



Trail Blazer

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Events

Sep 01 (Mon) Burnt Bridge Creek/Frenchman's Bar Bike Ride—Class A/B

The short A level ride is an out and back on the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. It is 16 miles long with scenic views. The B level ride follows this with 17 more miles and stops at Vancouver Lake and Frenchman's Bar on the Columbia, for lunch at one of them. Total route has 850 feet elevation gain..

Depart: 10 AM at Bernie and Lakeshore, Trail Head of Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. Email leader to register for the shorter or longer route. Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250 lawson.terry@gmail.com

Sep 03 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

Wednesday morning hikers meet each week at Friendly House ... but how much do they know about it and the surrounding neighborhood? Come trek and learn as Ken Kane leads an interpretive hike of that part of north-west Portland. You'll find out about Portland's only world's fair ... and where Joe DiMaggio played ball ... and where he went for a post-game plate of pasta. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike, call the leader.

Depart: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM.

Leader: Ken Kane ken@woodbloom.com 503-522-9997

Sep 03 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM. Return about 8:00 PM.

Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712

ginibateman@comcast.net

Sep 10 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM.

Leader: TBD (contact Kathy Pollock for info 503-753-0560 or pollockkathy@gmail.com)

Sep 10 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM. Return about 8:00 PM.

Leader: Bruce Seymour, 503-722-2290.

Bruceseymour65@gmail.com

Sep 11 (Thu) Mt Angel Oktoberfest Bike Ride—Class A-

A short fun ride to Mt Angel and Oktoberfest. The ride will be about 14-20 miles with time to ambulate Oktoberfest. We will enter Mt Angel on Church street from the West to minimize traffic. Most of the ride will be on very lightly travelled roads. Even though this is a short ride allow plenty of time for the Oktoberfest. (Continued on page 2)

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Meet: Gervais, by the railroad, at 10:00 AM.

Leader: Louis Sowa 503-320-0440 LSowa@earthlink.net

Register with the leader by 8 PM Wednesday September 10.

Sept 13 (Sat) Hike to Nesika Lodge - Class B

Ever wondered what's above Multnomah Falls? Come with us and find out! We'll hike through lush temperate rainforest, along Multnomah Creek part of the way, passing many waterfalls, on our way to the Trails Club of Oregon's Nesika Lodge for lunch and a tour of the grounds. This hike will qualify participants for Club membership, if they wish to sign up. Hike approx. 8 miles round trip with 1,800-2,000 feet elevation gain, and drive 48 miles round trip. Please call or email to register, thanks!

Depart: 8:30 am from Gateway Park and Ride, or 9:15 am from Multnomah Falls Lodge

Leader: Lisa Osburn 503-476-5638 or
riversdream@msn.com

Sept 13-14 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Lodge Work Weekend

Join us for our monthly Work Weekend at Nesika lodge.

Register with Lodge Chair Glenn Conrad for details at 360-837-3787 or email at lcgrconrad@aol.com

Sept 13-14 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Lodge Work Weekend

Come join us for the September Tyee Lodge Work Weekend. Projects include remodeling the Men's restroom, cleaning, moving wood and several odd jobs that need to be accomplished this Fall. Paul Snively will be the Work Weekend Chair, and Joan Miller will be cooking delicious meals for us. Sign up for the weekend or the day. Everyone is welcome! Register with Callista Snively by Sunday Sep 7th tyeechair@trailsclub.org or cell 503-330-7344.

Sept 13-14 (Sat-Sun) Indian Heaven Loop Exploratory Backpack—Class B

We'll explore the Indian Heaven Wilderness, with its many lakes in the Washington South Cascades. Our trailhead will be at the Cultus Creek Campground, and when we enter the wilderness we will have multiple options as to where to explore and camp. Area is known for its lakes and also for mosquitoes, but hopefully by going in September most will be gone. Distance in will be between 4-5 miles depending on where we end up and about 1700 feet of elevation gain. To register, Application form and Emergency Contact Information forms must be received by leader before Thursday September 10th. These forms are available on TCO's Website under Backpack Participant Information.

