

**Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative
Recreation Committee**

June 18th, 10:30 – 12:00 PM, Springfield Interagency Office
“Coming together for healthy forests and communities”

Participants: Susan O-K, Loren H, SWFC Steering Committee; Becky H, Jean C. Oregon Backcountry Horseman; Joe S., Or State Marine Bd; Joey J, Travel Lane Co; Ron R., Scorpions; Mike B., Sierra Club, Terry K., Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol; Mark M., Victoria M., Willamette Headwaters Endurance Event, Ailah Altemus, student; Omero Torres, WNF

Facilitator: Sarah A-P

Charter

Committee Charter – the group worked on the committee charter and developed a committee mission statement: *The SWFC Recreation Committee Cooperatively promote recreation activities and management solutions that sustain ecological resiliency and socioeconomic health for the southern Willamette forest area and nearby communities.*

The Charter will be shared for review and approved at the next meeting. Afterwards, members will sign on to be official “voting” members.

See draft charter.

Discussion: recreation collaboration timeline

The first project of the committee is to work together to provide recommendations and input to the MFRD Sustainable Recreational Strategy.

At the last meeting, Brian proposed the following categories to collaborate around recreation: Trails, Roads, Snow, Rivers.

Sarah suggested a decision making model to develop zones of agreement. The process has three phases:

- **Shared Learning.** Shared learning can be through presentations by the Forest Service or self led by committee members. Any form of event that the group finds useful can be proposed, from field trips to presentations to online webinars. After everyone feels they have enough information to make an informed decision, the group will move on to brainstorming.
- **Brainstorming.** Brainstorming can happen at a workshop or a series of meetings. Sarah suggested a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) for each category of recreation. There may be a need to have multiple workshops within each area: trails, roads, snow and rivers. Once the SWOT analysis is complete the committee will brainstorm possible solutions.
- **Recommendations.** Zones of Agreement will be determined by a workshop or series of meetings to evaluate the possible solutions and identify recommendations that have mutual benefit and full committee support. These recommendations will be passed on to the Forest Service via a recommendation memo.

Timeline

Brian was assigned to a fire right before the meeting, so Sarah reported that she has heard that the District plans to work on the trails plan piece of the sustainable recreation strategy first. Knowing this, the group thinks it makes most sense to move forward on trail discussions first – starting in the fall. Omero reported that the District is also beginning a multi-use road strategy

NEXT STEPS

- Next meeting agenda:
 - Formalize Committee Mission / Purpose, Voting and Charter
 - Sarah will draft a charter for the committee to review/ edit
- Discuss future workshops

Fridays are preferred by the group for a standing monthly meeting - Sarah will send out Doodle Poll and develop a draft Charter for the next meeting.

Please see the SWFC website for information and resources covered in our meetings. Shared calendar – Upper Willamette Recreation Events Calendar. southwillamette.wixsite.com/swfc