

Oregon Scenic Bikeway Plan



Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway

April, 2016

Bikeway Proponent Group Information

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Key Proponent Responsibilities

Proponent Member Name*	Task/Responsibility
Chris Bishop	Convener. Periodically convene key volunteers and supporting organizations to coordinate promotion and improvement of the bikeway.
Scott Stoffel	Signs Coordinator. Monitor bikeway directional signs and report missing or down signs to the appropriate road jurisdiction. Work with the OPRD Bicycle Coordinator as necessary to obtain replacement signs.
Chris Bishop	Social Media Coordinator. Post information and updates about the bikeway to the RideOregonRide website. Advise the State Parks and Recreation Department Bicycle Coordinator of route closures and other significant events affecting use of the bikeway.
Marie Tucker	Bicycle Friendly Business Recruiter. Coordinate identification of members of the local business community who can provide services to bikeway users and assist them in improving and expanding their services.

Tallulah Chiono	Local Government Liaison. Maintain contact with each affected road jurisdiction to ensure their continued support of the Scenic Bikeway.
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** Contact information for proponent group members listed here is provided above.*

Bikeway Description

300 words or less

For those looking for a challenge and great wildlife viewing, the 90-mile Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway will not disappoint.

The Bikeway begins and ends in the vibrant small town of Lakeview in far south central Oregon. Cyclists can find food, lodging, and all supplies needed before embarking on the ride.

The Bikeway is nestled in the beautiful north Warner Mountains, experience the forest/desert fringe with expansive views of Drake Peak, the Coyote Hills, Fish Creek Rim, upper Warner Valley, Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge, Warner Peak, and Poker Jim Ridge. Keep an eye out as well for pronghorn antelope and sage grouse. Put your head down and rip down 1,300 ft. descent into the desert outpost of Plush, ride rolling lakeshores to Adel along Fish Creek Rim Wilderness Study area and the wetland lakes of the Warner Valley including: Hart Lake, Priday Reservoir, Crump Lake and the Narrows. Enjoy views of Pelican, Crump, and Hart Lakes, and of course the spectacular escarpment of Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge. Keep an eye out for wetland birds and bighorn sheep!

Be sure to stop for a memorable ride photo at Deep Creek Falls. While in the canyon, look for cliff swallows, golden & bald eagles, red tail hawks and falcons. Departing from Camas Snow Park, head west, up and over Warner Pass and watch the trees whiz by in a blur as you scream down the pass for one last thrill ride as you coast back into Lakeview.

Photos

- ☐ *Photos of the route, along with Release forms signed by the photographer, have been sent to OPRD's Bicycle Recreation Specialist directly via email, through Drop box, Flickr or an FTP site.*

Map Information

To be filled out **AFTER** receiving first draft of map from OPRD. The campgrounds, parks, public restrooms, public water stops and other publicly available amenities to be shown on the Scenic Bikeway map are listed below:

Amenity	Mile Marker from OPRD Map	Management Agency

Bikeway Goals

Infrastructure Improvement

The proponents intend to pursue the following activities to enhance the bikeway by improving riding conditions and providing amenities for bicyclists:

* = Top Priorities

Infrastructure Improvement Goal 1: Request USFS and private land owner enter into a memorandum of understanding with Lake County for maintenance and regular cleaning of Camas Snow Park and Lake County Fairgrounds restrooms, parking, and picnic areas.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Write MOU	Chris Bishop	January 2017
All parties review	Chris Bishop	February 2017
Signed by all parties	Chris Bishop	March 2017

*** Infrastructure Improvement Goal 2:** Coordinate with USFS and Lake County to place site signs for Camas Snow Park at the site itself and a directional sign on Highway 140.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
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Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Design mock-ups of signs and map sign locations	Scott Stoffel	January 2017
All parties review	Scott Stoffel	February/March 2017
Install directional and site signs	Scott Stoffel	April 2017