To register Contact Leader Bill Yandon by 8 PM Thursday September 10th. wkyandon@earthlink.net, 503-538-3643 (Home), 503-887-2932 (Cell)

Sept 14 (Sun) Covered Bridges Bike Ride—Class B

We may be doing two groups this year. The long route includes all five covered bridges in the area and is about 47 miles. The shorter route will visit four bridges and is about 34 miles. All of these bridges are still in daily use. We will

have lunch at the County wayside adjacent to one of the bridges, and next to a swimming hole. The objective is to enjoy the covered bridges and the countryside as a group. This ride may be an all day event, as it is a leisurely trip with lots of stops. 4 Bridge Route map available at <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/5552933>

Meet: I5 rest area south of Wilsonville, Time: 8:30 AM
Leader: Charles Shaw 503-729-7560, chaznw@gmail.com. Contact me if you can lead one of the rides

Sep 17 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM.
Leader: Kathy Pollock 503-341-9441
pollockkathy@ymail.com,

Sep 17 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Leader: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839.
catherineschied@gmail.com

Sep 20 (Sat) Bald Mt and Ponds Below McNeil Point Hike—Class B

We'll hike up to the Pacific Crest and Timberline Trail using the Top Spur Trail to the area around Bald Mountain and the northwest side of Mount Hood. After going round to the scenic south side of Bald Mountain, we'll climb up a scenic ridge overlooking Mount Hood and end up at seasonal ponds below McNeil Point. If the weather is clear, we should have fantastic views of the west face of Mount Hood. Round trip miles will be approximately 7 miles with 1700 feet of elevation gain. If you plan to attend the Hike and Dine at Tyee, please register with Lodge Host. Register with leader before 9:00 PM Thursday, Sep. 18 as this hike into the Mt. Hood Wilderness must be held to 12 hikers. Depart from the Gateway Transit Center at 8:30.
Leader: Bill Yandon Home: 503-538-3643 Cell 503-887-2932 or e-mail wkyandon@earthlink.net

Sep 20 (Sat) Lower Salmon River Membership Hike - Class A

With a visit to Tyee Lodge, this hike meets all membership requirements. Old growth hike along the Salmon River 4 miles round trip 100 ft. el. gain. This is a short way off Hwy 26 in the Zigzag area A nice stop on the way to Tyee for the Hike & Dine dinner that evening and/or to stay overnight (Tyee Hike & Dine Sept. 20-21 information below for reservations). Or you can just visit Tyee Lodge after the hike. Drive round trip 82 miles for the hike or hike and Tyee Lodge 116 miles
Depart: 8:30 am from Gateway Park and Ride

Leader: Joan Miller 503-524-0562 or membership-chair@trailsclub.org before 8:00 pm Friday

Sep 20-21 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Hike and Dine

Jim Flick will be our cook/host for dinner. The menu will be green salad, roasted chicken breasts, roasted vegetables with pesto sauce, white rice, and apple pie. Black bean burgers available for vegetarians. Cost: \$9 dinner, \$3 breakfast, day use lodge fee \$2, nonmember overnight \$15, member \$10. Lodge open by 10:00 a.m. Sat. Please register by Wed, Sep 17. with: Jim Flick at 360-687-4776 or email jgff@hotmail.com

Sep 22 (Mon) North Plains Bike Ride—Class A-B

We will ride from North Plains to the end of Dairy Creek Road through fairly flat country. The roads have little traffic and the scenery is beautiful farmland ending at the crossing of Dairy Creek. This ride is about 25 miles.
Depart: Meet at the North Plains McDonald just off Hwy 26. Please call or email leader for starting time and to register by Sunday night.
Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503-648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com

Sep 24 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

Water feature hike downtown, 4 mi. + 1.5 mile return or public transportation, then lunch at a nearby café. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM.
Leader: Ray Amsinger, rayamsinger@hotmail.com or 503-442-9228,

Sep 24 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Leader: Eric Berg ericwb@aol.com

Meeting Places

Gateway Park & Ride From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of blocks and park in the Park and Ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk walk (directly inside if it is raining). From I-84, take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Wallace Park is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St between NW 25th Ave and NW 26th Ave. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. TriMet buses 15, 17 and 77 service is nearby.

Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St the usual meeting for **Wed Morning Hikes**

Target is a common west-side meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy, turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr, park in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot. TriMet bus 47, 2 and 89 service is nearby.

President's Message

By the time you read this article, three members of the Trails Club of Oregon will be have attended the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs' annual conference on August 22nd, 23rd & 24th at the Echo Summit Lodge belonging to the California Alpine Club. The CAC has generously donated their rooms at no cost to the participants. Similar to what the TCO does, volunteers are cooking the meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and their fees are also similar to what we charge. When member clubs host the conference it is so much more affordable to attend.

