

Public Health and Safety Issue Team Meeting#4 Minutes

Where: Deschutes County Juvenile Community Justice Center, Wickiup Room

When: Tuesday, February 5, 2002, 1-4 p.m...

Members attending: Marie Towe, Lyn Schonborn, Belinda Kachlein, Jim Hensley, Doug Stout, Keith Brown

Members not present: Jerry Johnson, Alan Keller, Bill McCaffrey, Walt Schloer, Glen Ardt, Ron Miller

Non-members present: Mollie Chaudet, 1 unidentified member of the public

Agenda

- 1) Review agenda, mailing lists, other housekeeping
- 2) Who is underrepresented?
- 3) Presentation by Tim Schimke, Director of Deschutes County Solid Waste Mgmt
- 4) Start on Desired Condition/Alternatives discussion
- 5) Sideboards discussion
- 6) Return to Desired Condition/Alternatives discussion

2) Who is underrepresented? Discussion

From Keith's perspective, Deschutes County government was the only player missing at the table. To address this issue, he contracted representatives from both Deschutes County Sheriff and Solid Waste Departments to visit with the issue team.

Another member was concerned unmanaged target shooting enthusiasts were not represented on the group. Both Keith and Doug expressed they both enjoyed unmanaged target shooting experiences.

The group failed to identify any other possible underrepresented groups.

3) Presentation by Tim Schimke, Director of Deschutes County Solid Waste Mgmt

Deschutes County Solid Waste Department handles about 120,000 tons of waste each year. There is one landfill outside Bend, and four transfer stations located throughout the county. Within the county, 60% of residents have curbside pickup, the other 40% do not. Fees charged by Solid Waste go exclusively to fund the program (operating expenses).

Money borrowed from Solid Waste to fund fairgrounds construction.

Fees are viewed as incentive for residents to reduce the amount of trash they produce, and to recycle.

At the landfill you pay by the pound, at the transfer stations you pay by the square yard, both are price to be about equal.

Neither tires nor appliances go into the landfill, nor are they considered recycleables

- \$5 per tire, or more for large truck tires

- \$14 for a fridge or freezer

- \$9 for other appliances (washer, dryer, dishwasher)

Fall 2001 – Free Tire Day

- Over 1000 vehicles visited the landfill that day

- More than 10,000 tires collected (some people brought 100 tires)

- Not for commercials

- Cost the county about \$40,000.00

3 Free Yard Days in the Spring

- The landfill accepts all kinds of yard waste, whatever can be mulched

A free Hazardous Waste day in June

- For residents and small businesses

- Common liquids include – paint, oil, gasoline, herbicides, unknown liquids

Tim is hoping to establish a year-round hazardous waste facility

Used furniture is considered waste

Dead animals?

- Smaller than a sheep – can be brought to the Humane Society

- Redmond Tallow Center

- Big a hole and bury it

The landfill does not accept automobiles

City of Redmond has universal collection, unique in Central Oregon. Redmond seniors can apply to have their trash pickup subsidized.

Tim was asked about a coupon system for residents receiving welfare (rather than cash), he was open to the idea.

County commissioners can grant fee waivers for special occasions

From Jim Hensley

- Most of the dumping cases successfully brought to the court were from the 40% of residents who don't have curbside pickup.

- Offensive Littering – 3rd Class misdemeanor with a fine up to \$1000.00.

Other potential requirements for successfully prosecuted dumpers:

- Make them pick up other dumped trash

- Put their names in the local newspaper

Tim asked if the BLM could quantify the amount of trash out on the Prineville District...

Why is that important?

- This information is important for writing state legislation

- May be useful in obtaining funding

Tim reported he would be available to come out to the Prineville District's worst dump sites and try to estimate how much trash was out on the ground.

