

Sisters Trails Alliance hires program manager

Sisters Trails Alliance has hired a new program manager. Thanks to a grant from the Robert W. Chandler Discretionary Subfund of The Oregon Community Foundation, STA now has Kate Donovan as its first-ever paid staff member to support the work of the organization.

In 2017 the STA board of directors completed a three-year strategic plan, crafted with feedback from many key community stakeholders. The overarching strategy coming out of that plan was the need to strengthen organizational capacity by bringing on a part-time paid staff member to help manage and coordinate STA's varied activities and volunteers.

Donovan will be the primary connection to membership and ensure the community is informed about STA's

events and activities. Having Donovan at the helm allows STA's board members to focus less on the day-to-day management and to spend more time deepening relationships with key donors, directing the work of trail building and maintenance, and advocating for trails and trail users at the local, regional, and state levels.

Donovan said she is excited to combine her interest in the outdoors and enthusiasm for community engagement by joining STA. Her professional background is in recreation programming with emphasis on inclusion and community integration. She looks forward to deepening her involvement with the trails and STA members alike. Most evenings, Kate will be found walking or running the local trails with the family

pup — Sunny dog. She is also the current volunteer program coordinator for another local nonprofit: Sisters Folk Festival, Inc.

Sisters Trails Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to connect people and communities to each other and their natural surroundings. With the support of more than 100 volunteers, STA maintains the Peterson Ridge Trail system, produces a free trail map, hosts an annual speaker series, and supports trail-related activities and events throughout the year.

For more information visit www.sisterstrails.org.



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Kate Donovan is Sisters Trails Alliance's first-ever staff person.

BURNING: Always check conditions before ignition

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check daily regarding conditions. Firefighters responded Sunday to an escaped pile burn that had been ignited on Saturday under favorable conditions. The fire was not completely out and it reignited and spread in Sunday's extremely windy conditions.

Open burning within the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District is allowed with the following requirements:

1. Download from www.sistersfire.com or pick up a copy of the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Outdoor Burning Regulations at any one of our stations located in Sisters, Squaw Creek Canyon or Camp Sherman and have on site where burning is to be performed.

2. Call the Outdoor Burning Line 541-549-2333 each day that you plan to burn.

3. Follow all regulations in the Outdoor Burning Regulations brochure.

Note that some municipalities such as the City of Sisters do not allow yard debris burning at any time during the year within their jurisdictions and certain

homeowners' associations may have further restrictions in place.

Staff will continue to monitor weather and fuel moisture conditions in the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District and may make modifications on a day-to-day basis. Call your local outdoor burning information line for your current conditions. If conditions become drier, individual agencies may choose to close local burning.

For residents who are uncomfortable burning or are not in areas where outdoor burning is allowed, fall FireFree events will be available to residents. Watch www.firefree.org for the dates of these events in November.

Central Oregon Fire Chiefs federal partners (U.S. Forest Service & Bureau of Land Management) will be performing prescribed burns throughout the region. These prescribed burns will be conducted with federal fire resources, professional fire managers and firefighters on scene, favorable weather conditions and carefully planned land plots. These prescribed burns improve forest health and reduce the forest fuels in order to lower the wildfire risk to communities that is ever present later in the season when the conditions are more extreme.

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