*** Infrastructure Improvement Goal 3:** Request USFS and private land owner enter into a memorandum of understanding with Lake County for utilizing well at Camas Snow Park for public drinking water.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Gain buy-in from all parties	Chris Bishop	January/February 2019
Write MOU	Chris Bishop	February/March 2019
Test well	Chris Bishop	April/May 2019
Purchase equipment (hand or electrical pump)	Chris Bishop	June/ July 2019
Contractor install	Chris Bishop	August/September 2019

Infrastructure Improvement Goal 4: Construct western style bike racks along the route at the Lake County Fairgrounds, Hart Mountain General Store Adel Store, and the Camas Snow Park.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Enlist local Industrial Arts high school class to design the racks	Rob Nichols/ Marie Tucker	September 2017
Purchase materials	Rob Nichols/ Marie Tucker	October/November 2017
Construct racks	Rob Nichols/ Marie Tucker	Winter 2018
Install racks	Rob Nichols/ Marie Tucker	Spring 2018

***Infrastructure Improvement Goal 5:** Coordinate with County Road Department to replace missing road signs along the route (Plush and fairgrounds).

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Inform County of missing sign locations	Scott Stoffel/ Rick DuMiLieu	January 2017

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Purchase signs	Scott Stoffel/ Rick DuMiLieu	February 2017
Install signs (county or BLM)	Scott Stoffel/ Rick DuMiLieu	April 2017

Infrastructure Improvement Goal 6: Coordinate with the BLM and County to place signs at Priday Reservoir, Crump Lake Boat Launch, Deep Creek Falls, various points of interest.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Obtain approval from County to install signs	Scott Stoffel/ Rick DuMiLieu	January 2019
Purchase signs	Scott Stoffel/ Rick DuMiLieu	February 2019
Install signs (BLM)	Scott Stoffel/ Rick DuMiLieu	April 2019

Infrastructure Improvement Goal 7: Construct and install kiosks at Lake County Fairgrounds, Camas Snow Park, Hart Mountain General Store, and Adel Store.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Design kiosks and obtain approval or write up MOU with all parties	Rob Nichols/ Marie Tucker	Summer 2018
Purchase materials	Rob Nichols/ Marie Tucker	Fall 2018
Construct kiosks	Rob Nichols/ Marie Tucker	Winter 2019
Install kiosks	Rob Nichols/ Marie Tucker	Spring 2019

*** Infrastructure Improvement Goal 8:** Coordinate with Lake County and ODOT to explore possible addition of signs to the route where it crosses Highway 395. Signs to help increase safety at this crossing could include warning that oncoming traffic is traveling at a high rate of speed and does not stop. For motorists, signs could warn "Bike Crossing" or "Bikes on Roadway."

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Obtain approval from County/ODOT to install signs	Chris Bishop/ Mike Stinson/ Rick DuMiLieu	January 2017

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Purchase signs	Chris Bishop/ Mike Stinson/ Rick DuMiLieu	February 2017
Install signs (ODOT, County, or BLM)	Chris Bishop/ Mike Stinson/ Rick DuMiLieu	April 2017

Infrastructure Improvement Goal 9: Explore the possibility of establishing arrangement for on-call assistance for cyclists along the route to aid with bike maintenance issues, navigation questions, or other issues. Given the length and remoteness of the route, identify 2-3 “helpers” in or near each community to assist (Lakeview, Plush, Adel). This system could also be used for pre-ride planning.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Establish local volunteers	Marie Tucker/ Tallulah Chiono	2017 - 2019
Post contact information at each starting location, Hart Mountain General Store, Adel Store, Chamber of Commerce, OPRD.	Marie Tucker/ Tallulah Chiono	2017 - 2019

Infrastructure Improvement Goal 10: Coordinate with the Fremont Highlanders Ski Club to make Warner Canyon Ski Area Lodge available for group rental by cycling clubs and to provide potable water and bathrooms open to the public during spring, summer, and fall months. In addition, encourage ski hill lifts to operate a few weekends over the summer for holding downhill mountain biking events.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Attend club meeting to pitch ideas	Chris Bishop	2019
Move forward with ideas club approves	Chris Bishop	2020

