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## Submission of written testimony for the Multnomah Co. Land Use meeting 2/6/2023

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To Multnomah County representative,

I will be testifying at the meeting this evening with the Multnomah County Land Use Planning Commission. Attached is a written report that I am submitting for the meeting .

I look forward to speaking with the parties involved in the planning process.

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**Multnomah Co. Planning Commissioner's meeting testimony 2.6.23.pdf**

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February 6, 2023

Multnomah Co. Planning Commissioners,

My name is Georgena Moran. I am the Director of Access Recreation, and an Accessibility Specialist with Access for All, LLC. I am also writing from the perspective of being an avid outdoor recreationalist, with a passion for natural areas that I hike with the use of a powerchair.

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the Oregon Trails Coalition and The Intertwine Alliance.

We are requesting land use approval for Metro's North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan. We believe this plan successfully balances Metro's continuing restoration efforts with investments to create fun, safe experiences for people who want to enjoy nature close to home at this close-in property. At this time, of the four North Tualatin Mountains sites currently protected by Metro, only a portion of one, the Burlington Creek Forest, is being proposed for formal access development and creation of a nature park. The remaining sites will be primarily managed for habitat protection and enhancement, and restoration efforts will continue at all four units.

We fully support Metro's plan to develop hiking, biking, and equestrian trails at the Burlington Creek Forest site that are family friendly as well as approachable to those less experienced with exploring nature. The plan for trails, picnic table, parking, and an accessible vault toilet have been designed - with the input of resource scientists, sustainable trails professionals, and community members who have reinforced the great value of this site to the community. Importantly, this site provides some family-friendly mountain bike access in town, which mountain bike advocates have been asking for a long time.

Oregon's most recent Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan found that 74% of Oregonians report using trails close to home. There is high community demand for trails. We believe Metro's North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan will provide a wonderful asset to our diverse community of residents and trail users.

We ask that you give land use approval to the plan.

Sincerely,

Georgena

Georgena Moran, Director of Access Recreation & co-owner of Access for All, LLC  
Steph Noll, Director of Oregon Trails Coalition  
Tara Wilkinson, Director of The Intertwine Alliance