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READY, SET, COUNT: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH TRAIL SURVEY

Clackamas County, OR – Each September, volunteers from throughout the region gather along local trails to count and survey people biking and walking along the Portland metro area’s trails, parks and natural areas. Why is this important? Trail count information data is used to help decide where and when to build new trails and to respond to the needs of trail users.

We need 40 volunteers to help with the trail counts, happening Sept. 9-14 (5-7 p.m. Sept. 9-11 and 9-11 a.m. Sept. 13 and 14). Each shift is just two hours at one county location. Volunteers will be trained and receive specific instructions on how to do the counts.

Trail count locations include:

- Trolley Trail at Concord Road
- Southeast 17th Avenue at Milport
- Scott Creek Park
- Springwater Corridor Trail near Boring and Southeast Rugg Road

Interested in volunteering? Please RSVP for a volunteer training session at 6 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Milwaukie Center, 5440 S.E. Kellogg Creek Drive. RSVP to Sam Wolf, (503) 742-4685 or swolf@clackamas.us.

In an effort to improve conditions for walkers, joggers, bikers, and wheelchair users in our area, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), Clackamas County Parks the Cities of Happy Valley and Milwaukie, along with 16 other local partners, are taking part in the National Bicycle & Pedestrian Documentation Project -- a national weeklong effort to count and survey trail and bike lane users. One of the

greatest challenges in planning for future bicycle and pedestrian facilities is the lack of information on usage and demand. Without accurate and consistent information it is difficult to measure the positive benefits of investments in these modes of transportation. This national project provides a consistent model of data collection and ongoing data for use by planners, governments, and bicycle and pedestrian professionals.

WHAT: Trail Counts
WHEN: Sept. 9-14 (5-7 p.m. Sept. 9-11 and 9-11 a.m. Sept. 13 and 14)
WHERE: Various trail locations throughout NCPRD
CONTACT: Sam Wolf, (503) 742-4685 or swolf@clackamas.us

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER TRAINING:

WHEN: 6-7 p.m. Sept. 3
WHERE: Milwaukie Center, 5440 S.E. Kellogg Creek Drive
RSVP: Sam Wolf, (503) 742-4685 or swolf@clackamas.us

Please contact Sam Wolf at (503) 742-4685 or swolf@clackamas.us to confirm your participation in this important project. You can learn more about this process at <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/intertwine-trail-counts-and-survey-data>

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North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District is a service district of Clackamas County dedicated to providing exceptional parks and recreation programs, facilities and services. Voters approved the formation of the District in 1990 because they saw the need for greater parks and recreation services in the north end of the county. The District – which serves more than 116,000 residents in a 36-square mile area – includes the cities of Happy Valley, Milwaukie, a portion of the City of Damascus, and a large area of unincorporated Clackamas County. It includes more than 38 parks, 25 natural areas, 15 miles of trails including the 6-mile Trolley Trail, Mount Talbert Nature Park and three facilities: Hood View Sports Complex, the Milwaukie Center and the North Clackamas Aquatic Park. NCPRD’s mission: To enrich community vitality and promote healthy living through parks and recreation.