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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 seeks to preserve critical sources of funding for trails while we work with Oregon partners to craft a comprehensive trails funding strategy in the future.

Trails are the most beloved outdoor recreation facilities in Oregon as well as the backbone of our active transportation network.

- **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.
- **Keep trails funding with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department:** We believe that trails should remain a funding priority for OPRD and local governments. The Oregon Trails Coalition supports HB 2083 with the removal of the sunset clause and with the allocation of additional resources beyond the Local Government Grant program.
- **Fund the bike/pedestrian/equestrian lane on Bridge of Gods:** We support HB 3378 to allocate \$1,500,000 for design and engineering of this critical trail connection between Oregon and Washington.
- **Invest in trails in Metro Parks and Nature Bond:** We support the Metro Parks and Nature Bond being referred the ballot in the Portland Metro area in November with a \$40-55 million allocation to trails acquisition and development.
- **Preserve and increase trails funding through federal budget appropriations:** We support trails funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Parks.

Beyond 2019: Let's start working together now to create new comprehensive funding strategies 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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