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AGENDA COVER MEMO

DATE: August 12, 2003
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPT.: Public Works/Parks Division
PRESENTED BY: Rich Fay, Parks Manager
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: AUTHORIZING THE PARKS DIVISION TO HONOR THE HOWARD BUFORD RECREATION AREA SEASON PASS AT OTHER CERTAIN PARK FACILITIES FOR THE DURATION OF CLOSURE OF HOWARD BUFORD RECREATION AREA.

I. MOTION

MOVE TO APPROVE THE ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PARKS DIVISION TO HONOR THE HOWARD BUFORD RECREATION AREA SEASON PASS AT OTHER CERTAIN PARK FACILITIES FOR THE DURATION OF CLOSURE OF HOWARD BUFORD RECREATION AREA.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Shall the Board authorize the Parks Division to honor the Howard Buford Recreation Area (HBRA) passes at other parks that require a vehicle admission fee or a season pass during the duration of the fire closure at HBRA?

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

The Parks Division consults with Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)- East Lane Fire District regarding the fire conditions in several park properties of Lane County. On August 1, 2003, the Parks Division closed, for public use, the Howard Buford Recreation Area due to extreme fire danger based on recommendations from the ODF. This is the third such closure in four years. At least 500 park visitors have purchased the Howard Buford Recreation Area season passes to date.

B. Analysis

In order to provide an option for those season pass holders with Howard Buford Recreation Area passes during the park closure, Park's staff proposes honoring the HBRA pass for the duration of closure of HBRA at the following parks: Armitage, Baker Bay, Hendrick's Bridge, Orchard Point, Perkins Peninsula, and Richardson.

C. Alternatives/Options

You have at least the following options with regard to this matter:

1. Approve the Order and authorizing the Parks Division to honor the Howard Buford Recreation Area passes at other parks that require a vehicle admission fee or season pass during the duration of the fire closure at HBRA.
2. Do not approve order.

D. Recommendation

Staff recommends option #1.

E. Timing

If the Board approves the order the Parks Manager and staff will direct fee collectors and Park Rangers to honor the HBRA pass in the above named parks.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

Depends on direction.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Order

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.

) IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE
) PARKS DIVISION TO HONOR THE HOWAR
) BUFORD RECREATION AREA SEASON PASS
) AT OTHER CERTAIN PARK FACILITIES FOR
) THE DURATION OF CLOSURE OF HOWARD
) BUFORD RECREATION AREA.

WHEREAS, the Parks Division closed for public use Howard Buford Recreation Area on August 1, 2003 due to extreme fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Division has recorded over 500 passes sold for Howard Buford Recreation Area at a base rate of twenty dollars each, and

WHEREAS, the Parks Division has six other parks that require vehicle admission fees or season passes, and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of customer service the need exists to provide the public with access to recreational opportunities, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Parks Division be authorized to honor the Howard Buford Recreation Area pass at all other parks requiring a vehicle admission fee or season pass for the duration of the closure of Howard Buford Recreation Area; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the order.

DATED this _____ day of August 2003.

Peter Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 8/6/03 _____ Lane County

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL