthly with Forest Service and ODFW involved throughout. The group shared their trail concepts at a community meeting held at the library (where the Lemon Gulch trails proposal was ranked the highest amongst those who voted), with the CCNRAC, and presented the final proposal to the Ochoco NF in early 2019. The proposal involved a non-motorized trails network for a variety of trail types, mostly located on the Lookout Mountain Ranger District. The proposed trails were clustered to minimize impacts on wildlife habitat and avoid riparian areas to the extent possible.

Additional meetings occurred between Ochoco Trails and Ochoco NF specialists, Line Officers, and ODFW to discuss all the trail areas in the proposal. Discussion included the importance of deer and elk summer habitat and the cumulative effects to habitat from ongoing forest uses such as existing non-motorized trail systems, existing motorized routes, livestock grazing, and any ongoing vegetation management treatments. Forest Specialists gave general resource area concerns and concepts, discussed why certain areas had resource issues such as elk security, wildlife core habitat, anadromous fish habitat, etc. In addition, specialist identified ongoing habitat investments that could be impacted from trail development, such as riparian habitat improvement projects and motorized route closure to improve elk security. Full resource analysis would occur though the NEPA process if any projects became official Forest Service proposals. Input from public a meeting on potential trail opportunities ranked Lemon Gulch high on the list, second to Scotty. The ranking for viability of projects that balanced the above considerations were: 1 - Lemon Gulch, 2 - Bandit Springs, 3 – Bandit-Walton Cross Country Loop, 4 - Scotty / Cougar area, 5 – Potlid

From a terrestrial wildlife perspective, deer and elk summer habitat was the priority for ODFW and the Forest Service. Summer habitat is the most important part of their range because it ensures winter

survival and is important for elk reproduction and fawn rearing. Potlid ranked the lowest as a viable project area and had the most concerns due to existing non-motorized trail infrastructure and use, existing motorized routes and use, habitat improvement investments, impacts to elk security, and impacts to wildlife core habitat. Scotty/Cougar ranked low as a viable project area and had the most concerns due to the existing non-motorized trail system, investments to improve elk security, Bear Creek allotment had little to no livestock grazing therefore elk were not competing for forage, and overall, any type of trail development in the area would impact habitat utility. Bandit Springs ranked high as a viable project area due to compact winter trail system that already existed, currently being used by summer recreators, close proximity to the Highway 26, very little new trail construction, and it would amount to primarily an administrative conversion to summer recreation.

Lemon Gulch ranks as the most viable project for the Forest Service to undertake because:

- The area is close to town;
- The project would avoid infrastructure in deer and elk summer habitat;
- Although the area is in winter range the system could potentially be seasonally closed to minimize disturbance;
- Trails could be designed to minimize fragmentation and maximize areas of core habitat;
- Outside Lemon Creek and the riparian zone, much of the area is fairly xeric due to the aspect and precipitation zone; and
- Livestock grazing occurs throughout the summer in the Lemon Creek pasture. Deer and elk populations rely on the entire winter range to find available forage not just Lemon Creek area.

The Forest Service began the NEPA process for three projects from the trails proposal in fiscal year 2020: Dry Creek Horse Camp Trails, Allen Creek Horse Camp Trails, and Bandit Springs Summer Trails and agreed to begin the NEPA process for Lemon Gulch in fiscal year 2021. Ochoco Trails/COTA volunteers completed flagging of proposed trail corridors in Lemon Gulch area and submitted GPS file to Ochoco NF. These corridors were used to prepare the scoping notice that was distributed in March 2021.

trail expansion project). As soon as I know they are done with it, I will be scheduling another sub-committee meeting.

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Good morning!

With the material provided by Beth Peer (FS) this morning, I would like to get the sub-committee together again prior to the County's Natural Resources Advisory Committee's regularly scheduled meeting next Wednesday, September 8 at 1:00 pm.

I have scheduled a sub-committee meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 7 @ 10:00 a.m. (till noon). The meeting will be held in the 4H Building, Crook County Fairgrounds (large room).

Please let me know if you cannot attend! I will provide a zoom link for remote access if needed.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: Trails Subcommittee of the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Good morning,
Sorry for the delay, I've been swamped over the last week with ongoing litigation. Attached is a brief

summary of the process and thoughts relating to providing a mountain bike experience on the Ochoco NF.
~Beth

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Good morning!

I am just checking in this morning. I got an email from Kevin Keown (FS) last week. The FS is wrapping up gathering the information Slater said he would provide on how they (FS) conducted their feasibility study (how they determined Lemon Gulch was the best spot for this trail expansion project). As soon as I know they are done with it, I will be scheduling another sub-committee meeting.

Tim

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Hi All,
Attached you'll find the agenda and materials for our Ochoco Trails meeting next Tuesday, September 7th from 11:15a-1:15p. Additionally, Zoom login information is below and at the top of the agenda.
Shelby Knight is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Looking forward to seeing you all Tuesday! Have a safe and happy Labor Day.
Shelby
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Ochoco Trails

2020-2022 Strategic Plan

January 7, 2020

This Strategic Plan was prepared from July-December of 2019, and adopted in January 2020. Minor revisions were made and adopted in September 2021.The plan includes overall direction for the Ochoco Trails as well as more detailed action items and performance measures for 2020 through 2022. The Ochoco Trails may choose to update this Strategic Plan in its entirety in late 2022, or simply add more action items for future years.

1. VISION

A sustainable trails network in the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland makes Prineville and Crook County a more attractive place to live and work, allows our residents to reap the health benefits of outdoor recreation, encourages visitors to come enjoy our beautiful area, connects local residents and visitors with the Ochoco National Forest, and reduces trail conflicts while protecting wildlife habitat and our natural resources for generations to come.

2. MISSION

Ochoco Trails is a community-based coalition dedicated to building and maintaining a sustainable non-motorized trail system that offers a desirable range of experiences, while protecting and enhancing forest resources for future generations.

3. VALUES

The Ochoco Trails values the following:

- *Being **community-based** – identifying and including community values and needs in trails proposals, and providing useful and entertaining community education and outreach on trail use.*
- *Building **ecosystem science and holistic management** into the trails proposal, in order to ensure that trail use on the Ochocos avoids impacting ecosystem function, critical habitat, archaeological/historical sites, and other values that must be managed on National Forests and National Grasslands.*
- *Being **proactive**, rather than reactive, in order to design a trail system that meets community needs without creating problems when trail use increases in the medium to long term.*

- *Supporting **community economic goals** – providing a sustainable trails network that attracts visitors and provides a community amenity ~~for persons and businesses wishing to relocate to the area~~that makes Crook County an attractive place to live and work.*

- *Performing ongoing **adaptive management** – transparently monitoring performance, learning lessons, and adjusting our proposals and activities.*

- *Providing **operational sustainability** -designing and implementing a trails network that can be maintained over the long term*

- *Fostering **diversity, equity, and inclusion** – engaging marginalized populations at the OCHOCO TRAILS table, in community outreach, and working proactively to identify ways to ensure that the trails system may be accessed by all.*

- *Supporting the development of non-motorized **trails for all types of users,** in order to provide a diverse user experience for all.*

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4. OCHOCO TRAILS OBJECTIVES:

- Develop and Shepherd a Sustainable Trails Plan for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland

- Support Member Organizations- to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network

- Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders

5. ORGANIZATION, DECISION-MAKING, COMMITTEES, STAFFING

Organization Model and Membership

The Ochoco Trails is a representational group designed to accelerate ~~collaboration~~ cooperation and action by providing a forum for stakeholder organizations and engaged individuals to ~~engage~~ collaborate and act. Ideally, the primary interests that **should** be represented on the Ochoco Trails include organizations focused on hoof (horse), foot (hiking, hunting, backpacking, running, skiing), and pedal-based (bicycle) recreation. Other interest groups – including environmental interests, community interests, business interests, etc. – are welcome. Other than ensuring those interests are represented, there are no formal "seats" on the OCHOCO TRAILS.

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Voting members of the Ochoco Trails are those that have signed on to this Strategic Plan. In the future, the Ochoco Trails may elect to develop a more thorough Operations Manual or similar document. In that event, voting members will be those that have signed on to that future Operations Manual.

Governance/Committees

Chair: The Ochoco Trails will elect a Chair person or Co-Chairs, who will support the contracted coordinator in setting agendas; serve as the liaison for the group where and when appropriate; and be

the designated signatory for letters, grants, etc. on behalf of the group. Electing a Chair will be governed by the consensus decision-making structure outlined below. The Chair shall serve a 2 year term.

Committees: The Ochoco Trails will designate ongoing or ad hoc committees as needed and deemed useful. This may include an Executive Committee in the future, but as of this Strategic Plan all Ochoco Trails decisions will be made by the full group, including decisions on projects to recommend and implement, staffing and contracting, grants and funding to pursue, etc. All members are encouraged to join at least one subcommittee.

Revenue and Fiscal Administration

The Ochoco Trails will pursue grants and donations for support staff and projects. The Ochoco Trails uses Discover Your Forest as its fiscal ~~administrator~~sponsor, unless otherwise appropriate (e.g. COIC holds the 2020 and 2021 TFFF funding). Where possible (i.e. when grants allow inclusion of indirect costs), Ochoco Trails will write into grants 10% for fiscal administration costs for Discover Your Forest. Where not possible, Ochoco Trails will ensure the availability of unrestricted funding to cover the 10% administrative costs annually.

Staffing Model

~~After 2019, the Ochoco Trails will move from employing a facilitator to employing a contract coordinator.~~The Ochoco Trails will employ a contract coordinator.

Ground Rules/Basic Expectations

Following are a set of basic expectations for Ochoco Trails participants:

Focus on learning

- Come willing to learn
- Come to meetings prepared
- Present interests, not positions
- Listen to understand. Be present and aim to fully hear others.
- Critique constructively and ask questions to learn.
- Be willing to be creative, explore alternatives, and search for opportunities.
- Share all relevant information.
- Share and take into account information from diverse sources.
- Please ask—there are no stupid questions.
- Respect the range of knowledge present in the group.
- Adapt ground rules to reflect group needs and dynamics as they evolve.

Listen and speak with respect

- Only one person speaks at a time. Allow people to finish their thought. No interrupting and no side conversations during full group discussions.
- Speak when you have something to say: bring up concerns and different views.
- No personal attacks**.** Come down hard on ideas, but not on people.
- Voice your concerns and take the time to address conflicting concerns.
- Do not dominate discussions. Do not use meetings as a forum to "soapbox."
- Respect each other in and outside of meetings.

Communication outside of meetings

- Keep your colleagues and constituents informed about the process.
- Bring relevant information back to the group.
- Do not criticize individuals or the group process outside of meetings. Bring your concerns directly to the individual or the group.
- Don't presume to speak for others who are not there.
- No backroom deals.
- A Google Drive will be maintained for storing and sharing all information. Partners are encouraged to help develop content for the Drive.

Failure to abide by the above ground rules may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Decision-making:

Consensus

The Ochoco Trails endeavors to make decisions by full consensus. Consensus on a decision about a project, recommendation, or action the group plans to take will be reached when all meeting participants can make one of the following statements about a decision:

- I agree with the decision and will publicly support it
- I agree with the decision but will refrain from publicly supporting it
- I can live with the decision (and won't disparage it in public)

Once the full group has ratified a decision, the decision and deliberations will be captured in the relevant meeting notes.

When submitting products or proposals to decision makers, all members in favor of the proposal must sign it or a related document indicating they are in favor of the proposal as it is submitted. Those with dissenting opinions will develop a report outlining areas of agreement and disagreement as outlined below.

Inability to Reach Consensus

The Ochoco Trails will make every effort to reach consensus within the given timeframe (as laid out in the project timeline developed at the outset of a project) for making decisions. If the Ochoco Trails cannot reach consensus, members are encouraged to continue the conversation via conference call, email discussions, in-person meetings, or whatever format is most effective, in between meetings in order to function most effectively.

If a time comes when the Ochoco Trails is unable to reach consensus after significant effort, the following actions will be taken:

- Areas of agreement and disagreement will be clearly recorded in writing
- Differing position reports will be written to address the areas of disagreement. Each of these documents will include:
    - The name of the lead author and names of all who agree with the report
    - A description of their proposal and the rationale used to develop it
    - What members in the differing position groups anticipate doing if their proposal is chosen by the USFS (i.e. defend it in public), or not chosen (i.e. file an objection, appeal, litigate, etc.).

- The differing position reports will be given to all Ochoco Trails members and, if appropriate, to the USFS for their consideration in their role as decision makers for USFS managed lands and waters.

Participation in Decision-making: Attendance requirement

In order to assure timely and well-informed decision-making, Ochoco Trails members may only participate in decisions if they have participated in at least 2 of the last 4 meetings.

Document Sharing

All documents circulating internally shall remain DRAFT until formally approved by Ochoco Trails members through the above decision-making process. Draft documents are NOT public facing until they are formally finalized and shall not be shared outside of the group without group consultation and discussion. Failure to abide by this may result in expulsion from the group, by consensus of the remainder of the group.

Project Evaluation

In order to meet its mission and goals and be strategic with resources, Ochoco Trails will do the following when considering new projects:

1. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consult facilitator and/or Chair to incorporate ask into meeting agenda.
2. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will consider and invite relevant partners, groups, or individuals not already at the table to the discussion.
3. The individual, group, or liaison for a new potential project will present the project idea to the full group for open discussion and questions.
4. The facilitator will provide an opportunity for every member to share any potential challenges they see that may face the project. This discussion will be captured in the notes.
5. Depending on the potential challenges or threats to the project identified, the group may be able to answer or address concerns on the spot. Where they cannot:
    i. An attempt will be made to track down more information and will be shared out with the group
    ii. An attempt will be made to invite others to the table for discussion or hold 1:1/small meetings with other groups or individuals and share out to the group

6. The project will be put to a vote, once concerns have been aired and a plan for addressing them has been agreed upon.

ATTACHMENT A: WORK PLAN

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Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2022~~1~~	

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2023~~2~~	

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ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Continually request FS to put ~~this~~ recommended trails on the annual Program of Work, NEPA, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails volunteer board advocacy
Monitor and support 2020/2021 USFS Work Priority order: Send to Jim - Bandit Springs winter (#19) 12 miles multi use -– NEPA COMPLETE, corridor/tread/drainage/water crossing work ongoing through 22 - Endurance Rides (#6) – NEPA planned for FY 22 - ~~/~~Allen Creek Horse Camp (#7) – NEPA complete, corridor/~~signag~~signage/water crossing/mapping ongoing through 22	2020 - 2022	Ochoco Trails Members and ONF Recreation Team Request regular updates from the Forest Service at Ochoco Trails meetings and problem-solve barriers if needed.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
○ Ongoing Signage - Dry Creek Horse Camp Trails (#3)-NEPA complete, work held until Mill Creek Veg complete on old road/trail. ○ Ongoing Signage - Black Canyon connector trails (#13, 14, 15) – need mapped for official proposal – map in 22 or 23? - Bingham-Whistler tie trail – wait to hear back from the FS if this is possible (#1) No longer feasible		
All proposal trails flagged for Lemon Gulch - COMPLETE	Winter/spring 2020	COTA, volunteers
All proposal trails flagged for Dry Creek Horse Camp - COMPLETE	Winter/spring 2020	OET, BCH, volunteers Note: this is already GPS'd.
~~Complete mapping for Bingham-Whistler tie trail~~	~~2021~~0	~~Foot powered people~~
Design and install safety signage for the Lookout Mountain "pinch point" - COMPLETE	2020	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team Travel OR $?
Identify and flag a new trail alignment possibility to bypass the LM "pinch point" ~~– IN PROGRESS~~ – John Schubert found and flagged a line. Need to digitally map by USFS and propose through NEPA.	2021~~0~~	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team

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ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/WITH WHAT RESOURCES
Project funding: • Research opportunities for NEPA funding • ID trails construction, trails maintenance, etc. funding sources and prep • Consider development of a local donor campaign targeting businesses and individuals that will benefit from trails development.	2020	~~Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator IMBA – new funding stream for planning/NEPA. Travel OR – potential new funding stream for planning/NEPA.~~Budget Subcommittee
Engage with other organizations in other geographies working on the same issues – be a part of a joint voice on NF recreation/trails/etc.	2020-2021	~~Ochoco Trails volunteer board + coordinator~~+ members and their organizations
Monitor use before and after proposal implementation	~~2020~~ 2021+	Ochoco Trails members – anecdotal evidence and trail counters, trailhead surveys, self-issued permits, etc.
Build subsequent year Program Of Work requests and priority order, including CRNG proposal.	202~~0+ ongo~~1~~+ing~~	Ochoco Trails members in meetings + Forest Service
Flag next-priority trails.	2022~~1~~+ongoing	Member organizations, as per primary trail use.

OBJECTIVE C: Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders
Output Indicators: • Community meetings • Field tours • Presentations to stakeholders • ~~New OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails ~~members?~~Broad community representation on Ochoco Trails • Etc. **Outcome Indicators:** • Community support for proposal and trail development as measured by endorsements, lack of objections or controversy, surveys, etc. • Reduced incidence of trail conflicts • Participation and interest in ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails' efforts.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Meet with key local stakeholder groups – e.g. County Court and NR Committee, OFRC, Trail User Groups, Citizens that Support Public Lands, City Council, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members
Promote the proposal to regional, statewide, national groups, e.g. COTA, Travel OR, USFS Region 6, Congressional delegation, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members
Create a logo and letterhead for the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails	February 2020 COMPLETE	Volunteers, TFFF funding

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Target groups to engage more with the ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails (regular meetings and processes): Nordic skiers/Central OR Nordic Club, hikers, anglers, local businesses with a natural interest in non-motorized recreation, or others as appropriate.	2022+~~0~~	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~outreach committee
Host public lectures, films, and/or field trips 2x/year – various relevant topics (e.g. safety and wildlife encounters on trails; Ochoco Mountains geology; trail etiquette and use conflicts; resource management; Warm Springs perspective on the Ochocos, etc.). The series would also serve as ~~OCHOCO TRAILS~~Ochoco Trails outreach events to bring attention to the trails proposal, Ochoco Trails role, member organizations (volunteer recruitment), etc. This can also serve as an Ochoco Trails fundraiser. Wildlife Encounters on the Ochoco Trails – first event.	~~First one in Winter 2020 – ongoing~~ 2022+	~~Ochoco Trails board and knowledgeable speakers. Consider joint event planning with the Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative (OFRC).~~Ochoco Trails outreach committee
Summer Community Event: Horse/bike workshop • Educate community and trail users about horses and bikes sharing the trails. Provide opportunity to desensitize horses to the presence of bikes. (Consider doing this annually?) • Joint volunteer recruitment event	~~Summer 2020~~ 2022+	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~outreach committee
Community Open House to present Grasslands Trails Plan	~~May-June 2020~~ Feb-April 2022	Ochoco Trails ~~volunteer board~~members

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES
Share Draft CRNG proposal with specific and relevant agencies/organizations (Natural Resource committees, nonprofits, tribes, grazing permitees, etc.) as part of outreach strategy	Spring 2022	Ochoco Trails mapping subcommittee Ochoco Trails outreach subcommittee
Share monitoring results	Ongoing	At all appropriate events.

ATTACHMENT B: SIGNATURES

Ochoco Trails: Membership Sign-On

The below signatories are members in full standing of the Ochoco Trails, and agree to support the Ochoco Trails Vision, serve the Mission, abide by the Values; and work within the governance model, ground rules, and other provisions provided in this document.

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Monitor and support 2020/2021 USFS Work Priority order:	2020 - 2022	Ochoco Trails Members and ONF Recreation Team	Request regular updates from the Forest Service at Ochoco Trails meetings and problem-solve barriers if needed.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ RESOURCES	STATUS
• Bandit Springs winter (#19) 12 miles multi use – NEPA COMPLETE, corridor/tread/drainage/water crossing work ongoing through 22	Thru 2022	COTA	NEPA complete; construction work ongoing
• Endurance Trails (#6)	NEPA planned for FY22	OET/BCH	Awaiting NEPA
• Allen Creek Horse Camp (#7)	2021	OET/BCH	NEPA complete; signage in process
• Dry Creek Horse Camp Trails (#3)-NEPA complete, work held until Mill Creek Veg complete on old road/trail.	2021	OET/BCH	NEPA complete; signage on hold for Mill Creek veg project
• Black Canyon connector trails (#13, 14, 15)	Map in 2022 or 2023?		Needs mapping for official proposal
• Bingham-Whistler tie trail			Low priority
• All proposal trails flagged for Lemon Gulch	Winter/spring 2020	COTA, volunteers	COMPLETE
• Proposed trail flagged for Dry Creek Horse Camp	Winter/spring 2020	OET, BCH, volunteers	COMPLETE
• Design and install safety signage for the Lookout Mountain "pinch point"	2020	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team Travel OR $?	COMPLETE

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ RESOURCES	STATUS
• Identify and flag a new trail alignment possibility to bypass the Lookout Mountain "pinch point"	2021	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team	John Schubert found and flagged a line. Need to digitally map by USFS and propose through NEPA.
Project funding: • Research opportunities for NEPA funding • ID trails construction, trails maintenance, etc. funding sources and prep • Consider development of a local donor campaign targeting businesses and individuals that will benefit from trails development.	2020	Budget Subcommittee	
Engage with other organizations in other geographies working on the same issues – be a part of a joint voice on NF recreation/trails/etc.	2020-2021	+ members and their organizations	
Monitor trail use before and after proposal implementation	2021+	Ochoco Trails members – anecdotal evidence and trail counters, trailhead surveys, self-issued permits, etc.	
Build subsequent year Program Of Work requests and priority order, including CRNG proposal.	2021+	Ochoco Trails members in meetings + Forest Service	
Flag next-priority trails.	2022+ongoing	Member organizations, as per primary trail use.	

OBJECTIVE C: Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders
Output Indicators: • Community meetings • Field tours • Presentations to stakeholders • Broad community representation on Ochoco Trails • Etc. **Outcome Indicators:** • Community support for proposal and trail development as measured by endorsements, lack of objections or controversy, surveys, etc. • Reduced incidence of trail conflicts • Participation and interest in Ochoco Trails' efforts.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES	STATUS
Meet with key local stakeholder groups – e.g. County Court and NR Committee, OFRC, Trail User Groups, Citizens that Support Public Lands, City Council, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails members	Ongoing
Promote the proposal to regional, statewide, national groups, e.g., COTA, Travel OR, USFS Region 6, Congressional delegation, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails members	Ongoing
Create a logo and letterhead for the Ochoco Trails	February 2020	Volunteers, TFFF funding	COMPLETE

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES	STATUS
Target groups to engage more with the Ochoco Trails (regular meetings and processes): Nordic skiers/Central OR Nordic Club, hikers, anglers, local businesses with a natural interest in non-motorized recreation, or others as appropriate.	2022+	Ochoco Trails outreach committee	
Host public lectures, films, and/or field trips 2x/year – various relevant topics (e.g,. safety and wildlife encounters on trails; Ochoco Mountains geology; trail etiquette and use conflicts; resource management; Warm Springs perspective on the Ochocos, etc.). The series would also serve as Ochoco Trails outreach events to bring attention to the trails proposal, Ochoco Trails role, member organizations (volunteer recruitment), etc. This can also serve as an Ochoco Trails fundraiser. Wildlife Encounters on the Ochoco Trails – first event.	2022+	Ochoco Trails outreach committee	
Summer Community Event: Horse/bike workshop • Educate community and trail users about horses and bikes sharing the trails. Provide opportunity to desensitize horses to the presence of bikes. (Consider doing this annually?) • Joint volunteer recruitment event	2022+	Ochoco Trails outreach committee	
Community Open House to present Grasslands Trails Plan	Feb-April 2022	Ochoco Trails members	
Share Draft CRNG proposal with specific and relevant agencies/organizations (Natural Resource committees, nonprofits, tribes, grazing permitees, etc.) as part of outreach strategy	Spring 2022	Ochoco Trails mapping subcommittee	

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES	STATUS
Share monitoring results	Ongoing	At all appropriate events.	

OCHOCO TRAILS BUDGET 2021

Budget Category	Description	DYF Fund Account Numbers		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE					
Marketing					
	Website		$	102.00	*Maintenance and licensing to Travis*
Community Engagement					
	N/A				
Trails Projects					
	Work proposed to TO		$	2,500.00	*$? Towards contractor for Lookout Mountain*
	Biological Contractor		$	4,000.00	*OCRF*
DYF	Fiscal Sponsorship/Administration		$	1,450.00	*10% of each grant managed by DYF - will be billed*
TOTAL EXPENSE			***$***	***8,052.00***	
INCOME					
Grants	COTA	R130	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 9/1/21*
	OET	R108	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 9/1/21*
	Travel Oregon	R109	$	5,000.00	*Project Work, carryover from 2019 grant*
	TFFF		$	102.00	*Website Fees for 2021*
	P34 - program code for OT for DYNW				
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	R153	$	4,000.00	*Bio Contractor*
TOTAL INCOME			***$***	***13,102.00***	
TOTAL SURPLUS			$	5,050.00	

Budget Category	Description			Amount	Notes
EXPENSE					
Staff					
	Facilitation		$	13,000.00	*Shelby from COIC (25 hrs/mo for 12 mos)*
TOTAL EXPENSE			***$***	***13,000.00***	
INCOME					
Grants	The Ford Family Foundation		$	13,000.00	
	Travel Oregon		$	900.00	*COIC to bill or comm outreach*
	VCO	R067	$	6,000.00	*ed July 1 2021 - July 1 2022 (second round of $ in 2022 - 2023*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund		$	3,500.00	
TOTAL INCOME			***$***	***23,400.00***	
TOTAL SURPLUS			$	(10,400.00)	

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Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Marketing				
	Website (paid through Apr 2022)	$	102.00	*Maintenance and licensing to Travis*
Community Engagement				
	N/A for calendar year 2021			
Trails Projects				
	Work proposed to TO	$	5,000.00	*Lookout Mountain Contractor*
	Biological Contractor	$	-	*OCRF*
	DYF Annual Admin Cost	$	-	*10% of everything in red*
TOTAL EXPENSES		***$***	***5,102.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	COTA	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 9/1/21*
	OET	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 9/1/21*
	Travel Oregon	$	5,000.00	*Project Work, carryover from 2019 grant*
	TFFF	$	102.00	*Website Costs for 2021*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	4,000.00	*Bio Contractor*
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***13,102.00***	
TOTAL REMAINING		$	*8,000.00*	

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Staff				
	Facilitation	$	13,000.00	*Shelby (estimate as of September 1)*this expense will be reduced in half
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***13,000.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	The Ford Family Foundation	$	13,000.00	*Ends August 31st*
	COVA	$	6,000.00	*COVA - July 1, 2021 - July 2022 (expect additional 6,000 for July 2022-23)*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	3,500.00	*Covers Facilitation from Sep - Dec 2021*
	Travel Oregon	$	900.00	*projected to cover approximately 12 hours of Shelby's time to support*
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***23,400.00***	
TOTAL REMAINING		$	*10,400.00*	*from Sept 2021-Sept 2022 Shelby projected hours per month is 10-12

amounts in red font are being managed by DYI and subjected to 10%

Total DYF $ Managing	$	23,400.00
Total Anticipated Admin Cost to OT	$	2,340.00

Ochoco Trails 2022 Projected Budget

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Marketing				
	Website	$	102.00	licensing and maintenance (to Travis)
Community Engagement				
	Host 3 Public Meetings for CRNG	$	500.00	
Trails Projects				
		$	-	
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***602.00***	
INCOME				
Grants				
		$	-	
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***-***	
TOTAL DEFICIT		*$*	*(602.00)*	
Budget Category	***Description***		***Amount***	***Notes***
EXPENSE				
Staff				
	Facilitation	$	13,050.00	Shelby (15 hours/month for 12 months)
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***13,050.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	Facilitation - $6,000 per year for 2 years Commit	$	6,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***6,000.00***	
TOTAL DEFICIT		*$*	*7,050.00*	

Facilitator Scope of Work (Monthly)

Task	*Hours/month*	*Cost*	*Notes*
Meeting Prep	6	$ 432.00	build agendas, materials
Meeting Faciliation	3	$ 216.00	
Budget Update	0	$ -	prep, coordinate, facilitate, follow
Fund Development	0	$ -	follow up, research, coordination,
Admin	3	$ 216.00	budget, attendance, misc.
TOTAL/MONTH	***12***	***$ 840.00***	

*Shelby will devote 12 hours to support bio contractor

Fund Development Strategy

Who	*What*	*Notes*
Rika	Transient Room Tax Dollars (RCPT, Visit Central OR)	Not sure if they'll be available in 2021, Rika will continue
Shelby	REI/Facebook	Shelby meet with Kim
Budget committee	GAOA	talk to district ranger
Rika	Title II	outreach project (5,000-6,000)
Shelby, Duane	Collaborative Effort	Jefferson County (chamber, comissioners), OFRC, Crook
Shelby, Duane	County?	Collaborative convo supports/strengthens
Shelby, Jim	OCRF	reach out with new plan - alternative that meets
Rika?	Hire new coordinator	hiring new coordinator DTC (part time contractor for
Shelby	Exit strategy	Develop based on 25/hr contractor and bring to May
Shelby	Oregon Community Recovery Grant Program	Winter 2021, collaborative convo supports
	Recruitment? Community Outreach?	Collaborative convo supports/strengthens
	Paid Membership Dues	
	Develop contact list and strategy	
	Donation request at public events	
	NFF?	
	Collins Foundation?	

Project and Committee Roles

Task	Estimated Hours/Month	Lead	Support	Currently Assigned	Task Breakdown
Meeting Prep	5	Chair	Executive Committee	Darlene	build agendas, materials development, coordination, scheduling
Meeting Faciliation	3	Facilitator	Chair & Executive Committee		Facilitate meetings, check in with members regularly, and
Website Management	2	Web Manager	Outreach Committee	Travis	Blog posts, updates, etc.
Fund Development	10	Treasurer	Executive Committee		follow up, research, coordination, grant identification and writing, etc.
Admin	2	Secretary			schedule Zoom meetings, attendance, document management, misc.
Meeting Notes	3	Secretary			Take notes during meeting, revise, and send to group
Budget tracking/dev/oversight	5	Treasurer	Executive Committee		Grant reporting, budget tracking and updates monthly, reporting out to group, research and pursue grant opportunities
Outreach	10	Outreach Lead	Outreach Committee		Develop outreach strategy, support CRNG outreach, ad hoc outreach for upcoming trail events/etc.
Project: CRNG Proposal	?	Mapping Subcommittee Lead	Mapping Subcommittee	Brian	Build CRNG proposal
Project: Lemon Gulch	?	Project Lead		Travis	
Other projects?					

Committees

Committee Name	Members	Notes
Mapping	Brian, Kim, Travis	Have all members participate in at least 1 subcommittee! More regular scheduling
Outreach		Develop and carry out outreach strategy
Budget	Duane, Jim, Rika, Shelby	Likely will not continue.. Can executive committee replace?
Executive		Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, project leads? Recommend balanced representation of various interests. Would be responsible for budget development and oversight, setting agendas, resolving conflicts, etc.

Ochoco Trails

September 7, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

Zoom Meeting: (b)(6)

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Agenda

11:15 – 11:35

Welcome & Introductions

- **Standing Agenda Items**:
  - Introductions & Agenda Review
  - Formal Approval of Notes
- Introduction with new DYF ED – Gordon Price

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11:35– 11:55

FS and ODFW Updates

- **Standing Agenda Items**:
  - Misc. FS updates
  - Misc. ODFW updates

11:55 – 12:15

Strategic Plan Update - Finalize

- Discuss and Approve
- Work Plan

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C_Work Plan 2021

12:15– 12:45

Mapping Subcommittee

- Update
- Round Table Check In
- Bio Contractor

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12:45 – 1:00

Funding Updates

- **Standing Agenda Item**: Review Budget
- Budget subcommittee

E_OT Budget

1:00 – 1:10

Misc Updates

- Website?
- Lemon Gulch?
- Other?

1:10 – 1:15

Next Meeting and Next Steps

- **Standing Agenda Item**: Who else needs to be at the table?
- Next meeting is October 5th
  - Agenda items?

Ochoco Trails

August 3, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

Zoom Meeting: (b)(6)

Meet

Shelby Knight, Barbara Smith, Darlene Henderson, Travis Holman, Kyle Miller (Timber Reel Productions), Jim Akenson, Jim Beaupre, Kim Daniels, Kim McCarrel, Michael O'Casey, Tory Kurtz, Chris Joosen, Mona Steinberg, Sara Carver

Notes

11:15 – 11:30

Welcome & Introductions

- Introductions & Agenda Review
- Formal Approval of Notes –
    - Kim M moves, Travis 2nds. Approved with minor additions/corrections.

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11:30– 11:50

FS and ODFW Updates

- Jim B updates
    - Allen Creek – hearing great things from Backcountry Horseman. Continuing to funnel them supplies, including different nails.
    - Lookout – alternative line has been flagged. Maps forthcoming.
    - Bandit Springs – COTA cleared w/ machine, YCC has cleared the duff. Looking sharp right now.
    - Holly Ruska w/ Pacific NW endurance ride group has secured 12 pedestrian gates for Grassland/Corral areas – for use on endurance ride, and other areas where we're currently experiencing issues
    - Several former agency folks – BLM/ONF – working on grant to restore Walton Lake xc ski trails and Bandit xc ski trails
- Chris Joosen
    - Recently ONF had a 2-day gravel grinding event, held on the open road system. Chad Sperry – organizer of Breakaway Productions – interested in learning more about the future of Paulina District transportation planning. May be a good spot for this type of recreation in the future – they can provide some funds for road improvements, etc.
    - ONF has asked USFS "Enterprise Team" for assistance w/ carrying capacity and needs assessment for the forest and grassland – what can the Forest sustain from an ecological, social, and economic viewpoint? "Don't have a lot of quality analysis to make decisions" – this will help as we make future decisions about trails, projects, changes to guide/outfitter tags, etc.
    - Put in for Great American Outdoors Act projects a month or so ago. Hope to hear about it before the beginning of the new calendar year. Put in for several rec/rec-related projects.

Kyle Miller

- Filming over the next year/year and a half. Planning to film a few days in September – looking for people who are interested in getting on camera. Can be either interviews, or just following you in your activity.
- Reach out to Kyle directly kyle.miller@timberreel.com

11:50 – 12:15 Lemon Gulch Discussion

- Update
  - Had a very good showing of COTA, Ochoco Trails folks at the County Court hearing. County Court kicked the can to the County Natural Resource Committee, which Darlene and Travis attended. The committee kicked the can to a subcommittee. Darlene is waiting to hear back from Tim Deboodt on what the goal of the subcommittee will be. Permittees and local landowners have decided that they want to see the project moved. Not sure where they stand.
  - Darlene is doing some digging on Mt Emily recreation area as an example of where grazing/mountain biking haven't mixed well. Meeting forthcoming with Roy/Mary Beyer and someone from Mt. Emily next week.
  - Jamie met one of the landowners, offered to connect them to some folks in this group. Seems to be some confusion about the intention of the group – she assured them that they were not intentionally kept from hearing about the project, we are open to hearing from them, etc.
  - Other various comments: There's some confusion on OHA's participation. Permittees feel that they're fighting for their livelihoods. Concerned that this will end up in court. Important to not interfere with the FS process.
  - General FS update: They had a field trip with permittee and some OT members 1.5-2 months ago, led to some expectations of discussions around a table and negotiations. Instead permitees went to local officials, and state/federal reps. FS sent letters directly to permitees/ landowners to be involved. Now waiting for the NRAC to weigh in a bit. Shane made a commitment to NRAC that we'd temporarily pause process, development of alternatives while subcommittee weighs in. Main question – what is end result of subcommittee work? Recommendation of another alternative, or what? FS is willing to consider an alternative, like they'd do with an enviro group.
  - High-level conflict: Wildlife staff want to keep use concentrated, grazing permittees want systems that are diffuse.
  - We should have representation at the NRAC meetings. What is OT's role? We want to provide some of the history/context esp to county court. We should continue some relationship building outside of the official "court" process.
- Round Robin – lessons learned/questions, etc.,
  - Would be good to get a record of who was actually aware & involved with things at different stages. Doesn't mean that they can't have questions later, just to record.
  - We didn't know what we didn't know, still positive opportunities looking forward
  - Part of the local residents' feeling of being left out can be traced back to the Forest Service's non-response when a local resident demanded to know why the Forest Service didn't directly notify them about this project. The FS should have pointed out that notifying the neighbors is the County's process, and the County has the tax rolls to identify them. The FS doesn't have lists of who lives where, so their process doesn't include this. Instead, they have to rely on public notices, etc. There wasn't an attempt to hide the project from them. Plus, this is SCOPING! It's an initial process where the FS asks the public "We're thinking about this project. In your opinion, what else should we be aware of/thinking about?" Scoping is the process the FS uses to introduce a possible project. The cake is not already baked!
  - We're a pretty diverse group already, but bringing in a grazing voice would be good. For larger groups like OHA, need to circle back with chapters to make sure that they're aware, invite them to engage. Let's move forward positively learning from our experiences
  - Has anyone consulted with Tori on loss of acreage? Could we throw in some fence maintenance to sweeten the deal? Take the whole trail tread, parking area – convert to loss of acreage for grazing and attach a dollar amount to that. Should show that we have considered the impact to them.

- "Cattle, not cows" – important to learn some common language, and understand all of the work they put in.
    - We have some additional questions about how much overlap there is with the grazing permit. It's not 100% of the allotment, it's a small percentage, but Tory hasn't looked at it in those terms yet. Chris: Total footprint on outside edge is 3300 acres, 6% of entire allotment and 22% of the lemon creek pasture.
- More consistent public outreach is needed, even if we have to get creative with COVID.
- We need to be sure to follow up with people if they drop off. If you represent a group, please be sure to take things back to them, and then bring it back to OT.
- There's certainly been a breach of trust here, with people hearing differing information – like about how many people could use the system, that there would be a shuttle system, etc. These folks aren't going away, so it would be wise to connect with them.

- Our role in scoping process?
- Lessons Learned & Strategy for CRNG
    - Membership and representation
    - Who isn't at the table?
    - Collaborative Engagement

12:15 – 12:45 <u>Strategic Plan Update - Finalize</u>

- Round Table Check In
- Discuss and Approve
    - A few more suggestions were made based on today's Lemon Gulch discussion. Shelby is going to make some edits, final approval next month.
    - Signing off on strategic plan includes signing off on Scope of Work attachment

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12:45– 1:00 <u>Mapping Subcommittee</u>

- Update – didn't end up meeting, folks are quite busy right now
- Round Table Check In
- Bio Contractor

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1:00 – 1:10 <u>Funding Updates</u>

- Review Budget
    - Have $1,700 unallocated
    - Not sure if Rika has been replaced yet

- Budget subcommittee
    - Budgeting subcommittee needs more folks

D_OT Budget

1:10 – 1:15 <u>Next Meeting and Next Steps</u>

- Who else needs to be at the table?
- Next meeting is September 7th
    - Agenda items?

Grassland Proposed Trails
Ochoco Trail Strategy Group
Core Habitat - Proposed Trails Buffered 100 Meters

- Proposed_Trails
- Juniper Springs Loop
- Warner Loop
- Willow Creek Loop
- Prineville Loop

TrailEvent - Designed Use

- ATV - ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE
- HIKER/PEDESTRIAN
- PACK AND SADDLE

Core Habitat (Proposed Trails Erase)

Acre_Breakout

- Greater Than 100 Acres
- 50-100 Acres
- Less Than 50 Acres

Roads

- 1 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Yearlong
- 2 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Seasonal
- 3 Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong
- 14 State or US Highway
- 15 Other Public Roads

Ownership

- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Other Federal Land
- State Land
- Other Land, Including Private

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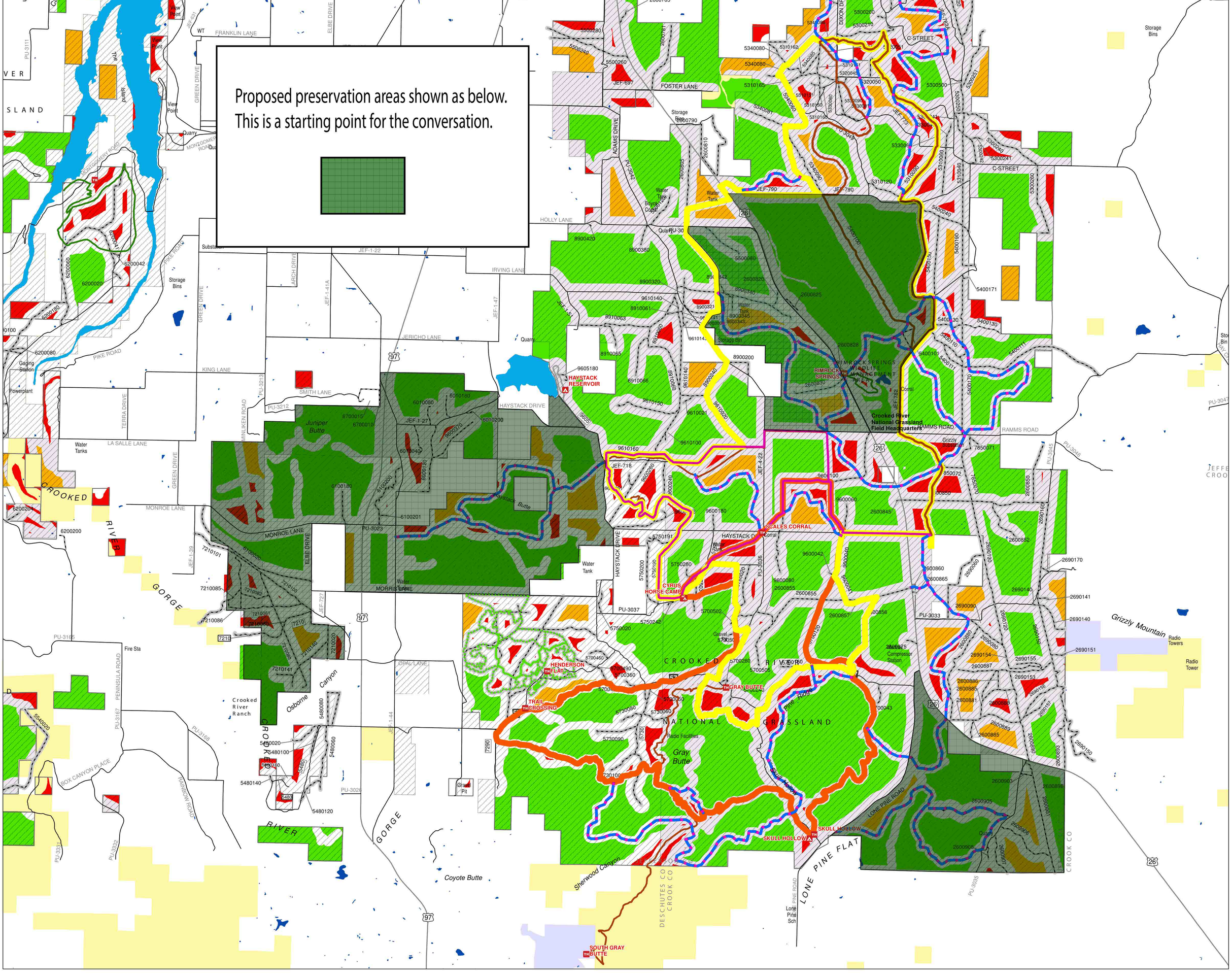
Proposed preservation areas shown as below.
This is a starting point for the conversation.



Beth Peer: Background to Lemon Gulch Proposal Planning

2 September 2021

On ca. 28 August 2021, Beth Peer provided her perspective on how the Lemon Gulch mountain bike trails proposal was developed. This note asks questions about things mentioned in her document and provides comment.

"1989 Forest Plan calls for many miles of trails, including trails for mountain bikes. No trails have ever been designed or built for mountain bikes."

There are many miles of trails and tertiary roads in the Ochocos where mountain bikers are welcome, and there are many miles of trails used by mountain bikers throughout Deschutes County.
Would the Forest Service build the trails?

You mention "conflict between user groups."

At this time, there is multiple, dispersed usage in Lemon Gulch. If mountain bike trails are established in the gulch, there will be conflict with: Wildlife, hikers, naturalists, hunters and cattle. This conflict is clear from your narrative regarding Lookout Mountain: Mountain biking is in conflict with any other activity, especially on mountain trails. Furthermore, Lemon Creek Road is not appropriate for use by lots of automobile traffic: It is narrow with blind curves. There is little opportunity to meet and pass an oncoming car. I can foresee a request by the mountain biking community to close Lemon Creek Road to traffic, except for their exclusive use. Conflict with wildlife would be immediate and constant. With extant "rules" mountain bikers would have access to the trails year-round.

"The local Chamber of Commerce helped facilitate the group, initially. Their intention was to develop trails that are supported by the community and that offer the experiences desired by all types of trail users, while minimizing the impact on wildlife."

