



Recreation Event Management Guidelines & Restrictions

Deschutes National Forest

Forest-Wide Process Requirements

- Applications for new events will be submitted no later than 90 days prior to the event. Previously held events must submit the application no later than 60 days prior to the event. Applications received outside these timelines will not be accepted. Applications will include a signed application form (*FS-2700-3*), an operating plan (standard form), and the Safety, Communications, and Medical Plan addendum to the operating plan.
- Applications will include a map of all trails, roads, and staging/use areas being requested. Route maps using GPS are preferred, if possible, to assist the review process. At a minimum, routes will be on high quality paper maps clearly showing the proposed course.
- Proof of liability insurance which names the U.S. Government as an additional insured is required to be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event. The minimum coverage amount depends on the type of event.
- Events that require additional approval of other agencies (city, county, and/or state) must have preliminary approval from those agencies, prior to approval by the Forest Service. Events held on water and involving the use of watercraft will also require approval from the Oregon State Marine Board within the timelines required by that agency.
- For event parking in sites that require the Northwest Forest pass, the need for the pass on vehicles will not be waived. In winter, the state snow park pass is required at snow parks.
- For approved events using forest trails or developed sites, the promoter will be responsible to alert the public of the event, using social media, on-site signs, and other means, at least two weeks in advance of the event, including a map of the trails or location affected. Sites and trails will not be closed to public use.
- Previously held events will be given priority for established dates and locations.
- Promoters will need to plan for garbage collection and removal costs and supplying portable outhouses at a rate of one per 50 expected participants and spectators. Forest Service and/or concessionaire supplied garbage receptacles will not be used.

- Signing of routes will be with removable materials only. The use of spray paint will not be approved. All signs will be removed within two days of the event.

Forest-Wide Guidelines

- Keep participant numbers to 500 for running events or bike/horse rides on trails and 250 participants for bike/horse races on trails to limit impacts to public use and resource damage. Larger numbers may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Mountain bike events on horse trails and horse events on mountain bike trails are highly discouraged and will only be considered on a case-by-case basis if no other option is available. Additional notification, signing, and trail maintenance would be required.
- New proposals for winter events will be held on trails designated for the same use as the proposed event. In the case of dog sled races, use will be approved on snowmobile trails only. Winter fat bike races will be held on trails open to fat bikes only.
- New types of events will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis as to the need, location, timing, and possible impacts prior to acceptance of the application.
- Mountain bike event promoters will be encouraged to work with the local mountain bike organizations and trail associations for best route selection, monitoring, and trail maintenance and repair. Events involving horses will do the same with the state or local equestrian organizations.
- To limit impacts to public use and allow for event administration, no more than three events should be scheduled on a district on the same date. Allowing multiple events will be on a case-by-case basis. Events crossing district boundaries will be coordinated between the districts. Applicants should be prepared to adjust the date of the event should there be three events currently scheduled on a district.
- Multiple proposed events that overlap use areas on the same day will be discouraged unless mutual coordination can be shown between the promoters. Final approval is by the Forest Service on a case-by-case basis.
- Registration tables, starting and finish zones, and other temporary improvements will need to be located in a manner to limit impacts to public use of the site or trailhead.
- Parking space may be limited at sites and the promoter is responsible to manage parking and encourage carpooling.

Forest-Wide Restrictions

- New events will not be approved on holidays and holiday weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day due to increased public use. This includes weekends when the Fourth of July falls on a Monday or Friday.

- No new mountain bike or horse events on trails will be approved for the time period from July 15th to September 15th due to typical dry trail conditions. Previously held events in that time period will be encouraged to move to dates outside this time, if possible.
- New race proposals that involve the repeated use of the same trails, such as loop trails or out and back use of the same trail, will be discouraged to limit impacts to the trails and public use.
- No new events will be allowed that could cause significant displacement of public use at developed recreation sites.
- New proposed use on non-system trails will not be approved.
- Events will not be approved in designated Wilderness areas.
- New proposals that include use throughout the night will be considered on a case-by-case basis due to potential impacts to wildlife and/or nesting birds.

Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District

Specific Guidelines and Restrictions

- New events that propose to use Phil's Trailhead or core trails in the area will not be approved due to high public use. Limited pass-through trail use may be approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Use of the Wanoga trails system will be encouraged for mountain bike and running events.
- The number of participants allowed on the Deschutes River Trail is limited by the *Wild and Scenic River Plan* to a maximum of 100. Proposed events from Memorial Day to Labor Day will not be approved due to the high public use.
- Proposals for new events within or passing through the Newberry National Volcanic Monument will not be approved.
- New events will not be approved at Todd, Sparks, Devils and Hosmer Lakes due to high public use. No new events will be approved on Elk Lake between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. Other lakes may be added to this list as needed.
- Proposed events on the trails system of the East Fort Rock OHV area will not be approved during summer months or when trails are determined to be too dry. Only one event per weekend will be approved to limit the impacts to public use and allow administration and monitoring of the event. A maximum limit of 350 participants per event has been previously established.
- Events held entirely within the permit area of Mt. Bachelor will be approved through Mt. Bachelor and authorized under the ski area permit. Income will be reported to Mt. Bachelor, LLC for payment of land use fees.

- Proposed use of the Cascade Lakes Welcome Station is discouraged due to limited parking. Any proposal to stage an event at this site should include bussing. Proposals will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Paved paths will remain open to public use. Events that could pose a hazard to other users may not be approved.
- The Bend Watershed is not open to events for the protection of the water supply.
- Pass through use of trails in the Rimrock Trailhead area may be approved, but the parking lot will not be approved for event use due to high public demand.

Crescent Ranger District

Specific Guidelines and Restrictions

- Event(s) proposing use within the Oregon Cascade Recreation Area (OCRA) may not be authorized. Review is on a case-by-case basis.
- No new events on holiday weekends that are concentrated around an established recreation site, such as campgrounds, due to congestion.
- No new recreation event staging areas or event parking at Crescent Lake Day Use and Campground from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Consideration may be made for events that pass through the area if they can show a negligible impact to the public and the resource.

Sisters Ranger District

Specific Guidelines and Restrictions

- No new events on the Peterson Ridge Trail during the months of December 1 through March 31 to prevent degradation of deer winter range habitat.
- Limit the number of events on the Peterson Ridge Trail to one single event on weekends with a maximum of two events in any given month. Consideration for additional events may be given to those of a small nature and scope.
- No new large events on the Peterson Ridge Trail during deer winter range shoulder seasons (November 1-30 and April 1-31). Small, one-time events of a short duration and scope may be considered during deer winter range shoulder seasons, but will be limited and required to show a demonstrated need for use of the area.
- No new recreation event staging areas or event parking at Three Creek Lake. Considerations may be made for events that pass through the area if they can show a negligible impact to the public and the resource.
- No new events to the top of Black Butte.

- ❑ No commercial events will be authorized in the Whychus or Metolius Wild and Scenic River Corridors per the *Wild and Scenic River Plans*. (Exception allowed for the “pass through corridors” outlined in the *Whychus WSR Plan*).
- ❑ New events within the “Metolius Wildlife Primitive” area will be very limited and will be managed to prevent degradation of the wildlife and primitive resources.
- ❑ Limit the number of events on the District during prime burning season of September-November (proponent assumes the risk of potential smoky conditions).
- ❑ Limit the number of events on District during spring burning season of January-March (proponent assumes the risk of potential smoky conditions).
- ❑ Impose restrictions or limitations on use of the parking area and restroom facilities at Whychus Portal.
- ❑ Limit new recreation events within the Suttle Lake and Scout Lake areas between Memorial Day and Labor Day.