



Mr. Alan Unger
County Commissioner
PO Box 6005
1300 NW Wall Street
Bend, Oregon 97708

October 6, 2015

Dear Commissioner Unger;

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Sisters Parks and Recreation District we are writing to state our support for a trail from Sisters to Black Butte Ranch. We understand there is not currently a trail plan proposed – however the concept of a trail linking three communities within our district is in line with the mission of our organization.

The concept of a multi-use trail encourages citizens and visitors to explore the National Forest in our backyard. Supporting outdoor recreation and exercise is very important to the Sisters Parks & Recreation District. There will also be several additional benefits including parents with young children taking strollers and bike trailers on longer excursions in nature and those wheelchair or walker bound will be able to experience the outdoors with the use of a paved pathway.

It has saddened us to see this issue be so divisive in our small, rural community. We understand there are many unresolved issues with this path concept including; a thorough maintenance plan, endangered species mitigation and restroom facilities. We hope with a new process, including extensive community outreach, supported and directed by the United States Forest Service, our community will be able to come together in a series of compromises to successfully support recreational assets such as this multi-use path in our community.

Thank you,

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Liam Hughes
Executive Director

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Jeff Campbell
Board Chair

