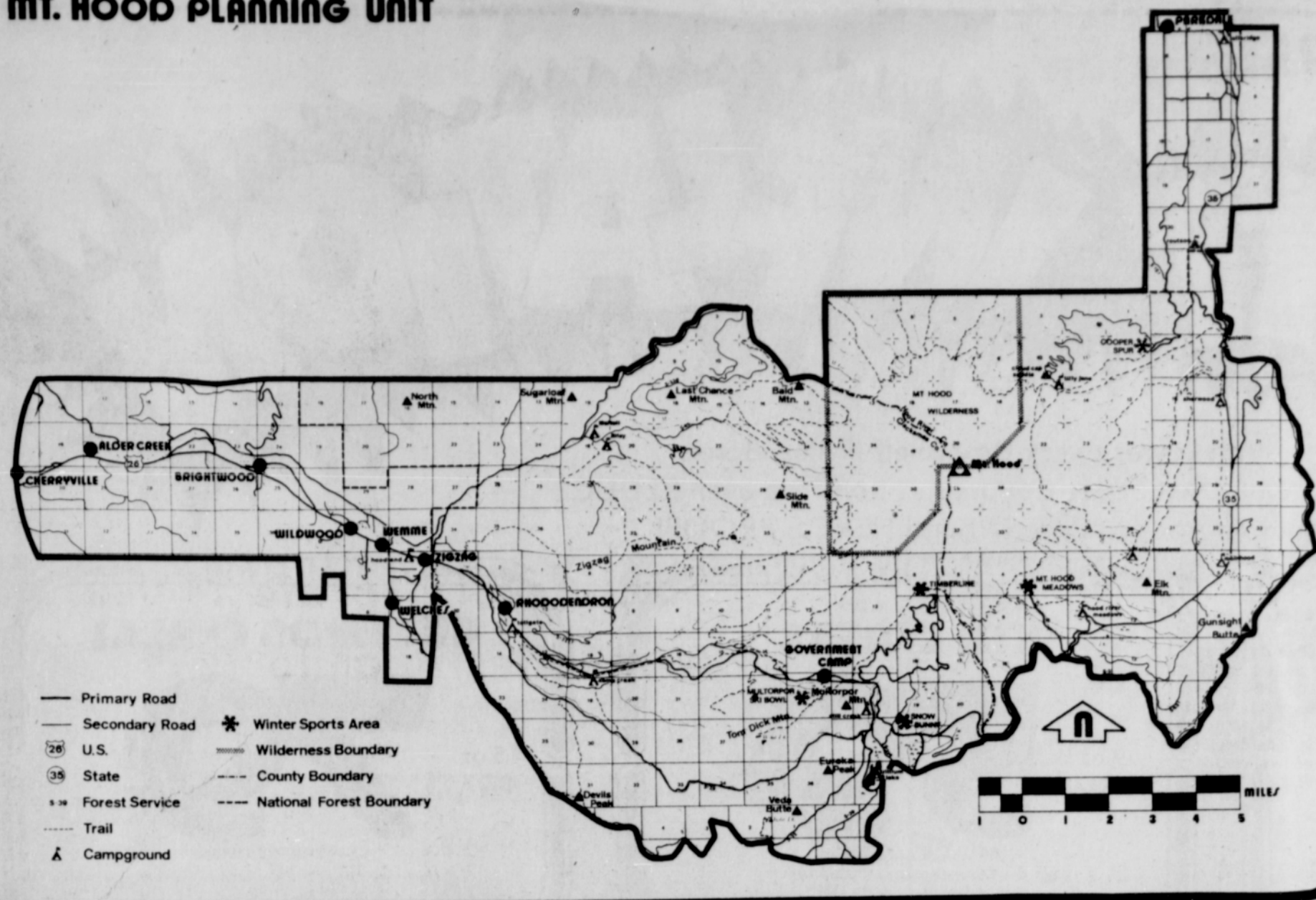


MT. HOOD PLANNING UNIT



After years of work

Mt. Hood plan adopted by Forest Service

by Sue Lafky
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The Mt. Hood Planning Unit Land Management Plan—a long-awaited document representing several years of work by a myriad of agencies—gained final approval on Monday.

The decision by Regional Forester R.E. Worthington implements, with a few revisions, the proposed plan described in the Nov. 21, 1977, final environmental statement.

The plan sets the direction for management of Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands in the Mt. Hood area, according to a Forest Service spokesman.

This 158,000 acre area involves a wide band of land along Highways 26 and 35 from Cherryville to Parkdale as well as recreation areas on Mt. Hood.

The final plan was based on over four years of study and intensive citizen involvement coordinated by an interagency planning team representing Clackamas and Hood River counties, the State of Oregon, the Forest Service and BLM.

