

TRAILHEAD: STA was involved in securing grants for work

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STA has provided a grant match of volunteer labor.

The STA has been active in promoting trails and programs to enhance trails in and around Sisters. This particular project involved a concerted effort by STA members Gary Guttormsen and Patrick Eckford working closely with Amy Racki, recreation team leader for the Sisters Ranger District.

“STA supported the Forest Service and Sisters Ranger District in the preparation of the RTP grant proposal,” said Eckford. However, he emphasized that Racki “did the lion’s share” of the hard work leading up to the grant award.

STA Board Chair Catherine Hayden congratulated those who worked on the project.

“Well done,” she said. “That is great news. Thank you for all your hard work.”

The second grant for local trail improvements is for a new trailhead for the Peterson Ridge Trail system, which has been approved by the OPRD. Racki pointed out that, while this grant has been approved, the formal awarding of the grant is awaiting action by the Federal Highway Administration, which is expected this spring. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2020.

This project provides for construction of a permanent trailhead facility for the popular Peterson Ridge Trail, including 25 new, off-road parking spaces and a vault toilet. The existing trailhead site, information kiosk, and parking are all presently within a city neighborhood and adjacent to private property. The project would move the existing trailhead out of the

Tyee Drive neighborhood to a new location 850 feet south on Three Creek Lake Road (Forest Road 16).

In addition to the permanent toilet and off-road parking, the new trailhead design will feature a new informational kiosk, bike racks, a staging area, and room for future expansion. The current kiosk on Tyee Drive will be removed and that access point will be redesigned to accommodate local access only. STA will build new connector trails to the existing trail system. The concept was approved over four years ago, but funding has not become available until now. This was the third time the trailhead grant application had been submitted.

On behalf of the Sisters Ranger District, Racki thanked the City of

Sisters, Sisters Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Equestrian Trails, Blazin Saddles, FivePine Lodge, neighborhood residents, Sisters Parks & Recreation Department, and the Sisters Trails Alliance for their work on behalf of the project.

STA significantly helped with the planning, writing and presentation of the grant proposal to the review committee. In addition to working on compiling the grant application, STA also helped with the procurement of matching grant funding support. The grant request is for \$152,000.

Guttormsen, STA’s trails committee chair, was among the first to break the news to fellow STA members:

“Great news, all! We got the funds to build the new PRT trailhead.”



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The congested trailhead for the Peterson Ridge Trail system will be moved to a new location south of town in 2020.

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His announcement brought a flurry of excitement and celebratory messages from STA members.

“Wow! Finally! Whew! What an amazing, wonderful team. Good work and congrats to all,” said STA secretary, Chuck Humphreys.

Katie Williams, an STA director, was equally expressive. “Woohoo!!! Great work Gary and team. That’s very exciting news!”

The funding support for the project was predicated in large part due to the extreme popularity of the Peterson Ridge trails and, in no small part, to the economic and cultural impact that the trail system has on the entire Sisters area. Data submitted in the grant request cited annual trail usage by more than 30,000 hikers, equestrians, and cyclists.

Impact surveys suggest that as many as three-fourths of those trail users are from out of town and many come to Sisters specifically to use the Peterson Ridge Trail system.

The data also stated that these visitors may contribute as much as two million dollars to the local economy, and that the trail system is a key “quality of life” asset for the people of Sisters Country.

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Approval expected in spring 2019

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50 units depending upon their final size and configuration.

The number of parking spaces required will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the City during the site plan review for each parcel/building.

The master plan is required to go before the Sisters Planning Commission for a public hearing and commission approval. Mayes is still working on the application, but estimates approval will be granted by late spring 2019.