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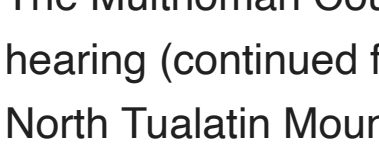


Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: September 29, 2023



The Multnomah County Planning Commission will continue the land use hearing (continued from February 6) on Metro's proposed nature park in the North Tualatin Mountains and proposed recreational trails on a portion of one of the park units (Burlington Creek Forest). The continued hearing will be held virtually and is scheduled for the evening of March 6, 2023 - at 6:30 p.m. Register to attend here: <https://www.multco.us/landuse/planning-commission> The public testimony period remains open at this time. Submit testimony here: lup-hearings@multco.us More information on the proposal and how to participate in the hearing is provided below: Register to attend here: <https://www.multco.us/landuse/planning-commission> [Application General Information](#) [Document Library](#) - Exhibited documents and testimony and staff report. Site is updated weekly.

Questions: Contact lup-hearings@multco.us or call 503.988.0188

Neighbor Opinion - North Tualatin Mountains

ODFW Does Not Approve of Metro's North Tualatin Master Plan -- Neither Should We

By Lindsey Laughlin

During a public hearing on March 6, 2023, the Multnomah County Land Use Commissioners voted "yes" to recommend approval of Metro's North Tualatin Master Plan to the Board of County Commissioners. This vote was *not* a final vote to approve Metro's Master Plan, which includes controversial multi-use trail development through high-value wildlife habitat at Burlington Creek -- it was a vote to recommend that the plan be approved when it comes before the Board of Commissioners on October 26, 2023.

Shortly after the vote, on March 23, 2023, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) submitted a letter to Multnomah County Commissioners outlining their research into the negative environmental impacts of Metro's proposed development on local ecosystems and wildlife. **ODFW's letter was not considered by Land Use Commissioners before they placed their vote to approve recommendation.** ODFW concluded that Metro's Master Plan will cause damage to high-value wildlife habitat and increase red-legged frog (RLF) mortality. They recommended that Metro's plan NOT be approved:

ODFW is concerned that the approval of this conditional use of new multi-use trails in this area has the potential to adversely affect natural resources and that the mitigation proposed by Metro will not compensate for those impacts.

ODFW has carefully reviewed and commented on Metro's proposed Tualatin Hills Master Plan for years and is concerned that Metro has not addressed their previous environmental impact concerns and mitigation recommendations. At the top of this list, ODFW has recommended that a "thorough ecological inventory and assessment be performed before approval of the Conditional Use permit." Metro has not done this.

ODFW explains that, in addition to vulnerable red-legged frogs, the Burlington Creek land parcel is high-value connective habitat for multiple wildlife species:

The proposed project site lies within a designated Priority Wildlife Connectivity Area (PWCA), an area of the landscape that has the highest overall value (top 1% of all lands considered) for facilitating wildlife movement.

To underscore how serious the impact of Metro's multi-use trail development at Burlington Creek will be on wildlife, it's worth noting that the Bonneville Power Association (BPA) has proposed to fund the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce's (CREST) construction of a culvert beneath HWY 30 to decrease RLF mortality in this same region.

On August 5, 2022, BPA wrote:

Amphibian species including Northern red-legged frogs and Pacific chorus frogs migrate back and forth between the upland forests of the Tualatin Hills and the floodplain wetlands along Multnomah Channel throughout the year.

BPA, CREST, and ODFW all agree that the presence of red-legged frogs in the vicinity of Metro's proposed development necessitates the implementation of protective measures to minimize RLF mortality.

As Metro's Tualatin Hills Master Plan currently stands, the impacts of trail development on RLFs will be "monitored" rather than mitigated. This means that dead frogs will be counted after development occurs, rather than measures taken to prevent amphibian mortality preemptively.

It is ODFW's opinion that Metro's current proposed monitoring for RLF mortality will not answer the question they are asking, which is whether the trails, if constructed, will have an adverse impact on RLF populations.

ODFW's complete letter is posted in Multnomah County's North Tualatin Master Plan document library, <https://www.multco.us/landuse/document-library-north-tualatin-master-plan-0>

As concerned citizens, we should be deeply worried about Metro's ability to mitigate negative ecological impacts at Burlington Creek. ODFW finds numerous faults with Metro's proposal and so should we. **Fortunately, there is still time to submit public testimony to be considered by the Board of Commissioners before their October 26th vote.** Please consider voicing your concerns while there is still a chance to do so.

The following instructions for how to participate in the public hearing and submit testimony can be found at <https://www.multco.us/landuse/north-tualatin-master-plan-0>:

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) hearing is scheduled for October 26 at 9:30am. The hearing will be held at the Multnomah Building, Room 100, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR 97214.

