



## DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

### PROJECT GOAL

The primary goal of the Deschutes National Forest ATFS is to promote the use of non-motorized alternative transportation options to access high-use recreational areas on the Deschutes National Forest while reducing environmental impacts at these sites.

### OBJECTIVES

- Promote access to diverse recreation opportunities for all visitors (ACCESS)
- Encourage the use, enjoyment, and sustainability of natural resources while protecting DNF lands from degradation resulting from over-use and pollution (RESOURCE PROTECTION)
- Foster the use of alternative transportation systems to manage visitation to forest resources and promote active transportation and connectivity among gateway communities and the forest (ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION)
- Cooperate and coordinate with regional and community efforts to promote economically and environmentally sound multi-modal transportation systems (COLLABORATION)

**DELIVERABLE:** Multi-party Priority Collaboration Plan: a framework for future project work.

### SCOPE/FOCUS CORRIDORS:

- Cascades Lakes Highway
- Sunriver Cutoff
- Skyliner's Road
- Hwy 20 to Sisters and beyond to Black Butte Ranch and Camp Sherman
- Forest Service Road 41
- 97 South from Bend to La Pine

### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will help guide the project from a technical standpoint, and will provide comments on project goals, methodology, data findings, and implementation feasibility and partnership opportunities. The TAC includes representatives from the Bend Parks and Recreation District, Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, COIC, Commute Options, Deschutes County, Deschutes National Forest, and ODOT. TAC meetings are currently scheduled for June 10, 2014 and October 16, 2014. Both meetings will be held in Bend (Location and times TBA).

### STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE

The Stakeholder Committee will provide information and feedback on project goals, stakeholder group interests and values, and implementation feasibility and partnership opportunities. The Stakeholder Committee includes representatives from a very wide cross-section of local tourism businesses and industry representatives, trail user advocacy groups, local governments and state agencies, habitat and environmental groups, and homeowners associations. Stakeholder Committee meetings are currently scheduled for June 30, 2014; August 26 2014; and November 20 2014. (Locations and times TBA.)

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*Project Partners: Deschutes National Forest (sponsor and project manager), David Evans & Associates (technical consultant), and the Central OR Intergovernmental Council (outreach and engagement).*