The Trails Club of Oregon joined with the Mazamas to hold the first Federation event back in 1933 to promote recreation and conservation in the Western States. Today there are approximately 45 organizations that participate as members along with about 50 individual members. In the 1930's and 40's there would be anywhere from 20 to 35 TCO members in attendance at those conferences. We have hosted several of the conferences at either Nesika or Tyee. We joined the Mazamas in hosting in 2012, at their lodge.

In addition to hearing several presentations on various topics the member clubs submit "request for resolutions" regarding issues of concern to them. Those can be local, state, regional or national issues. The FWOC Resolution Committee reviews all applications for presentation on the last day of the conference. If there is more than one submittal on a subject, the committee talks with the people that submitted them to work both applications into one effective draft, if possible, for approval. The member clubs can use the resolutions in support of their position on the subjects.

The Trails Club of Oregon has remained a member organization in FWOC since its inception and has been active in promoting recreation and conservation issues in several states. TCO president Ding Cannon was also the President of FWOC and spearheaded the formation of Forest Park when it appeared the concept of the park was going to be abandoned in 1946. He recruited support from the member clubs of FWOC along with other national and local organizations. FWOC played a major role in getting the park approved and a plan on what it was to be and how it would work. Many TCO members worked under the FWOC umbrella to build trails and many of the features still there today.

The Trails Club, under that FWOC umbrella, has also supported many campaigns for wilderness, protection of wildlife, access to our beaches, and building of trails for the public enjoyment throughout the area. The original Angels Rest Trail was built by TCO members. In addition, TCO member Henry Waespe, working with club members, blasted rock for the Eagle and Oneonta Creek trails and

Norm Greene led work parties to build sections of the Pacific Crest Trail.

This year the FWOC will address climate change. Right in the middle of this discussion is the issue of coal and oil trains dominating rail traffic in Washington and Oregon, especially in the Columbia River Scenic Gorge Area. Almost all the recreation organizations that exist in or use the recreation facilities of the gorge are participating in discussions to determine the potential threat to the ecosystem of the Columbia River if a catastrophic spill occurs or the accumulation of coal dust along the tracks becomes a reality.

This is a very emotional discussion, even within the Trails Club. I hope the FWOC can help us better understand the situation. The Trails Club Conservation Committee welcomes any member with concerns on this or other issues to join it's . Discussions.

George Milne, President

Trails Ahead

Tyee Schedule—2014

Date	Event Description	Contact
Sep 13-14 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Callista Snively
Oct 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Callista Snively

Tyee Hike and Dine Schedule

Sep 20-21 (Sat-Sun)	Cooks, Jim Flick Asst.	Callista Snively,
Oct 18-19 (Sat-Sun)	Cook,	Catherine Schiedler.

Nesika Schedule —2014

Date	Event Description	Contact
Sep 13-14 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Oct 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule-2014

Sep 01	(Mon) Burnt Bridge Creek/ Frenchman's Bar	
-	Class A/B	Terry Lawson
Sep 11	(Thu) Octoberfest Ride	Louis Sowa
Sep 14	(Sun) Covered Bridges	Louis Sowa/Chaz Shaw
Sep 19	(Fri) Multnomah Falls	Ralph Rogers/Allen Burrell
Sep 22	(Mon) North Plains-Class A-B	Gisela Piercy

History

Jerry Reneau—Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award Recipient

In 2003, Jerry Reneau received the highest honor the Trails Club can bestow on a person who has served the Club both well and long. Born on July 26, 1940, the son of a business man (his dad owned Watco Electric), Jerry first lived in Portland on a dairy farm off 82nd and Sunnyside Road. When he was 2 years old, his family moved to Sellwood District, then

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later to Eastmoreland. He attended Cleveland High School and grew up with Linda Anderson who knew about the Trails Club. His junior and senior years, he enrolled in ski lessons at Summit, staying at Tyee. That was Jerry's first introduction to the Trails Club. Interesting to note, after ski lessons Linda lost interest in the club whereas Jerry carried on. In 1958 he joined the club, just in time to help with the construction of Tyee's west wing addition.

