

***Rogue River Access and Management Plan – Table Rock Reach***  
**Citizens Advisory Group**  
**3/20/12 Meeting Notes**  
**(31 people signed in)**

This was the first meeting of the Citizen Advisory Group for the Rogue River Access and Management Plan. The planning process will address the recreation use and access on public lands from Givan Ranch to Nugget Falls. The primary goals are (1) to plan for safe access to the river and surrounding lands and (2) to educate and direct recreation users to use appropriate public lands while deterring use on private lands or unsuitable public lands.

The first half of the meeting was spent reviewing a PowerPoint presentation on the background and purpose of the project, core planning team and National Park Service planning assistance grant, project timeline, decision process and committee engagement, vision and goals for the project, and the changing uses of the Rogue River. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached. The Citizen Advisory Group is comprised of private land owners in the project vicinity and their role is to provide information and guidance to the core planning group and land managers throughout the planning process. Individuals on this committee have a lot of on-the-ground knowledge about the river uses, conflicts, and needs and are a great resource and knowledge bank to the land managers. In addition to the Citizens Advisory Group, input from the Technical Advisory Committee, open house process, and core planning group will also be addressed in the planning process. The goal is to reach decisions by consensus, where possible, with the ultimate decision being made by the individual public land manager of the lands under consideration for development.

The second half of the meeting was spent soliciting feedback from the group what uses and conflicts they are currently seeing on the river. Below are the notes that were captured at the meeting.

### **Reach1: Givan Ranch to Touvelle State Park**

#### **Recreation Uses of this Reach**

##### Current Uses

- Most use is fishing
- Commercial jet boat tour
- Rafts
- Drift boats
- Motorized boats
- Fishing/angling
- Best spawning grounds for salmon and steelhead which has been declining. Many years ago, you could walk across the river on the backs of salmon. (Upper Givan on river right, across from JCP's property)

##### Givan Ranch

- Trails
- Fishing (mostly lower reach)

#### **Desired Recreation Elements and Opportunities**

- Horse trails

## **Concerns and Issues to Address**

### General

- Fire hazard at Givan Ranch
- Safety concern about large trailers and vehicles using Agate Road especially near the bridge
- Impacts to Elk herd near lower Table Rocks
- Alcohol use on the river and in any future campgrounds
- Concern about jet skis on the river, many are just trying out the equipment and make a lot of noise and travel very fast and make turns abruptly. Concerned about impacts from the jet skis to fish and wildlife and safety.
- Concerned about current litter that occurs on the river and surrounding lands both private and public

### Givan Ranch, Upper Area

- Boat Recreation in the upper Givan Ranch area could impact riparian vegetation and salmon habitat. In addition, there is not a good spot to put a boat launch because of the rapids in the upper section and then the steep slope and eroding bank in the lower section of the upper Givan Ranch property.
- Concerned about a developed campground in this area and impacts to vegetation and wildlife

### Givan Ranch, Lower Area

- The access road leading to the Elk Picnic Ground and lower Givan Ranch is private and there are concerns about increased use of this road because of increased dust and maintenance needed
- Concerned about increased development and use of this area especially developing a campground

## **Open House**

- When will it be? Landowners would like email notification of the meeting

## **Reach 2: Touvelle State Park to Gold Ray Natural Area**

### **Concerns and Issues to Address**

#### General

- Fire hazards
- Lack of restroom facilities
- Need to identify private lands from the river and trails

## **Reach 3: Gold Ray Natural Area to Nugget Falls**

### **Desired Recreation Elements and Opportunities**

- Trails
- Boat Ramp
- Support facilities

### Current Uses

- Most use is fishing/mining
- Rafts
- Kayaks
- Drift boats
- Motorized boats (minimal)
- Fishing/angling

- Walking
- Bird Watching

### **Concerns and Issues to Address**

#### General

- Fisher's Ferry
  - Rowdy jet ski use at Fisher's Ferry
  - Fisher's ferry in inadequate for current use levels
- John Day Drive/Gold Ray Natural Area
  - Illegal activity at the end of John Day drive
  - Potential future impacts to John Day drive
  - Need to address and define trails in the Gold Ray Natural Area
  - Capacity of John Day Drive
  - Waterfowl hunting on the river
- Gold dredging
  - Safety concerns with lines across river
  - Excessive number of dredgers
- Dowden/Lyman Falls
  - ODOT property should stay in public ownership
  - Interest in developing ODFW/ODOT lands off of HWY 234 for public boat ramp
  - Transient camps at Dowden Falls (ODFW property)
- Lack of patrolling/law enforcement
- Illegal shooting on Upper River road
- Condition of Nugget Falls wayside off of Upper River road
- Long law enforcement response time
- Potential for future floods impacting roads and future recreation sites
- Illegal campfires and off-road use at Hardy riffle
- Public/private property delineations