The meeting will be hybrid, allowing participants and members of the public to appear in-person or virtually. Registration for virtual testimony will open on or after October 20 and you must register by 4:00 p.m. October 25. Individuals may also provide in-person testimony at the hearing. Instructions for participating in the meeting will be published prior to the meeting at http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3. You may submit comments on the proposal to lup-hearings@multco.us, or by mail to 1600 SE 190th Avenue, Portland OR 97233-5910. Please submit written testimony by 5 p.m. October 23.

Sources:

- Shawn Skinner, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bonneville Power Administration, Highway 30 Wildlife Underpass Project, August 5, 2022.
- Ariana Scipioni, Regional Habitat Biologist, Department of Fish & Wildlife, Testimony on the Metro North Tualatin Mountains applications Case No. T3-2017-9165 / T4-2017-9166 / EP-2017-6780, March 23, 2023.
- ODFW's letter to County Commissioners, March 23, 2023.

Location Address Correction: 8031 NW Skyline Blvd

Meet Our New Forest Park Rangers Event

Please Join Us!

The number of Rangers supporting Forest Park has grown. Here is an opportunity to meet them and learn more about their roles.
When: Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Where: At the former Skyline Tavern, 8031 NW Skyline Blvd
Bring snacks to share and BYO Beverage. It will be fun!
Thanks to Scott Becker for hosting this event
For Further Information contact: ralph.e.brooks@gmail.com

SKYLINE GRANGE #894

<https://skylinegrange894.org/>

CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING @ GRANGE

This full day course is being offered to Skyline area residents as part of the joint effort between Skyline Grange, Skyline Ridge Neighbors, and Skyline Ridge NET to encourage area residents to be prepared for emergencies. This course is offered biennially to our community, and again will be taught by Cascade Training Center.

WHEN: Saturday, October 28, 2023
TIME: 8:45 am – 4:15 p.m.
WHERE: Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland 97231
CONTENT: Basic 1st aid, CPR for infants to adults, and the use of an AED defibrillator. You will receive a CPR certification card.
COST: Tuition is \$85, plus \$8 for the workbook if you do not have the required copy of 2021 AHA Heartsaver Workbook. SRN will subsidize up to \$43 of the cost for residents living within its boundaries. To check if you live within SRN boundaries, refer to [Boundary Map - SRN \(srnpdx.org\)](#) or inquire when requesting an application.
LUNCH: A healthy salad bar will be provided by Skyline Grange.
REGISTER: Email skylinegrange894@msn.com to request an application.
DEADLINE: Registration and payment must be received no later than Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Mailing instructions are in the application.

GARAGE SALE @ SKYLINE GRANGE 106-7

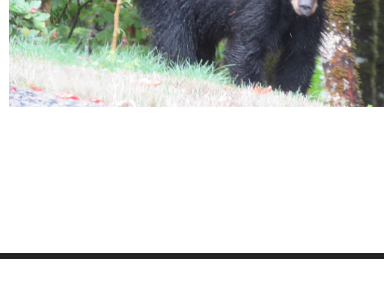
Mark your calendars. It is almost time for our 37th garage sale. It is again HUGE with over 40 generous Skyline households donating.
DATE: Fri., Oct. 6, 2023 9am – 7pm
Sat., Oct. 7, 2023 9 am – 5 pm
DETAILS:

- HUGE! DONATIONS FROM 40+ HOUSEHOLDS.**
- This sale has a uniquely Skyline favor with a mix of practical to zany, plus equipment useful for semi-rural living.
- Items for every part of the house, including, kitchen wares, linens, furniture, home décor
- Items for home repairs, power & manual tools, gardening, landscaping, pets
- Books, DVDs, CDs, vinyls, holiday, clothing, emergency preparedness, sports & kids' sections.
- Our garage sales have a very faithful following because they are full of great finds, surprises, delicious fresh-from-the oven baked goods, and a welcoming atmosphere.
- It will be obvious we have worked hard to put on another great sale.

Neighbor Reports

Skyline Area near mile post 16

Just wanted to report a furry visitor who was picking our apples and routing through our compost today. [Hubby] happened to see him/her out the windows by the front door.....since he/she was RIGHT IN THE FRONT



YARD!!!!!!!!!

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

3236 S Kelly Ave, Suite 200
Portland, OR 97239
(503) 238-4775

Contact: info@wmswcd.org
September 15, 2023
For Immediate Release

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) will be holding a public meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is a standing committee to the West Multnomah SWCD Board of Directors. Comprised of both board and District staff, the committee advises the board on implementation of the District's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure the District is a culturally inclusive organization that welcomes and engages everyone in all facets of our organization, activities, and programs.