Even though Jerry's dad owned a cabin in Rhododendron, he spent a lot of time at Tyee and Nesika with Art Stangell and his sisters Nancy and Sally along with others such as Steve and Theresa Riley, Linda (Conrad) Schuchardt, Ken Becker (Fern Anderson's brother) and several others. Art's sister Julie, too young to join this group, participated in the club later and went on to become quite a naturalist.

Jerry's ability to drive was a plus with youth and parents, especially Pete and Virginia Stangell, who raised their kids in the club. Pete served as president in 1961-62 and Virginia was especially active with planning Kiddy Camper Outings. The Stangell's supported Jerry, who supervised the youth group, which planned outings at both lodges. Jerry remembers asking and gaining Pete's permission to take a group to Nesika with a former girlfriend, Nora Visser, quickly adding the kids would chaperone them. In addition to being a youth advisor, Jerry participated in club climbing and hiking activities. In 1960-61, he hiked more than 280 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail and participated in a successful climb up Mt. Hood led by Lee Squier and Ray Ellis.

From 1963-64 Jerry left the club temporarily when drafted into the army where he traveled to Fort Ord, CA for basic training, and then to Fort Gordon, GA where he attended a Lineman School. Jerry ended his Army tour at Camp Roberts, a National Guard headquarters and continued service in the reserves. Back home, Jerry began his job search by first visiting the ZigZag phone company. Not hiring, they referred him to the US Forest Service where Bill Arthur hired Jerry as part of a seasonal project crew which prepared equipment for the firefighter crews, fought wildfires, piled brush, planted trees and helped pump out pit toilets. Eventually, his employer wrote a hardship letter to the Army Reserves so he was relieved of that obligation.

Jerry supplemented his seasonal work with the Forest Service by operating the T-bar at Summit Ski area, located at the east end of Government Camp, a job he rather happened onto. One day at Ski Bowl, hoping to find another part time job, Jerry asked a person sweeping if they were hiring. When the person, he presumed to be a janitor, asked when he could start, Jerry asked if he needed to check with someone. He said no, he owned Summit and half interest in Ski Bowl. Her was Everett Darr, who never joined the club, yet helped immensely in building Tyee. Over the years, Jerry taught a lot of kids to ski, including Sylvia Milne in her mid-30s.

In his Forest Service job, Jerry worked himself up from warehousing to brush work, to firefighting and then back to warehousing, avoiding a big fire at Bull of the Woods. Next, Jerry provided ground support as a tanker driver delivering water to the fire sites. In 1983, after a new boss recommended he attend special classes at Marylhurst University to overcome his dyslexia, he worked in law enforcement for the Firewood Program patrolling wood cutting areas and writings tickets. All total, Jerry worked 30 years for the US Forest Service out of Ripplebrook Ranger Station and for Darr during snow season (Nov-April).

During his time off, Jerry continued to be an active Trails Club member. In particular, he worked with Henry Waespe, head blaster on the Eagle Creek and Oneonta trails, at Nesika on roads, trails and cutting firewood/dead snags. One particular project is particularly worth noting as a teachable moment. In May of 1970, Henry at age 79, got permission from the club to use dynamite in dropping some fir trees located some 500 yards down toward the parking lot from where the MarMac foot path (named in honor of Ken Martin and Harold Mace who built it) intersects with the Monster Trail.

Henry brought up 11 sticks of dynamite, which he had kids pack in for him. Jerry had the caps and Henry the sticks. They used a hand drill to bore $\frac{3}{4}$ inch holes into the trees. In one particularly large tree with harder wood, they bore 3 holes, took the paper off the dynamite and set the fuses. Two sticks went off. The 3rd one didn't. Henry said to Jerry, "Don't go down there; we'll come back in a week!" The Dynamite didn't go off, so later Jerry used a chain saw with a 28" bar to cut down the tree.

Same story as told by Rob Steinle, in a recent email to Jerry "There was that giant Douglas Fir, struck by lightning, about 5-5 1/2 Ft in diameter. We got a permit from the Forrest Service to cut it down for firewood You said that Henry "blasted" away the bad area with Dynamite. However, the tree stood tall, proud, and sound as could be. After several trips, you managed to cut a large wedge out of one side, but the tree was still standing firm. You asked me to help you cut it down, so we took a trip there when no one was around. You finally got it cut through on the back side to line up with the notch on the front, and the tree "rocked back" and pinched the bar. We got wedges and sledge hammers and finally managed to get the saw free. However, the tree just stood there. The wind would blow it in the direction we wanted it to fall, but when the wind let up, the tree just settled back the other direction. It just stood there; gently swaying back & forth when the wind gusted. Eventually we managed with the wedges to get it to go. It was a thunderous sound when it hit the ground. The Club hired some professional loggers to buck it into 16"-18" thick slabs. The slabs took us forever to split the sap ring, break them into sections, and load them on the Monster.

