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Support for HB 2984: OCRF

Dear Co Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice Chair Finger McDonald, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Trails Coalition advisory council includes representatives from more than thirty federal, state, and local agencies, trail user groups, outdoor industry and tourism partners, and volunteer organizations. We represent walkers, bikers, runners, paddlers, equestrians, adaptive equipment users, skiers, snowmobilers, and motorized trail enthusiasts.

We are writing today to share our support for HB 2984 which allocates \$1.5 million to the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF).

OCRF is one of the few funding sources for community organizations to promote conservation of our rich and diverse wildlife and habitats, and to make the outdoors accessible to more Oregonians.

This modest allocation of general funds is critical for leveraging private donations to the program and supporting a host of community led conservation and outdoor access projects across the state.

Thank you for your leadership,

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Stephanie Noll, Director, Oregon Trails Coalition