Infrastructure Improvement Goal 11: Explore the possibility of adding an additional series of brochures downloadable from the chamber website to direct cyclists toward additional Extended Ride Options enabling users to modify/ augment their route, embark on an extra ride during their trip, or to plant a seed for a return trip in the future.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Determine additional rides	Chris Bishop/ Marie Tucker	Winter 2021
Create brochures	Chris Bishop/ Marie Tucker	Spring 2021
Post on chamber website and notify OPRD and Ride Oregon Ride	Chris Bishop/ Marie Tucker	Summer 2021

Infrastructure Improvement Goal 12: Encourage coordination the BLM and Oregon Fish and Wildlife to develop restrooms and camping at Friday Reservoir between Plush and Adel.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Coordinate with BLM and ODFW	Chris Bishop/Scott Stoffel	Fall 2021
Complete required NEPA	Chris Bishop/Scott Stoffel	Winter 2022
Purchase facilities	Chris Bishop/Scott Stoffel	Spring 2022
Install facilities	Chris Bishop/Scott Stoffel	2022 & 2023

Business Outreach and Services

The proponents intend to pursue the following activities to expand and improve the business services available for visiting bicyclists and to attract new visitors:

Business Outreach and Services Goal 1: Lodging & Restaurant Sectors: Build awareness of the Bikeway and its potential benefits to the community as a tourism draw and the positive impacts of bicycle tourism.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
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Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
The Lake County Chamber of Commerce and/or the Merchants Association will reach out to managers of Lodging Sector and Restaurant Sector establishments to encourage enrollment in Bike Friendly Business Program	Tallulah Chiono/ Marie Tucker	Winter 2017
Training/guidance/reminders to help businesses apply	Tallulah Chiono/ Marie Tucker	Winter 2017

Business Outreach and Services Goal 2: General Retail & Local Community Groups: Build awareness of the Bikeway and its potential benefits to the community as a tourism draw and the positive impacts of bicycle tourism.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Reach out to Grocery, Coffee Shops, Wineries, Distilleries, General Retailers, and Clubs to encourage enrollment in Bike Friendly Business Program	Tallulah Chiono/ Marie Tucker	Winter 2018
Training/guidance/reminders to help businesses apply	Tallulah Chiono/ Marie Tucker	Winter 2018

Marketing and Communications

The proponents will pursue the following activities to make bicyclists' experiences great, to provide opportunities for bicyclists to participate in group rides of the route, to compliment the broad marketing and communications resources provided by Travel Oregon and the Parks and Recreation Department, and to assist the local Destination Marketing Organization in marketing the Scenic Bikeway:

***Marketing and Communications Goal 1:** (A) Immediately after designation, organize local launch event with volunteers, elected officials, supporting agencies and media. (B) After installation of scenic bikeway signage and website updates to OPRD and RideOregonRide, host a ribbon cutting and group ride along on a section of the Bikeway with bike clubs, travel industry partners, and media.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
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Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Organize local launch event	Tule Chiono	2017
Select location of ribbon cutting/group ride and hold event	Tule Chiono	2018

Marketing and Communications Goal 2: Submit articles to Lake County Examiner Special Editions (Mile High Splendor Calendar, Lake County Beauty, Sports Preview, Lake County Round-up, and Hunting publications) and the Herald and News highlighting the scenic bikeway.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Organize meeting to select message to highlight	Tillie Flynn/ Tule Chiono	January (yearly)
Review/fact check article(s)	Tillie Flynn/ Tule Chiono	February (yearly)
Submit articles to regional papers	Tillie Flynn/ Tule Chiono	March (yearly)

Marketing and Communications Goal 3: Create and distribute high quality, accurate, geo-referenced maps for other road and mountain biking opportunities across the county.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Assemble favorite rides from club members and vote on which ones to move forward	Chris Bishop	Fall 2019
Create maps in GIS	Chris Bishop	Winter 2019
Print and distribute to Trailheads/kiosks, local businesses, Chamber of Commerce, websites	Chris Bishop	Spring 2019

