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Fwd: Draft Comprehensive Plan

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Regarding the Draft Comprehensive Plan Updates

Chair Kafoury and County Commissioners:

Northwest Trail Alliance is a trail stewardship and advocacy organization for off-road cyclists. In 2015, our volunteers put in 6,000 hours maintaining and building trails.

We recently engaged with Metro on a plan for multi-use trail development at their North Tualatin Mountains properties. I was touched by how members of the project's public advisory committee challenged each other to create an inclusive plan that meets a variety of conservation and recreation goals. I testified before Metro Council in support of the final draft plan presented to the council, and many of our members testified or submitted testimony as well.

The Multnomah County Comprehensive plan should be written in a manner that celebrates--and does not inhibit--balanced community efforts to protect, preserve and enjoy our county's parks and natural spaces. Unfortunately, the current plan unfairly and unnecessarily puts at risk park development and the community-driven effort that Metro facilitated for the North Tualatin Mountains properties.

Metro has been a leader in convening diverse recreation user groups and conservation groups in our region. Their efforts to balance various community interests with natural resource protection is truly unprecedented. **I recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt Metro's recommendations to improve the current draft plan and enable Metro to continue this important work.**

Respectfully,

Kelsey Cardwell
President
Northwest Trail Alliance

To create, enhance, and protect mountain bike riding opportunities; to advocate for trail access; to promote responsible mountain biking; and to build, maintain, and ride sustainable trails.