

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan Outline

Introduction

Executive Summary

Glossary

I. Introduction

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- National Trails System Act, Other Legal Authorities, and Legislative History
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Legislative Authorities and Requirements for Planning

Comment [BPB1]:

Key

NTSA = National Trails System Act

Items in **red bold** are components of the Comprehensive Plan per NTSA Section 5 (e)

Items in **red bold italics** are specifically called out in the NTSA as matters on which the Secretary shall consult with the Advisory Council.

Comment [BPB2]: NTSA Sec 5(b), 5(c) 22

Comment [BPB3]: NTSA Sec 5(e)

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Comment [BPB4]: NTSA Sec 5(a), 30 C

Comment [BPB5]: NTSA Sec 2(c)

Comment [BPB6]: NTSA Sec 5(d)

Comment [BPB7]: NTSA Sec 7(a) 2

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Comment [BPB8]: NTSA Sec 7(c)

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- Comment [BPB20]: NTSA Sec 7(a) 2
- Comment [BPB21]: NTSA Sec 5(a) 30 D
- Comment [BPB22]: NTSA Sec 7(k)
- Comment [BPB23]: NTSA Sec 7(d), (e)

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Comment [BPB24]: NTSA Sec 7(c)

Comment [BPB25]: NTSA Sec 11(a) 1

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Comment [BPB26]: NTSA Sec 7(c)

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Comment [BPB27]: NTSA Sec 7(a) 1 A

Comment [BPB28]: NTSA Sec 7(i)

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Comment [BPB29]: NTSA Sec 7(c)

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Appendices

Comment [BPB30]: NTSA Sec 11(b), (c)

Comment [BPB31]: NTSA Sec. 7 (h)