

CHSRA Trail & Access Planning Process

Coordination Team

In the Fall of 2018, the USFS, Camp Westwind, The Nature Conservancy, Lincoln City, Cascade Head Ranch and the Sitka Center came together to discuss the need to develop a collective approach to planning and managing the trail-use at CHSRA. This group became known as the CHSRA Coordination Team and their goal was to outreach to adjacent landowners, other stakeholders and the general public with the aim of determining the trail-related issues and then collaborating to develop recommendations that address them.

NPS assistance

The Coordination Team's first step was to apply for support from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA). RTCA awarded the Coordination Team assistance by providing staff to be a guide through the planning process, help with outreach, develop project maps and facilitate decision-making discussions.

Adjacent Landowner Workshops

The next big step in the planning process was for the Coordination Team to meet with adjacent landowners in a series of four workshops in Neskowin, Otis, Lincoln City and the Three Rocks Road area. The workshop was a small group format designed to allow adjacent landowners to share the issues, opportunities and potential solutions regarding trails in CHSRA.

Public Open House

An open house was hosted in the Fall of 2019 in Lincoln City. The open house was staffed by the Coordination Team and was designed to provide input from the general public. This forum gave the attendees a similar format as the landowner workshops.

Online Survey

A community-based survey was conducted online to allow for additional feedback and provide those who couldn't attend the workshops or open house a means of providing input. Over 620 people took the online survey.

Development of Preliminary Draft Proposals

After all the public and adjacent landowner input was gathered and synthesized, the Coordination Team spent many months analyzing the data and formulating preliminary recommendations. All of the recommendations were achieved through consensus. In this planning process, consensus has been defined as all of the members of the Coordination Team are in agreement with the particular recommendation. If preliminary agreement was not achieved, the recommendation was altered to achieve consensus or dropped.

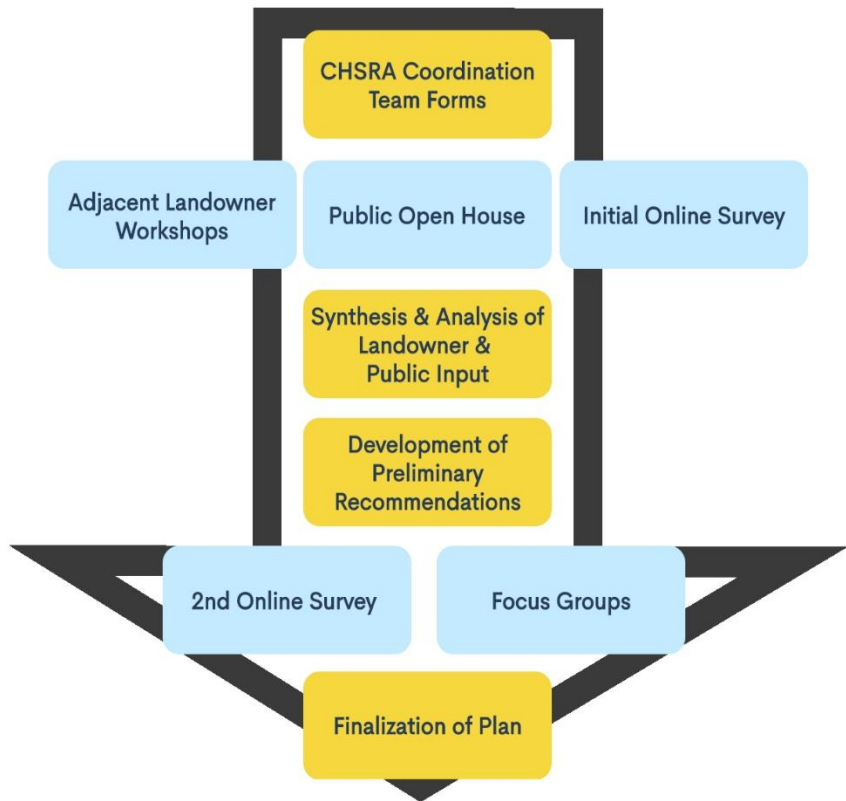
Input on Preliminary Recommendations

(note – this is ongoing – this is the step the Coordination Team is on)

The Coordination Team developed their preliminary recommendations in the Summer & Fall of 2020.

Once the draft proposals were developed, the Coordination Team developed a website (ongoing) to provide information on the effort including a presentation of their efforts and allow for the ability to view the preliminary proposals. A second online survey was developed to allow for adjacent landowners to provide feedback on the preliminary recommendations. After adjacent landowners have provided their feedback, the Coordination Team will then reach out to other stakeholders and the general public to get their input.

The Coordination Team will also host Dialogue Sessions (discussions) to allow for more engagement of interested parties. These focus groups will be conducted in the winter of 2021 and be online because of the Covid-19 pandemic.



Creation of The Plan

After outreach to the adjacent landowners, completion of the second online survey and the Dialogue Sessions are held, the Coordination Team will evaluate the feedback and make adjustments to the preliminary recommendations. The Coordination Team will then draft the Trails & Access Plan.