Tim encouraged involving local communities in the fight against dumping

Tim reported he felt small illegal dumps encouraged more illegal dumping

5) Sideboards discussion

The team continued with its discussion of sideboards, trying to decide which issues would be addressed by the Public Health and Safety team, which ones would be addressed by other issue teams, and which ones would not be considered in this plan. Below are the issues offered by team members and the issue teams recommended to address those issues:

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| Shooting conflicts between military and users | Public Health and Safety – Shooting |
| Adjacent landowners safe on their property from bullets coming from BLM | Public Health and Safety – Shooting |
| Noise from shooting | Public Health and Safety – Shooting |
| Appropriate locations for target shooting and hunting | Public Health and Safety – Shooting |
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| Garbage and hazardous waste | Public Health and Safety – Dumping |
| Free dumping? | Public Health and Safety – Dumping |
| Protect visual resources from dumping | Public Health and Safety – Dumping |
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| Vandalism | Public Health and Safety – Illegal Activities |
| Illegal camping | Public Health and Safety – Illegal Activities |
| Vehicular speeding, DUI | Public Health and Safety – Illegal Activities |
| Unattended fires - by mistake (and on purpose) | Public Health and Safety – Illegal Activities |
| Personal safety - assaults | Public Health and Safety – Illegal Activities |
| Risk of fire from unattended campfires | Public Health and Safety – Illegal Activities |
| Illegal youth activities | Public Health and Safety – Illegal Activities |
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| Archeological/cultural impacts | Archeological Resources |
| Road orientation, intersections, speed limits | Access and Transportation |
| Rec. conflicts between military and users | Recreation |
| Horses vs OHVs | Recreation |
| Safety of motorized vs. non-motorized users | Recreation |
| Quality recreation /reducing user conflict | Recreation |
| Safe horseback riding areas | Recreation |
| Noise from motorized uses | Recreation |
| Enviro. impact of off-trail motorized vehicles | Recreation |
| Drive an ATV everywhere | Recreation |
| Drive an ATV on a developed course | Recreation |
| Establish important recreation activities to have here | Recreation |
| Risk of fire from lightning, prescribed fire, campfires | Ecosystem Health and Diversity |
| Controlling wildlife populations | Ecosystem Health and Diversity |
| Livestock use – cow vs vehicle | Land Uses |
| Gravel extraction - gravel trucks on roads | Land Uses |

Additional issues were brought up in brainstorming sessions, and other efforts completed by the group. However, these issues were established to have already been addressed by this team, or other issue teams, or the issue was outside the sideboards of this RMP.

The discussion also addressed those health and safety issues being addressed by other teams. It was proposed that in order to facilitate the clean passage of issues between issues teams, an issue should be put down on paper, with as much explanation as necessary. The issue, fully articulated, could then be passed on to the appropriate team leads. Not only would this method prevent specifics from getting lost in the transmission between issue groups, it would allow the issue to be clearly identified in the administrative record.

4) and 6) Desired Condition/Alternatives discussion

Dumping desired conditions should include:

- The area being free of trash
- Stimulation of local involvement and cleanups.

Dumping methods should address and include:

- Prevention, cleanup, and enforcement

How do we prevent dumping?

- Community policing/support
- Show residents pictures of bad dump sites
- Adopt-an-Open Space Program
- Adopt-a-dumping-area program?
- Outreach to schools
- Signs – “If you see dumping call...” placed at major BLM access points
- “We know this area is a problem dumping site...”

Cleanup

- Continue a presence (BLM, BLM Law Enforcement, community presence)
- Clean to closure program
- Road closure

Tim recommended the BLM work with the USFS and Oregon State on the issue of dumping. If the BLM becomes successful in addressing dumping, dumpers might just move over to USFS and state lands.

Tim reported the price of a tire includes a small percentage for handling of the tires at the end of their life. Are these monies available for BLM to utilize?

Tim recommended contacting

- Linda Hayes-Gorman (388-6146) for information from the DEQ on how to deal with dumping.

Additional Thought

Do Crook and Jefferson counties have shooting districts (Deschutes county does)?