***Marketing and Communications Goal 4:** Create dedicated web page on the Lake County Chamber of Commerce website.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Hold meeting to discuss webpage needs and messaging	Marie Tucker/Tule Chiono	Winter 2018
Contact county webmaster	Marie Tucker/Tule Chiono	Winter 2018
Review and launch webpage	Marie Tucker/Tule Chiono	Spring 2018

Marketing and Communications Goal 5: Quarterly updates to ORPD for posting seasonal updates and issues affecting the Bikeway: road closures, new developments, opportunities.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Discuss updates with club	Marie Tucker	Quarterly
Post/ send updates to ORPD	Marie Tucker	Quarterly

Marketing and Communications Goal 6: Submit comments to RideOregonRide and OPRD about seasonal and unique touristy opportunities associated with the bikeway (always thinking a few months ahead).

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Meeting to assign member to blog	Rotates between members	Quarterly
Ride, take pictures, and post /comment on upcoming opportunity	Rotates between members	Quarterly

Record of Community Outreach & Public Meetings

During development of the Bikeway Plan, the proponents provided the following opportunities for members of the community to learn about and provide input into plans for the proposed Scenic Bikeway:

Description of Outreach or Opportunity for Public Input	Date
Article: Lake County Examiner (Lakeview, OR)	June 12 th , 2013
Article: Lake County Examiner (Lakeview, OR)	August 7 th , 2013
Article: Herald and News (Klamath Falls, OR)	December 19 th , 2013
Article: Lake County Examiner (Lakeview, OR)	January 1 st , and January 8 th , 2014
Public Meetings: Hart Mountain General Store (Plush, OR)	Wednesday January 8 th , 2014
Travel Oregon: Bicycle Tourism Workshop	Thursday June 5 th , 2014
Article: Herald and News (Klamath Falls, OR)	March 16 th , 2016
Article: Lake County Examiner (Lakeview, OR)	March 23, 2016
Article: Lake County Examiner (Lakeview, OR)	April 6 th , 2016

- ☐ Check when copies of news articles, calendar events, minutes from meetings, sign in sheets and other announcements are attached or sent in a separate file.

Bikeway Signs Location Tables

Sign Location Table (direction A such as clockwise)

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**** ODOT will be installing all signs, regardless of jurisdiction ****

Road Name	Intersection With	Arrow Direction	Sign Size	Road Jurisdiction (contact info follows)
Tall Man Entrance Rd (Hwy 140)	Fairgrounds Gazebo	Straight	S	County (Fairgrounds)
Tall Man Entrance Rd (Hwy 140)	West Entrance Rd (Roberta)	Left Turn	S	County (Fairgrounds)
West Entrance Rd (Roberta)	Roberta Rd	Right Turn	S	County (Fairgrounds)
Roberta Rd	Rabbit Hill Rd/ Missouri	Left Turn	L	County
Rabbit Hill Rd	Willow Bridge Ln	Right Turn	L	County
Willow Bridge Ln	Hwy 395/ Old Smokey Rd	Straight	L	County
Old Smokey Rd	Hwy 140	Right Turn	L	County
Hwy 140	Plush Cutoff Rd	Veer Left	L	State
Plush Cutoff Rd	Plush Adel Rd	Right	L	County
Plush Adel Rd	Hwy 140/ Twenty Mile Rd (Adel Store)	Right	L	County
Hwy 140	Plush Cutoff Rd	Straight	L	State
Hwy 140	Old Smokey Rd	Turn Left	L	State
Old Smokey Rd	Hwy 395/ Willow Bridge Ln	Straight	L	County

Road Name	Intersection With	Arrow Direction	Sign Size	Road Jurisdiction (contact info follows)
Willow Bridge Ln	Rabbit Hill Rd	Turn Left	L	County
Rabbit Hill Rd	Roberta Rd	Turn Right	L	County
Roberta Rd	West Entrance Rd (Roberta)	Turn Left	L	County
West Entrance Rd (Roberta)	Tall Man Entrance Rd (Hwy 140)	Turn Right	S	County (Fairgrounds)

Sign Location Table
(direction B such as counterclockwise)

For Bikeways signed in both directions

Road Name	Intersection With	Arrow Direction	Sign Size	Road Jurisdiction (contact info follows)
Hwy 140	Plush Cutoff Rd	Straight	L	State
Hwy 140	Plush Adel Rd/ Twenty Mile Rd	Turn Left	L	State
Plush Adel Rd	Plush Cutoff Rd	Turn Left	L	County
Plush Cutoff Rd	Hwy 140	Straight	L	County

☐ Check when responsible road jurisdictions have reviewed and approved the above Bikeway sign locations.

