

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 24, 2024

Agenda Item:	6a	Action
Public Comment Allowed:	Yes	
Topic:	ATV Committee Member Appointment	
Presented by:	Michele Scalise, Grants and Community Programs Manager	

Background:

The All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Advisory Committee is made up of sixteen voting members and one non-voting member representing a wide variety of agencies and disciplines. OPRD is seeking to appoint two new representatives that will serve on the ATV Advisory Committee: Representative of a Law Enforcement Agency and a Representative of Emergency Medical Services Provider. The Law Enforcement Position also serves on the ATV Grant Subcommittee, which reviews all the grant recommendations. Both positions were vacant due to representatives having a shift in job duties.

The ATV Advisory Committee as directed by ORS 390.565 is tasked with: reviewing accidents and fatalities resulting from ATV recreation, reviewing changes to statutory vehicle classifications as necessary for safety considerations, reviewing safety features of all classes of ATVs and recommending appropriate safety requirements to protect child operators and riders of ATVs.

OPRD staff issued a press release and communicated with county, state, and federal agencies with representation as described in ORS 390.565. OPRD received limited applications and extended the application deadline by 2 weeks and reached out again. OPRD then provided an interview opportunity for each applicant that submitted an interest form. All applicants were highly qualified and final selection was based on the recommendation from a panel of represented OPRD staff and a committee representative.

Recommended Representative of a Law Enforcement Agency: Sergeant Matt Smith

Sergeant Matt Smith is the Sergeant for Coos County Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Smith conducts ATV Patrols in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area as well as supervises 3 full-time ATV Dunes Deputies. The Sheriff's Office also patrols motorcycle trail systems in the County Forest and BLM lands within Coos County. Sergeant Smith applies for ATV Grant Funding, uses OPRD's Law Enforcement Tracking System (LETS), and has a good understanding of the ATV Program. He has worked in Law Enforcement since 2009 having served with the Myrtle Point Police Department and Warm Springs Tribal Police prior to joining the Coos County Sheriff's Office.

Recommended Representative of Emergency Medical Services Provider: Ethan Ludwig

Ethan Ludwig is a trauma Nurse Coordinator at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield, OR and has worked in the Nursing profession since 1994. He also spent several years as a volunteer Search and Rescue member. Ethan has been riding motorcycles for about 40 years and is on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety. He is also a member of the Emerald Trail Riders Association (ETRA), which works on trails with land managers in the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon.

Prior Action by Commission: Re-appointment of Committee Members in February 2024

Action Requested: Approval to move forward with the appointment of Matt Smith and Ethan Ludwig as ATV Advisory Committee Members.

Attachments: None

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