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Over the years, Jerry was always cutting firewood or something, which included one tree in the view area in front of the main lodge at Nesika and another alongside the MarMac trail. Unfortunately, the one tree, which now obstructs our view of the Columbia River, according to Jerry, is not safe to remove. After the new lodge was built, he used an Alaska Saw Mill to cut 4" thick slabs from a full length (60ft.) fir tree cut down by Todd & Mike Burke. These slabs were used to build a mantel and porch for the main lodge and to shore up the bridge at Peterson Creek.

Besides learning or using skills to accomplish club goals, Jerry benefitted from the opportunity to make long term friends. Foremost, Jerry and Art not only shared a love of skiing through the years; they both met their wives through family connections. In 1967, Art's sister Nancy was on the Portland State University track and field hockey team with Patty Bates. In 1969, the year Patty graduated; Nancy introduced her to Girl Scouts. Nancy had connections on the east coast and encouraged Patty and their friend Eva Bushman to apply for jobs as camp counselors. They all secured positions and drove cross country together.

Spring of 1970, excited by her experience as a camp counselor, Patty began researching possibilities of becoming an Outdoor School Counselor. She first learned of the program when her youngest sister returned from camp and enthusiastically shared her experience. Patty thought it sounded like a lot of fun and something she would be interested in doing. Hired to serve as a counselor in the program at Trout Creek Camp in Springdale, she met Sherrie York, another counselor. After the season, they rented a room in a duplex in Portland and became roommates.

The winter of 1970-71, Nancy Stangell introduced Patty to her brother Art, who was working at Summit. When Patty showed interest in working there, Art introduced her to Darr and she secured a seasonal position where she met Jerry. Then in accepting a ride to Summit from Art, Patty ended up introducing him to her roommate Sherrie. After some long drives to and from the mountain, Art & Jerry proposed Patty stay with them on the weekends at Jerry's family cabin. Patty finally agreed when she discovered there were three bedrooms, and she would have her own space. In 1972 Art married Sherrie and Jerry married Patty, who then taught school at Three Lynx until 1982 when the school closed.

The summer of 1982, Jerry celebrated his birthday with new found friends at the Indian Henry Camp Family Outing, just above the Clackamas River North Fork Dam hosted by George and Sylvia Milne. Much to the delight of the group, Jerry showed up unannounced with a truck load of wood. Timing was everything. Shortly thereafter,

George and Jerry, both owners of four-wheel drive vehicles, became the dynamic duo, being the only ones able to transport building materials into Nesika over the newly repaired Multnomah Creek Bridge. Until the culverts were installed, to abate a swampy place in the road, they both chained up on the new bridge to get through what became known as George & Jerry Lake, complete with frogs.

Jerry's brand new 1978 baby blue 250 Ford Ranger with a winch on the front bumper served the club graciously for many years, especially during his three years as Nesika Lodge Chair (1986-88) and a Term as Lodge & Properties Trustee, 1985-86 (Darrel Tarter was President/George Milne was Vice President). Unless you've done these jobs, you never realize how much time and preparation it takes to organize monthly work parties – depending on the projects, some summers the week-end work is continuous. During the rebuilding of Nesika, Jerry became a regular at the Milne acreage on King Rd, where the Trails Club stored equipment, stopping by to load supplies. Of course he also shared meals and got roped into babysitting Matthew, teaching him many skills. As the rebuilding project wound down, Jerry bought another new truck; selling the old one (now known as "Babe") to George "Matthew" Milne, born the fall of 1981. Matt paid and bartered to make the deal, wanting desperately to hang onto fond memories of working with Jerry and the truck.

On Jerry's 70th birthday, the summer of 2012, I interviewed him, almost 30 years to the day of meeting him at Indian Henry Campground.
Sylvia Milne, Historian



Jerry and Patty Reneau 1997

Let's Talk About

I received an interesting email from ONC and want to share it with friends and outdoor clubs that are active in winter.

Gerda Eck

Here is detailed info on this issue:

The winter travel planning rule has a couple of important implications for cross-country skiers. By determining where winter motorized use is allowed, restricted, and prohibited winter travel planning results in designating some places as non-motorized. While the Forest Service doesn't technically manage non-motorized recreation, those places that are designated as off-limits to snowmobiles are then places where skiers can go and know they will not have to compete with snowmobiles for access to the snow and can have a quiet, exhaust-free, experience. This is the heart of winter travel planning insofar as cross-country skiing is concerned. Also, because this new rule requires National Forests to write winter travel plans, for the first time all of our National Forests have to actually step back and consider how they should, and want, to manage snowmobiles across a broad landscape (the status quo has always been that snowmobiles can go basically wherever they can get to except for Wilderness a few scattered places that have been put off limits).

The travel planning process - which is done separately for each National Forest - is an opportunity for any and all interested stakeholders to get involved in determining where motorized use is and is not appropriate. However, this process is only as good as the rule that frames it and as written now the proposed rule will do or change very little. While it requires National Forests to designate routes and areas where snowmobiles are allowed, restricted, or prohibited the rule is written in such a way that National Forests wouldn't really have to change anything from today's status-quo. We'd like to see a rule with some teeth in it. Specifically, we think the rule should require forests to truly evaluate and mitigate the impacts of snowmobiles, restricts them to places where they are appropriate, and get forests to think about non-motorized recreation on its own merits as opposed to as something that exists only in places motorized recreation isn't interested in.

The rule is available for review at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FS-2014-0004-0001>. This website is also where the Forest Service is collecting comments. In order to get the Forest Service to modify the rule before they finalize it it is really important for cross country skiers and others who value and enjoy quiet winter landscapes to send a comment letter to the Forest Service.

We have a number of suggestions that we think would improve the proposed rule and would make management of winter motorized recreation more consistent with how the Forest Service manages summer motorized recreation. Details can be found on our website (<http://winterwildlands.org/take-action/>), but in general these

are the major issues we want to see addressed:

- In the draft, individual forests or ranger districts can choose to implement either an "open unless designated closed" approach (the current status quo for winter) or a "closed unless designated open" approach (which is how they manage wheeled vehicles). This is inconsistent with how motorized use is successfully managed in other seasons, and will be very confusing on the ground. The final rule should be consistent and follow the "closed unless designated open" approach.
- The draft changes the definition of an "area" to include broad expanses, even as large as an entire ranger district, and proposes that impacts of trails within these areas would not need to be analyzed. This departure from the way all other ORVs are managed. The definition of an "area" in this rule should be the same as in the 2005 Travel Management Rule (which is the rule that outlines how to write summer travel management plans).
- The draft appears to grandfather-in a range of past designations for over-snow vehicle use. Plans that are comprehensive across a whole Forest or Ranger District, aim to minimize user conflict and resource damage, and involved the public in a meaningful way should not have to be redone. But, we are concerned that the draft goes too far by allowing past administrative decisions that do not have that a comprehensive scope, analysis or level of public involvement to count as travel plans.
- The Forest Service needs to issue a final over-snow vehicle rule consistent with Executive Order 11644, which required regulation of off-road vehicles – including snowmobiles – to specific routes and areas. In designating these routes and areas the agency must consider, with an objective of minimizing, impacts to: forest resources, wildlife, and conflicts between motor vehicles and other recreational uses. By allowing previous designations to stand without ensuring they incorporated these "minimization criteria", the proposed rule appears inconsistent with Executive Order 11644 (and therefore not in compliance with the judge's order).

If anybody has any questions I would be happy to help them out. They can call or email me and my contact information is below.

Hope this helps! Thank you for spreading the word!

Hilary

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Summary of Board Minutes

Trails Club Of Oregon Board of Trustees Meeting August 12 2014

Call to Order—George Milne called the meeting to order at 7 PM. All members of the board were present, Art and Sheri Stangell and Sylvia Milne also attended. George told us he would be attending the FWOC annual meeting at Echo Summit Lodge near Lake Tahoe. The minutes of the July regular and special meetings were approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report—Cindy Lee

Cash Balance	07-31-2014	\$25,895.57
Beginning balance	07-01-2014	\$19,751.13
Deposits		8,799.99
Checks/Withdrawals		<u>-2,655.55</u>
Ending Balance	07-31-2014	\$25,895.57

Cindy noted that our present balance contains cash from trip fees which are already committed.

