



## Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

### ATV Highway Access Routes Committee Webinar

#### Sumpter ATV Highway Access Route

Thursday October 8, 2020

### Minutes - FINAL

#### OHV Committee Members on Webinar

Ron Price (Chair), Barrett Brown, Tim Custer, Brian Worley, Lt. Craig Heuberger, Ian Caldwell and Eric Leaming

#### Non-OHV Committee Members on Webinar

Ace Clark w/ODOT – ODOT Dist. 13 Mgr.

#### ATV Staff present

Daniel Killam, Michele Scalise, Mike Law, Jeff Trejo

#### **Ron Price called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.**

All present introduced themselves

#### Agenda Review

RP - Reviewed house items and agenda – no issues

#### Public Comments

RP - Call for comments or questions on submitted items – no comments or questions provided

#### July 7, 2020 ATV Highway Access Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Barret Brown moved to approve the July 7, 2020 ATV Highway Access Meeting minutes. Tim Custer seconded.

**VOTE:** All in favor, the minutes were approved.

#### Ian – Reviewed PowerPoint Presentation

Reviewed map of area created by OPRD. Proposal was to designate Highway from mile post “0.0” Sumpter Hwy across bridge, through town down to Sawmill Gulch Road. The second section is a ¼ mile long trail in the right of way. They are looking to make connection for ATV use. The reasons are: to access businesses, eliminate pinch points and to reduce confusion. Here’s some back up information:

#### Helmets:

State Highway – For Motorcycles and ATV’s, everyone must wear a helmet, Side x Sides with youth under 18 must wear helmets.

City of Sumpter - only have to wear helmets if under 18yrs.

Minimum Age:

State Highway – Must have driving privileges which means Driver’s license or Instruction Permit so people can be as young as age 15

City of Sumpter – under 16 allowed but must be supervised. Mirrors state law from before 2009

Speed:

State Highway – Must follow posted speed 25mph, 35mph, and 45mph.

City of Sumpter – 15mph

Time of Operation:

State Highway - No limit on hours of operation but must have headlight and taillight after dark.

City of Sumpter - allowed 7am to 10pm.

Ian reviewed need to access to downtown businesses. Currently people are using trail on State Park property which ends at Depot Inn. The new hotel owner is closing the trail on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion of multiple business, hotels, restaurants, stores and gas station. To prevent a dead-end trail, OPRD will close trail from Austin Street to the north, when the Depot Inn closes access. This will create a problem getting to downtown businesses.

Ian reviewed the next section Austin Street to Sawmill Gulch Rd which is .42 miles. There are 3 options, to end the ATV use on the highway at Austin, 25/45 mph transition or Sawmill Gulch Road. Access to Sawmill Gulch Road is important, because there are numerous houses in the area and it provides access to the forest. There are also several businesses south of Austin Street along the State Highway. During Stakeholder meetings, many people thought it was fine to allow use on the highway all the way to Sawmill Gulch Road. Riders could use pavement, shoulder or trail. Discussion about maintaining trails. OPRD will likely sign an interagency agreement to do work and to install and maintain signs.

Ian reviewed the north end from Granite St to Cracker Creek Rd. There were some comments to end the route at Granite Street and use city streets to access Cracker Creek. Part of the route uses Magnolia Avenue, but the north end of the Avenue has been vacated and is not a legal access. There is also a .09 section of State Highway between the end of the County Road and Cracker Creek Road which there are no trail or road options to connect. Having people drive on the city streets, which are gravel, creates issues with dust and noise. Additionally, the bridge on Granite Street is in poor shape. Currently people from out of town are confused by which roads to take to connect to Cracker Creek Road. Some discussion about snowmobile use. SB344 only covers ATV access. ATVs with tracks are still considered ATVs so would be allowed on State Highway in the winter.

Ian reviewed Huckleberry Trail. Reviewed map of Sumpter Cemetery Rd to Huckleberry Loop. Reviewed photo of south end of Huckleberry Trail. Some neighbors came to ODOT with concerns to make this connection. Original request was to end at 2.71 of mile but need extend to 2.73 to the next driveway/road. Since the trail is in the right of way, it needs to be designated. Note the road surface is raised about 10 feet above the ground and there is a guard rail separating use.

Reviewed sign plan, map was shown and this is still in draft. The sign will show an ATV with a rider on both ends of the route to warn cars that there might be ATVs. Near Sawmill Gulch Road, there will be a

sign with an ATV and a red slash. Huckleberry Trail will have brown fiberglass trail signs with 3 inch ATV stickers to designate the use.

Ian reviewed how to address the issues: brochure to explain rules and routes, informational signs (reviewed park near gas station with rules), law enforcement, and signs. Law Enforcement is already up there. They talk to a lot of people about not being on the road. Deputy Adam Robb does patrols as well as other deputies. Reviewed in-town sign options like "Throttle down in town", which is being used in Moab, Utah. These signs cannot be placed within ODOT right of way but can be in someone's yard.

Reviewed process – application, committee review (on site visit, public meeting – comments -email, stakeholders). The ODOT meeting was the final stakeholder meeting. Notes were taken and were sent out. Notes will go into final report. We need to get to ODOT by 10/15. We should be able to get this done next week. Eric and I will work together on that. Eric will take to ODOT Oregon Transportation Commission on 12/01 when they review and make a final decision on any designation. Route would take effect upon approval and when signs get installed.

**MOTION:** Call for a motion to: recommend designating Sumpter Highway Number 410 as an ATV Highway Access Route from Mile Post 0.00 to Mile Post 1.18. And to designate for trail use in the right of way from Mile Post 2.55 to Mile Post 2.73.  
**First** – Brian Worley  
**Second** – Barrett Brown

**VOTE:**

Roll Call Vote: Tim – Yes, Brain – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Craig – Abstained, Ron – Yes. Motion is approved.

Discussion about parking in downtown and long vehicles extending into the roadway. The City and ODOT can work together to address the issue.

Discussion about difference in rule between City Ordinance and State Highway Statues and how communicate with the public through signs, brochures, websites, etc.

Discussion about reviewing or monitoring routes after being designated. There is no formal requirement, but Ian can give updates at Committee meetings.

Town of Paisley may come up. There's a route north of town to access BLM land north and east of town which is blocked by ½ mile of State Highway. City and County roads are all open.

Ian and Eric will run report by committee before going to OTC.

Adjourned – 11:19am