As far as I can tell, after talking with Prineville residents and local employees of the Forest Service on the street and at meetings, the community does not support this proposal. I don't understand. It seems that some members of "Ochoco Trails" have dominated interaction with Prineville officials/leaders and officials at the US Forest Service and ODFW since 2017. Those officials are just beginning to learn

that there is considerable, local concern about this trails proposal: We did not learn about it until April (grazing permittees) and June (residents of Mill Creek Valley and most others in Crook County). There is no way to "minimize the impact on wildlife," if these trails are constructed in Lemon Gulch.

"The group was convened . . . [comments on Trails Participation . . . and Ochoco National Forest specialists."

Who is COIC? _____

Are you inferring that the groups mentioned in this paragraph support the proposal? We know this is not the case. With so many groups aware of the process of analyzing need and preparing the proposal, how is it that most locals, including employees of the local Forest Service and those that are most likely to be negatively impacted by the trails, were not informed until this spring?

"Ochoco Trails met monthly with Forest Service and ODFW involved throughout."

Where were the grass roots, local community representatives? Why were they not notified to get their perspective on the proposal?

"The group shared their trail concepts at a community meeting held at the library (where the Lemon Gulch trails proposal was ranked the highest amongst those who voted), with the CCNRAC, and presented the final proposal to the Ochoco NF in early 2019."

Who attended the meeting, how many and who voted??? Most of the Crook County community, including residents of Prineville, were still not aware of this effort in 2019. Obviously, this was not a grass roots, community effort. Rather, it was an attempt to "sell" a special interest project to a community and the Forest Service without broader representation by the greater community.

"Additional meetings occurred between Ochoco Trails and Ochoco NF specialists, Line Officers and ODFW to discuss all the trail areas in the proposal."

Clarify criteria used to determined Lemon Gulch as the most viable project area.

"Input from a public meeting on potential trail opportunities ranked Lemon Gulch high on the list, second to Scotty. The ranking for viable projects that balanced above considerations were: 1. Lemon Gulch, 2. Bandit Springs . . . From a terrestrial wildlife perspective, deer and elk summer habitat was the priority for ODFW and the Forest Service. Summer habitat is the most important part of their range because it ensures winter survival and is important for elk reproduction and fawn rearing. Bandit Springs ranked high as a viable project area due to compact winter trail system that already existed, currently being used by summer recreators, close proximity to the highway 26, very little new trail construction, and it would amount primarily to an administrative conversion to summer recreation."

Bandit Springs looks like the best place for the mountain bike trails system, if there is to be one in the Ochoco National Forest. Unless I've missed something, construction of a trails system at that location, already used by summer recreators, and not immediately adjacent to a long-time rural community would be less disruptive to wildlife and the rural culture of Prineville and the Mill Creek Valley.

"Lemon Gulch ranks as the most viable project for the Forest Service to undertake because:"

- **"The area is close to town"**
    - In my opinion, this is a trivial consideration in light of the negative impact that these trails would have on wildlife and their habitat. Naturalists, hikers, fishers and hunters drive many miles to pursue their passion. Surely, mountain biking enthusiasts can do the same. This should not be of primary consideration.
- **"The project would avoid infrastructure"**
    - If this proposal were to become a project, there would be need for extensive infrastructure, including: Trails and trailhead(s) construction; improvements to Lemon Gulch Road and Mill Creek Road. Mill Creek Road has been called a "killer road" by locals for a long time.

- **"Although the area is in winter range the system could potentially be seasonally closed to minimize disturbance."**
    - How would this be accomplished? Has this worked elsewhere with mountain bike trails? This potential is often compromised by motorized vehicles, as you know. How does the Forest Service, with limited resources, propose to police closed access in a remote area to vehicles that can simply be placed on the other side of a fence/gate?
- **Trails could be designed to minimize fragmentation and maximize areas of core habitat"**
    - How can this be done? Has this been accomplished elsewhere with mountain bike trails? Construction of these trails will surely fragment habitat, excluding wildlife from within the trails system and disturb adjacent wildlife.
- **"Outside Lemon Creek and the riparian zone, much of the area is fairly xeric due to the aspect and the precipitation zone"**
    - True. How does this influence your decision making?
- **"Livestock grazing occurs throughout the summer in Lemon Gulch pasture. Deer and elk populations rely on the entire winter range to find available winter forage not just the Lemon Creek area."**
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Question: Did the USFS establish a "Resource Advisory Committee" when initially considering mountain bike trails proposals in the Ochoco National Forest?

As we take a second look at determining how to provide access for multiple use, including mountain biking trails, in the National Forest, perhaps we could consider Bandit Springs as an alternative site to Lemon Gulch for these trails.

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Speaking of maps, are there any? I thought the permittees and Range cons were going to add to the maps, critical infrastructure information? Fencing, water and salting areas. What about utilization maps? Where is livestock use actually occuring? Where are existing trail systems (no matter the primary purpose)? I wonder if the wildlife folks have ID'd critical habitat? Botanists ID'd any plant issues? What do the stream surveys show? Any PFC work done? How does the overlay of work being reviewed for the Mill Creek Vegetation project look? What are its timelines and phases of work? Seems like any potential recommendation would be most valuable if the Committee had more of that information.

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The Issue Is: (Continued)

Proposal to Construct Mountain Biking Trails in Lemon Gulch, part of the Ochoco National Forest, adjacent to Mill Creek Road.

Planning began in 2017; the final proposal was shared with employees of the Ochoco National Forest in early 2019. Most residents of Crook County, Prineville and the Mill Creek Valley were unaware of proposal planning or the final proposal until April (grazing permittees) or June (local residents). The proposal was not a grass roots, community effort: The community had minimal input. Instead, a well organized group of mountain biking enthusiasts in Central Oregon worked closely with the Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on proposal development,

Specific Action You Are Requesting: Congressman Bentz ask the US Forest Service to restart the process to determine where mountain biking trails are most appropriate in the Ochoco National Forest

Note: If you want Congressman Bentz to provide a family member or anyone else with information regarding this inquiry, please put that person's name in the space provided below. Be sure you sign and date this portion of the form.

I authorize that all correspondence and information regarding my request for a congressional inquiry be provided to: Congressman Cliff Bentz and associates

(b)(6)

4 September 2021
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4 September 2021
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9/10/2021

Re: Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal

Dear Ochoco NF District Ranger,

Gravel roads present their own special road safety challenges. When travelling on gravel roads in rural areas and farm country it is important to be aware of the road surface, people and animals. It is common to come in contact with wildlife and livestock such as elk, deer, turkeys and cattle on the roads as well as sharing the roads with tractors, motorcycles, ATVs, and bikes. As residents who live on the gravel portion of Mill Creek, we know that the road *cannot* handle the additional traffic that has been estimated for the proposed Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal. To describe driving on Mill Creek, with its constant surface condition of washboards and dust, feels like riding in a covered wagon. It is only maintained 2 times a year "if possible" per Bob O'Neal, Crook County Road Master. Mill Creek will become **extremely dangerous** with the estimated 120+ vehicles going to the 3 proposed parking areas for the trails system.

Construction materials, weather, traffic volumes, speed, and vehicle weights can change the condition of a gravel road very quickly. The issue is traction. Driving on loose gravel is harder than driving on pavement because your tires don't have the traction needed to give you stable control. Throw speed into the mix and things can go bad fast! Vehicles ahead or oncoming traffic can throw gravel out into the air, which frequently damages windshields and paint. Another danger is that you can't stop the vehicle in time because the gravel acts as rollers between your wheel and road surface. Lack of moisture will encourage washboard formation and prolonged dry weather can aggravate the problem. This is because the crust that forms on the surface of a good gravel road will tend to loosen in dry weather. This allows the stone and sand-sized particles of gravel to loosen, or "float" and the material can easily align itself into the washboard pattern under traffic. Mill Creek needs to be improved and maintained on a more frequent basis. It is *critical* that this happens if the proposed trails system is approved.

The extreme washboards on Mill Creek caused by the lack of moisture, hard acceleration, speed, aggressive braking, and poor-quality gravel, when severe, can lead to <u>loss of vehicle control</u>. It seems the majority of drivers try to avoid the washboards by "flying" over the top of them at high rates of speed. It is often the worst where vehicles turn and brake, such as curves and intersections where vehicle control is most critical. These are all places where drivers tend to accelerate hard or brake aggressively. Seeking emergency help in this area is challenging due to spotty to no cell service. We have responded to several vehicle slide-offs, broken trailer axles, and 1 rollover accident since moving here in 2015.

Another concern is the dust which poses a hazard by reducing visibility. Dust will impede your visibility significantly. Visibility is an issue due to the dust clouds kicked up by vehicles and by those travelling ahead or even from the farming activities next to the road.

When it rains the road becomes super muddy. Mud is like gravel, except much more slippery. Mud works as a lubricant between the tires of your car and the hard surface of the road underneath. If the rain is heavy, it may turn the road into a soft, muddy surface that makes driving hazardous.

On another note, water that sits on the road isn't just water, it's runoff, and that means it likely contains chemicals that can dissolve paint or corrode metal. This runoff deposits unwanted sediments into our streams and waterways like Mill Creek. Runoff represents one of the largest pollution problems in North America, and improperly maintained dirt and gravel roads are major contributors to this problem.

Many of our dirt and gravel roads remain unpaved for economic reasons. They are considered the lowest service level in any functional road classification system, usually serving the **lowest volumes of traffic**. Gravel roads need more frequent maintenance in current times because of increased rutting and distress from weather and road use. The strength of the subgrade and depth of the material needed to carry a high volume of traffic must be considered, along with proper drainage. Road maintenance generally falls to the city, county, or state to maintain. As a result, the government may be responsible for any damages caused by poorly maintained roads. Poor maintenance equals poor roads.

We highly oppose the Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal. The gravel portion of Mill Creek Road was **NOT** constructed to handle a heavy volume of traffic. This is one of the most beautiful places in Oregon and we love our valley and care deeply for its natural beauty and the health of the surrounding forest. Help us to minimize the increased probability of forest fires, garbage, and destruction in the Ochocos caused by the additional human recreational activity this proposal could bring. Please oppose the Lemon Gulch Mountain Biking Trails Proposal.

Sincerely,

Ian and Mary Sexton
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Prineville OR 97754
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Listed below are several websites that we used to research the points in this letter.

Trouble on the Trails: Forest Service Grapples with Crowds, Trash, and human waste
https://www.nhpr.org/nh-news/2020-08-02/trouble-on-the-trails-forest-service-grapples-with-crowds-trash-and-human-waste
https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwasa14094/
https://www.findlaw.com/legalblogs/personal-injury/if-my-car-is-damaged-by-road-conditions-or-construction-can-i-sue/
https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/vehicle-damage-due-to-poor-road-conditions-who-is-liable.html
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/pubs/ots15002.pdf
https://www.arrivealive.mobi/safe-driving-on-gravel-roads
https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-10/documents/environmentallysensitivemaintenance_dirtgravelroads.pdf

Trash on Mill Creek

Wash boards

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Hello I am Dan Zimmerman, this is the first I am hearing about these biking trails and I have 40 acres Up Lemon Creek Which I built a cabin on many years ago, and these trails would be just west of my property. I live and have a Christmas tree farm out of North Plains, Oregon with very few neighbors, And that is why I chose this Mill Creek area to build a hunting/recreational cabin in a quiet area. This area is managed as a closed Road area from December till May for a winter wildlife habitat and a bunch of bicycles would not be conducive to a place for wildlife to hang out. The 3360-100 Road up to our place is a single lane road with a steep drop off back down to Mill Creek, Undoubtedly there would be Bicycle - vehicle encounters with collisions or one going over the side! Also it is open range for cattle in the summer months to keep the vegetation down for fire danger, obviously cattle and bicycles on trails together is not a good combination!

I am definitely against putting miles of bike trails in this area! Dan Zimmerman, (b)(6) (b)(6), Hillsboro, OR 97124. (b)(6)

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File Code: 1950
Date: September 14, 2021

Dear Reader:

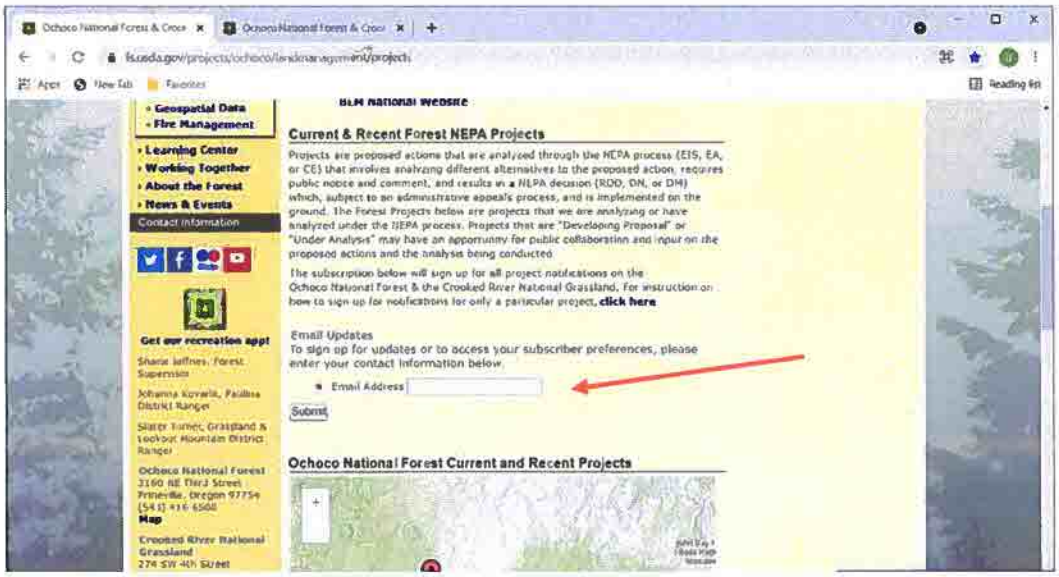
This letter goes out to property owners along the Mill Creek Road in Crook County. As a land management agency, we would like you to know how you can access information about ongoing activities and project planning on the Ochoco National Forest. As you may live along Mill Creek Road, which is used by the public to access the Forest, please consider whether or not you'd like to receive project notification from our office.

For projects that are in the planning phase, you can find information on this web page:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ochoco/landmanagement/projects.

Please note there is ongoing planning taking place for two projects in the vicinity of Mill Creek Road: Lemon Gulch Trails and Mill Creek Dry Forest Restoration. Public comment periods will be occurring later this year for these projects; you have been included in the mailing list for those and will receive notification when the environmental assessments are available.

If you are interested in receiving notifications of future proposed actions, please subscribe yourself with your email address as indicated with the orange arrow in the screen shot of the web page below.



Also, you can always find information about the Ochoco National Forest on our main Ochoco National Forest web page, including news and alerts:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/ochoco/home.

If you are unable to use email, and would prefer to receive hard copy notifications, please respond to this letter noting that is your preference. For more information on the Forest's project planning procedures, contact Beth Peer, Environmental Coordinator at elizabeth.peer@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

Slater R. Turner

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I spoke with Paulette on the phone earlier this week, and explained where we were in terms of working with the NRAC sub-committee to include a number of the folks who have spoken out about wanting more involvement. Informed her that most were optimistic about coming together to develop alternative(s) and or modifications to Lemon Gulch to address some if not all of the concerns being raised. Paulette asked for a written update once the meeting(s) were complete describing progress since our last update up to and including these meetings and outcomes. I mentioned that October 15 would represent 90 days since I paused to allow for some engagement for folks who requested more opportunity and that would be a could time to expect an update back from us. SJ

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My constituent has signed the enclosed privacy release outlining the situation he has encountered and allowing us to work with your agency. I appreciate your attention to his concerns to ensure they are resolved in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your prompt attention to my inquiry. I look forward to hearing from you at my district office in Ontario, Oregon. The address for the district office is as follows 2430 SW 4th Avenue Suite 2, Ontario, OR 97414.

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Enclosure

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Proposal to Construct Mountain Biking Trails in Lemon Gulch, part of the Ochoco National Forest, adjacent to Mill Creek Road.

Planning began in 2017; the final proposal was shared with employees of the Ochoco National Forest in early 2019. Most residents of Crook County, Prineville and the Mill Creek Valley were unaware of proposal planning or the final proposal until April (grazing permittees) or June (local residents). The proposal was not a grass roots, community effort: The community had minimal input. Instead, a well organized group of mountain biking enthusiasts in Central Oregon worked closely with the Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on proposal development,

Specific Action You Are Requesting: Congressman Bentz ask the US Forest Service to restart the process to determine where mountain biking trails are most appropriate in the Ochoco National Forest

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Date:	Monday, September 20, 2021 10:11:34 AM
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Beth,
Let me know if you have any questions.

I am out of town but will do my best to help.

Also, don't be afraid to reach out to Roy and Mary. I think he would be open to talking with you.

Darlene Henderson

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Subject: What I learned from Roy Beyer
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Cc: Alex Anderson <alex.anderson@cotamtb.com>, Emmy Andrews <emmy.andrews@cotamtb.com>, Aaron Lazelle <aaron.lazelle@cotamtb.com>, Joosen, Christopher -FS <cjoosen@fs.fed.us>

Travis,
Attached are two documents - a written summary of what I learned from Roy and a map of the proposed trails annotated with information from Roy.

After talking with Roy, I decided it did not make sense for me to offer a compromise at this point as I am not sure which of his suggestions make the most sense.

I do think one other thing I should do is call Seth and push the County to monitor traffic status on Mill Creek Road and pave the road when traffic meets a certain threshold.

I leave town tomorrow but am happy to do what I can remotely.

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What I learned from Roy Beyer on August 25, 2021

1. Vogel's are minimally impacted by trail plan - see yellow highlight in lower left corner; I propose we just move that section of trail and eliminate it off of their allotment (see pink highlighted portion of trail in lower left corner of proposed trails)

2. Beyer's are minimally impacted - only 45 pairs, they let them out up high above a ridge and their cattle usually stay high and above the ridge; they are also considering reducing their cattle operation and letting their allotment expire

3. Santucci is most impacted - their cattle come out low on the allotment and move through it from the southwest corner to the northeast corner before moving out of Lemon pasture
   a. Santucci salt licks are placed near STRICKLAND Pond (north part of proposed trails) and in the blue highlights area

4. No troughs at the following springs: Mountain Spring, Buck Spring, Mineral Spring

5. Doe Spring trough just repaired / replaced by Forest Service

6. There are two springs on far west part of allotment - Mud Spring has a trough and yellow jacket spring needs to be fixed; these are not in the vicinity of the trail proposal

7. Cattle congregate such of Green Mountain OHV trails

8. Roy thinks the grazing and mountain bikes trails can work; his suggestions are:
   a. move start point south (see orange highlight)
   b. move the trails in blue highlight from the west slope to the east slope; if we don't move these make them the last to build
   c. avoid cross fences

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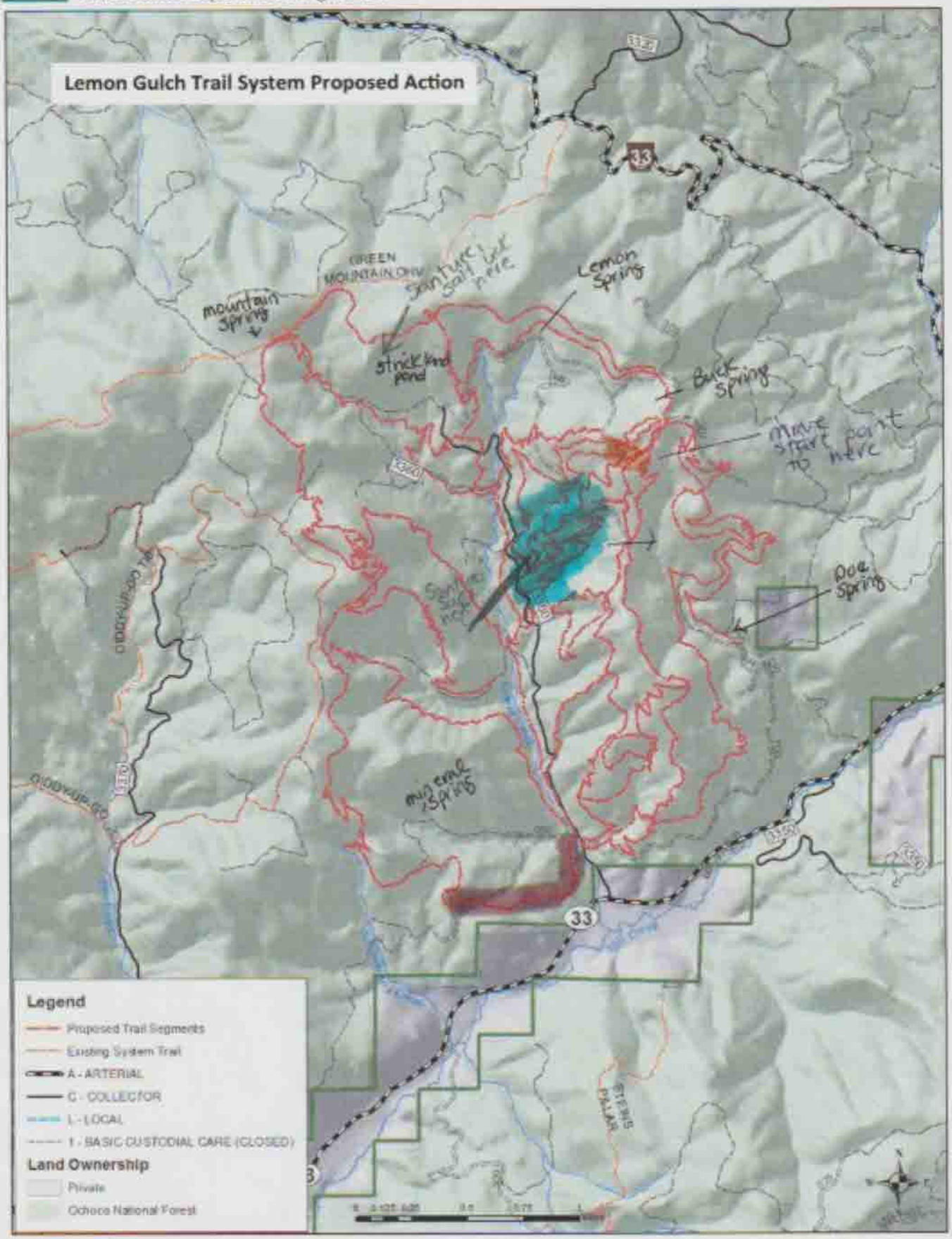

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March 10, 2021

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I can provide some of this but I'd need one of you for additional Ochoco Trails context. Who would be available?