This meeting will take place online on Zoom. Members of the public are welcomed to attend. An access code will be required to join the meeting. Interested participants may request the code by emailing scott@wmswcd.org with the subject line "Request for Conference ID" no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. Meeting documents will be available for inspection on the District's webpage (<https://wmswcd.org/about/diversity-equity-inclusion/>) no later than 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District at (503) 238-4775 x100 no later than 3:00 pm the day prior to the meeting.

At this meeting the committee will discuss Associate Board member recruitment, updates to equity lens usage, DEI Committee structure and membership, and the District's land acknowledgement. The committee will also perform an equity lens review of a Demographic Data Analyst Internship job description.

The mission of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is to provide resources, information, and expertise to inspire people to actively improve air and water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and soil health. The District's service territory is Multnomah County west of the Willamette River, all of Sauvie Island, and the Bonny Slope portion of the Tualatin Mountains in Washington County. More information about WMSWCD's investment in DEI, as well as materials related to this meeting, can be found on the WMSWCD website: <https://wmswcd.org/about/diversity-equity-inclusion/>

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Please txt 650-743-1745.

Seeking Home on Acreage

Hello! I enthusiastically want to live/settle here in the Tualatin Mountains. I have a large collection of fruit/nut trees, berries, and vines ready to plant. Willing to rent-to-own from someone wishing to transfer stewardship. I'm an avid botanist; farm-raised; very responsible; credit score +800; sincerely want to join this community. Thank you. -Caleb
Phone: 503-812-3913
Email: Enjoy_Existence@yahoo.com

Advertise in the Newsline

We welcome classified ads from individuals, families, and home-based businesses within the SRN boundaries. Ads are limited to 50 words, and be sure to include your contact information. Send them to newsline@srnpdx.org and indicate how many times you want your ad to run.

Prices for Newsline ads are as follows:

Families & individuals: First issue is free, then \$5 for each additional repeat of the same ad.

Home-based businesses: \$7.50 per Newsline issue

Commercial businesses: \$10/issue

Please pay for your ad in advance by mailing a check payable to Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc. to our Treasurer, Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland 97231. Be sure to indicate which Newsline ad you are paying for.

Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website

<https://www.srnpdx.org/>

About Skyline Ridge Neighbors

SRN is a neighborhood association serving much of unincorporated northwest Multnomah County and some adjacent areas within the city of Portland. (<https://www.srnpdx.org/aboutdiversity-equity-inclusion/>) SRN is registered as a neighborhood association within Multnomah County, registered as a non-profit public benefit corporation with the State of Oregon and approved as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the IRS Code. SRN is operated by volunteers and with donated funds exclusively.

If you would like to donate to SRN in support of its activities, such as this free Newsline service and the publication of its quarterly Skyline Ridge Runner, send your donation to "Skyline Ridge Neighbors", c/o Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd, Portland OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

About the Newsline

Skyline Rural Watch Newsline is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newsline is produced by Laurel Elnardt (editor). The Newsline depends on you as a source of accurate information about local crimes, upcoming events, and other news pertinent to the area. If you have information you would like considered for the Newsline, you may do so by e-mailing the information to newsline@srnpdx.org, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501.

You can subscribe to the Newsline at SRNPDX.org (at the Newsline tab).

About the Ridge Runner

The Skyline Ridge Runner is a free quarterly publication mailed to approximately 1400 households in rural northwestern Multnomah County, Oregon. A color version is also distributed via email subscription and is posted on website srnpdx.org website. It is published by Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN), an all-volunteer nonprofit neighborhood association, as a public service to provide news and information to residents.

If you have any ads, calendar listings, news items, stories, letters, photos, etc. that you would like to submit for publication, please email them to ridgerunner@srnpdx.org. Or call Miles at (503-621-9887) to let him know you're going to send something for the Ridge Runner. Please note that the Ridge Runner may not reach mailboxes until the middle of the month of publication (April, July, October, January) Deadlines for all ad submissions are the 15th of March, June, September and December.

Calendar

Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc. Regular Board Meeting: The SRN board meetings are monthly held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm by Zoom. All are welcome to attend. For Zoom login information please reply to this email.

Find the community calendar here: <http://www.srnpdx.org/calendar.html>

Resource Directory

As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the Skyline Resource Directory. Follow the links in this section to view its contents and learn how to add a business or agency listing. Listing of organizations and businesses herein does not imply any endorsement of SRN nor does it imply a lack of endorsement for similar organizations or businesses not included.

Community Links

Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET): SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com

Skyline Grange: <https://skylinegrange894.org/>

Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>

Linton Community Center: <http://www.lintoncommunitycenter.org/>

Linton Neighborhood Association: <http://lintonna.org/>

West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://www.wmswcd.org/>

Skyline School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>

Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolspta.org/>

Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

