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Ms. Laura Underhill

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RE: SHPO Case No. 14-1789

OPRD RT Grant ID 1673, Prescott Park Trails & Trailhead Development

Restore and build trails

MPRD/OPRD/FHWA

37S 1W 14, Medford, Jackson County

Dear Ms. Underhill:

Our office recently received a close-up map of the proposed trail segments where funding is now being requested, in an effort to clarify questions posed in an earlier email sent by our office regarding the proposed project. In my earlier email I had stated that a known site was located in the area of the proposed survey and that this site needed to be evaluated. In looking at that map blow-up I can see now that the site was identified during a 2010 survey and hopefully was avoided when the earlier trail segment was being constructed. The current proposed trail segments are all largely located to the south and east of the 2010 segments. Our office no longer is concerned about possible damage to site 35JA146 since this area is outside of the proposed new route. However, portions of the newly proposed route are located on lands likely to have archaeological sites located on them and a survey of a portion of the proposed route is recommended. No survey of the majority of your proposed route, that being along the steep hillside south of Roxy Ann Peak is needed. This area appears quite steep and is unlikely to have been a focal area of earlier human land use activities. However, the top of Roxy Ann Peak would have been an area of high probability for use and this small portion of your project area should be surveyed prior to any ground disturbing activities.

In the absence of sufficient knowledge to pinpoint the exact location of cultural resources within this portion of your proposed project area, and due to the high likelihood of significant archaeological sites being present here, we suggest that the applicant contact a professional archaeologist to conduct a archaeological survey of the project area. A list of archaeological consultants can be found on our web site (www.oregonheritage.org) by clicking on the Archaeological Services web page and highlighting the section marked Archaeological Consultants Directory. If you have not already done so, be sure to consult with all appropriate Indian tribes regarding your proposed project. If you have any questions about the above comments or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. In order to help us track your project accurately, please be sure to reference the SHPO case number above in all correspondence.

Sincerely,

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