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Have you looked at the 389 or so comments on The Bulletin article facebook page? It's a pretty hot mess.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:49 AM
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Hi Kassidy

Getting back around to the proposed Lemmon Gulch MTB trails. Been a lot of buzz since I last touched base.

Looking to talk with you and / or someone on the recreation staff about where the proposal stands in the scoping process. And then big picture questions on how new trails come to be. How do interested parties bring proposals to the table, how the Forest Service handles ideas and proposals like Lemmon Gulch? What does the Forest Service do vet proposals before they go on to scoping, public comment, review, and decision? Why is recreation an allowed and important part of the national forest.

Let me know if it's a possibility. Ideally something on camera. Later this week or next would work, I'm not on a daily deadline.

Thanks
Steve
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Thanks Kassidy

I'll be sure to reach out to you all if any more questions come up.

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Hey Steve, I am adding you to a email with our recreation staff officer Chris and recreation Specialist gym. If you give us a sense of the questions you're looking for one of them will be able to help!

Kassidy Kern
Public Affairs Officer
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Ms. Peer,
Thank you for the quick response today by email. Not remembering what your response was in July. Living on Mill Creek means we don't always have cell or Internet access. Another concern Bikers may want to consider at Lemon Gulch. We have helped quite a few stranded motorists due to this safety issue.
I look forward to hearing about the Environmental Assessment. Please send me paper copies in the mail from the Forest Service. It will prevent miscommunication in the future. Glad you received my email letter from yesterday. We just had Hughes Net out to replace a modem and router.

Respectfully,
Cora Klein

On Wed, Sep 22, 2021, 9:23 AM Peer, Beth- FS <Elizabeth.Peer@usda.gov> wrote:

> Mrs. Klein,
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> I personally corresponded with you in July after your email was forwarded to me. Note that when you send a message through the web page it can take some time to get to the right person. In my response to you I noted the concerns you raised about the trails project, and I added your name to our project mailing list so that you will receive notification when the environmental assessment is available for public comment. The September letter the Forest sent out was for the express purpose of making sure property owners along Mill Creek Road know where to find information about Forest Service projects and how to sign up to the mailing list. This was in response to a suggestion made at a County's Natural Resource Advisory Committee, meeting that I attended on September 7th.
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David Nielsen
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Redmond, OR 97756

Dear Mr. Nielsen:

This office received your letter dated 9/10/21 addressed to both Ranger Turner and me. I have read your letter and see that you again raised concerns about potential wildlife impacts from the Lemon Gulch Trails project. Your comments and concerns are part of the planning record for the project and will be addressed within the environmental assessment. There will be an opportunity to comment on the environmental assessment once complete and published.

I would like to point out that although you state Congressman Bentz was unaware of the Lemon Gulch project at the August 13, 2021 town hall meeting, I assure you we have been in contact with his field representative and I provided direct correspondence to the Congressman about the project well before the August town hall.

In your letter you assert that the project's development and public information has been deceptive. This is not correct. We are attempting to convene all affected and interested parties to be involved in solutions that mitigate impacts in this multi-use piece of public land. You state that our partners in the Ochoco Trails group have purposely misled the public and the Forest Service. This is also not correct, and I would like to reiterate my support for the work of Ochoco Trails. The Ochoco National Forest and ODFW have been closely involved in this coalition to give empirical objective resource feedback to their developing work. I commend their efforts to collaborate, compromise, and take natural resources into account over the years as they develop proposals for us to consider as projects.

I understand that you have volunteered to meet with a small group of folks drawn from Crook County's Natural Resources Advisory Committee. I appreciate this energy in advance to help us come up with constructive alternatives, mitigations, and solutions towards a multi-use goal. It is my understanding that this group will work on ideas that can be incorporated into the Lemon Gulch analysis. We are specifically looking for workable solutions to the key issues raised by the three grazing permittees in the small portion of their National Forest allotment where the project is located. I am optimistic that all parties who volunteer to participate in this group will come to the table with a respectful, collaborative mindset. And I fully support this approach to address issues.

Thank you again for taking the time to be involved in projects on public lands and I look forward to hearing from the project leader, Beth Peer, on how solutions are coming together.

Sincerely,

A. SHANE JEFFRIES
Forest Supervisor

Beth Peer: Meeting with Mill Creek Residents

24 September 2021

Thank you for meeting with us. Today, I hope we can be compassionate in an effort to connect with one another in clarity.

Residents of the Mill Creek Valley and others have major concerns about constructing mountain bike trails in Lemon Gulch. These concerns can be characterized as:

Safety: *Job One at all times*

Mill Creek Road: Known as a "Killer Road" by locals for generations
- Blind curves
- 2.7 miles of gravel wash boards from the south
- high speed travel

Lemon Creek Road: Too narrow to meet & pass another vehicle

Trails crossing Lemon Creek Road: Danger to bicyclists & others

Mountain bikers on trails will endanger hikers, horseback riders & cattle.

Fire threat is real in the Mill Creek Valley, including Lemon Gulch. Scores or hundreds of mountain bikers riding and camping in this fragile, susceptible forest will dramatically increase the likelihood of human-caused ignitions. There have been 3 fires in Mill Creek Valley this summer: One in Lemon Gulch, one just south of Stein's Pillar and one near Mahogany Butte.

Emergencies: There is no cell service in Lemon Gulch. When an emergency occurs, someone needs to find the nearest land line to call for help. This delay could well be critical for a good outcome.

Noxious weeds: Dramatically increased automobile traffic will dramatically increase the likelihood of introducing more unwanted weeds to the valley.

***Additional Concern**: FS will decide to close Lemon Gulch Road to all non-mountain biking vehicular traffic. Lemon Gulch will transition from dispersed, multiple use to single use.*

Habitat Degradation (Abiotic & Biotic):

These new mountain bike trails and usage will disrupt soil leading to erosion and plant health degradation.

Mountain bike trails and usage will disrupt/displace wildlife throughout the year, including winter range (December – mid-May);
elk calving and fawn rearing (June–July);
Summer foraging.

Human Community Effects:

The Mill Creek Valley has been inhabited by humans for thousands of years: First Nation communities, now called Northern Paiutes, lived here. Trappers and colonizers from Europe found the watershed in the early to mid-1800's. Since the late 19th century, a vibrant community of neighbors has enjoyed the bucolic, rural culture that leads to friendliness, wholesomeness and a sense of wellbeing. When residents of Crook County were deciding which town would become the county seat, the town at the bottom of Lemon Gulch, known as Barney, missed-out by only a few votes. Current Mill Creek Valley residents cherish our environment and culture, serving and respecting one another, the land and its wild inhabitants.

Perspective:

Construction of mountain bike trails in Lemon Gulch will have a dramatic impact on our community: It will never be the same. Decisions made now will determine if the sustainable, rural culture we now enjoy will be subjected to development that has already dramatically reduced the ability of our planet to support its inhabitants, including humans. All of us need to understand that we are at a threshold of environmental responsibility. We implore the USFS to consider areas without a vibrant, rural, residential community living in harmony with natural systems, for construction of mountain bike trails in the Ochoco National Forest. We're told that this element was not considered when evaluating areas for trails during the past 3 years. We will be pleased to work with you to find an alternative site for mountain bike trails in the Ochocos.

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Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 4:31 PM
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Subject: Re: [External Email]Re: Lemon Gulch Trails Subcommittee

Good Afternoon Beth,
I hope I am not getting this off to you too late in the day today.
Some of this you may already have set aside for bringing tomorrow. But if not, could you please bring a copy of the Ochoco National Forest Plan (preferrably a copy that I may keep) and a set of maps that go with that plan.
I appreciate your help with that. If you are not coming by the office but there is someone there that could assist, I will be coming by the office and could pick them up around 10 a.m. if that would help.

Thank you,
Kim

On Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 12:21 PM Peer, Beth- FS <Elizabeth.Peer@usda.gov> wrote:

> The location for next Friday's meeting is the 4H Clover Building, large side – 502 SE Lynn Blvd. in Prineville.
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> **From:** Peer, Beth- FS
> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:21 AM
> **To:** Marci Wayman <(b)(6)>; Don Vogel <(b)(6)
> Nielsen, David <(b)(6); travis@travisholman.com; John Dehler
> <(b)(6)
> **Subject:** RE: [External Email]Re: Lemon Gulch Trails Subcommittee
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> **Please hold Friday Sept. 24, 10:30-12:00 for our meeting on Lemon Gulch Trails.**
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> I will schedule a second meeting for the week of October 4th to accommodate anyone who can't make it on the 24th and to do any follow ups.
> Times available for me that week: Wed. 10/6 anytime after 12:00; Thurs. 10/7 any time; Fri. 10/8

any time after 10:30

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Thank you,

~Beth

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(Please Type or Print)

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☑ Mrs.
☐ Ms: Nanette Hickman

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The Issue Is:

U.S.F.S. acceptance of Lemon Gulch Mt Bike Trail proposal without contacting landowners, residents or grazing permittees who will be affected. This proposal has turned into a project. Bike trails have already been "flagged." There has not been noticable attempt to listen/hear any of our concerns. They did not follow F.S. Rules regarding notification to Mill Cr. Rd. residents, permittees, landowners.

Specific Action You Are Requesting: CHANGE OF LOCATION

OPPOSED TO PRESENT "LOCATION" TO LEMON GULCH.

Note: If you want Congressman Bentz to provide a family member or anyone else with information regarding this inquiry, please put that person's name in the space provided below. Be sure you sign and date this portion of the form.

I authorize that all correspondence and information regarding my request for a congressional inquiry be provided to: NANETTE HICKMAN

(b)(6)

Signature

9-27-21

Date

To whom it may concern:

I respectfully request and authorize Congressman Cliff Bentz, Second Congressional District of Oregon, to act on my behalf and to receive information from the proper officials regarding my concerns. I understand that the information that I provide may be shared with the appropriate agencies in order to attain a resolution.

(b)(6)

Signature

9-27-21

Date

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If you have any questions, please call the district office at:
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9-27-21

Dear Paulette,

Just wanted to send you a quick update. Don Vogel spoke to the editor of The Central Oregonian today. I believe the story will come out next Tuesday. Stan, my husband, & I have been out for 2 days contacting the local businesses regarding Lemon Gulch. Not one business was aware of the proposal, only 3 people had even heard it mentioned but unaware of location. We will try to finish our contact tomorrow. So many from Prineville said they would send letters to you and Vikki Iverson. Fingers crossed.

(↑ local newspaper)

P.S. - We spoke to a woman

Thanks

today who said her family had lived on a homestead since the mid 1800's. Her family just received a letter from the U.S.F.S. stating they were going to close the road to the house since its suppose to be on F.S. land.

I wanted to Thank You again for - everything.

Sincerely, Nanette Hickman

Crook County

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October 6, 2021

Slater Turner,
District Ranger,
Lookout Mountain Ranger District,
3160 NE Third Street,
Prineville, OR 97754

Re: Scoping for Lemon Gulch Trail System project
Our file: Ct. Misc. D

the Crook County Court (the board of county commissioners for Crook County) approved a letter of comment to the Forest Service regarding the Lemon Gulch Trail System Scoping project.

Since that time, additional information has been presented to the County Court regarding the process used for selection of Lemon Gulch from a broader range of geographic areas on the Ochoco NF, and citizen input leading up to that decision. For the reasons explained below, the County Court would like to supplement its earlier letter.

While the Court acknowledges that the Forest Service worked with the Ochoco Trail Group and held one public meeting, this work was not widely shared with the greater public until a choice was made to limit consideration to the Lemon Gulch area. Specifically, the County has learned that local constituents with grazing permits and private property adjacent to the proposed trail system and along with the community at large were not engaged in the process to discuss the expansion of non-motorized trail systems on the Ochoco National Forest and specifically, the Lemon Gulch Project. The process of acquiring public comment has therefore not included this important sector of the general public.

In order for local citizens, who are likely to be the most impacted by the trail system, to have the opportunity to speak and have the project plans drafted to address their concerns, the County asks the Forest Service to step back in the process and involve the entire community in the public process of discussing non-motorized trail expansion in the Ochoco National Forest and where best these activities should occur.

The County acknowledges that this will delay the completion of the project; however, by involving more of the general public, the end result will likely be superior.

For Crook County, Oregon

Seth Crawford, County Judge

Jerry Brummer, County Commissioner

Brian Barney, County Commissioner

CC: The Honorable Cliff Bentz
The Honorable Vicki Breese-Iverson
Shane Jeffries, Forest Supervisor

From: Kurtz, Tory -FS
Sent: Thu, 14 Oct 2021 17:26:20 +0000
To: Brittany Santucci
Cc: Mills, Mikayla - FS, Prineville, OR;Turner, Slater -FS
Subject: Questions for meeting with Slater

Hi Brittany,

I followed up with Slater and he would be happy to meet with you guys and discuss Lemon Gulch. I have tentatively scheduled October 25 from 1-2 at our back porch area. Please let me know if that works for you guys. Slater will also reach out to Shane to see if that works for his schedule.

If you have some questions that you would like to address and could share those to us prior, we can be better prepared to answer those. If you do, please email them to me and I will make sure we have the answers covered.

Thank you!

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File Code: 1950
Date: October 15, 2021

Cliff Bentz
U.S. Congressman
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Dear Congressman Bentz:

Thank you again for the opportunity to update you on the Lemon Gulch Project. In our last letter dated July 15, we noted that we had heard concerns from grazing permittees and other citizens who live near the National Forest, as well as being committed to working with the affected permittees in the development of alternatives that address their particular use of this part of the Forest. To that end, we have directly solicited input from permittees that would help us navigate and balance their specific concerns around mixing grazing with recreation on this landscape towards our multiple use goals on Forest Service public lands. We have also reached out to landowners along the Mill Creek road that leads to the Lemon Creek area to provide information on how to be included in Forest Service planning notifications.

I agreed to pause the planning work that our team of resource specialists were undertaking, because the grazing allotment permittees and local residents requested more time to review the proposal and provide feedback. Since July, my staff have attended meetings of the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee (CCNRAC) to provide information and answer questions. At their request, we provided a summary of the project development, which I am sharing with you as an attachment to this letter. It demonstrates, in an abbreviated format, the work and consideration that went into the proposed action at Lemon Gulch. The CCNRAC then formed a subcommittee on the Lemon Gulch trails issue. My staff attended the two meetings they held, and then we hosted a third meeting for the purpose of hearing ideas about alternatives. We recently received additional correspondence from the Crook County Court on this matter, and we plan to follow up with the commissioners prior to deciding what, if any, additional steps we will take.

Although there has been misinformation in the community that has caused fear and distrust of those who want to use the National Forest for recreation, there is also broad support for this project. We are proud of the way in which it was developed through multiple year community collaboration.

The Forest Service has a long history or multiple-use and the mixing of grazing and non-motorized recreation has many successful examples across the west. These successes are also seen locally in Central Oregon on Forest Service and BLM lands as recreation trails go through allotments in many locations. To ensure multiple use is successful we continue to make infrastructure improvements such as replacing a dozen pasture gates this coming year across the Crooked River National Grassland for ease of use for equestrians, bikers, and hikers while keeping cattle where they should remain. I believe we can build on past examples of cattle and recreation success in the Lemon Gulch project area that covers approximately 6% of the grazing allotment. Based on the small project area over the size of the allotment, we have room to move

and adjust the proposal to mitigate permittee concerns and build another example of good public land stewardship and multiple uses that serve diverse needs, desires, and economies.

We continue to be open to hearing ideas on how we can best design a trail system that minimizes impacts to the grazing operations. It is still our hope to complete an environmental assessment that fully addresses the concerns raised by permittees. Completion of an environmental analysis is the next step in the NEPA process. We will notify your office of the availability of the assessment when it is available for public review and comment.

Sincerely,

A. SHANE JEFFRIES
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure: 2021 08 30 ProcessSummaryLemonGulchProposal.pdf

cc: Paulette Pyle

From: Kurtz, Tory -FS
Sent: Thu, 21 Oct 2021 15:31:09 +0000
To: Brittany Santucci
Subject: RE: [External Email]Re: Questions for meeting with Slater

Confirming, I got your message Brittany and will forward to Slater. I will let you know if Slater plans any other staff attending.

Thank you,

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From: Brittany Santucci <(b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:26 AM
To: Kurtz, Tory -FS <tory.kurtz@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: [External Email]Re: Questions for meeting with Slater

Good morning Tory,

We would like to be notified if there will be anyone else joining our meeting on Monday the 25th outside of those whom we specifically requested. If there will be other's joining we have other people that would like to attend on our behalf as well.

Thank you
Brittany

On Wed, Oct 20, 2021 at 9:44 AM Brittany Santucci <(b)(6) wrote:
Sounds good, thank you.

Brittany

On Wed, Oct 20, 2021 at 8:33 AM Kurtz, Tory -FS <tory.kurtz@usda.gov> wrote:

Thanks Brittany, I will make sure Slater sees this and we will see you on the 25th. Just meet us in the front parking lot and we will escort you to the back picnic area.

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Good morning Tory,

Monday the 25th will work for all of us. Thank you. We are still wanting to see a break down of all the locations (not just lemon gulch) that were proposed to the FS and what there pros and cons were for them and why they didn't work for the trail system for us to better understand the whole process.

Thank you
Brittany
On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 10:26 AM Kurtz, Tory -FS <tory.kurtz@usda.gov> wrote:
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Slater Turner
District Ranger of Ochoco National
Forest Service
3160 NE Third St.
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Slater,

I'm writing a follow up letter to reinforce my opinions and concerns of the previous letter I sent to your office in regards to the proposed Lemon Gulch trail system.

In the research that I have done since that time it has brought about more concerns than ever. I'll admit, my knowledge initially was somewhat limited about the sport of downhill biking. I was not aware of the "extra trails" that has plagued the development of these different systems. It appears Deschutes County is trying to deal with many unfortunate outcomes from the increased usage. Some of the problems the BLM have encountered are alternative routes being developed by individuals, cutting and damaging of fences and gates, and the dumping of trash and hazardous waste. They have published that these actions have created safety hazards and damage resources. We would like to naively believe that everyone that uses the public lands would take care of it as if it were their own.

We have tried diligently to sustain the health and productivity of the natural resources during our thirty years as permittees in the Mill Creek Allotment. The fact is that during this time frame we have embraced the multi-use concept. There are many trails of various types within the allotment, we have partnered with the department on burning projects, and resource habitat construction. The thought of a high density 52 mile bike system within 9 square miles is unacceptable in anybodys standards.

If the wildlife habitat is important enough during five months out of the year to close off to motorized vehicles, how can you turn around and totally destroy their habitat for the rest of the year? The disturbance and displacement of the wildlife as a whole seems like an awfully big sacrifice and price to pay so a few people can get their adrenalin rush coming down a mountain with speeds in excess of 30 mph.

The fact that the new fad is to bring your dog with you to exercise while biking brings on a whole other set of problems in an allotment where cattle are grazing. I have been told by other permittees that run on public lands that these dogs run "at will" per say. Again, I would like to stress the importance of the cattle being handled in a quiet demeanor in order to maximize the rate of gain on their calves at side. Cattlemen are paid by the pounds of meat they can generate on these calves. Thus, this is why we ride so frequently; to maintain sufficient water, feed, and salt for the cows and calves. After we were made aware this summer of what was being proposed, we observed flags going next to or through most water sources and salt grounds. These are two of the methods utilized to help keep our cattle dispersed throughout each pasture.

This discussion is not cows verses bikes. I embrace the outdoors being used by multiple users. There is a time and a place for everyone and everything. Lemon Gulch just is not the place for such a development. I'm sure you have found the representatives of the bike group to appear very amicable and willing to work with others, but their private expressions are quite different.

So, for these reasons and the reasons stated in my initial letter, I hope you not only pause the forest service procedures, but find it beneficial to relocate this proposed trail system to a more appropriate location.

I am enclosing a copy of my first correspondence to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley L. Santucci

Shelley Santucci, permittee

April 8, 2021

Shelley Santucci
960 NE Dry Creek Rd
Prineville, Oregon 97754

Slater Turner,

We have been permittees and land owners here on the same ground since 1989. We are permittees of the Mill Creek Allotment, running cow/calf animals. My family also owns and operates an agricultural farm and ranch adjacent to the public forest service ground. During this time of aggressive stewardship of the land and vegetation we have worked with Oregon State University to not only maintain, but drastically improve overall conditions of the range and riparian areas.

The primary goals we have as producers is to minimize adverse impact on resources and maximize the weight gain on the calves that are marketed at the end of the season. In order to achieve this we continually ride and monitor the resources and location of livestock. It is imperative that we continue to keep the moves in smaller groups and maintain the disbursement of cattle. With the density of trail proposed it will make it nearly impossible.

The use seen on the public ground directly effects our private holdings. The invasion of trespassing and destruction of the ecosystem is evident throughout. During the years of multi-use have already created a greater need of management resulting in higher costs at our end. The Green Mtn. trail system is a great example of the disruption that occurs with our cattle. There are all types of users that utilize these trails. Some users are very courteous and respectful, over the time I have experienced ATV riders chasing the cattle down the trails and off of the designated trail ways. Along with the stress on the cows and calves they run, many times they head downhill to the creek bottoms, where grazing monitoring is done. These monitoring sights are directly used to determine length of time in each particular pasture and impacts our length of grazing in the allotment. On occasion the pairs are separated and the calf becomes orphaned which reduces the weight gain and ultimately the net profit. This is just one of many examples I have encountered.

Education of the public should be a main concern in this proposal. It would encourage multi-use as a tool for enjoying our public lands responsibility. The riparian restoration that took place on our McKay pasture for the last three years added new challenges and loss of feed and water availability. I understand the idea of trying to relieve the present high use distribution of the Lookout and Round Mountain areas, on the other hand it appears you are trying to overload and destroy the Lemon Gulch area. Our resources are not used by continual herding (as is the case with sheep) we rely on the cattle to be dispersed throughout the entire pasture during our six week to two month time frame of our rotation. If this proposal is accepted as written it could have a negative effect on our effectiveness of utilization of resources, consequently shortening our grazing season.

Our watersheds and allotment already have many miles of established trail systems: in the wilderness (Twin Pillars Trail), across the ridge of three of our pastures (Green Mtn.Trail), on the north end (Potlid Trail), and already in the Lemon gulch area (Giddy Up Go Trail). The maintenance of these trails already challenge the volunteers and financial assistance programs available.

The system proposed appears to have multiple levels of difficulty which I presume means higher speeds. The safety of the bicyclists and the safety of us as riders managing our cattle would be at risk. The trails will obviously be used by wildlife and cattle at will due to ease of access to the different areas. Animals by nature travel a path of the natural terrain and a path of least resistance.

The trail system could adequately meet the needs of the community and get desired opportunity for the disabled and multilevel bikers if it were reduced to a loop trail. This would alleviate the density of miles of invasive trails helping to reduce safety concerns and disruption. It appears many of these trails are hitting the ridges and high points of the terrain which will ultimately drive cattle off of those grazing areas. Pushing the wildlife and livestock to (creeks) riparian areas.

Some alternatives I think that should be considered are using the existing roadways and or abandoned roads used in the past for the trail system. The concentration of proposed trails is ten fold of what could be established to minimize erosion and impact overall. Another suggestion might be to manage the

trail system so not only would it be closed from November 30 to May 1 for the big game use on winter range but also during our grazing period to manage the forage resources and adhere to guidelines.

As this proposal is written I for see safety being jeopardized and the distribution of cattle being unmanageable. I would be interested in seeing exactly how this many trails were created in theory or by actual traversing.

Sincerely Submitted,

Shelley Santucci

Shelley Santucci
Mill Creek Allotment Permittee

From:	Peer, Beth- FS
To:	Nielsen, David; Marci Wayman
Cc:	Joosen, Christopher -FS; Kern, Kassidy -FS; Turner, Slater -FS; Beaupre, James - FS
Subject:	RE: trail miles on ochoco
Date:	Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:39:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png

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Good afternoon,

You asked me via voicemail last week for the number of miles of motorize and non-motorized trail on the Ochoco NF.

Based on current date, for motorized summer trails there are about 8.5 miles on the Ochoco NF. For non-motorized summer trails there are about 160 miles on the Ochoco NF. Some trails have been approved and are in progress which will add another 20 or so miles to non-motorized summer trails. The Ochoco NF offers about 25 miles non-motorized winter trails. We would have to calculate miles of groomed snowmobile routes, as that figure is not readily available.

You have since asked about the amount of trails that are "accessible" to mountain bikes. Mountain bikes are not allowed in Wilderness; outside Wilderness trails are generally accessible to them, though some are managed for just hiking or equestrians. You also asked the miles of road open to OHVs. The miles of open road for each vehicle class would have to be calculated from our transportation database, as that figure is not readily available. I have put in a request for that information.

In the future, it would be helpful if your questions were consolidated into one letter addressed to Slater, as we agreed to in a Crook County NRAC subcommittee meeting. That way he can assign the work of pulling the information together and we don't duplicate effort. As you know, we are still teleworking and sometimes retrieving information or data requires a trip into the office or putting a request in to our data stewards, so please be patient. We will follow up in a letter with snowmobile and OHV miles.

Note that Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) are free to the public and are the official maps designating where motorized vehicle travel is allowed and which vehicle classes are allowed. Also, OHV, Winter trail, MVUM and other maps are all available on the web:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/ochoco/maps-pubs

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Environmental Coordinator

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From: Peer, Beth- FS
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Nielsen, David <(b)(6)
Subject: trail miles on ochoco

Good morning,
I got your voicemail asking how many miles of motorized and non-motorized trails we have on the Ochoco NF.
I can get that information for you – I will check in with our recreation staff and get back to you next week.
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From: Nielsen, David <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Peer, Beth- FS; Beaupre, James - FS; Beaupre, James - FS
Cc: Nielsen, David
Subject: [External Email]Bicycle and off-road-vehicles trails/roads in the Ochocos

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Good morning, Mr. Beaupre.

Kassidy Kern suggested I ask you the following questions:

1. Number of miles of trails accessible to bicyclists in the Ochocos?
2. Number of miles of roads accessible to off-road-vehicles in the Ochocos?
3. Have you made arrangements to remove the derelict trailer on MIll Creek Road, ca. 1 mile north of the cattle guard?

I hope to hear from you, soon.

Thank you,
Dave Nielsen
cell: (b)(6)
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Phone Conversation between Jennifer Abernathy and Nettie Downing on 11/2/2021

I spoke with Nettie Downing on 11/2/2021 at 2:38pm and the duration of the call was 26 minutes.

She had called with concerns not being on the mailing list for Lemon Gulch Trails and Mill Creek Reforestation Project. She also expressed concerns about wanting to be on future mailing lists for the Mill Creek area. She expressed concerns about the general public not being notified about these projects and having enough time to respond to scoping.

I told her I would check to make sure that she was on the mailing list and I took down her mailing address and phone number. I told her she could go to the Ochoco's public website and sign up for notifications on upcoming projects on the forest.

Address:

(b)(6)

Prineville, OR 97754

From: Joosen, Christopher -FS
Sent: Tue, 2 Nov 2021 20:44:41 +0000
To: Jeffries, Shane- FS, Prineville, OR;Turner, Slater -FS
Cc: Gregg, Monty -FS;Beaupre, James - FS;Kovarik, Johanna - FS;Peer, Beth- FS
Subject: Reminder- Ochoco Trails CRNG Field Trip on Thursday 11/4
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Shane/Slater, Just to keep you in the loop….

On Thursday Monty is leading (MC) the Ochoco Trails group through an afternoon field trip to discuss a number of resource points for the Coalition to get their arms around. We're starting at Rim Rock Springs and then driving through a number of stops around the GL ending with a social in Redmond. At a minimum from our side it will be Jim, Monty, Andrew, Jenny Carson and me. (We'll all be in separate vehicles) Also in attendance… ODFW, all the coalition members including the different recreation-community interests, Oregon Land Watch, and Oregon Wild. Additionally, an invite is going to Grey Butte Grazing, Redmond and Madras Chambers and anyone the Jefferson Commissioners would like to send.

This will be an important trip for the group to feel like they are moving ahead while seemingly stalled with Lemon. They asked for a Lemon update at today's meeting which I gave. I appreciate everything Monty has put into coordinating all this and I know everyone is really looking forward to getting out, touching the dirt together, and talking about the GL. I understand schedules are crunched, but if you'd like to make an appearance, Rim Rock at noon would be the surest bet. See the general schedule below and the attachments from today's meeting if interested. Chris

12:00 – 12:15 pm <u>Meet @ Rimrock Springs Parking Lot</u>

- Distribute maps
- Carpool if comfortable
- Take attendance

12:15 – 12:35 <u>Stop 1: Rimrock Springs</u>

- Wildlife concerns
- USFS habitat and interpretation opportunities

12:50 – 1:20 <u>Stop 2: North Madras (Emerson Fire)</u>

- Emerson Fire impacts
  - Changing condition – historic habitat to now
- Discuss USFS habitat restoration plans

1:40 – 3:00 <u>Stop 3a & 3b & 3c: East of Madras (Dumping/trash/human impacts)</u>

- Discuss dumping/trash and changing use

- Look at habitat improvement project

3:30 – 4:00 Stop 4: Grey Butte (Existing infrastructure)

- Opportunities to expand existing infrastructure and minimize footprint

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Hi, Ochoco Trails!

See the agenda and materials attached for our meeting next Tuesday, November 2nd from 11:15-1:15. We will spend the majority of our time preparing for the field trip on Thursday!

An FYI I cannot find the notes from the September meeting. I also cannot recall who took them. If you took the notes and still have a copy, please send them my way!

Here is the Zoom log in info:

Join Zoom Meeting

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See you all Tuesday. Have a great weekend!
Shelby

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OCHOCO TRAILS BUDGET 2021

Budget Category	Description	DYF Fund Account Numbers		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE					
Marketing					
	Website		$	102.00	*Maintenance and licensing to Travis*
Community Engagement					
	N/A				
Trails Projects					
	Work proposed to TO		$	2,500.00	*$? Towards contractor for Lookout Mountain*
	Biological Contractor		$	4,000.00	*OCRF*
DYF	Fiscal Sponsorship/Administration		$	1,450.00	*10% of each grant managed by DYF - will be billed*
TOTAL EXPENSE			***$***	***8,052.00***	
INCOME					
Grants	COTA	R130	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 9/1/21*
	OET	R108	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 9/1/21*
	Travel Oregon	R109	$	5,000.00	*Project Work, carryover from 2019 grant*
	TFFF		$	102.00	*Website Fees for 2021*
	P34 - program code for OT for DYNW				
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	R153	$	4,000.00	*Bio Contractor*
TOTAL INCOME			***$***	***13,102.00***	
TOTAL SURPLUS			*$*	*5,050.00*	

Budget Category	Description			Amount	Notes
EXPENSE					
Staff					
	Facilitation		$	13,000.00	*Shelby from COIC (25 hrs/mo for 12 mos)*
TOTAL EXPENSE			***$***	***13,000.00***	
INCOME					
Grants	The Ford Family Foundation		$	13,000.00	
	Travel Oregon		$	900.00	*COIC to bill or comm outreach*
	VCO	R067	$	6,000.00	*ed July 1 2021 - July 1 2022 (second round of $ in 2022 - 2023*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund		$	3,500.00	
TOTAL INCOME			***$***	***23,400.00***	
TOTAL SURPLUS			*$*	(10,400.00)	

Possible 2022 Budget Items

1. trail counter
2. community outreach event

Ochoco Trails Budget Actu Updated Oct 28, 2021

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Marketing				
	Website (paid through Apr 2022)	$	102.00	*Maintenance and licensing to Travis*
Community Engagement				
	N/A for calendar year 2021			
Trails Projects				
	Work proposed to TO	$	5,000.00	*Lookout Mountain Contractor*
	Biological Contractor	$	-	*OCRF*
	DYF Annual Admin Cost	$	-	*10% of everything in red*
TOTAL EXPENSES		***$***	***5,102.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	COTA	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 9/1/21*
	OET	$	2,000.00	*Not allocated as of 9/1/21*
	Travel Oregon	$	5,000.00	*Project Work, carryover from 2019 grant*
	TFFF	$	102.00	*Website Costs for 2021*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	4,000.00	*Bio Contractor*
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***13,102.00***	
TOTAL REMAINING		*$*	*8,000.00*	

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Staff				
	Facilitation	$	15,000.00	*Shelby (estimate as of Nov 1)*
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***15,000.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	The Ford Family Foundation	$	13,000.00	*Used as of August 31st*
	COVA	$	6,000.00	*COVA - July 1, 2021 - July 2022 (expect additional 6,000 for July 2022-23)*
	Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund	$	3,500.00	*Covers Facilitation from Sep - Dec 2021*
	Travel Oregon	$	900.00	*projected to cover approximately 12 hours of Shelby's time to support*
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***23,400.00***	
TOTAL REMAINING		*$*	*8,400.00*	*from Sept 2021-July 2022 (Shelby 10-12 hours/mo)

amounts in red font are being managed by DYI and subjected to 10%

	Total DYF $ Managing	$	23,400.00
	Total Anticipated Admin Cost to OT	$	2,340.00
		$	*8,400.00*
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Ochoco Trails 2022 Projected Budget

Budget Category	Description		Amount	Notes
EXPENSE				
Marketing				
	Website	$	102.00	licensing and maintenance (to Travis)
Community Engagement				
	Host 3 Public Meetings for CRNG	$	500.00	
Trails Projects				
		$	-	
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***602.00***	
INCOME				
Grants				
		$	-	
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***-***	
TOTAL DEFICIT		*$*	*(602.00)*	
Budget Category	***Description***		***Amount***	***Notes***
EXPENSE				
Staff				
	Facilitation	$	13,050.00	Shelby (15 hours/month for 12 months)
TOTAL EXPENSE		***$***	***13,050.00***	
INCOME				
Grants	Facilitation - $6,000 per year for 2 years Commit	$	6,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME		***$***	***6,000.00***	
TOTAL DEFICIT		*$*	*7,050.00*	

Facilitator Scope of Work (Monthly)

Task	*Hours/month*	*Cost*	*Notes*
Meeting Prep	6	$ 432.00	build agendas, materials
Meeting Faciliation	3	$ 216.00	
Budget Update	0	$ -	prep, coordinate, facilitate, follow
Fund Development	0	$ -	follow up, research, coordination,
Admin	3	$ 216.00	budget, attendance, misc.
TOTAL/MONTH	***12***	***$ 840.00***	

*Shelby will devote 12 hours to support bio contractor

Fund Development Strategy

Who	*What*	*Notes*
Rika	Transient Room Tax Dollars (RCPT, Visit Central OR)	Not sure if they'll be available in 2021, Rika will continue
Shelby	REI/Facebook	Shelby meet with Kim
Budget committee	GAOA	talk to district ranger
Rika	Title II	outreach project (5,000-6,000)
Shelby, Duane	Collaborative Effort	Jefferson County (chamber, comissioners), OFRC, Crook
Shelby, Duane	County?	Collaborative convo supports/strengthens
Shelby, Jim	OCRF	reach out with new plan - alternative that meets
Rika?	Hire new coordinator	hiring new coordinator DTC (part time contractor for
Shelby	Exit strategy	Develop based on 25/hr contractor and bring to May
Shelby	Oregon Community Recovery Grant Program	Winter 2021, collaborative convo supports
	Recruitment? Community Outreach?	Collaborative convo supports/strengthens
	Paid Membership Dues	
	Develop contact list and strategy	
	Donation request at public events	
	NFF?	
	Collins Foundation?	

Project and Committee Roles

Task	Estimated Hours/Month	Lead	Support	Currently Assigned	Task Breakdown
Meeting Prep	5	Chair	Executive Committee	Darlene	build agendas, materials development, coordination, scheduling
Meeting Faciliation	3	Facilitator	Chair & Executive Committee		Facilitate meetings, check in with members regularly, and
Website Management	2	Web Manager	Outreach Committee	Travis	Blog posts, updates, etc.
Fund Development	10	Treasurer	Executive Committee		follow up, research, coordination, grant identification and writing, etc.
Admin	2	Secretary			schedule Zoom meetings, attendance, document management, misc.
Meeting Notes	3	Secretary			Take notes during meeting, revise, and send to group
Budget tracking/dev/oversight	5	Treasurer	Executive Committee		Grant reporting, budget tracking and updates monthly, reporting out to group, research and pursue grant opportunities
Outreach	10	Outreach Lead	Outreach Committee		Develop outreach strategy, support CRNG outreach, ad hoc outreach for upcoming trail events/etc.
Project: CRNG Proposal	?	Mapping Subcommittee Lead	Mapping Subcommittee	Brian	Build CRNG proposal
Project: Lemon Gulch	?	Project Lead		Travis	
Other projects?					

Committees

Committee Name	Members	Notes
Mapping	Brian, Kim, Travis	Have all members participate in at least 1 subcommittee! More regular scheduling
Outreach		Develop and carry out outreach strategy
Budget	Duane, Jim, Rika, Shelby	Likely will not continue.. Can executive committee replace?
Executive		Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, project leads? Recommend balanced representation of various interests. Would be responsible for budget development and oversight, setting agendas, resolving conflicts, etc.

Ochoco Trails

November 2, 2021 11:15a – 1:15p

Zoom Meeting: (b)(6)

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Agenda

11:15 – 11:30 Welcome & Introductions

- **Standing Agenda Items**:
  - Introductions & Agenda Review
  - Formal Approval of Notes

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11:30– 11:50 FS and ODFW Updates

- **Standing Agenda Items**:
  - Misc. FS updates
  - Misc. ODFW updates

11:50 – 12:30 Field Trip Prep

- Confirm attendance
- Coordinate carpooling and meeting spot
- Review agenda
- Review route and purpose - Monty
- Post trip social opportunity

B_2021_11_04 Field Trip Agenda
C_Full map (proposal and routes)
D_Grassland Stop 1
E_Grassland Stop 2
F_Grassland Stop 3
G_Grassland Stop 4

12:30– 1:00 General Updates and Housekeeping

- Mapping, Website, Projects, etc.
- **Standing Agenda Item:** Brief review of work plan with quarterly updates
- **Standing Agenda Item**: Review Budget

H_OT Work Plan
I_OT Budget_November

1:00 – 1:15 Next Meeting and Next Steps

- **Standing Agenda Item**: Who else needs to be at the table?
- No meeting in December
- Next meeting is January 4th
  - Agenda items?
    - Laura HOC

ATTACHMENT A: WORK PLAN

Updated September 7, 2021

1. **ACTIONS AND INDICATORS**

OBJECTIVE A: Develop and Shepherd Sustainable Trails Plans for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland
Output Indicators: • Plans delivered to Forest Service • Forest Service provides feedback on priorities • Ochoco Trails and FS continually revise and update Plan **Outcome Indicators** • At least one component of the Proposal is put on the FS Program Of Work every year • Forest Service completes NEPA on high priority components of the Proposal. • Ochoco Trails member organizations enter into Agreements to build trails

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/RESOURCES	STATUS
Prepare Ochoco NF proposal and deliver to Forest Service	February 2019		Complete
Shepherd the Trails Proposals with Forest Service staff. This is an iterative process that will be ongoing, as long as the Ochoco Trails continues to operate, and involves getting the various aspects of the Ochoco Trails' proposal on the annual Ochoco National Forest Program of Work (POW).	August 2019 – ongoing	Full group maintains an ongoing dialogue with USFS staff re: • Short-term projects that may be implemented via categorical exclusion, quarterly • Longer-term projects that will require more extensive NEPA analysis, each Spring for	Ongoing

		consideration in the POW for 2 years out.	
ACTIONS	**TIMEFRAME**	**LEAD/RESOURCES**	**STATUS**
Engage community support for the Trails Plans (see Objective C for more)	Ongoing	Community meetings, Ochoco Trails member time, etc.	Ongoing
Complete Crooked River National Grassland Proposal (also requires consultation/engagement) ● Final Draft Proposal ● Public Meetings – Redmond, Prineville, Madras ● Incorporate input from public meetings and final group review ● Deliver Final Proposal to USFS ● Receive FS Feedback/Prioritization	 April 2022 May-June 2022 July 2022 Fall 2022 Winter 2022/23	Presentation to the Forest Service at in-person meeting.	In Process
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2023	Full group	Ongoing
Assess outcomes; repeat and adapt the above process as needed	2024	Full group	Ongoing

OBJECTIVE B: Support Member Organizations to Construct and Maintain the Trail Network
Output Indicators: ● Support letters and other assistance for grant proposals ● Resources allocated by FS for NEPA analysis ● $ raised for trail construction ● $ raised for trail maintenance **Outcome Indicators:** ● Trail miles developed, by type/user ● Trail miles maintained, by type/user ● Trail use by type of user ● New system trails are adopted by a individual or entity (covered by a volunteer service agreement)

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD/ RESOURCES	STATUS
Continually request FS to put recommended trails on the annual Program of Work, NEPA, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails Members	Ongoing
Monitor and support 2020 - 2022 USFS Work Priority order: Request regular updates from the Forest Service at Ochoco Trails meetings and problem-solve barriers if needed.	2020 - 2022	Ochoco Trails Members and ONF Recreation Team	Ongoing

● Bandit Springs winter (#19) - 12 miles multi use – NEPA COMPLETE - corridor/tread/drainage/water crossing work ongoing through 22	Through 2022	COTA	NEPA complete; construction work ongoing
● Endurance Trails (#6)	NEPA planned for FY22	OET/BCH	Awaiting NEPA
● Allen Creek Horse Camp Trails (#7) - flagged proposed trails - NEPA Complete - need trail signs and numbers	2021	OET/BCH	NEPA complete; flagging complete
● Dry Creek Horse Camp Trails (#3) - need name - need signage	2021-2022	OET/BCH	NEPA complete; signage on hold for Mill Creek veg project
● Black Canyon connector trails (#13, 14, 15)	Map in 2022 or 2023?		Needs mapping for official proposal
● Bingham-Whistler tie trail			Low priority
● Lemon Gulch - All proposal trails flagged for Lemon Gulch - Participate in NRAC committee and support Forest Service process	2020-2022	COTA, volunteers	All proposed trails flagged, supporting FS through process
● Lookout Mountain Reroute - Additional equestrian route flagged - Forest Service mapping and NEPA in process	2020-2022	Ochoco Trails members and ONF Recreation team	route flagged, mapping and NEPA in process

Project funding: ● Research opportunities for NEPA funding ● ID trails construction, trails maintenance, etc. funding sources and prep ● Consider development of a local donor campaign targeting businesses and individuals that will benefit from trails development.	2022	Budget Subcommittee	Not Started
Engage with other organizations in other geographies working on the same issues – be a part of a joint voice on NF recreation/trails/etc. - Mount Emily - Oregon Trails Coalition - Boise Area Trails Group - Town of Oakridge	2020-2021	+ members and their organizations	Ongoing
Monitor trail use before and after proposal implementation	2021+	Ochoco Trails members – anecdotal evidence and trail counters, trailhead surveys, self-issued permits, etc.	Not Started - apply for grant for trail counter?
Build subsequent year Program Of Work requests and priority order, including CRNG proposal.	2022+	Ochoco Trails members in meetings + Forest Service	Ongoing

OBJECTIVE C: Continually Engage the Community and Stakeholders
Output Indicators: ● Community meetings ● Field tours ● Presentations to stakeholders ● Broad community representation on Ochoco Trails ● Etc. **Outcome Indicators:** ● Community support for proposal and trail development as measured by endorsements, lack of objections or controversy, surveys, etc. ● Reduced incidence of trail conflicts ● Participation and interest in Ochoco Trails' efforts.

