South Santiam Community Forest Corridor
Tourism/Recreation/Health Committee, May 1, 2013

This was the initial meeting of the committee. Those attending were: Brian Carroll (convener), Jon Meier, Dennis Comfort, Harry Dalgaard, Craig Martin, Pat Moran, Kim Waldrep, Jana Kay Slater, Linda Wakefield, Rodney Sell, Dani Pavoni, Steve Bryant, Trevor Burchard

The committee first listed concepts and phrases for consideration as part of a committee purpose statement. Suggested phrases included:
Sustainable recreation
Improve community/visitors' health
Support the local economy
Enjoyment of the outdoors
Appreciation and respect for the land and its history

This is the draft statement for consideration and comment:

The Tourism, Recreation and Health Committee of the South Santiam Community Forest Corridor Project Team is focused on project outcomes that will create and enhance sustainable recreational activities within the corridor. It is intended that these will be activities which will improve the health and well-being of community members and visitors while also fostering respect for the landscape and appreciation of the area's unique history.

Desired short-term outcomes:
1. Conduct an inventory of the assets, opportunities, existing recreational uses, and the constraints and weaknesses for expanded and new recreational activities within the corridor.
2. Conduct a review of the existing planning documents related to the above inventory needs.
3. Review the list and operating characteristics, assets and limitations of existing recreational service providers within the corridor and begin an examination of potential alternative service delivery models (e.g. consolidation, transfer of assets and operations from one entity to another, creation of new partnership agreements, etc.).
4. Identify potential business and other organizational partners for recreational activity development.
5. Identify existing and potential user groups who should be invited to participate in project planning and development activities. Include consideration of "disadvantaged" groups such as those representing low income and minority populations and those with mobility limitations.
6. Conduct other forms of community outreach to communicate project goals and to seek feedback.
7. Identify and begin to list potential funding sources.
8. Consider development of a corridor branding effort for marketing purposes and to develop consistency for the benefit of users and visitors.

It was agreed that the committee members would review the draft purpose statement and short-term outcomes as listed above and make comments via e-mail for review by the Leadership Committee which will meet again on April 29.

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