

# **McKenzie Watershed Council**

## ***Recreation Action Plan*** **ATTACHMENT**



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At the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005 MWC meeting, Council Partners reviewed the *Recreation Action Plan*. The Council conducted a prioritization of the *Action Plan* Goals and prioritized specific recreation Actions and Tasks associated with the Goals to focus future efforts. The following text outlines what Actions and Tasks the Council will be incorporated into future MWC Work Plans. Though the Action and Tasks not mentioned below will not be excluded from the *Action Plan* the Council will redirect energy only to these prioritized Recreation Actions and Tasks.

### **Recreation Action Plan Goals**

Goal 1 - Access and Facilities: Seek a balance to provide adequate river access and support facilities to enhance recreation user experience while protecting the river corridor environment.

Goal 2 - Minimize Recreational Impacts: Minimize adverse recreational impacts within river corridors.

Goal 3 - Maintain Balance with Non-recreational Uses: Encourage recognition of the values of recreation while seeking a balance between recreational and non-recreational uses in river corridors.

Goal 4 - Safety and River Ethics: Create opportunities to learn and practice safe recreation within the river corridor.

### **Prioritized Actions and Tasks**

Action 3 - Develop and implement education programs focusing on river ethics and safety.

#### **Task 1 - Stewardship:**

- Work with federal, state, and local recreation providers to produce a brochure/map that identifies public river access and river rest spots. The brochure should include a brief narrative on stewardship (e.g., “tread lightly,” “pack it in, pack it out,” avoid environmentally sensitive areas, respect private property, landing etiquette, water safety, etc.).
- Work collectively with federal, state, and local recreation providers to develop and install interpretive kiosks and signs that:
  - Identify public river access points, landings, trailheads, and campgrounds;
  - Educate users on environmental ethics, landing etiquette, and water safety;
  - Provide demarcation between public and private ownership in areas where trespass associated with recreational activity occurs;
  - Do not intrude nor detract from the recreation experience or natural surroundings

- Encourage guides to teach environmental ethics, landing etiquette, and water safety on their outings.
- Work to develop consistency among maps and brochures regarding river access points, river etiquette, and stewardship.

**Task 3** - Broaden avenues for educational information distribution through:

- An accessible clearinghouse that compiles and distributes educational materials and information to:
  - Visitor centers, agency offices, guides, and boat rental establishments;
  - Area festivals and events (e.g., Lane County Fair, Confluence Arts Festival, etc.); and
  - School and youth group programs.
- Public service announcements (radio, TV, newspaper); get newspaper/magazine writers out on river so they write about river etiquette and safety issues.
- Collective agency kiosks and/or interpretive signs at parks, landings, the Fish Hatchery Visitor Center, trailheads, and along trails.

Action 4 - Promote partnerships and citizen involvement efforts to address maintenance, funding, crime, safety, and recreational access issues.

**Task 4** - Work with local law enforcement agencies and federal, state, and local recreation providers to develop and implement citizen-supported crime watch and facility maintenance programs.

**Task 6** - Develop partnerships with land trusts and conservancies to preserve recreational values and/or improve recreational access in the river corridor