

## **Rogue River Recreation Access & Management Plan**

### **11/30/11 Scoping Session Summary**

The initial scoping session for the Rogue River Recreation Access and Management Plan (RRRAMP) was held on November 30, 2011 at the Jackson County Auditorium located at 7520 Table Rock Rd., Central Point, OR 97502.

Attendees included:

- Russ Stauff, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Trish Lindaman, Bureau of Land Management
- Anna Krug, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
- John Vial, Jackson County Roads and Parks
- Jenna Stanke, Jackson County Roads and Parks
- Steve Lambert, Jackson County Roads and Parks
- Craig Harper, Rogue Valley Council of Governments
- Susan Rosebrough, National Park Service
- Ashley Massey, Oregon State Marine Board

The initial meeting was developed to identify the background of why the plan is needed, identify current issues surrounding the project area, come to a consensus on team roles and the decision making process, and develop a list of potential stakeholders and project committee members. This memo shall serve to document the stakeholder groups that were identified, key issues discussed, current plans that can be used as reference for the development of the RRRAMP, as well as the “adoption” process for each agency in the Core Planning Group.

**The following committees were proposed by the group members:**

- Core Planning Group
  - Jackson County Roads and Parks (JaCo) *Project Lead*
  - Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) *Project Lead*
  - National Park Service (NPS)
  - Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)
  - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
  - Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB)
  - Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG)
- Technical Advisory Group
  - Jackson County Marine Patrol
  - Oregon State Police
  - Rogue River Guide Association (fishing and rafting guides)
  - Recreational rafting/boating group

- Northwest Steelheaders
- Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Rogue Basin Coordinating Council (RBCC)
- Department of State Lands (DSL)
- Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Environmental education groups
- Rogue River and Bear Creek Greenway Foundations
- Citizen Advisory Committee
  - Adjacent landowners to the project boundary
- *Other stakeholders who should be notified of the project*
  - Medford Water Commission
  - National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
  - Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (SORED)
  - Southern Oregon Visitors Association (SOVA)
  - Travel Oregon
  - Jackson County Health and Human Services
  - Oregon Community Foundation
  - Audubon Society
  - Ducks Unlimited
  - Klamath Bird Observatory
  - City of Medford
  - Freshwater Trust
  - Mining user group
  - Geos Institute
  - Water Watch
  - The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
  - Equestrian Associations
  - Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad
  - Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde
  - Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon
  - Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians
  - Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation (OWHF)

**The following issues were identified as key components that should be addressed by the final plan:**

- Current and future conflict between motorized and non-motorized boats
- Private landowners rights vs. public access rights- current and potential conflicts
- Current limited access and facilities for water based recreation
- Funding for future improvements and management/operations
- Safety of users
- Riparian vegetation management
  - Degradation of current vegetation by recreational use

- Invasive species management
- Environmental protection and enhancement
- Coordination/cooperation between land management agencies
- Connectivity to regional trail systems
- Use permitting
- Public education and outreach
- Appropriate levels of development vs. natural setting (how much access is necessary)
- Potential acquisitions
- Carrying capacity
- Future monitoring of use levels and conflicts
- Appropriate types of uses (ie. day-use vs. overnight facilities)
- Special events

**The following current plans exist and were identified as possible reference documents:**

- OSMB Six Year Facilities Plan
- Jackson County Comprehensive Plan
- Jackson County Parks System Master Plan
- ODFW Conservation Strategy
- ODFW/Mace Foundation Development Plan
- BLM Resource Management Plan
- ODFW Fish Management Plan
- Rogue River Water Trail
- Rogue River Greenway Solution Teams 1 & 2 Design Plans
- ODFW Denman Wildlife Management Area Plan
- Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

**Adoption/Acknowledgement Process:**

- Jackson County- Final plan may be adopted at the conceptual level by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners
- ODFW- Final plan may be adopted at the conceptual level by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission
- RVCOG- Final plan may be endorsed by the COG
- OPRD- Not sure how the plan may be acknowledged at this time
- OSMB- Not sure how the plan may be acknowledged at this time
- All core planning team members will seek endorsement of the plan through their agencies/departments through the terms of a MOU, or letter of support to be determined at a later date