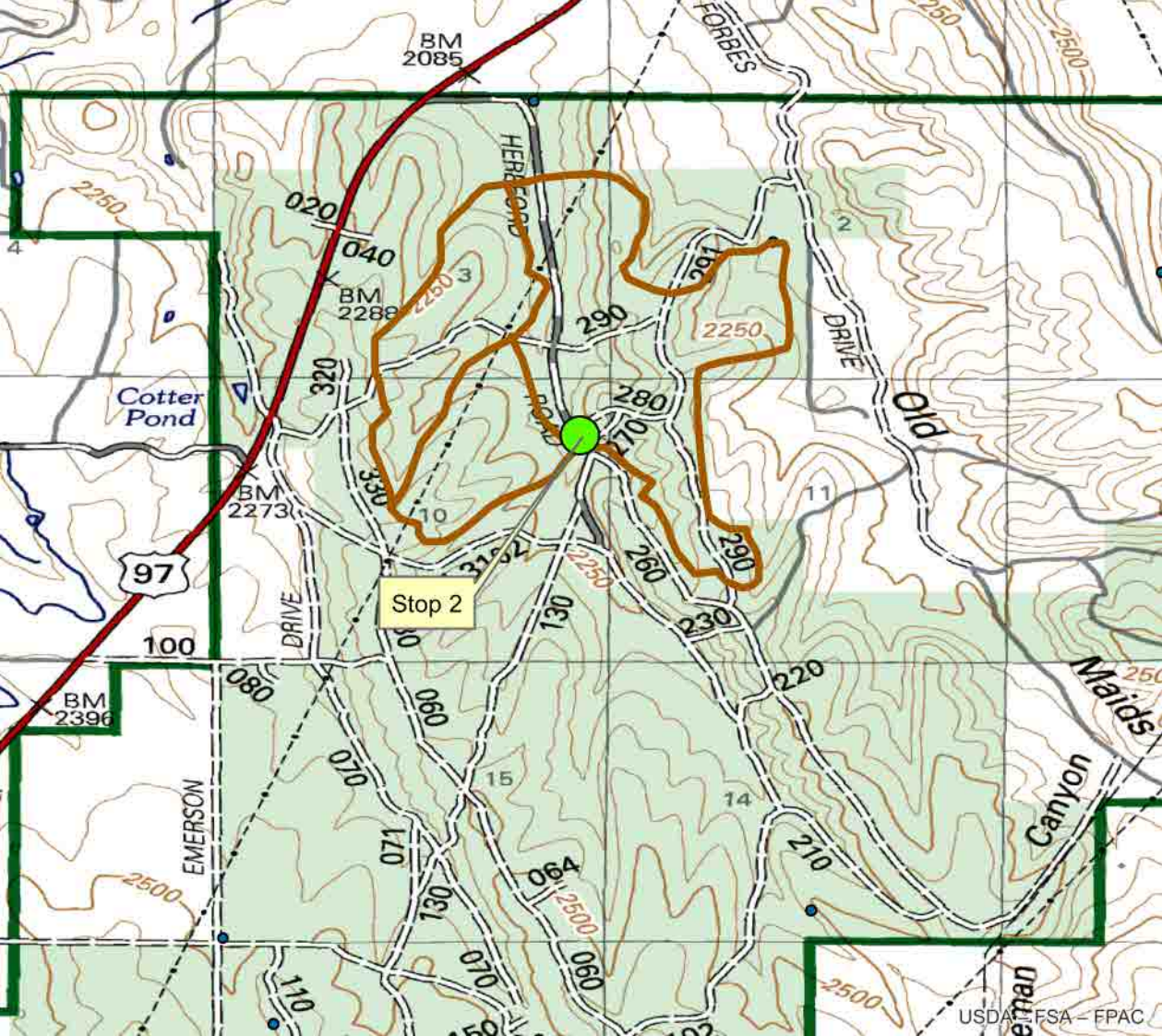
ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESOURCES	STATUS

Meet with key local stakeholder groups – e.g. County Court and County NRAC, OFRC, Trail User Groups, Citizens that Support Public Lands, City Council, etc.
- Community Meeting for ONF Proposal
- Lemon Gulch:
  - Work with NRAC on Lemon Gulch
  - Met with County Court
  - Met with landowners and permittees
	Ongoing
	
	2018
	Summer 2021
	
	July 2021
	July 2021
		Ochoco Trails members	Ongoing

Promote the proposal to regional, statewide, national groups, e.g., COTA, Travel OR, USFS Region 6, Congressional delegation, etc.	Ongoing	Ochoco Trails members	Ongoing

Create a logo and letterhead for the Ochoco Trails	February 2020	Volunteers, TFFF funding	COMPLETE
Target groups to engage more with the Ochoco Trails (regular meetings and processes): Nordic skiers/Central OR Nordic Club, hikers, anglers, local businesses with a natural interest in non-motorized recreation, or others as appropriate.	2022+	Ochoco Trails outreach committee	Ongoing
Host public lectures, films, and/or field trips 2x/year – various relevant topics (e.g,. safety and wildlife encounters on trails; Ochoco Mountains geology; trail etiquette and use conflicts; resource management; Warm Springs perspective on the Ochocos, etc.). The series would also serve as Ochoco Trails outreach events to bring attention to the trails proposal, Ochoco Trails role, member organizations (volunteer recruitment), etc. This can also serve as an Ochoco Trails fundraiser. Wildlife Encounters on the Ochoco Trails – first event.	2022+	Ochoco Trails outreach committee	Not Started
Summer Community Event: Horse/bike workshop • Educate community and trail users about horses and bikes sharing the trails. Provide opportunity to desensitize horses to the presence of bikes. (Consider doing this annually?) • Joint volunteer recruitment event	2022+	Ochoco Trails outreach committee	Not Started
Community Open House to present Grasslands Trails Plan	May - June 2022	Ochoco Trails members	Not Started
Share Draft CRNG proposal with specific and relevant agencies/organizations (Natural Resource committees, nonprofits, tribes, grazing permittees, etc.) as part of outreach strategy	Spring 2022	Ochoco Trails mapping subcommittee	Not Started

Share monitoring results	Ongoing	At all appropriate events.	Not Started
Update website with maps and other materials (will add bullets to track updates) - added section for ONF proposal - Lemon Gulch blog post - Post Allen Creek map	Ongoing 2020 Spring 2021		Ongoing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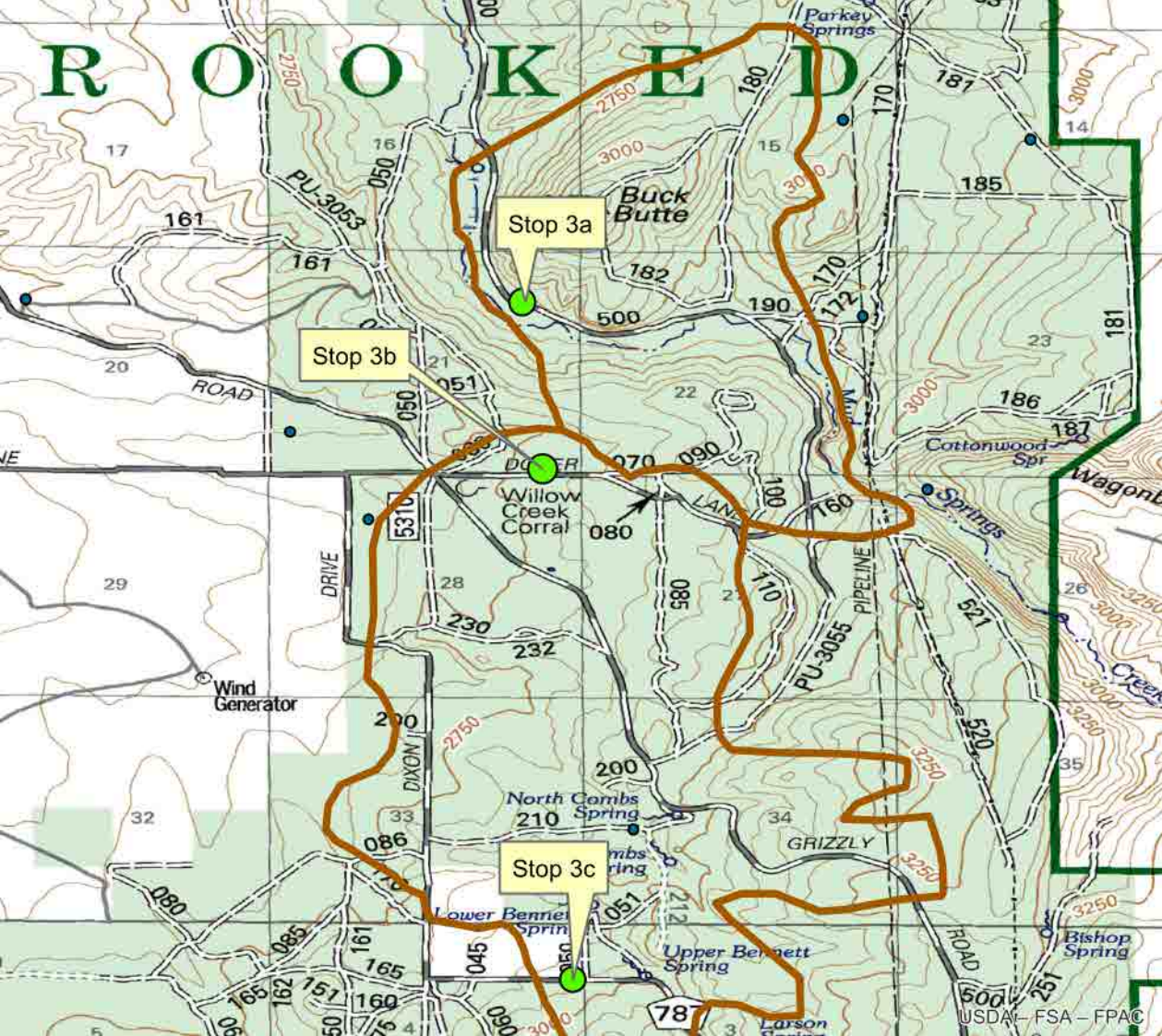
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Bishop Spring
Larson
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PIPELINE
DIXON
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Stop 1
RIMROCK SPRINGS
RIMROCK SPRINGS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Corral
Crooked River National Grassland Field Headquarters Historic Site (CLOSED)
Water Tank
JASPER
RAMMS
ROAD
PIPELINE
Wind Generator
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Grassland Proposed Trails
Ochoco Trail Strategy Group
Core Habitat - Proposed Trails Buffered 100 Meters

- Proposed_Trails
- Juniper Springs Loop
- Warner Loop
- Willow Creek Loop
- Prineville Loop

TrailEvent - Designed Use

- ATV - ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE
- HIKER/PEDESTRIAN
- PACK AND SADDLE

Core Habitat (Proposed Trails Erase)

Acre_Breakout

- Greater Than 100 Acres
- 50-100 Acres
- Less Than 50 Acres

Roads

- 1 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Yearlong
- 2 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Seasonal
- 3 Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong
- 14 State or US Highway
- 15 Other Public Roads

Ownership

- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Other Federal Land
- State Land
- Other Land, Including Private

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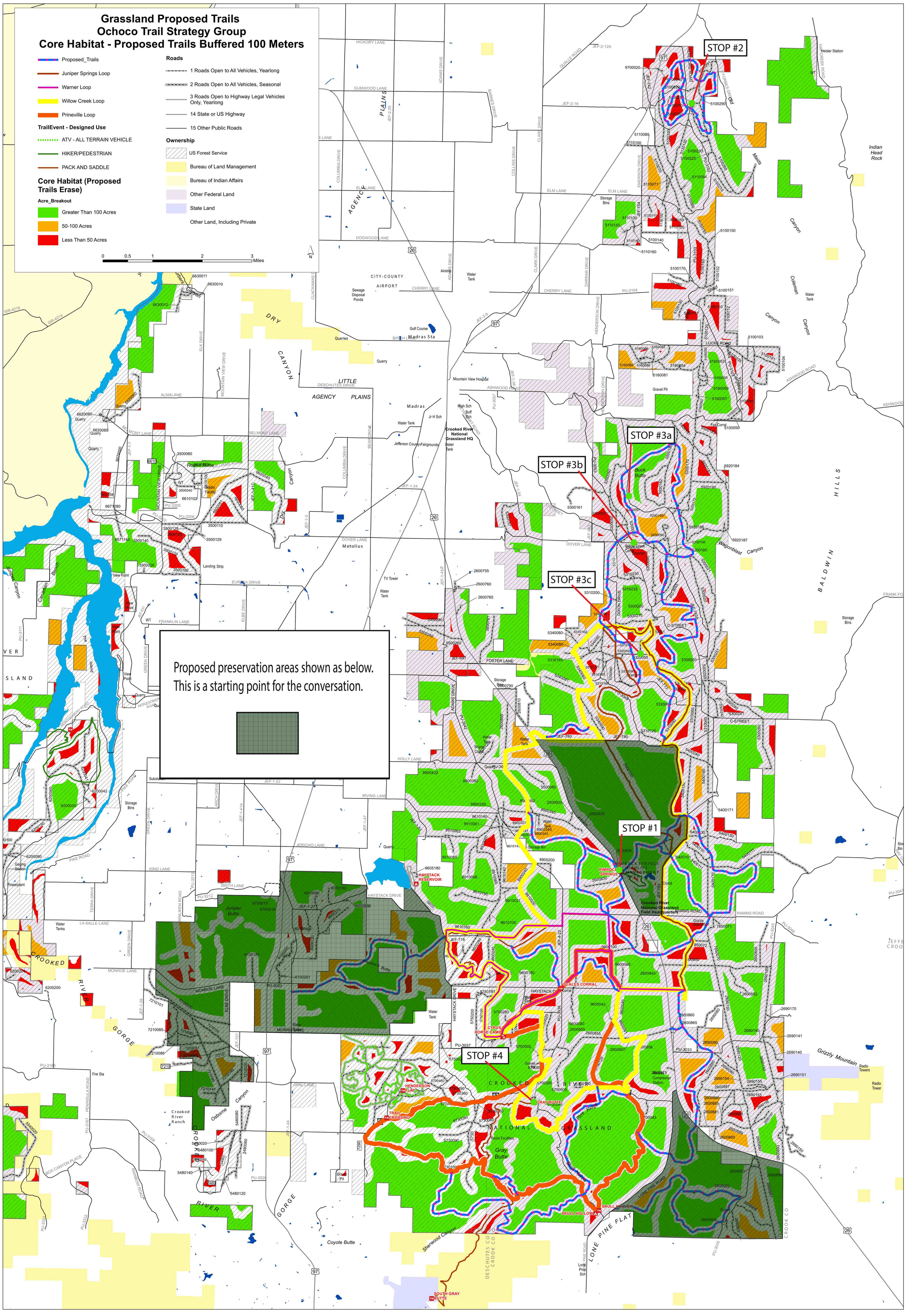

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Hello,
I did not promise to set up a meeting between you all and Slater. I let him know that folks wanted an additional meeting, and as I understand it, he has scheduled meetings with permittees. Shane and Slater met earlier this week with the county commissioners and I do not know of any discussions about meeting with you, but I will forward your email to them.
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Hello, again, Beth.

You may recall that when you met with John Dahler, Kim Vogel, Brittany Santucci, Marci Wayman and me on 24 September 2021 you promised us that you would set-up a meeting with Mr. Slater Turner. We all thought that the meeting would occur before now.

When can we expect to meet, in person, with Mr. Turner to discuss the mountain bike trails complex proposal for Lemon Gulch? We are doing our best to communicate with you all, and we sincerely need your help.

Also, when we met with the county court on 6 October 2021, Mr. Seth Crawford said that he was sure that Mr. Shane Jeffries was meeting with our group to discuss the proposal. When he learned that we have not met with Mr. Jeffries, Mr. Crawford was surprised and said that he would contact Mr. Jeffries and ask him to meet with us.

Can you tell us when we might be able to meet with Mr. Jeffries, in person?

Thank you for your assistance.

Dave

From:	Peer, Beth- FS
To:	Peer, Beth- FS
Subject:	RE: [External Email]Miles of trails and OHV roads and other roads in the Ochocos
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:11:57 PM
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From: Peer, Beth- FS <Elizabeth.Peer@usda.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:32 AM
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Cc: Joosen, Christopher -FS <christopher.joosen@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: [External Email]Miles of trails and OHV roads and other roads in the Ochocos

Hello, I realize you are waiting for some numbers and I have put in a request for the data that we weren't able to immediately provide. Also, it's important to note that "bicycling" is a very broad term. There are many specific biking pursuits including road riding, road touring, gravel riding, x-country trails, all mountain trails, and more. So when you ask about how many miles of roads and trails that are present on the Forest, it's simple enough to provide miles of routes on the Forest, but one must keep in mind that it does not necessarily mean that any particular route is used for or is appropriate for all, some, or any of those pursuits. When we have all the data we will follow up with you in writing.

1. Number of miles of trails open to bicycling in the Ochoco National Forest.

You previously asked about miles of trail that are accessible to mountain bikes. I told you in my 10/26 email that between current trails and those in progress the ONF will have about 180 miles of summer trails and that outside wilderness, trails are generally accessible to them, though some are managed for just hiking or equestrians. I have submitted a request for how many of these miles of trail lie outside wilderness and specifically constructed for mountain bikes.

2. Number of miles of OHV trails/roads in the ONF.

You had previously asked for miles of motorized trails on the ONF. I told you in my 10/26 email that based on current data there are about 8.5 miles of motorized summer trails on the ONF. You had also asked for miles of roads open to OHVs and I let you know that I had submitted a request for that information. I will update that request for the total miles of roads on the ONF.

3. Number of miles of other roads within the ONF that are available for bicycling.

We will provide the number of miles of roads on the ONF. Riding bikes on forest roads is not prohibited anywhere as far as I know (though based on a number of factors it may not be enjoyable or even feasible).

~

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Good afternoon, Beth.
I would still like to learn the following from the USDA-USFS:

1. Number of miles of trails open to bicycling in the Ochoco National Forest.
2. Number of miles of OHV trails/roads in the ONF.
3. Number of miles of other roads within the ONF that are available for bicycling.

Thank you,
Dave

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File Code: 1950
Date: November 8, 2021

Seth Crawford
County Judge
300 NE 3rd Street
Prineville, OR 97754

Dear Judge Crawford:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your letter of October 8, 2021 (re: supplement to your scoping input on Lemon Gulch Trails scoping). Your enthusiastic support for the project was supplemented in this latest letter with a request to spend time hearing from constituents with grazing permits and property owners near the project area.

Over the last several months, we have continued to share information about the project and to accept public comment. There is broad support for the Lemon Gulch trails project. To date, this office has received about 90 letters of support for the Lemon Gulch Trails Project – in addition to those received during the initial scoping period in March 2021. We have also corresponded with U.S. Congressman Bentz, State Representative Vicky Breese-Iverson, and State Senator Dennis Linthicum to provide updates on our planning process.

We received initial scoping responses from all three permit holders, and following an initial meeting with grazing permittees in May, have continued to seek their thoughts and ideas. In a recent meeting I have assured them that the existing Lemon Pasture grazing infrastructure would not be removed or destroyed by this project. With the help of permittees, we are pulling together the specific spatial data about the Mill Creek Allotment that will help us design alternatives that mitigate impacts to grazing operations. This is consistent with our multiple use strategies across the Forest and Grassland on trail projects, as wherever development occurs, we would need to work through combining grazing and recreation in that specific landscape. I believe we are aligned with the County in this multiple use concept across public lands as demonstrated through the Crook County Natural Resource Plan. It acknowledges recreation and tourism on public lands contribute significantly to the economy and culture of Crook County. It also speaks to favoring multiple-use management across the Forest year-round to foster recreation and tourism opportunities in the County. As Leaders of the County, you have a much better understanding than I regarding the substantial financial contribution multiple use plays into the overall health for Central Oregon Counties.

We have also heard from property owners in the area who are opposed to the addition of a mountain bike trail system in this particular location (and in some cases opposed to recreation in the Ochocos altogether). The specific comments include potential for impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat, potential for introduction of invasive plants, negative views of visitors and concerns that additional recreation will exacerbate issues of garbage dumping or other lawlessness, and safety concerns from additional use of the Mill Creek Road (County Road 33). Some folks have commented that the Mill Creek Road is too narrow and not properly maintained for the current level of traffic.

As with all projects that are proposed under the NEPA scoping process, we use substantive feedback in developing alternative ways of meeting the purpose, in designing mitigation where necessary, and in conducting analysis of the anticipated effects to the human environment.

Now that we have paused the NEPA process for five months, engaged with the CCNRAC, and accepted additional input from over a hundred individuals, I've asked the interdisciplinary team to move forward with their planning process for the Lemon Gulch project. The resource specialists will take into consideration all of the comments we've received since March of this year – both supportive and critical – to ensure that when we produce our environmental assessment, it assesses, and presents a complete range of alternatives that address the issues raised as much as possible.

As we continue through the NEPA process this is not the end of the public involvement opportunities. There will be an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the environmental assessment for 30 days once it is released. And then again there will be an opportunity to weigh in when I propose a decision. We look forward to hearing from you at those stages in the process.

Sincerely,

Slater R. Turner

SLATER R. TURNER
District Ranger

cc: Commissioner Jerry Brummer, Commissioner Brian Barney

Slater Turner 11/11/21
District Ranger of Ochoco
National Forest Service
3160 NE Third St.
Prineville, Oregon 97754

Slater,

I wanted to write and thank you, Tory, and Mikayla for meeting with us to discuss the proposal for a high density trail system located just off Mill Creek at the site of Lemon Gulch.

I appreciate the fact you assured us as permittees that you would NOT allow the bike system to negatively impact any of our cattle grazing program. Based on this fact Brittany and I met with Tory and Mikayla on Friday the 5th of November at Lemon Gulch and marked on a topography map the grazing areas, water sources, salt grounds, monitoring site and trailing routes used to keep the cattle adequately dispersed. I hope this was beneficial in evaluating how important this nine square miles is to us in utilizing this pasture.

I am hoping your statement is true that this is the last trail system you are going to consider in the Ochocos. Sean spoke with Greg at ODF&W and he gave Sean some of the numbers gathered from the data obtained over a two month period of time on some of the other trails. It appears the need for creating any more trails has not established.

Prior to this meeting we asked to get the reasons for the denial of the other four sites originally brought forth as alternatives. None of us felt that was addressed, instead you handed out a letter Beth had offered to the Natural Resource Committee a month ago. The letter was very broad and did not explain the specific protocol or criteria that was used by each resource specialist to determine the validity/impacts of each

trail system, instead it broadly explains general impacts that led to the decision of Lemon Gulch. We would like the reasons given or criteria used, pros and cons of each of the five proposed trail areas from each resource specialist so we can truly understand how collectively the Forest Service chose Lemon Gulch over the others proposed.

Look forward to hearing these answers . And if you feel this isn't completely recapping our meeting correctly, do let me know.

Sincerely,

Shelley Santucci

Shelley Santucci
Mill Creek Allotment Permittee

cc Tory Kurtz
Mikayla Mills

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File Code: 1950
Date: November 16, 2021

Dave Nielsen
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Dear Mr. Nielsen:

This is in response to requests for information that my office received on October 22nd via voicemail and November 4th via email. You asked for information about miles of roads and trails, both motorized and non-motorized, and how much of these routes are available to bicycling. The following numbers are estimates and reflect information for the Ochoco NF (Paulina and Lookout Mountain Ranger Districts), including the recent removal of a 9.3-mile summer trail.

I'd like to reiterate that "bicycling" is a very broad term. There are many specific biking pursuits including road riding, road touring, gravel riding, cross country, trails, all mountain trails, and more. Roads and trails that may be open to bikes may not be appropriate for all, some, or any of those pursuits. This holds true for hiking, horseback riding, and OHV pursuits as well.

Road Mileage

- Roads open to motor vehicles, including OHVs: 1,395 miles.
- Roads closed to motor vehicles: 1,559 miles.
- Bicycles are not prohibited on these routes.

