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Kevin Cook, Planner
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RE: North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan

Mr. Cook,

Portland Parks & Recreation supports Metro's application for an amendment to the Multnomah County's Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan (Plan). The Plan protects and enhances the forest habitat, while providing compatible recreation opportunities. The proposed park facilities are allowed under the current zoning and will not change the overall context or character of the forest.

Metro completed technical investigations of forest health and streams and then evaluated the environmental impacts of three park development concepts. The proposed Plan, including the mitigation, has the least impacts on the forest and streams. Also, Metro outlines best management practices that will be used to build trails and other amenities to protect water quality, habitat and the forest.

Metro also did extensive outreach to local and regional stakeholders. Portland Parks & Recreation staff participated as a member of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and attended an open house. The PAC reviewed the final open house summary where the majority of people responding to the comment form favored the concept shown in the Plan. The PAC endorsed the Plan.

Again, Portland Parks & Recreation recommends that Multnomah County amend its Comprehensive Plan to include the Plan, which will bring valuable and much needed nature-based recreation to this area.

If you have any questions about our comments, please contact Emily Roth at (503) 823-9225 or at Emily.roth@portlandoregon.gov.

Sincerely,

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