

October 7, 2007

Jeff Krueger
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**Re: Ridgeline Area Open Space Vision and Action Plan
LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Dear Mr. Krueger:

As local mountain bicycle community representatives, the Lane County Mountain Bicycle Association (LCMBA) supports the Ridgeline Area Open Space Vision and Action Plan.

Adoption and implementation of the Ridgeline Area Open Space Vision and Action Plan will do a great deal to create, enhance, and preserve mountain bicycling opportunities and experiences in the Eugene-Springfield area. The goals, actions, and strategies identified; particularly the Recreational goals; address and directly align with the mission and tenets of the LCMBA and the user population we represent. Other components of the Vision and Action Plan also complement the general values and ethos identified in the LCMBA's tenets, including Stewardship, Education, Volunteerism, Partnerships, and Sustainability.

As urban pressures and user demographics expand and change there is need to provide for and manage positive user experiences while protecting the resources that facilitate those experiences. Additionally, as user abilities have evolved there is a need to enhance and expand the local trail system, both in the length and challenging nature of single-track trail and also in the need for intensive use areas such as a skills and challenge park. The Ridgeline Vision and Action plan addresses these needs and provides opportunity for direct input and service from the local mountain bicycle community.

We encourage LCOG and the other partners in the Ridgeline Area Open Space Vision to work toward implementing the plan and offer the enthusiastic support of the Lane County Mountain Bicycle Association in this effort.

Respectfully


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