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### About the Oregon Trails Coalition

Formally founded in 2018, the Oregon Trails Coalition is an emergent coalition of broad-based, statewide trail interests dedicated to supporting, promoting, and advocating for the preservation, development, and stewardship of a statewide network of sustainable, world class trails. The Oregon Trails Coalition strives to ensure that Oregon's trails benefit all of our residents and visitors, and inspire respect for Oregon's natural and cultural resources.

**Our advisory board includes representatives from more than twenty-five federal, state, and local agencies, trail user groups (hiker, equestrian, mountain bike, OHV, water trails, etc), outdoor industry partners, and volunteer organizations.**

### Values

Collaboration • Stewardship and Conservation • Individual and Community Health • Honoring a diversity of abilities, personal and cultural histories, and contributions • Strong Local Economies • Joy, Curiosity, Education, and Wonder • Access to Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation for All Oregonians • Transparency, Accountability, and Information Sharing



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### Why Trails?

- **Individual and Community Health**
- **Strong Local Economies**
- **Stewardship and Conservation**
- **Pride in Oregon**
- **Access to Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation for All Oregonians**



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## **74% of Oregonians report using local trails\***

**55% of Oregonians report using trails farther away from home**

## **Trails are a top investment priority for Oregonians.\*\***

The Oregon Trails Coalition requests key fixes to HB 2017 this legislative session, as we seek to work with legislators to create a comprehensive trails funding strategy in the future.

When the Legislature passed HB 2017, *Keep Oregon Moving*, it was clear from legislators' discussions that there was an intent to identify bike and pedestrian trails funding within the transportation bill. Unfortunately, the legislation falls short.

### **Fix HB 2017:**

- **Restore and preserve trails funding in Connect Oregon:** one of the precious few sources of state funding for transportation infrastructure outside of the state highway right of way. **HB 2017 dedicates 7% of Connect Oregon Funding for trails. Previous to HB 2017, bike and pedestrian projects in Connect Oregon were getting funded at twice that level. Funding generated by the bike tax should be dedicated to trails additionally to the 7% set aside, not as part of it, and previous funding levels should be restored.**
- **Keep trails funding with OPRD:** Increasingly park providers are providing key transportation assets in the form of trails that serve as both recreational and commuter corridors. **The Oregon Trails Coalition supports HB 2083 with the removal of the sunset clause.** We believe that trails should remain a funding priority for OPRD and local governments.

**Beyond 2019: Let's start working together now to create a new comprehensive funding strategy for trails.**

***Outdoor recreation is a huge part of the Oregon economy, our health, our joy, and our identity as Oregonians. Trails are what connect us to the outdoors.***

\*Figure 2.2. Top ten activities for Oregon residents, 2017, percent population participating, *Outdoor Recreation in Oregon: Responding to Demographic and Societal Change: The 2019 – 2023 Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan* review draft.

\*\*Figure 2.6. Priorities for the future, what park and forest agencies should invest in within communities, Oregon, *Outdoor Recreation in Oregon: Responding to Demographic and Societal Change: The 2019 – 2023 Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan* review draft.

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