

**Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative  
Recreation Committee**

July 20th, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, Springfield Interagency Office  
*“Coming together for healthy forests and communities”*

**Participants:** Susan O-K, Loren H, SWFC Steering Committee; Chris Yee, ODFW; 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: *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 (DRAFT)**

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, Water.

**Proposed decision making process 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 water. 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**

### Trails ZOAs – Fall 2018

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 agreed it makes most sense to move forward on Trails ZOAs first – starting in the fall.

- Info the group would like to know for Trails shared learning:
  - Trails plan presentation from Kevin Rowell
  - Presentation from the City of Oakridge about the OIP trail planning process
  - District and community maps
  - Impact of fire season (if there is any)
  - Inventory of trails
  - Budget info

### Roads ZOAs – Winter 2019

Omero reported that the District is also beginning a side by side(SxS)/multi-use road analysis, as well as beginning an analysis for Aufderheide (Rd 19) road improvements. Travel Lane county has also recently awarded a grant for road signage improvements on the District, but there have been some hangups in placing the signs on FS land. With these discussions starting/ happening the group discussed working on Roads ZOAs next.

- info the group would like more info about roads
  - SxS/ multi use road strategy
  - Travel Lane efforts for signage
  - Aufderheide (Rd 19) proposed action

### Water & Snow TBD

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Next meeting – Sarah will send a doodle poll to help find a standing meeting time for 2 hour monthly meetings.
- Sarah will look into an online program for a shared map that the trail work groups can use to show work completed.

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