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# *Bowers Rock Landowner Update Meeting*

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**June 15, 2017 Albany Public Library**

Landowner participants: Bill Scheler, Karen Scheler, Norm Tolonen, Coy Rita Tolonen, Kate Huber

Calapooia Watershed Council (CWC): Bessie Joyce, Collin McCandless

Contractors: Troy Brant – River Design Group, Matt Melenthin, Integrated Resource Management  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD): Scott Nebeker, Dennis Lucas, Trevor Rigmaiden, Andrea Berkley, Scott Youngblood.

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**Meeting Purpose:** The meeting was called to provide adjacent landowners an opportunity to meet new staff at OPRD and CWC, and for staff to provide an update about stewardship plans at Bowers Rock in summer, 2017.

**Meeting Summary:** Scott Nebeker, OPRD, facilitated the meeting. Scott gave an introduction and Bessie provided an overview of planned activities for summer 2017 and funding projections for the next few years. Troy Brant presented a review of the preliminary alternatives design that was completed in 2014 to address stream crossings and gravel pit connection. This summer, River Design Group will develop engineering designs for chosen alternatives for four crossings and the gravel pit connection. Matt and Collin explained the plan for controlling aquatic invasive water primrose with chemical treatments in early and mid summer. Participating landowners were amenable to these plans.

Group discussion lead to the following verbal agreements:

- The current neighbor notification protocol seems satisfactory.
- Blackout Kate's family wedding dates for no contractor work.
- Keep Bill Scheler informed of any future Little Willamette crossing designs so he can provide input.
- On-line map apps give wrong directions to the park, causing people to go down Lone Oak and other nearby roads, that are private. OPRD will look into correcting these (done).
- CWC will update the Bowers Rock webpage.
- The Scheler's would like clarification on their liability for equipment and contractors to be crossing the shared crossing on the Little Willamette (they own 1/3, OPRD owns 2/3), and OPRD may need to address this prior to construction via a temporary easement or some other legal instrument, or placement of a temporary crossing on OPRD property. For the design period, we will have all contractors and vehicles hug the north side of the shared crossing.
- OPRD and interested neighbors will reconvene to discuss trying some new signage so people use Bryant Drive, not Lone Oak and other nearby roads. Norm and Coy Rita would like a sign on Lone Oak saying something like "No Park Access – Private Drive".
- Kate requested larger signs (where?) than the small ones we have currently that say "leaving park property".