

Draft of statewide trails available online for public review

SALEM – The public is invited to comment on a plan for recreational trails drafted by Oregon the Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD).

Oregon Trails 2015: A Vision For The Future is posted for public review and comment at www.tinyurl.com/o3lvfah.

Comments will be accepted through Jan. 5, 2016. The plan guides public recreation providers across the state in their management of the following types of trails:

• Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails

• Snowmobile trails

• Trails for walking, hiking, the trails document using pub- opinions from 7,450 randomly bicycling and other non-motorized trail recreation

• Water trail paddling routes

The plan also establishes a review process for potential State Scenic corridor Waterway additions. The State Scenic

Waterways Program sets specific rules for selected corridors to balance pro-

tection of natural resources, scenic value and recreation. OPRD planners developed

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lic feedback gathered through statistically reliable surveys of

STATES ARE REQUIRED TO **DEVELOP A TRAILS PLAN TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MATCHING** FEDERAL GRANTS FOR TRAILS PROJECTS.

> trail users and nonmotorized boaters. Staff gathered feedback and

selected residents. In addition, staff held plan workshops in 14

locations across the state to gather additional public input on trails issues and funding needs.

States are required to develop a trails plan to be eligible for matching federal grants for trails projects.

OPRD uses the trails plan to direct grant awards for federallyfunded Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants and the state's All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) grants, which is financed by nonrefunded gas tax revenue and ATV permit sales.

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Responses can be emailed to terry.bergerson@oregon.gov, or sent by regular mail to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite C, Salem, OR 97301-1271.

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