

Charter for the OSU Research Forests Recreation Advisory Council (FRAC)

To help the College of Forestry realize the goal of providing safe, quality recreation opportunities, compatible with OSU Research Forests characteristics and other goals, the College has chartered, formed, and maintained the OSU Research Forests Recreation Advisory Council.

Council membership is designed to facilitate coordination and cooperation among Corvallis community recreation users and OSU Research Forests managers. Council members serve a two-year term by invitation of the Forest Director, and may resign at any time. Membership consists of representatives from a variety of recreation user-groups and other community members as specific needs for input arise. The diversity of user groups represented is designed to provide a rich perspective regarding the complex recreation issues on the OSU Research Forests.

The OSU Forests Recreation Manager leads the group and serve as a liaison with OSU Research Forests and College of Forestry leadership. The Recreation Manager represents the recreation issues and advice from the FRAC to the Director of the OSU Research Forests, who communicates these interests with the Dean of the College of Forestry as needed. When requested, the Forest Director may be invited to attend Forest Recreation Advisory Council meetings to hear issues directly.

The Advisory Council meets at least quarterly to address the ways the Forests can best:

- Provide non-motorized recreation desired by local users in a socially and ecologically sustainable manner
- Minimize conflicts among recreation users, between recreation users and adjacent landowners, and between recreation users and forest management, teaching, research and demonstration operations
- Reduce environmental impacts of recreation use

In addition, FRAC members act as liaisons within their respective user communities to share information regarding what is happening on the forest.

Approved by:

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