Non-motorized Trail Mileage

- Summer trails: 186.9 miles
  - Allowable use = hike/horse: 69.2 miles
    - 69.2 managed for pack/saddle
    - Bikes prohibited on 44.2 miles within Wilderness
  - Allowable use = hike/bike: 1.8 miles
    - 1.8 miles managed for hiking
  - Allowable use = All non-motorized: 115.9
    - Of these, 18.7 miles are managed for bike use
    - 3.55 managed for hiking
    - 93.65 managed for pack/saddle
- Winter trails (cross-country ski/snowshoe): 25.6 miles

Motorized Trail Mileage

- Summer motorized trails (OHV): 8.5 miles
- Winter motorized trails (Snowmobile): 77 miles. Currently all roads that are open for motor vehicle travel are also available for over snow vehicle travel unless designated for highway legal vehicle only.

Sincerely,

/s/ Slater R. Turner

SLATER R. TURNER
District Ranger

Meeting with Shane Jeffries, Forest Supervisor
18 November 2021

Forest Plan for the Ochoco National Forest, 1989

The plan was to be revised every 10 years: 15 years at the latest. It is out-of-date. It can be amended at any time, if the Forest Supervisor determines that conditions in the area covered by the Plan have changed significantly.

The document includes plans to dramatically increase roads and trails that will further fragment the landscape. **Wildlife professionals know that this displaces wildlife and reduces carrying capacity**. "The primary factor influencing big game habitat are . . . the extent and use of the road **(think trails)** systems."

"The mule deer population was at management levels in 1989. The habitat could support a larger population." **According to the ODFW, the mule deer population in the Grizzly Management Unit is below management levels in 2021. We hope that the Forest Service will manage the area to promote mule deer population growth**.

The Forest is managed to produce both commodity and non-commodity resources. Commodities are managed with consideration for recreation, wildlife, soil and water. **In my opinion, recreation should be listed after wildlife, soil and water: They are primary.**

"Major recreational pursuits include big game hunting and rockhounding. Both of these activities draw visitors from well beyond the local area." Most residents of Prineville and Crook County do not wish to see the ONF developed in a way that will change the character and culture of the area. (A quote from a local wildlife biologist). New projects are not needed to serve as economic drivers for Prineville.

"Eighty-nine percent of the lands have been roaded." I have asked Beth Peer to indicate how many miles of roads and trails in the Ochocos are available for all kinds of bicycling. I have not received this information, but it is apparent that there are many miles of roads and trails where recreationists can access the Ochoco Mountains. "As much of the forest is currently roaded, the dispersed, roaded recreation opportunities far exceed the demand." **Does the Forest Service accede to demands of any kind?**

"Overall recreation demand is correlated with the population increase of approximately 1% per year." **It has been much higher than that since 1980-89. Perhaps this explains intense recreational pressure from the ORV and mountain biking communities. This is the kind of pressure that we expect public servants to evaluate with critical, visionary eyes**. "The predominant preference is for primitive and semiprimitivity settings."

Information Needs: "Organization and development of these needs is based on the biological, physical and social ecosystems which are the foundation for the planning process." (p. 2-9). Information needed to address potential concerns fall into the 5 general categories: Interaction/processes, long-term productivity, cumulative effects, social and economic analysis and wildland/community relations." **In my opinion, the analysis that led to choosing Lemon Gulch for an intensive and extensive mountain bike trails complex did not address the above.**

Interaction/Processes: Calls for dispersed recreation.
Sean: Please define dispersed for me.

Long-term Productivity: "Determine user (visitor) needs and expectations for recreational opportunities." **Aren't these wants?**

Determine the effects of forest fragmentation: **This has been well documented and should be avoided vis a vis so-called needs.**

Evaluate effects of soil compaction on long term productivity**: Soil compaction is detrimental to plant health.**

Determine the effects of human disturbance and livestock competition on wildlife species. **We know that these interactions do not promote carrying capacity, in most cases.**

WILDLAND-COMMUNITY RELATIONS
"The relations and interactions between wildlands and the human communities within and around them need to be better understood." **This is certainly true, simply based on the fact that the Mill Creek Valley community was not notified that recreational development in Lemon Gulch was being considered by the Forest Service since 2017 or before.**

"Develop vegetative strategies that reduce risk of wildfire and recognize adjacent community values and concerns." **Encouraging hundreds of recreationists to bike and camp overnight in Lemon Gulch during fire season will dramatically increase the frequency of ignitions that cause wildfires. The remote location and unavailability of rapid communication will delay response to accidents and could compromise the ability of First Responders to facilitate saving lives. Lets manage to minimize fire ignition and wildfires.**

Chapter 4: Forest Management Direction – "Primary goal is caring for the land and serving people." **We need to care for the land while serving people, keeping their short- and long-term interests in mind.**

Biological Diversity: "Maintain or enhance ecosystem functions to provide long term productivity of forest resources and biological communities." **We hope this will never change or be compromised.**

Shane: What is the "National Recreation Strategy?"

"Provide for a variety of recreational experiences across all areas of the Ochoco National Forest in a manner consistent with other resource objectives and environmental constraints." **Could we craft a new paradigm that emphasizes Location, Location and Location, matching wants with the land.**

Trails: "A managed (4-23) trail system . . . for a variety of uses: 98 miles of summer use trails; 187 miles of new construction with 95 miles of ATV construction, providing a total of 380 miles of summer trails in the first decade. Similar construction in the second decade: 564 miles of summer use trails." **Why? Is this really what most citizens want to see happen in our National Forests?**

There are also plans to construct 394 miles of winter trails by the end of the second decade.

Sean: Are mountain bike trail systems considered "Developed Recreation?"

I believe that keeping the ONF primitive and semi-primitive will provide the most economic benefit to Prineville, the region and the nation. The character and culture we enjoy today in the Ochocos will continue to attract visitors.

Desired Future Conditions: "There will be increasing competition for utilizing forest resources. Urban population values and demands for the latter values from the N.F. will increasingly conflict with local utilitarian views and lifestyles. The F. S. caught up in this conflicting dichotomy will continue to seek to balance use, retain options, and to form public partnerships." **This sounds good but should emphasize the land, not perceived needs. Another plus for a Paradigm Shift.**

I believe we need to re-think "County Receipts." This is old thinking that we need to reevaluate, as we do the same with water and other natural resources as we move toward a Paradigm Shift where sustainability and the land dominate our thinking and planning.

"Soil erosion and compaction are conditions most seriously affected by activities in the forest." The Forest Services wishes to minimize assaults.

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM: "Some roads may be closed for safety considerations." **Can you foresee the need to close Lemon Creek Road to all but mountain biking, if the proposal is implemented?**

WILDLIFE AND FISH: "The ONF objective is to manage the habitat to meet these (deer and elk) population objectives to the extent practical." **This is counter to implementing the trail complex in Lemon Gulch.**

Shane: What uses are compatible with wildlife? How do we provide year round recreation activities and provide excellent habitat for big game?

There are 28 Management Areas: **In which area are Lemon Gulch and the Mill Creek Valley/watershed?**

MA-F13: Developed Recreation 1810 acres.
MA-F14: Dispersed Recreation 1970 acres
MA-F20: Winter Range 64,130 acres

The plan mentions "suitable areas." Is Lemon Gulch a suitable area for implementing the mountain bike trails complex? Criteria?

MA-F11: "Trails will be subordinate to the natural landscape and generally not evident to the casual forest visitor." **Define casual, please.**

MA-F13: "Public may be prohibited or discouraged on a seasonal basis, depending on management objectives."

MA-F16: Bandit Springs Recreation Area. Why was it included in the site options considered for the trails complex in question?

MA-F17: Stein's Pillar Recreation Area. "The entire area is important winter range for deer and elk which also use it in the summer." **Lemon Gulch is adjacent to this area and you consider it core habitat for deer and elk**. "Both individuals and families enjoy the quiet natural setting close to Prineville." **AMEN**

MAF-20 Winter Range. Desired Condition: "Habitat effectiveness for big game will be improving over time, due to increases in both quality and quantity of thermal cover, and reductions in open road density. Road and trail use will be limited to one mile of open access/section, from 1 December to 1 May. A greater density of trail and road access will be available during the remainder of the year up to three miles/section." **How does this relate to trail complexes in core habitat?**

Chapter 4, Section 3: Forest-Wide Standards and Guidelines: Fire Management. "Reevaluate organizations as conditions change and better information is developed." **Fire hazard has increased dramatically during the past 30-40-year drought. We need to minimize activities that promote opportunities for more ignitions and wildfires.**

MA-F11: Lookout Mountain Recreation Area: Encounters: "During all use periods, there should be no more than 10 other groups encountered/day. Maximum permissible party size is 12 people." **Is this standard incorporated into the Lemon Gulch proposal?**

Amendments and Revision Process: "The Forest Plan incorporates legal mandates, professional judgement and the public's stated concerns into a future vision of the Forest." **Future Vision could include a Paradigm Shift.**

Forest Plans are dynamic." They can and should be modified if conditions warrant. The goals may no longer be appropriate." Need for Paradigm Shift.

Planning for the Forest Plan published in 1989 began in 1980. Much has changed since 1980:

- Redistribution of the human population
- Increasing recreational pressure: Enough is never enough
- Climate change
- Realization that our National Forests and other public landscapes are treasures that support health of planet earth
- Awareness that we need places of solitude and respite from chaos
- Declining wildlife populations

In my opinion, we can no longer support assaulting the earth in ways that disrupt and degrade the land. Perhaps it's time for a Paradigm Shift, a new ethos that reflects our new awareness. Change is not easy; change within government agencies is difficult but can be done. One person can make a difference by championing the need for change, if they are experienced and respected within their ranks. I believe that you can be the seed of change regarding how we view mandates for the National Forests and how we respond to recreational pressure. There are wants and there are needs, sometimes demands. Folks we entrust with managing landscapes wisely are in positions to explain why some requests are reasonable and others are not. In all cases, the land must take precedence over the wants/demands of special interest groups. Can we craft a new paradigm or planning/management model that reflects current understanding and promote a new ethos for the land? Now is the time to do this, if it will ever be done. Approving activities in fragile habitats that "damage the land or vegetation or disturb wildlife" can't be what the USFS is all about. (See F.S. poster at Wildcat Campground.) Approving activities that create "wildlife sacrificial areas" or change the character and culture of the land and its residents would not be part of the new paradigm. (Words of a local wildlife specialist)

DGN: 11/18/2021

Shane Jeffries Lemon Gulch Meeting
18 November 2021

I'm here to learn and share. Lemon Gulch is in which Recreation Management Area?

Mountain Bike Trails Complex Proposal for Lemon Gulch: Is there a mandate for more mountain bike trail complexes in the Ochoco National Forest?

I realize that we all come from perspectives related to our life experiences, so that we may evaluate proposals differently. With a background in wildlife management and lots of experience working in the Forest, your background and perceptions are certainly different from mine. However, I believe we share a love for the land and its wildlife and know that these resources are finite and sometimes fragile, requiring management decisions that serve the land and the greater good. Although we listen to requests and understand that the Forest is a shared place, we know that management decisions must not elevate the wants of special interest groups at the expense of wildlands. That would constitute mismanagement, a short-term "solution" with immediate and long-term consequences for the Forest.

I know that you and many others have spent lots of time planning for mountain bike trails in the Ochoco Mountains. I'm told that Seth Crawford and his mother have been proponents of this effort since 2014. The mountain bike community held a meeting in Prineville in late 2017, attended by mountain bikers and their supporters. Most Prineville and Crook County residents, including those who reside in the Mill Creek Valley, did not hear about this effort until mid-2021. You know that this awareness was devastating to this group who has tried to share their concerns with you and others since 7 July 2021 at the Crook County Court meeting. We began meeting with the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee on 14 July 2021. They formed a subcommittee to hear our concerns in early August. On 8 September, the CCNRAC voted unanimously to ask the Court to reconsider its support for placing a mountain bike trails complex in Lemon Gulch. I believe they did this because they and others had been deceived about the so-called broad support projected by the mountain bikers and their proposal. In fact, paragraph 2 of the proposal indicated support from groups including the Oregon Hunters Association. The OHA does not support this proposal. It's too bad that the greater, grass roots community of Prineville and Crook County were not notified of the initial planning for constructing mountain

bike trail complexes in the Ochocos back in 2017. If that had happened, the Forest Service would have chosen a different site for this complex, in my opinion.

This is not a NIMBY issue by people who live in the Mill Creek Valley. We and many others believe that this sort of recreational activity has no place in any pristine forest with core habitat for cervids. I have not been able to find even one employee of the ODFW or the Forest Service in Prineville who thinks it's a good idea to implement this proposal in Lemon Gulch. I do know that the FS tasked some of your biologists and ODFW biologists to evaluate sites to determine the best fit for mountain biking.

We do not know who chose the sites. We're told that mountain bikers chose Lemon Gulch. Did they list other sites for evaluation? We're also told that the biologists did their evaluation before seeing the proposal. Is this true?

Now that you know the extent of the request by the mountain biking community, it seems reasonable to look for a better place that will not impact a pristine site and change the character and culture of the area. Surely there are sites within the Ochocos that are more appropriate for a mountain bike trail complex.

Transportation System: Forest-Wide Standards and Guidelines Planning: "Transportation systems will be planned to support resource activities in the management areas and to serve multiple resource needs rather than individual project proposals. Roads and trails will be at the lowest density which meets long term resource needs." (1989 Forest Plan)

"If a road does not exist at an adequate and safe standard for the traffic expected to use it, traffic can be restricted to a level where the existing road is adequate." (1989 Forest Plan) This is a major concern for many of us who enjoy visiting Lemon Gulch.

The 1989 Forest Plan states: "Protect the character of elk calving sites. Minimize disturbance from human activity during calving season (ca. 15 May-20 June). Also protect wallows during rutting season (1 September-15 October)."

I have asked to meet with your biologists to learn the criteria that led to their decision and if they knew the extent of the proposal when targeting Lemon Gulch. Others have asked to see criteria used to choose a mountain biking site. Beth Peer's reply for this kind of information was synoptic. The first criterion she listed for

choosing Lemon Gulch is its nearness to Prineville. In my response to her, I indicated that this was upside down. It seems that closeness to a population center is a good reason to not choose that location. "Many people picnic in the area. Both individuals and families enjoy the quiet, natural setting close to Prineville." (1989 Forest Plan) This is an area readily available to residents for communing with nature without driving a long distance. Let's keep this pristine forest undisturbed from an intensive and extensive mountain bike trails complex. That makes sense for now and for the future.

Shane: When do you plan to make a decision whether to implement this proposal?

"A wise man will change his mind many times; a fool never will." A quote from my father's father in ca. 1950.

A Conservation Perspective for Lemon Gulch and the Ochocos

Lemon Gulch is part of a serene, mixed conifer forest on the western edge of the Ochoco National Forest that supports wildlife, naturalists, hikers, bicyclists and hunters. It is a peaceful place where one can commune with nature and restore the spirit. The U. S. Forest Service maintains a network of roads that provides access throughout the gulch. It is a place where recreationists coexist with the ecosystem, as they walk and ride softly on the land. These dynamics support recreation with minimal disturbance to the environment. Local folks enjoy just driving through the gulch and other parts of the beautiful and bucolic Mill Creek Valley.

Social scientists have measured the impacts of trees and solitude on our mental health and sense of wellbeing. Apparently, humans need trees and peaceful settings to recharge in our ever more stressful, day-to-day existence. As electronic devices and social media simplify but complicate our lives, we need respite to maintain our mental health. Perhaps it's time we pause and take time to assess our priorities and needs, individually and collectively, so we can begin to come together to make decisions that benefit ourselves, future generations and our planet.

We are living in a time of short-term thinking and instant gratification. Our wants often trump our needs in a consumer society where enough is never enough, and we fail to consider the impact of our actions on others, the community and the environment. We need to take responsibility for actions that degrade and pollute the earth. Can we agree to begin thinking long term, emphasizing needs rather than wants. Because, without intentional care for the land, we will lose a special community that is enjoyed today in Lemon Gulch and the Mill Creek Valley.

It feels like it's time to pause and reflect on how we're relating to the land on which our survival and wellbeing depend. Where are we going with the Ochocos? Are development and growth progress? What is progress? Are we going to honor the interdependence of humanity and the land? Is the goal of humanity to be in dynamic equilibrium with the land or will we continue to use the land in ways which support our short term wants, regardless of the long-term consequences? Are we in favor of wants rather than needs of the collective community? Do we want Crook County, Prineville and the Ochoco

Mountains to be overwhelmed by population growth and recreational pressure that we now see in Bend and Deschutes County? Or, do we make decisions that promote sustainability of the land, allowing multiple use and dispersed recreational activities that do not result in long term damage to the land and disturb wildlife?

Mountain biking is a rigorous, thrilling experience enjoyed by many throughout Central Oregon and beyond. Its popularity is creating recreational pressure on public agencies to find more areas for their enjoyment. I support activities that challenge us, cleanse the spirit and improve fitness. Support for mountain biking on public lands is growing, with more than 1000 miles of trails in Deschutes County and lots of places to ride in the Ochoco Mountains: more than 800 miles of non-motorized and motorized trails accessible to bicycling. Perhaps more mountain bike trails are needed in the Ochocos.

If new trails systems are built, it's important to consider the impact on local ecology. Fragile habitats that are core areas for wildlife overwintering and birthing must be avoided. The United States Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife consider Lemon Gulch to be core habitat for deer and elk. With this in mind, the gulch is not a suitable area for an intensive, high use/high density mountain bike trails complex. A USFS poster at Wildcat Campground near Lemon Gulch states, "Welcome to your National Forest. When operating vehicles of any kind, do not damage the land or vegetation or disturb wildlife." Mountain bike trails and their use will damage the land and cause erosion: They will also disturb wildlife. Studies conducted by the USFS and the ODFW have demonstrated that vehicular traffic of any kind displaces deer and elk. This causes them to leave public land and move to private land, reducing the public's chances of viewing wildlife and concentrating animals where they frequently compromise ranching.

Lemon Gulch Road is not suited to accommodate high traffic volume: It is winding with blind curves and too narrow for motorized vehicles to pass. If the mountain bike trails complex is completed, the Forest Service may decide to close the road to all but mountain biking traffic. This would transition Lemon Gulch from a dispersed, multiple use area to an exclusive area for mountain biking.

The mountain bike community in Central Oregon spent nearly 4 years working closely with the USFS to develop plans for a new trails system in the Ochocos. The local, grassroots community in Prineville and Crook County were not informed of the project until earlier this year. Let's stop rushing to approve the creation of a mountain bike trails systems *wanted* by the biking community in an area unsuited for this activity. Let's pause and ask ourselves where this kind of a trails system can be built, so it will not conflict with the important *needs* of the land. Let's start to engage a broader range of the Central Oregon community to collectively consider how we wish to address and manage the land upon which we depend for sustenance and sustainability, for both today and generations to come.

Dave Nielsen lives in Redmond

dgn: 10/28/2021

From: Kurtz, Tory -FS
Sent: Fri, 19 Nov 2021 20:00:30 +0000
To: Brittany Santucci
Subject: RE: [External Email]Follow up Lemon Gulch meeting

Thank you Brittany. Just confirming that Slater has received the letter and I filed the letter in the project record.

Thanks!

Tory Kurtz
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Good Morning,

I have attached a letter in regards to our meeting about the Lemon gulch bike trail proposal on October 25, 2021 that we had with Slater, Tory, Mikayla and the Santucci Family (Brad, Shelley, Sean & Brittany). Tory if you could please make sure that Slater sees this email and a copy of the letter and let me know when that was received. I would greatly appreciate it. If anyone has any questions please let Shelley or myself know.

Thank you,

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Dear Don and Kim:

Thank you very much for meeting with me on November 9, 2021 to discuss your concerns with the Lemon Gulch mountain bike trail project. As requested, I am sharing notes that were taken from my staff during the meeting. If you find something missing or of concern, please give me a call to discuss.

Towards the end of the meeting, you guys agreed to look at the maps provided to you for the Lemon Gulch project and jot down concerns for your grazing operation. I hope you can provide that valuable information for us.

Please reach out to me or my staff if you have any concerns.

Sincerely,

Slater R. Turner

SLATER R. TURNER
District Ranger

Mr. Jim Pena
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30 November 2021

Dear Mr. Pena

I'm writing in opposition to the proposal to construct an intensive and extensive, high-use mountain bike trails complex in Lemon Gulch, an off shoot of the pristine and bucolic Mill Creek Valley in the Ochoco National Forest.

A poster at the nearby Wildcat Campground on the edge of the Mill Creek Wilderness states: "Welcome to your National Forest. When operating vehicles of any kind, do not damage the land or vegetation or disturb wildlife." This complex would damage the land and vegetation. An ODFW wildlife biologist from the Prineville office stated, "If this proposal is approved and constructed, Lemon Gulch will become a wildlife sacrificial area."

Other than the local Forest Supervisor and Ranger, I have not been able to find another Forest Service employee in Prineville who thinks it's a good idea to implement the proposal in Lemon Gulch. As you probably know, the gulch is well roaded, providing access to motorized and non-motorized vehicles. Some of the roads are closed to motorized vehicles from 1 December to 1 May to promote successful overwintering of cervids.

Mountain bikes are welcome to ride on extant roads in Lemon Gulch. It is my understanding that the USFS was expecting that COTA (Central Oregon Trails Alliance) would propose minor modifications to existing roads in the gulch to make it more suitable for mountain biking. Instead, the proposal is to construct 52 miles of new, treaded and looped trails within a 9 square mile area. There are to be three trailhead/parking areas, each to accommodate 40 automobiles, with a shuttle system to carry riders uphill. This is tantamount to constructing a commercial complex reminiscent of the Mount Bachelor ski area in pristine, fragile habitat now providing dispersed, multiple use and core wildlife habitat.

Has the USFS conducted and documented a rigorous, in-depth analysis that points to a need for more mountain biking trails in the Ochocos? If so, and if the "need" is there, then let's find a way and a place where trails can be built that will not disrupt wildlife, damage the land and change the character and culture of the adjacent community.

It is my understanding that members of COTA identified sites to be evaluated by the USFS for new mountain bike trails. Furthermore, as early as November of 2017, the same group voted to select Lemon Gulch for their use. This was all done without informing the local and adjacent communities about these efforts. It seems to me that this process was upside down. Shouldn't the Forest Service be the one to identify sites suitable for new recreational activities? Let's pause the process, now, asking Forest Service biologists and land managers, with their experience and broad knowledge of the forest, to look at the Ochocos and decide where mountain bike trails can be built without obvious, negative consequences.

