



The Scappoose Rural Fire District holds rope rescue training each year. This year, they opened the training up to other Columbia County agencies and personnel from Columbia River Fire and Rescue joined them. The training was held July 25-29 at four locations; Scappoose Sand & Gravel, Bonnie Falls (where the above "rescuer" and "victim" are shown dangling above the falls on July 29), at the fire station, and at Boise Paper Solutions.

Initial reaction to trail idea a mixed bag

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found that their concerns were ungrounded.

Tierney went on to say that in most cases crime actually went down in areas the B-VSP goes through because there are more eyes on it, even though you may see only two or three people on any given stretch of trail, it is used by 35,000 to 40,000 people a year, yet it is mostly clean and litter free. He appealed to

landowners in the audience not to stonewall the county, but to work with them to resolve issues, if they can.

Andersen told the meeting that a four page questionnaire was sent to rail to trail conversions around the U.S. and the responses consistently indicated that most fears are eased after the park opens, but not before, and that property values, rather than going down actually go up somewhat.

Hyde went on to assure attendees that "We are not going to develop this without your okay," and asked landowners to stay and identify their properties for the county so they can be contacted later.

After the meeting, Ferrenburg was asked if she felt any better about the trail as a result of the meeting. Her response was, "No, I don't feel any differently, I still want my privacy."



Columbia County Commissioner Tony Hyde, standing, listens to a comment from Scappoose resident Joy Ferrenburg, who objects to the proposed trail from Scappoose to Vernonia if it will go through her front yard. The meeting, held at the Scout Cabin in Vernonia on July 21, was one of two initial meetings scheduled to gather public comments and questions, the other meeting was the next week in Scappoose.

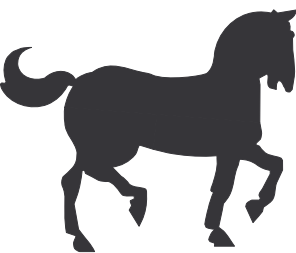
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This is a fundraiser for the Columbia County 4-H Horse Leaders Committee. There will be lots of prizes and a concession stand with burgers and hot dogs. Signs will be posted from Hwy 30 to the event. For more information, call Bob Spillman at 503-407-1424.