

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 13, 2023

Agenda Item: 8d Information

Public Comment Allowed: Yes

Topic: Smith Rock State Park Master Plan Status

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Project Description:

- OPRD Planning + Design and Tracy Johnson, OPRD CPM have been working with GreenWorks (consultant) to complete the Draft Smith Rock Master Plan.
- The effort to update to the 1991 Smith Rock Master Plan commenced in 2016 and was suspended for several years due to staff turnover and the COVID pandemic.
- Deschutes County has indicated that no new projects, including the GO Bond Welcome Center, will be approved until the Master Plan has been updated and adopted.
- We have gathered input from a variety of stakeholders (OPRD staff, public, Advisory Committee members) in a variety of formats (a survey, open houses, public meetings) throughout the process.
- Most concerns center around parking, crowding, trails, management, interpretative opportunities, and camping.
- The proposed plan identifies a pragmatic, incremental approach to address many of the physical infrastructure and management issues facing the park, while also preserving the park qualities that people love most.
- The Draft Smith Rock Master Plan was released on April 10th.
- The Advisory Committee was convened on March 7th, and again on Monday, April 10th to review and discuss the Draft Master Plan.
- The Draft Master Plan was also presented at two public meetings on April 10th—one by Zoom, and one in-person at the Bend Parks & Recreation District Office. There is a mandatory 30-day public comment period after which comments will be assessed and incorporated into the plan with the Director's approval, as outlined in the OAR.
- The next step is the June 2023 Commission Hearing and where we expect to request adoption.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: None

Attachments: None

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