Sign Contact Information

Contact Name	Road Jurisdiction	Phone Number
Rick DuMiLieu, Lake County Road Master	County	541-947-6048
Mike Stinson, ODOT Road Manager	State	541-883-5662
Amanda Warner Thorpe, Transp. Pgm Mgr,	USFS	541-883-6795

Contact Name	Road Jurisdiction	Phone Number
Ronne Lindsay, Lake County Fairgrounds Manager	County Fairgrounds	541.947.2925

Final Bikeway Letters of Support

Final letters of support for each of the following agencies and road jurisdictions were obtained within 6 months prior to submittal of the plan:

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Agency/Jurisdiction Name	Date of Letter(s)
ODOT Area/District(s): Region 4, District 11	11/24/2015
County(s) Commission: Lake County	11/12/2015
Cities(s) council: Lakeview	11/13/2015
Forest Service District Ranger: David Brillenz; Forest Supervisor: Constance Cummins. BLM Field Manager: Todd Forbs; District Manager: E. Lynn Burkett.	11/13/2015 11/13/2015
State Park Manager(s) Insert list of parks adjacent to Bikeway	N/A
Other Letters: Lake County Chamber of Commerce, Lake county Roads Department, South Central Oregon Economic Development District.	11/10/2015 11/16/2015 3/29/2016

- ☐ Check when final letters of support from each of the agencies and road jurisdictions are attached.



Oregon

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Department of Transportation

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Michael J. Stinson, District Manager

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November 24, 2015

Alexandra Phillips
Bicycle Recreation Specialist
Oregon Parks & Recreation Specialist
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway/Application - Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Phillips,

Congratulations on the Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway being selected as the newest designated bikeway for Oregon. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 11 is pleased to continue our support for the Outback Scenic Byway. ODOT believes that promoting bicycling has positive health and transportation benefits to the citizens of Oregon. This route will offer guest to Lake County great views and an opportunity to experience Oregon's High Desert.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you the Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway and improving biking opportunities in South Central Oregon.

Sincerely,

Michael Stinson
District 11 Manager

Cc: File

Joel McCarroll
Butch Hansen



Lake County Board of Commissioners

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Bradley J. Winters, Chairman
Ken Kestner, Vice-Chairman
Dan Shoun, Commissioner

November 12, 2015

Ms. Alexandra Phillips
Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
725 Summer Street NE, Ste. C
Salem, OR 97301-0792

RE: Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway Application

Dear Alexandra,

The Lake County Board of Commissioners extends support for the application submitted by Lake County Economic Development on behalf of the Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway.

We feel this opportunity will provide outdoor enthusiasts with fantastic views of Oregon's high desert region including the Warner and Hart mountain ranges, Deep Creek Falls and all that our great outdoors have to offer. We acknowledge the economic benefits that bicycling can add to our County's recreation and tourism opportunities and welcome all of those interested to visit. This Board does feel it is important to add that as the majority of the route is along County roadways; road work along these routes will need to continue but will be marked and maneuvered as safely and efficiently as possible.

We express our appreciation to you for consideration of the Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeways application.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. Winters
Chairman

Ken Kestner
Vice-Chair

Dan Shoun
Commissioner



TOWN OF LAKEVIEW

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541-947-2029 General Business 541-947-2952 Fax

November, 13, 2015

RE: Letter of Support; Outback Scenic Bikeway

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter from the Town of Lakeview as indication of our continued strong support for the designation of the Outback Scenic Bikeway beginning and ending in Lakeview, and traversing some of the most beautiful landscapes the Oregon Outback has to offer. Our community continues to develop and support recreational opportunities for our local citizens but also as an economic development tool to increase tourism and awareness of our area.