Vice President's Report—Bill Yandon

Bill said there were no changes to the calendar. Pamela Moore has requested a key. The board approved issuing a key to Pamela.

Publications Trustee's Report—Phil Jackson

Phil Crosby will be helping Phil Jackson for the next few months and may take over as publications trustee next year. Phil explained how confining monthly deadlines for the *Blazer* have been. I feel we owe Phil a great big "Thanks" for unfailingly meeting them. He made a good case for the *Blazer* editor's having some help.

Trips Trustees Report—Jeff Lawton

Jeff announced that Cathy Scheidler would be the new Wednesday evening hike coordinator. There are now 583 people signed up on our meetup site. The Alpine Outing has been canceled as a result of the wild fires. Jeff will be working with the Alpine Outing Committee and others on refunds.

With the extensive fires in eastern Oregon there is a lot of smoke in the vicinity of Strawberry Lake which may lead to some folks canceling from the trip.

Nesika Trustee's Report—Glen Conrad

Glen reported that we had 14 good workers at the July Work Weekend who worked on finishing the floors in the women's dorm, repairing the tool shed roof, painting railings on the women's dorm, sprucing up the men's out-house and doing some plumbing.

Glen moved and Joan seconded that for overnight events like the Backpack Seminar a flat fee of \$50 be established.

The motion carried.

Tyee Trustee's Report—Callista Snively

Callista said there were 17 at the Tyee Work Weekend who got wood into the basement, cleaned the lodge and the outside area, and repaired the men's restroom.

Richard replaced a threshold and continues to work on cabinets. We have about 400 gal. of oil on hand.

There hasn't been much progress on the alternative winter parking at the Mazamas' lodge. We will investigate cooperating with the boy scouts to secure snow removal from our usual parking area on Timberline Road.

Membership Trustee's Report—Joan Miller

Nancy Archer, Judith J. Dunn, and Joan Fuller were proposed for membership. Lisa Gill, Jonathan Gill, and Daniel Reich were elected to membership.

Joan and Sylvia attended the Metro trails event where there were 46 booths. They showed us the exhibit which they had prepared. Their impression was the exhibit had been very well-received. They felt it was successful in making the public aware that we are a long-established continuing organization. The display will be shown next at Nesika and the materials will become the nucleus for our exhibit at the Mount Hood Museum.

Social Trustee's Report—Barbara Jones

The picnic at McIver State Park was enjoyed by 24 members and 6 guests. Barbara thinks we should repeat the event next summer. The Hike and Dine events for September and October will be at Tyee. Barbara would like some help with the hikes portion of these events.

History Committee Report—Sylvia Milne

Sylvia went over the report appended to these minutes.

New Business

George has not yet formed the nominating committee.

Glen strongly reminded us that we should monitor the battery condition of our AED devices as the batteries age.

Respectfully submitted ;Merrill Hugo, Secretary



At Pittock Mansion By Phil Jackson



In Henry Waespe's Photo album, the club was shown building both Eagle Creek and Oneonta trails in 1921. The picture of trail work was at Oneonta...

Membership Notes

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first readings, PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

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Second Readings

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Jonathan Gill
Daniel Reich

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, kayak, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events.

For hikes and showshoe activities:

Class A—Shorter, less strenuous activity, typically 4 to 8 miles, less than 1500 feet elevation gain.

Class B—Moderate to difficult, typically 6 to 12 miles, up to 3000 feet of elevation gain.

Class C—Long and difficult, strong experienced participants only, typically over 8 miles, and over 3000 feet of elevation gain. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.

Note: Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Be prepared for the level of activity you are planning to take. Contact the leader if you have any questions about the trip and to let him or her know that you will be attending.

Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.

Remember to bring your Ten Essentials. Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Everybody should stay with the group and follow the leader. The leader is responsible for the group's safety. The leader determines which route is taken. The leader has authority to determine if a participant is prepared for the activity. Group safety must come first.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities.

Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.15 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.30 per mile shared by all the riders.

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves food expense and are unable to participate you are obligated to do one of the following: cancel before the food is purchased, find someone to take your place, or pay for your share of the food.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate activity Coordinator or the Trips Trustee.

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: **blazer@trailsclub.org**

Submissions are due by the fifteenth of the month prior to publication.

Please use the following format:

Month Day (Day of week) Event Title - Class A, B, C

Description Text - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.

Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis
Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

Depart: Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

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