

Hello OHV riders. There will be an OHV Trail meeting on January 27th at 7 PM at the Forest Grove ODF office (801 Gales Cr. Road, Forest Grove Oregon - contact 503- 357 - 2191 for directions or see maps below). Below the maps are my notes from the November meeting. Ian was not able to draft up formal note before his departure so these will have to suffice for minutes.

Motorized Trail Planning Meeting Agenda
January 27th, 7PM Forest Grove

Event Policy changes 1
hour
new event application form and operation plan form
dual event weekends
2003 Fire Season Waivers

2003 Trail Projects Review 30
minutes
Review of SWECO Trail projects
ATV funded temporary equipment operator position

Updates: 20
minutes
04 Timber sales
OHV Coordinator Position
Grants

Questions and Answers 10 minutes

Next meeting - bi-monthly format or retain monthly format?

Meeting ends at 9 PM

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OHV Trail Planning Meeting
November 25, 2002

Update on Interpretive Center Project and OHV trail projects:

Doug Decker, Interpretive Program Director gave big kudos to Trailsmen M/C for their litter pick up on Hwy 6 last weekend. Doug observed the club at work and thought it was great to see the OHV community doing their part to take care of the forest! Doug also asked for folks to provide him with any old photos of early riding in the Tillamook Burn and discussed possibly recording some living history interviews.

Doug provided an update on the Interpretive Center as it relates to OHV recreation.

* Doug and Ian will be working together on a grant application for hiring a trail consultant to layout and write a contract for an OHV trail to bypass Diamond Mill Rd. and Cedar Cr. Rd. from Diamond Mill to Arch Cape Mill site at mp 2.5 Cedar Cr. Rd. Trail will likely utilize portions of existing trails including old Jones Cr. Rd. and Knops Knob.

* Parking Lot West: Land exchange with Willamette for parcel south of Hwy. 6 from Jones Cr. Bridge would be helpful towards construction of re-route of old trail. Parcel is just east of existing trail. Road bank is very steep at site. Trail as conceptualized would run west from Hwy 6 crossing and run west to Hoskins Cr. Rd. then utilize road to climb towards finger ridge off of Archers Ridge. Parking Lot West is in the OHV Trail Plan for Jordan Cr. area. Barrett suggested that perhaps ODOT would want a flashing yellow installed across the Hwy.

* Jones Cr. Bridge: Interpretive Center contract will include feasibility study for replacement of Jones Cr. bridge with a two-lane bridge with pedestrian walkway.

There was a question and answer period in which attendees asked about the scheduling of the overnight/education type facility at the meadow area west of C-Loop in Jones Cr. This project is 10 to 15 years out.

Non-Motorized Trail Plan review and comment period.

Clyde Zeller provided the group an overview of the non-motorize trail plan. In response to comments Zeller reminded group that there is in fact strong support from the non-motorized community for the development of the trail system. The concept of building east to west and north to south connector routes through the forest including the Wilson River Trail has been in all the recreation planning documents since 1993. The map display showed the OHV use zone, existing non-motorized trails and proposed trail projects. Discussion focussed on those existing trails within the OHV zone. The proposed trail from Footbridge to Cedar Butte incurred considerable rancor amongst the attendees. It was felt the trail as conceptualized would cross too many existing OHV trails and create conflict and ill feeling towards OHV use. DRC will consider comments and consider re-routing or possibly dropping this trail from the trail plan. The section of trail from Keenig Cr. CG towards mp 12 Demolay Co. Park was also of concern. Group indicated an unmapped trail runs from Coast Range North Rd. to Eagle Cr. and along the old road along the Wilson R. Another trail drops off Muesial Cr. Rd. to the old road. Non-motorized trail will avoid these trails and try and run between old road and river. It may be necessary to re-route sections of these OHV trails to separate the uses.

The planned section of trail from Wolf Cr. to Keenig Cr. CG does not cross any existing OHV trails and will terminate at a trailhead to be constructed just east of old Keenig Cr. CG. Group felt that an OHV staging area be constructed at the flat area under the powerline west of Keenig Cr. CG by the Muesial Cr. Bridge. Group emphasized the desirability and need for ODF to educate non-motorized users about the OHV use areas through signing. It was thought that conflicts might be minimized by better setting non-motorized users expectations as they enter an OHV use area.

Updates:

Last weekend the Trailsmen M/C cut brush on about 1500' of new trail that will eventually connect Jordan Cr. Trail to the junction of Archers Road and Jordan Cr. Road.

Reconnaissance work has begun on the OHV bridge at the top of Deer Fence Trail. Trees have been selected and a few issues regarding engineer need to be resolve at the district. Construction begins on Dec. 12.

Surveyor has completed survey of Reeher property line below North Fork Wilson Rd. from Diamond Mill south to hairpin curve. Property line is close to the road and at one point comes within 40' of road. This leaves no room for constructing the non-motorized trail below the road the entire length of this section. Placement of trail above road will not impact any OHV trails. District needs to inquire about obtaining an easement from Jim Reeher for property west of North Fork Wilson R.
Jordan Cr. OHV area closed for the season on Monday Dec 2. Re-opens around March 1, 2003.

Questions

What has happened to trails in Elk Wallow sale? Trail was marked once by volunteers and once by DRC. Trail still blocked by slash. DRC will inquire with Central Unit regarding status of sale and unfinished trail clearing.

Reeds Ridge Trail. Needs to be rebuilt from where road construction ends down to Kilchis L.O Rd.