I have thoroughly reviewed the Forest Plan for the Ochoco National Forest published in 1989. Input to that Plan began in 1980. Goals and objectives outlined in the Plan have largely not been implemented. That's probably a good thing, in terms of the land. Many things have changed since 1980, including:

- Climate Change
- Redistribution of the human population
- Increasing recreational pressure**: Enough is never enough**.
- Realization that our National Forests and other public landscapes are treasures that support health of planet earth
- Awareness that we need places of solitude and respite near towns and cities
- Declining wildlife populations in much of Central and Eastern Oregon

In my opinion, we can no longer support assaulting the earth in ways that degrade the land. Perhaps it's time for a paradigm shift, a new ethos that reflects current awareness. Change is not easy; change within government agencies is difficult but can be done. Let's pause and reconsider how we view "mandates" for the National Forests and how we respond to recreational pressure. There are wants and there are needs, sometimes demands. Government agencies entrusted with managing landscapes wisely are in positions to explain why some requests are reasonable and others are not. As you consider balance, the land must take precedence over the wants/demands of special interest groups. Can we craft a new paradigm or planning/management model that reflects current understanding and promotes a new ethos for the land? Now is the time to do this.

I ask leaders within the Forest Service to consider my questions and suggestions as you move forward with recreational projects as part of a new Forest Plan for the Ochoco and other National Forests. In doing so, please consider the importance of finding the right site for each project, using your education, experience, and knowledge of the land to make good management decisions, for now and the future.

I'm told that the Forest Service has a term for folks who do not wish to have projects developed near them: NIMBY – Not In My Backyard. This is not about NIMBY. It's about responsibly managing our natural resources, including the National Forests.

Lemon Gulch is not suited for a mountain bike trails complex: Let me explain. Mill Creek Road leads to Lemon Gulch: It is winding with blind curves, has no berms with miles of washboard gravel. Lemon Creek Road is too narrow for automobiles to pass and has many blind curves. We are concerned that the gulch will become off limits to all traffic except mountain biking if safety becomes an issue. There is no cell service on either road, compromising efficiency of first responders to accidents and wildfires. The ODFW considers Lemon Gulch as a core area for elk and mule deer overwintering and birthing. Mule deer are below management targets within the gulch and the Grizzly Wildlife Management Unit. Camping in unimproved camp sites by hundreds of mountain bikers or others during fire season will dramatically increase the likelihood of ignitions. Vehicular traffic of any kind displaces deer and elk that leave public land and move to private land, reducing the public's chances of viewing wildlife and concentrating animals where they often compromise ranching.

Let's pause and reflect on how we're relating to the land on which our survival and wellbeing depend. Where are we going with the Ochocos? Are development and growth progress? Are we going to honor the interdependence of humanity and the land? Is the goal of humanity to be in dynamic equilibrium with the land or will we continue to use it in ways which support our short term wants, regardless of the long-term consequences? Let's emphasize needs of the collective community. Do we want Crook County, Prineville and the Ochocos to be overwhelmed by population growth and recreational pressure that we now see in Bend and Deschutes County? Let's make decisions that promote sustainability of the land, allowing multiple use and dispersed recreational activities that do not result in long term damage to the land and disturb wildlife?

Mountain biking is a rigorous, thrilling experience enjoyed by many throughout Central Oregon and beyond. Its popularity is creating recreational pressure on public agencies to find more areas for their enjoyment. We support activities that challenge us, cleanse the spirit and improve fitness. Support for mountain biking on public lands is growing, with more than 1000 miles of trails in

Deschutes County and lots of places to ride in the Ochoco Mountains: 800 miles of non-motorized and motorized trails and roads mostly available for mountain biking.

We all come from perspectives related to our life experiences, so we may evaluate proposals differently. With a background in Forest Management and lots of experience working in the Forest, your perceptions are certainly different from mine. However, I believe we share a love for the land and its wildlife and know that these resources are finite and sometimes fragile, requiring management decisions that serve the land and the greater good. Although we listen to requests and understand that the Forest is a shared place, we know that management decisions must not elevate the wants of special interest groups at the expense of wildlands. That would constitute mismanagement, a short-term "solution" with immediate and long-term consequences for the Forest.

I know that the Forest Service and others have spent lots of time planning for mountain bike trails in the Ochoco Mountains. Most of that effort has been vectored toward Lemon Gulch since 2017. Most Prineville and Crook County residents, including those who reside in the Mill Creek Valley, did not hear about this effort until mid-2021. This awareness was devastating to many who have tried to share our concerns with the Forest Service and Crook County since 7 July 2021 at a meeting of the Crook County Court. We began meeting with the Crook County Natural Resources Advisory Committee on 14 July 2021. They formed a subcommittee to hear our concerns in early August. On 8 September, the CCNRAC voted unanimously to ask the Court to reconsider its support for placing a mountain bike trails complex in Lemon Gulch. I believe they did this because they and others were originally deceived about the so-called broad support indicated by the mountain bikers in their proposal. In fact, paragraph 2 of the proposal listed support from groups including the Oregon Hunters Association. The OHA does not support this proposal. It's too bad that the greater, grass roots community of Prineville and Crook County were not notified of the initial planning for constructing mountain bike trail complexes in the Ochocos back in 2017. If that had happened, the Forest Service would have chosen a different site for this complex, in my opinion.

I do know that the FS tasked some of your biologists and ODFW biologists to evaluate sites, chosen by the mountain bikers, for mountain biking. The biologists did not know the extent of the COTA proposal when evaluating potential sites. I have asked to meet with your biologists to learn the criteria that led to their decision. Others have asked to see criteria used to choose a mountain biking site. Beth Peer's reply for this kind of information was synoptic. The first criterion she listed for choosing Lemon Gulch is its nearness to Prineville. In my response to her, I indicated that this was upside down. It seems that closeness to a population

center is a good reason to not choose that location. "Many people picnic in the area. Both individuals and families enjoy the quiet, natural setting close to Prineville." (1989 Forest Plan) This is an area readily available to residents for communing with nature without driving a long distance. Let's keep this pristine forest undisturbed from an intensive and extensive mountain bike trails complex. That makes sense for now and for the future.

At this time, we are asking the USFS to pause the admittedly flawed process that led to identifying Lemon Gulch as the best site for a mountain bike trails complex in the Ochocos. Please ask Mr. Shane Jeffries to restart the effort to identify a place better suited for intensive recreational activities like mountain biking in the Ochoco National Forest.

Thank you for considering information provided in this letter.

Respectfully and sincerely,

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Hi, gang! I want to pass along what I learned from a fellow equestrian at a meeting the other night. She lives in Prineville, but has a cabin near Lemon Gulch. She says she rides her horses all the time at Lemon Gulch, and other neighbors and friends do as well. This was new information to me. I didn't realize anybody rode horses there except the permitees.

She was pretty indignant when I declined to write a letter opposing the Lemon Gulch project. I tried explaining that she can still ride wherever she wants in that area, and as long as she avoids the bike trails she'll never have a conflict with a bike rider because they always ride on the trails. That didn't mollify her at all. (I get so frustrated with people who insist on being victims. Grrrr!) She's absolutely convinced that all equestrian access will be barred if the bike trails go in, and in any case, it won't be any fun to ride there if she has to be thinking about the possible presence of bike riders.

I urged her to write a letter to you guys expressing her concerns and explaining her thoughts about how existing equestrian use at Lemon Gulch might be affected by bike trails. So you might hear from her. In the meantime, though, I promised her I would put her concerns on your radar screen.

Kim

From: Jeffries, Shane- FS, Prineville, OR
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Hello Slater and Shane,
I like mountain bikes and the people that ride them.
I like horses and the people that ride them.
I like hiking boots and the people that walk in them.

I like public lands, especially the beautiful Ochoco National Forest. It is a peaceful place, home to many living creatures, from tiny microbes to huge mammals, from tiny lichen to huge trees.

So, why would the USFS permit a group to make it's own trail, only for their use? Why would the USFS not require that trails built on public lands be for everyone's use? The mountain bike consortium has money, power, organization. They are trained in how to present their proposals, but in the end it is you, the stewards of our public lands, that make the decision.

If everyone could use a trail, the mountain bikers that came would be those most in tune with the quiet and peaceful nature of the area because the people on bikes would be those that were out to enjoy the scenery rather than go really fast. They couldn't go fast on a multiuser trail because they would hit a hiker or a horse.

In areas where the USFS has given exclusive use to mountain bikes, sometimes it's scary to even cross the trail for fear of being hit by a fast bike, and for sure, no one except mountain bikers are welcome on the trails. Even, on very rare occasion, mountain bike riders on the MWT indicate that slower users are in their way.

It's fun to ride a bike at 20 or 30 MPH down a hill. But is that what we want for our Ochocos where people who don't ride fast mountain bikes wish to at least have the option of a slower way of enjoying nature?

Thank you for considering generations to come.

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December, 2021

Dear Mr. Turner and Mr. Jeffries,

Please accept my sincere comments toward the development of issues and alternatives in the Lemon Gulch Project. While there has been some difficulty and tension in the past months related to this project, I do understand the pressures and deadlines you are under within the agency as well as the difficulties associated with the reality of new operational mandates. These things put a strain on everyone and make it difficult to operate in a new paradigm. My utmost respect for you and all the good people of the Forest Service in these trying times.

I do also much appreciate the time you have taken to meet with both Don and I. It was very valuable to both of us to get to know the both of you a little bit and to hear your different perspectives on this project.

To be clear, I feel moutain biking is a legitimate and warranted use of the national forests. Please do not take my comments and issues raised as intent to exclude mountain bikes from this national forest or other national forests or to restrict access. On the contrary, I would like to see these kind of trails built in appropriate areas with the opportunity to succeed and create their own respectful niche within the custom and culture of Crook County. But I, and many others in our community, would prefer it to be without such a harsh and extreme push and insistence to coexist as you see it. Coexistence requires a relationship that you have not allowed to sprout. Mountain bikes are presently allowed in Lemon Gulch and I would not propose to "restrict access" as some have accused. Rather it is the density of trails, proposed intensity of use, and unintended and/or perhaps unforseen, or unthought of consequences of such a large system which spurs the issues and concerns I put forth.

That said, there is the question of purpose and need for 52 miles of mountain bike trails within 9 square miles, andwith supporting facilities of 3 parking areas. It is understood that when a request to the forest for more trails was made that the forest met the request with the assignment to Ochoco Trails to collaboratively work together to come up with trail system proposal(s) which would meet the needs of multiple users. Does the Forest have user data for recreation use on existing roads and trails to include timing, frequency, type, and documented conflicts? Was this data used by the FS and the Ochoco Trails committee when in the site feasibility portion of the process? If so, how was it used? Please include a detailed description of how existing information/data was used.

How was the need for additional mountain bike trails determined? What kind of mountain bike use presently exists on the the Ochoco NF? Please describe the use and frequency across the forest and how the need for such an extensive system was determined. Mountain bikes are presently allowed on existing roads and trails, just as other forest uses. Please address why such an extensive and exclusively-built-for-mountain bikes system is not better located on private ground. Other users who need/require built-to-specification trails and maintained and administered facilities, have fees associated (grazing, ski areas, outfitters/guides, etc.) Additionally, what kind of criteria was used for the selection of trail sites? Was this criteria developed by the FS or stakeholders? Please include a detailed description of the site selection process to include how the criteria was developed and how it was used for site selection.

As follow-up to a statement made by FS employees that the Forest Plan called for an additional 256 miles of trail to be built on the Ochoco NF. Please explain how that number was derived and where it is described in the forest plan, what kind of trails and associated support facilities were to be built? Please describe to what standards the trails are to be maintained and how the forest will ensure proper patrol, maintenance, and law enforcement when inviting more users as the forest transitions from a dispersed recreation forest, to a developed recreation forest with facilities to maintain and users to manage.

A recreation facility of this density, pulling in the number of users as described to the county to increase use to the magnitude of adding significantly to the economy, will require sanitation facilities to mitigate sanitation issues. These type of dense and intensely used facilities are best located in Recreation Management Areas. Please explain why these facilities are not proposed in a Recreation Management Area. Please include an alternative within a Recreation Managment Area (as established by our Forest Plan) to evaluate the proper development of such a large proposal with proper support facilities, including sanitation, included.

To build on this further, please include an alternative to assess the feasibility and need for a partnership with Crook County to assess user fees to be used for costs to the county and FS because of significantly increased use by mountain bikers associated with 52 miles of trail and 3 forty vehicle parking lots. These type of fee systems are a model used across the nation and are proven to be a feasible option for adequately funding the facility buildout, maintenance and administration of large facilities. It places the monetary burden on the actual user and takes it away from local taxpayers. Mountain bike volunteers and grant funding do not pay for the additional infrastructure needed to support large systems, only to build and maintain start-up trails and to lobby for more. Such a system would go a long way toward mitigating many of the issues and concerns many citizens have about this project; to include but not limited to county and FS road improvements, noxious weed control, law enforcement needs, administration needs, monitoring for use and illegal trail building. Sanitation issues associated with 3 forty vehicle trailheads can only be resolved with built and maintained restrooms. A fee system will provide the means to maintain such facilities.

Wildlife concerns are a big issue. What kind of data has been collected on the wildlife in Lemon Gulch? Mountain bikes are known to be significantly more disturbing to many wildife species since they often cannot be heard or felt prior to being too close to seek cover. Wildlife often tolerate and are more secure with motor vehicles that can be heard and felt, offering opportunity to flee. To this point, how will the FS mitigate mountain bike disturbance of wildlife, particularly during calving season? Please include existing data, proposed data collection systems and how it will be used in the future administration of this significant trail system.

Wildfire threat is also a big concern as climate change will, as forest employees have acknowledged, create dryer conditions, increasing the susceptibility of the forest to wildfire. There is a proposal to improve the resilience of this dry forest to anticipaed drought. How will the Forest monitor and manage increased and concentrated use associated with such a large sytem and the increased use of adjacent areas once the facility is built and they come (under the "if you build it, they will come" reality of human nature)? Please be specific about how the forest will manage and fund the mitigation of anticipated wildfire associated with the increased use. The forest is obviously not funded heavily for recreation and as the Forest Plan proposes to continue a desired future condition of dispersed recreation, how will the Forest reconcile this shift and manage for it? Please be specific in describing your plans for managing increased recreation use.

Grazing and mountain bikes, by the very nature of each activity do not mix. Cows will use the built trails. Mountain bikers, in the system being proposed in Lemon Gulch, seek speed and complexity, otherwise they could ride on the plethora of existing roads and trails. How will you mitigate the loss of productivity for cattle harrassed by mountain bikers, when the most heavily used time for both uses is the summer months? Please develop an alternative to evalutate putting such a large system in another area with little to no grazing use.

As mentioned previously, with increased traffic and use comes the increase and spread of noxious weeds. The increase of noxious weeds will affect landowners up and down the Mill Creek Valley. Increased traffic along Mill Creek road, in the parking lots and along the existing roads and trails in Lemon Gulch will bring noxious weeds. How will the FS prevent and/or mitigate the exponential increase in noxious weeds and impacts to grazing land on National Forest as well as Private Land? The additional alternative(s) developed to put such an extensive system in a recreation management area, or not as close to private land, will appropriately put this burden on Forest administrators.

Lastly, there is still an issue with those most affected having not been notified, informed and or fully involved in the initial site location process which you initiated back in 2017. You consider those who have been involved as "stakeholders", and it appears those who were left out of that process are now "commenters". Whether intentional or unintentional, your actions and refusal to acknowledge those most affected (adjacent and affected landowners, and affected forest permittees) constitutes in the least a gross neglect of public servant responsibility, CFR regulation, and basic long standing "good neighbor" mores and manners; and at the most blatant collusion. How will you reconcile those differences in attitude toward all those you serve?

I very much appreciate your gesture of pausing the process to accept additional comments from anyone and everyone who wanted to comment, including those excluded as well as those most intimately involved from the beginning. However, there was no public notification as to why or how long the pause was to be and no forest official reached out to Mill Creek neighbors/residents. Instead it was difficult to reach forest employees and when some of us did finally meet in person and encouraged a meeting with local residents, there was still a reluctance and no effort was made. Again, this left those most affected by the project excluded from the kind of involvement afforded your "stakeholders". This is not equitable treatment of all public sectors and constitutes descrimination. This lost opportunity is an unfortunate breach of public trust and only through your handling of this project in the future may it be regained. How will you include Mill Creek residents (affected landowners), adjacent landowners, and existing permittees as this project progresses?

Please include an alternative in at least one other location to address concerns raised during the extended comment period and to address the significant impacts to adjacent and affected landowners as described above. These include but are not limited to noxious weed spread, increased threat of wilfire, increased intensity of use with no additional administration resources, increased road use on the county road. How will the increased vehicle and mountain biking use on the roads to the trailheads be managed? Presently, these roads are built for vehicles. They have no shoulders and no bike lanes, with parts of the roads being unpaved and unmaintained much of the year, with loose gravel. This kind of use will impact Crook County and local residents. How does the Forest Service propose to mitigate/fund the needed improvements and maintenance required to host these users? Please develop and use objective criteria developed from issues raised through this process in the evaluation of all location alternatives. This would allow for the opportunity to mix and match some trails to provide some mountain biking opportunities without the wholesale sacrafice of one area, one valley, one community.

Again, I very much appreciate you taking these issues and concerns seriously, and using them in your analysis. I look forward to future contact regarding this project and hope that you seek out those most impacted by this project proactively in the the future.

Please let me know if anything I have put forth is confusing and needs clarification.

All the best,

Kim Vogel
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From: Travis Holman
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To: Beaupre, James - FS
Subject: Re: adaptive trails

Hey Jim, so the trails that were specifically flagged with adaptive in mind were Three Wheeler, Gully Buggy, Sour Puss, and Why Not, essentially creating a set of progressive green to black trails for aMTB. The primary reason for locating those trails there was because it is somewhat lower angled terrain which makes it easier to accommodate things like wider radius turns, a larger bench, less off camber, etc.

Upper/Lower Lemonade would also be aMTB friendly since its an easier flow-style trail and needs to accommodate the riders coming off all the trails in the network The squirrel ridge climb trail might be considered aMTB friendly, though my guess is that most on adaptive bikes would be shuttling. I think its unlikely that a hand-cranked bike could climb that trail, though the electric ones certainly could.

Hope that helps

Cheers,
Travis

On Dec 14, 2021, at 11:51 AM, Beaupre, James - FS <james.beaupre@usda.gov> wrote:

Sitting with Beth and digging through to find out which trails were identified as adaptive.

I'm thinking Upper Lemonade/Lower Lemonade/Squirrel Ridge climb? And maybe Three Wheeler?

Fix me up if you can! Happy Holidays!

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RE: Lemon Gulch Trail System Project

Dear Mr. Turner:

Kim and Don Vogel have asked this Firm to assist them in formally addressing their concerns regarding the Lemon Gulch Trail System Project (the "Project"). In my initial review of this matter, it appears that the US Forest Service ("USFS"), and your district office in particular, have failed to follow the applicable administrative rules and have violated the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") in the process you have chosen to follow to date. While Mr. and Ms. Vogel do not oppose the development of recreational facilities within the National Forest, including necessary additional mountain bike trails, they expect the USFS to comply with the applicable rules and adhere to the process and environmental objectives of NEPA.

Congress enacted NEPA in pursuit of two objectives:

> First, it places upon an agency the obligation to consider every significant aspect of the environmental impact of a proposed action. Second, it ensures that the agency will inform the public that it has indeed considered environmental concerns in its decision-making process.

Baltimore Gas & Elec. Co. v. Nat'l Res. Def. Coun., Inc., 462 U.S. 87, 97, 103 S.Ct. 2246, 76 L.Ed.2d 437 (1983) (internal citations and quotation marks omitted). To achieve these goals, the Council on Environmental Quality ("CEQ") implemented regulations that require agencies to involve the public to the extent practicable when preparing Environmental Assessments ("EAs"). 40 CFR 1501.4(b). "An agency, when preparing an EA, must provide the public with sufficient environmental information, considered in the totality of the circumstances, to permit members of the public to weigh in with their views and thus inform the agency decision-making process." *Bering Strait Citizens for*

Responsible Res. Dev. v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, 524 F.3d 938, 953 (9th Cir. 2008). Additionally, agencies must "make diligent efforts to involve the public in preparing and implementing their NEPA procedures" and must "provide public notice of NEPA-related hearings, public meetings, and other opportunities for public involvement, and the availability of environmental documents so as to fully inform those persons and agencies who may be interested or affected by their proposed actions." 40 CFR 1506.6. Evaluation of whether there was sufficient public involvement under NEPA for an EA is case specific. *Sierra Nevada Forest Prot. Campaign v. Weingardt*, 376 F.Supp.2d 984, 991–92 (E.D. Cal. 2005).

In the instant case, the USFS has clearly failed to sufficiently involve the public and affected persons, including Mr. and Mrs. Vogel. While the USFS may have notified people who had "expressed interest" in the Project, it clearly failed to notify adjacent landowners, affected landowners, and existing special use permittees as required by federal regulations. In short, the USFS excluded those most affected and only included those who had been involved in developing the Project and who had already expressed their support for it.

Although the USFS has not made a final decision, in reality the time for having meaningful input on the Project is long gone. As I understand it, the USFS has indicated to numerous persons, including my clients, that Lemon Gulch will be the location of the mountain bike trail and that no other alternatives were or are being considered. This position violates 40 CFR 1508.9, which requires agencies to adequately discuss alternatives to an approved project, including the environmental impacts of the alternatives, in an EA. The Ninth Circuit refers to this as the requirement to take a "hard look" at the proposed action and the alternatives. *See Churchill County v. Norton,* 276 F.3d 1060, 1072 (9th Cir. 2001).

The USFS appears to be singularly focused on developing bike trails in the Lemon Gulch area, refusing to consider other viable alternatives, and failing to take the "hard look" required by NEPA. In such case, a subsequent Environmental Impact Statement will likely be found inadequate were the court to find the agency was never really open to other options. *See State of Cal. v. Block*, 690 F.2d 753, 768 (9th Cir. 1982)(the court found it "troubling" that the Forest Service "saw fit to consider from the outset only those alternatives" leading to a certain result).

In lieu of a lawsuit, we request that the USFS immediately begin the formal process required of it in studying, analyzing, and considering alternative sites for a mountain bike trail system, including areas commonly known as Bandit Springs, Bandit-Walton Cross Country Loop, Scotty/Cougar area, and Potlid, and to include the public in a meaningful way and as intended by NEPA and the applicable administrative rules. In this regard, I would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience in an effort to find some meaningful way to move this in the direction of dialogue and consensus and away from litigation.

In the meantime, I do hereby request a copy of the complete case file on this matter. This request is a FOIA request and if there is any question regarding what it is that we have asked for, please let me know. I respectfully request that you provide us with a response to this correspondence within ten (10) days of your receipt of the same. I thank you for your anticipated cooperation and look forward to working with you in resolving this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Gregory P. Lynch

cc clients (via email only)