According to the final environmental statement, an effort to coordinate land use policies and direction for the mountain area was organized in June of 1973 when an agreement was signed at Timberline Lodge organizing a cooperative, multiagency planning program called the Mt. Hood Interagency Planning Team.

The overall objective of the group was to develop a Mt. Hood Interagency Plan, with the responsibility for adopting the plan resting with the individual counties, the Forest Service and BLM.

The proposed plan in the final environmental statement has been clarified and modified in response to public and agency comments and decisions made in adopted county comprehensive plans.

Among the changes ap-

proved by the Forest Service was a revision of the wilderness area boundaries to agree with the National Endangered Wilderness Act as revised by Congress this year, said John White of the Mt. Hood National Forest's land use planning staff.

He told The Post that another change concerned occupancy leases for geothermal drilling. Prior to approving leases, an environmental assessment will be made according to regulations of the National Environmental Protection Act. That process will include public involvement, White said.

Other changes in the plan were made to protect the visual quality of the Bald Butte and Hunchback trails White noted. "There will be no tree cutting permitted along those trails."

The plan also says there will not be overnight housing or expansion of the Mt. Hood Meadows or Cooper Spur ski areas at this time.

Off road vehicle use in the Cooper Spur area was revised to exclude off road vehicle use except snowmobiles as administered in the Hood River District, White noted.

"Snowmobile use had been going on for some time and there had been no real problems with it," he added.

The Mt. Hood area is subject to a wide range of conflicting demands due to its high resource values and proximity to large metropolitan areas. The final environmental statement noted that the area draws 6 million visitors each year for hiking, skiing, fishing or driving on the scenic Mt. Hood loop highway. Seven thousand people reside in the area either on a seasonal or year round basis.

The total population provided for in the final plan is from 17,000 to 22,000.

The plan designates 48,000 acres as wilderness and wilderness study area, with another 41,200 acres designated as roaded

recreation area. Of the remaining area, 36,100 acres is set aside for general forest; 300 acres for commercial; 7,500 for housing; 8,600 for developed recreation; 7,700 for unroaded recreation; and 47,000 for environmental protection.

The plans says the "growth of commercial facilities will occur within existing centers, particularly in Government Camp and Welches, as needed to service communities and the traveling public but will not expand into other areas."

Also included in the final statement is a policy forbidding strip commercial development along Highway 26 and 35.

"Industrial use will be limited to the existing area in Parkdale and will only include agricultural processing and farm or forestry related activities," the plan continues.

The plan says housing patterns will be mixed.

"Through zoning, areas will be established for farm,

rural residential, recreational residential and low density planned unit developments, as well as intensifying housing in present resort areas," the plan says. "Physical separation of local communities will be maintained."

Under the plan, additional overnight or resort housing accommodations (including condominiums, motels and hostels) will be encouraged on private land at Government Camp and Welches.

"In discussion of recreation and skiing areas, the adopted plan says the existing BLM Wildwood recreation area will be expanded with additional day use facilities and a trailhead bridge connection to the Plaza Trail.

"Highway 26 is proposed for improvement, but only to the extent required by the proposed use level," the statement reads.

The plan recommends that the entire section of Highway 26 from Wildwood to Timberline Highway be upgraded "to at least an

improved two lane design. "Except for the Wildwood to forest boundary section, this would provide adequate highway capacities for present and near-future traffic volumes," the plan notes.

"First priority for four lane improvement after the Wildwood-forest boundary section would be Rhododendron to Timberline Highway section," the plan continues. "Expansion of the forest boundary to Rhododendron section may also be justified at a later time."

According to the final

statement, protection of the scenic character of the highway corridor is a high priority.

A Forest Service spokesman said public comment on the draft environmental statement, which was filed on March 1, 1976, reflected the high level of controversy over use in the area.

"These comments assisted in the preparation of the final statement and were also considered by Clackamas and Hood River counties in completing their land use plans for private lands in the area," the spokesman said.

Darr awaits sentencing

Joseph L. Darr, former manager of the Multnomah-Ski Bowl ski area will be sentenced May 8 on a charge of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Darr, 36, pleaded guilty Monday to the charge in U.S. District Court and faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

Darr is one of several persons who has pleaded guilty in an alleged cocaine distribution conspiracy.

Raymond Arnold Jr., 37, of Portland, and Michael Ladner, 25, San Diego, Calif., were sentenced Monday by U.S. District Judge Robert C. Belloni.

Ladner was sentenced to serve a three-year prison

term and a three-year special parole term for conspiring to possess cocaine with intent to distribute. Arnold was ordered to one year in prison and to pay a \$5,000 fine for interstate transportation in aid of racketeering.

Previously sentenced was Peggy Peacock, 25, of Rhododendron, who was ordered to serve 90 days in jail as a condition of a five-year probation term for possession with intent to distribute 5 ounces of the drug.

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