



Oregon Coast Trail Statewide Landowners Group Meeting Friday, May 28 2021 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting https://pdx.zoom.us/j/82641252050

Meeting ID: 826 4125 2050 Early log in starts at 10:50 a.m.

The purpose for an Oregon Coast Trail (OCT) statewide landowners group includes:

- enabling the completion of the Trail in a manner that will result in a world class experience.
- increasing the safety of trail users and motorists alike.
- Concurring with an action plan to complete the Trail.
- Identifying a <u>strategy</u> to operate, maintain and enhance the OCT.

The purpose for this meeting includes discussion regarding:

- * COVID-19 pandemic impacts on the OCT action plan development, the current status and revised timeline.
- * the formation of a Project Advisory Group.

The desired outcomes include a shared understanding of the next steps and timelines for our efforts, related roles and responsibilities, and gaining consensus support for the work to be completed by the newly formed Project Advisory Group.

AGENDA

- 10:50 a.m. Zoom log in available for the meeting.
- 11:00 a.m. Welcome back! Agenda review.

Co-Conveners – Oregon State Rep. David Brock Smith & Oregon Parks Commissioner Douglas Deur.

- 11:05 a.m. Introductions and staff transitions
- **11:20** a.m. Refreshing our stakeholder engagement work leading to a robust action plan Karmen Fore, Director and Pete Dalke, Project Manager, Oregon Solutions.
- 11:25 a.m. Re-engaging the Oregon Coast Trail Segment Teams

County Solutions Director Andy Smith and Segment Teams conveners – County Commissioners Melissa Cribbins, Doug Hunt and Erin Skaar.

11:35 a.m. Oregon Coast Trail - Action Plan Development Scope & Timeline

Cole Grisham, Transportation Planner, Western Federal Lands and Paul Reilly, Program Coordinator, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

- FLAP Grant transition and capacity implications
- New tools and resources for the Segment Teams
- o Roles, responsibilities, timelines

Outcome: Shared understanding of the FLAP grant project status, scope, anticipated interim work products (memorandums) including landowner support to advance the Project Advisory Group.

12:05 p.m. **OCT Landowner Roundtable**

Adjourn

Opportunity for landowners to reflect on the status and add suggestions for next steps.

Discussion of next steps and action items including: 12:15 p.m.

- Immediate funding opportunities.
 - Oregon House Bill 3281 Consideration of a letter of support

Attachment A

- Identification of any outstanding issues and concerns.
- Tentative date for next Landowners Group meeting.

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ATTACHMENT A.

DRAFT LETTER FOR CONSIDERATION

2021 Oregon Legislative Session
Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Subject: Support for HB 3281

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner-Hayward, and Rayfield; Vice Co-Chairs Girod, Gomberg, and Smith; and Members of the Committee,

We are writing in support of Oregon House Bill 3281 that is intended to provide needed funding for the <u>Oregon Coast Trail (OCT)</u>. On behalf of the landowners we have convened to assist with development of an action plan to connect the remaining gaps in the OCT, we write to highlight the importance of state funding for related projects. Legislative funding for the OCT can be leveraged to enhance outdoor recreation as well as scenic, educational, resource protection and post-COVID economic recovery possibilities for our coastal communities.

Completion of the OCT has broad support. In 2017 the Oregon Legislature (House Bill 3149; Oregon Revised Statutes 390.308) directed Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to develop an action plan for connecting across the "gaps" particularly where the OCT is along U.S. Highway 101 and other roads, creating unsafe conditions. In 2018 Governor Brown designated the OCT as one of her <u>Oregon Solutions projects</u>. The Governor appointed us to work as her co-conveners for this effort. Our task is to bring together landowners hosting the Trail to collaborate on development of an action plan and identify resources for the on-going maintenance of existing segments and the completion of new connecting segments.

We are diligently convening that work now in collaboration with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Transportation, other interested state agencies, federal agencies including the U.S. Forest Service, tribes, local governments, nonprofit organizations, advocates and other stakeholders. A list is attached.

Thank you for your work for all Oregonians during these challenging times. We appreciate your consideration of House Bill 3281 to assist with OCT maintenance and construction projects that are needed to fully connect the trail and provide a world class experience for our communities, our state and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

Oregon Representative David Brock Smith, Co-Convener

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commissioner Douglas Deur, Co-Convener

C: Oregon Governor Kate Brown
Oregon Coast Trail - Statewide Landowner Group participants (list)