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**Volunteers needed to fill vacancies on statewide trails advisory council**

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking volunteers for three upcoming vacant positions on the Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council (ORTAC).

Upcoming vacancies:

- Congressional District 1 representative
- Congressional District 4 representative
- Coastal representative (must reside in a county bordering the coast, except Clatsop which is already represented)

A map of Oregon's congressional districts is online:  
<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/OR#map>

ORTAC advises OPRD and its partners in the development and promotion of high quality, non-motorized trail systems throughout Oregon. Through public meetings and various trail programs, ORTAC assists in creating, improving and promoting a system of safe, sustainable trails for the well-being and enjoyment of Oregon's residents and visitors.

ORTAC members review applications for state designated trails, may be appointed to a variety of other trail committees, aid in the development of the 10-year statewide Trail Plans, and advise OPRD on statewide trail coordination.

Ideal candidates will represent diverse communities and user groups. They'll demonstrate strong connections to and knowledge of Oregon's trail systems, land managers, and needs of the trails community.

Council members serve four-year terms and are eligible to serve a second term. The first terms for the above positions will begin Jan. 1, 2020. The council conducts four public meetings a year, each in a different region of the state.

Those interested in serving must submit an ORTAC interest form by **Thursday, Aug. 15**. For more information or to obtain an interest form, visit [https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/Trail\\_Programs\\_Services/Pages/Advisory-Committees.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/Trail_Programs_Services/Pages/Advisory-Committees.aspx), or contact Jodi Bellefeuille, ORTAC coordinator, at [jodi.bellefeuille@oregon.gov](mailto:jodi.bellefeuille@oregon.gov) or 503-986-0716.

ORTAC was established by the Legislature in 1971 under the Oregon Recreation Trails System Act. The council consists of seven members, representing Oregon's five congressional districts and at least two members from separate counties bordering the coast. Council members are appointed by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission.