



Yamhill County Parks

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From: Jarod Logsdon, Parks and Work Crew Division Manager

Re: Grant Application Request to YWSF, YCCC, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, and YSWCD

The Yamhill County Parks Department would like to request consideration to apply for several grants to increase the budget for the Deer Creek Signage Project. The vision of this project is to create interpretive signage throughout the park and along the (future) prairie boardwalk. The mission of this signage project is to capture the historic, cultural, and biological uniqueness of Gopher Valley. Signage will present the history of native tribes, protected and endangered species, and the diversity of prairie ecosystems in a way that is engaging and educational.

The Parks Department would like to apply to: **the Yamhill Watershed Stewardship Fund (YWSF)**, with a total award of up to \$2,500; **Yamhill County Cultural Coalition (YCCC)**, with a total award of up to \$2,500 requiring a 50% match; **Spirit Mountain Community Fund**, with a total award of up to \$7,500; and **Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District (YSWCD)**, with funding up to \$10,000 requiring a 25% match.

Yamhill County Parks has a long history of collaboration and restoration efforts at Deer Creek Prairie Park. Upland and wet prairie habitats are vanishing ecosystems and the County has partnered with various agencies in the past to restore Deer Creek to its historic landscape. In addition, the park is a location of interest to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Many of the grant opportunities offered are from organizations that have partnered in previous projects at the park.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

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