



Leading the charge in non-motorized trail development, maintenance and advocacy.

Support for -3 Recreational Immunity Fix Amendment to SB 1576

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee:

My testimony is on behalf of the Klamath Trails Alliance in support of Senate Bill 1576 to temporarily fix our broken recreational immunity statute in Oregon.

In the way of background, Klamath Trails Alliance mission is to lead the charge in non-motorized trail development, maintenance, and advocacy in Klamath County. We steward over 100 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails locally in an effort to make Klamath a more attractive and healthy community.

Locally, our Spence Mountain trail network contributes over \$1,000,000 in economic impact to our area, bringing out-of-area visitors to Klamath Falls that spend money in our hotels, campgrounds, restaurants and retail locations while they enjoy riding or hiking at Spence. Spence Mountain only represents a small portion of our area trails.

Recent court cases are threatening public access to these trails as local land managers respond to new liability stemming from recent court cases with trail closures.

Please pass SB 1576-3 with language that clearly restores recreational immunity for public and private landowners and clearly applies to both improved and unimproved trails.

Thank you for your leadership!

Sincerely,

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