The Town of Lakeview looks forward to designation of this route and continuing to work with the Chamber of Commerce, Lake County and the other partners in this project.

Sincerely,

Sandra Wenzel, Mayor
Town of Lakeview



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Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Fremont-Winema National Forest

1301 South G Street
Lakeview, OR 97630
541-947-2151

File Code: 1560
Date: November 13, 2015

Alexandra Phillips
Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Alexandra:

This is a **Letter of Support** in favor of official designation for "**Warner Pass Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway**" route put forward by the Lake County Bicycle Club, Lake County Chamber of Commerce, and the South Central Oregon Economic Development District.

The proposed Scenic Bikeway highlights an eco-tourism opportunity that demonstrates the eastside Oregon forest and Great Basin desert fringe ecosystem split by the Warner Mountains between the Goose Lake and Warner Valleys.

The route traveling from Lakeview, up Warner Canyon, over to Plush, along the base of Fish Creek Rim and the Warner Valley to Adel, and ascending back up Deep Creek Canyon offers some of the most scenic views our area has to showcase. As well, this route provides riders with chances to learn about our regions forest and desert resources, ancient cultures, and rich ranching history.

For these reasons, we support the designation of the **Warner Pass Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway** to expose people from outside this region to the exciting recreational opportunities in South Central Oregon and provide bicyclists with an amazing scenic experience that is unique and memorable.

Sincerely,

CONSTANCE CUMMINS
Forest Supervisor

cc: David B. Brillenz, David Hosack, Eric J. Watrud





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Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Warner Pass Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway

This is a **Letter of Support** in favor of official designation for the "**Warner Pass Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway**" route put forward by the Lake County Bicycle Club, Lake County Chamber of Commerce, and the South Central Oregon Economic Development District.

The Lakeview Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) strongly supports the recommended route for the proposed bikeway. We specifically support the portions of the route that passes through BLM managed lands, including our Crump Lake Boat Launch and Picnic Area.

We believe this scenic bikeway will offer a high quality cycling opportunity for our recreating public and enhance visitation to our other recreation sites in the area including: the Oregon Sunstone Public Collection Area, the Hart Bar Interpretive Site and the Warner Wetlands Canoe Trail.

We will continue to provide input and support to the project as the Scenic Bikeway Management Plan moves forward.

Sincerely,

J. Todd Forbes
Field Manager



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November 10, 2015

Alexandra Phillips
Bicycle Recreation Specialist
Oregon Parks & Recreation Department
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Alex:

On behalf of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the designation of an official Oregon Scenic Bikeway in our beautiful Lake County! I have worked as a proponent on the project for almost three years, and have the backing of my Chamber Board of Directors in making this endeavor a reality.

Not only does our area offer incredible views, a multitude of wildlife, amenable weather, and challenging terrain for cycling enthusiasts, but with an official Oregon State Welcome Center right in Lakeview, our exposure and outreach makes this a great place to offer the Bikeway to visitors from around the state, the country, and the globe. What a wonderful opportunity, and a totally viable project to add to the myriad recreational offerings in Lake County by showcasing such a fun and exciting activity that promotes a healthy lifestyle and improves our region's economic health as well!

I am wholly pleased to offer my support in your pursuit of a designated Scenic Bikeway in Lake County, Oregon. Please feel free to call with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your dedication, and for all your efforts in helping to put Oregon's Outback Scenic Bikeway on the map.

Sincerely,

Tallulah "Tule" Chiono
Executive Director
Lake County Chamber of Commerce



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November 16, 2015

Lake County Chamber of Commerce
126 North E Street
Lakeview, Or 97630

Re: Outback Scenic Bikeway

Please accept this letter as confirmation of support by both Lake County and the Lake County Road Department for the proposed "Outback Scenic Bikeway". We approve the route change suggested and support the use of County roads for connecting bike routes from the Town of Lakeview to State Highways including: from the intersection of Missouri Avenue and Roberta Avenue to Rabbit Hill Road, Willow Bridge Road and on to Old Smokey Road and Highway 140.

