

Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission

November 20, 2024

Agenda Item: 6a

Action

Public Comment Allowed: **Yes**

Topic: **6a - ATV Committee Members Reappointments**

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 nonvoting member representing a wide variety of agencies and disciplines. OPRD is seeking reappointment of four positions that will continue serving on the ATV Advisory Committee.

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.

Reappointment of Representatives

Four ATV Advisory Committee Representative positions are set to expire January 1, 2025, and are each eligible for an additional 4-year reappointment. Two positions, Class I ATV (quad) User Organization and ATV User At-Large will also serve on the ATV Grant Subcommittee which is responsible for reviewing and recommending funding of grants in support of ATV recreational activities statewide. Two positions represent U.S Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and are selected by their leadership to represent their agency.

The following ATV Advisory Committee members currently serving their first term have agreed to serve an additional term, Staff recommends the following reappointments:

Reappointment of Representative of a Class I ATV user organization: Dave Kimball

Dave owns and operates an auto repair shop in Redmond, OR. His passion for ATV recreation goes back well over 40 years with thousands of miles of trail riding experience. He has a strong desire and drive to keep and expand ATV riding opportunities. Dave is an active member of three organizations that support motorized recreation: Oregon Outback Waypoints Association (OOWA), Central Oregon Off-Highway Vehicle Association (COOHVA) and the Northern Oregon Motorcycle and ATV Club (NOMAC). Dave is committed to responsible trail use and would continue to bring a great perspective to the ATV Advisory Committee given his experience and connection with the riding community.

*Reappointment of Representative of ATV At-Large: **Ron Price***

Ron retired from OPRD in 2016 after serving 11 years as an ATV Program Coordinator. Ron has been involved with ATV recreation most of his professional and private life. Ron has experience working with the BLM, USFS and various state agencies along with numerous county agencies and non-profit organizations statewide. Ron brings an extensive history, knowledge and experience to the ATV Advisory Committee.

*Reappointment of USFS and BLM Agency Representatives: **Kevin Rowell and Chris Knauf***

Two federal agency positions representing the US Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are currently filled by Kevin Rowell and Chris Knauf, respectively. Kevin is the Trails/Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Manager in the Middle Fork Ranger District in the Willamette National Forest and manages the Huckleberry Flats OHV Trail System near Oakridge. Chris is the Outdoor Recreation Planner for the BLM and is also based out of their Portland Office. These agency representatives are selected by their respective agencies and serve on committees like ours as a part of their position description.

Prior Action by Commission: April 2024 appointment of 2 members.

Action Requested: Approval to move forward with reappointment of recommended ATV Advisory Committee Members.

Attachments: None

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