

## Public Health and Safety Issue Team Meeting#2 Minutes

**Where:** Deschutes County Juvenile Community Justice Center, Wickiup Room

**When:** Monday, January 14, 2002, 1-4 p.m..

**Members attending:** Marie Towe, Jerry Johnson, Lyn Schonborn, Walt Schloer, Doug Stout, Glen Ardt, Ron Miller, Bill McCaffrey, Keith Brown

**Members not present:** Jim Hensley, Alan Keller, Belinda Kachlein

**Non-members present:** Terry Morton, Ms. Johnson, Bill Lewis (COSSA)

### **Basic Agenda:**

- Announcements and Housekeeping - Keith
- Sideboards/Issue Description – Keith
- Presentation by Bill Lewis
- Return to Issue Description - Keith
- Ground Rules - Terry

### **Announcements and Housekeeping**

Names and addresses of Issue Team Members will be published in final documents.

Issue Team products (including alternatives) may be modified by other groups including the Intergovernmental Team, the PAC, final decision makers, and others. One reason issue teams will continue to meet after the development of alternatives is to ensure the ideas expressed at the Issue Team level do not get lost, or are overly altered.

### **Presentation by Bill Lewis, COSSA**

COSSA - Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association

Shooting range in existence since 1989

600 acres near Millican, Highway 20, 24 miles east of Bend

On land leased from BLM

All shooting into backstop, shooting north

Fenced and locked, danger signs posted

Member ship \$30 per year, public sighting-in range is free

1000-yard range come soon, will be the largest in the state

Future areas include archery and machine gun areas

Area used by state patrol, ANG, police, and sheriffs

Rounds from long-range high-powered rifle can travel more than 3 miles

No alcoholic beverages are allowed

Matches are held every weekend from March to November

Lead in the ground is not at dangerous levels, but 3% of income per year reserved for a cleanup fund whenever the area is closed.

Noise studies show the area is below standards

To initially find a site, all areas in the Bend/Redmond/Sisters area were considered

Some shooters don't use the site because of the drive out to Millican, because they don't know about COSSA, or because shooters may be intimidated by more educated shooters  
In the past informational signs were posted in popular non-developed shooting area, these signs did not produce many new users (but did make good targets to shoot at)  
Target range shooters are more knowledgeable about firearms than hunters or casual shooters  
Concealed weapons permit requires only 3 hours of training and no actual shooting  
Across the country, firearm use is up, accidents are down  
"Plinkers" are the #1 safety concern - often used sites include cinder pits, Horse Butte, Bessie Butte, Cabin Butte, Coyote Butte, and the Barr Road  
Sites with trash attract shooters  
National Forest requirements call for a 150-year buffer around residences (What about BLM?)  
A safety barrier is more effective than a buffer zone.

### **Sideboards/Issue Description, Return to Issue Description**

The team's efforts to develop an issue description focused on sideboards, trying to decide which issues would be addressed, which ones would be addressed by other issue teams, and which ones would not be considered in this plan. Beyond the dumping and shooting issues already identified in the AMS, the follow issues were offered by team members:

- Vandalism
- Illegal camping
- Horses vs OHVs
- Gravel extraction - gravel trucks on roads
- Personal safety - assaults
- Traffic safety - automobiles vs other autos or other users
- Mixing military operations with other recreational activities
- DUI - especially after parties held on BLM land
- Unattended fires - by mistake (and on purpose)

During the discussion, one team member recommended grouping issues as to whether the activity was legal, or illegal.

The public health and safety "interests" identified at the first meeting (on 12/14/01) were also issues proposed to be included within the sideboards of the issue team.

Request for two speakers:

Tom Teaford - Lead BLM Law Enforcement Officer - Discuss activities, regulations, solutions, and more

Steve Lent - BLM fire - Discuss a wide spectrum of health and safety issues related to fire

## **Ground Rules**

Terry lead a short discussion on the development of ground rules. The agreed upon rules include:

- Be open-minded,
- Respect all points of view,
- Agree on timed agenda, stick to it, avoid rabbit trails,
- Be recognized before you speak,
- Respect people and the process
- Incorporate fun and humor
- Encourage and support each other to get thoughts on the table so we can understand
- No chicken soup - don't water it down
- Be professional, courteous, no personal attacks
- Focus on the goal
- Respect group decisions and move forward

## **For Next Meeting**

Tuesday, January 29, 9am to 3pm, at Eagle Crest Lodge

Team members were asked to make comments and corrections to the draft Issue Description and fax them to Keith on or before Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> so changes could be made and a revised version can be presented at the next meeting.