Lake County is proud to work our local communities, Chamber of Commerce and others to promote recreation, tourism and economic growth within Lake County. Projects such as the Outback Scenic Bikeway assist in establishing Lake County as destination point for recreationist and vacationers.

We appreciate the opportunity to again provide support for this project.

Sincerely,

Rick DuMilleu
Lake County Road Master

Photography, Video and Audio Release



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- I grant Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) the right to use, reuse, publish, and republish my photographs, video, and/or audio for restricted use in OPRD's marketing materials, including in print, online and any other medium; and to edit, crop, color correct and otherwise prepare this media without my inspection or approval.
- I acknowledge that participation is voluntary, and financial compensation will not be provided.
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- I understand that once my image is posted to an OPRD website or other media outlet, the image can be downloaded by any computer user.
- I hereby release OPRD from all claims and liabilities relating to said photographs, video and audio clips.
- I further attest that I have full authority to consent and authorize OPRD to use photographs of any minor child or children included in the media.

Signature

Chris C. Bishop
[Handwritten signature]

Date 1/20/2016

[By typing my name, I acknowledge the above statements.]

Email or street address 18880 Sage Rd, Lakeview, OR, 97630

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Henry "Hank" Ortega
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Date

1/21/2016

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Oregon 716 Bikeway meeting in Lakeview

Comments
accepted
before and after
March 30 session

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will host a public meeting for a proposed Oregon Scenic Bikeway at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30 at the Lake County Memorial Hall, 513 Center St., Lakeview, according to a news release.

The proposed 90-mile-long Outback Scenic Bikeway uses existing roads and passes by the towns of Lakeview, Plush and Adele. The Bikeway offers expansive views of Drake Peak, the Coyote Hills, Fish Creek Rim, Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge and Warner Peak as well as pronghorn antelope, big horn sheep and sage grouse.

The meeting agenda will consist of a short presentation on the Oregon Scenic Bikeway Program and information on the proposed Painted Hills Scenic Bikeway followed by questions from the audience.

Public comment on the proposed bikeway will be taken at the meeting. Written public comment will be accepted both before and after the meeting until the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission acts on the proposed designation. Comments will be presented to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission before the commission votes on designation.

Comments about the proposed bikeway can be sent to: OPRD.Publiccomment@oregon.gov,

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Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Ms. Phillips:

South Central Oregon Economic Development District is writing this letter in support of the official designation of the "Warner Pass Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway" as suggested by the Lake County Scenic Bikeway Proponent Group.

Lake County is perfect for this designation with our vast geographical features, diverse geology and ecosystems as well as the nature of the proposed bikeway course.

The proposed course follows 100 miles of terrain that covers plateaus, high desert, forest and breathtaking vistas. Tourism is a critical economic vitality component of our overall county well being and this designation will further cyclists chance to visit and appreciate our true Old West hospitality as well as support our local businesses.

We support this designation of the Warner Pass Oregon Outback Scenic Bikeway to share our exciting landscapes and recreational opportunities with our neighbors. We are hopeful this designation will offer amazing scenic experiences that are unique and memorable!

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

Ginger Casto
Rural Development Specialist
South Central Oregon Economic Development District

From: [Bishop, Christopher](#)
To: [PHILLIPS Alex * OPRD](#)
Subject: Fwd: Scenic Bikeway Support
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 2:28:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

Alex,

This is what I received from the fair grounds manager about signage and road jurisdictions.

Will it work? or does it need to be more specific?

Thanks,

Chris Bishop

Outdoor Recreation Planner
541.947.6185
1301 South "G" St.
Lakeview, Oregon 97630

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Fairgrounds** <fairgrounds@co.lake.or.us>
Date: Tue, Apr 12, 2016 at 1:45 PM
Subject: Scenic Bikeway Support
To: "cbishop@blm.gov" <cbishop@blm.gov>

Hello...

The Lake County Fairgrounds support the Scenic Bikeway and agree with the plan.

Thank you,

Ronne Lindsay, Manager

Lake County Fairgrounds

1900 N. 4th Street

Lakeview, OR 97630

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