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Testimony:

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to ask that you please move forward with Metro's North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan. The Metro region is quickly growing, and with it, there are new demands and opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy nature. The region's existing recreational outlets are overwhelmed with demand, as evidenced by the new permit systems at Dog Mountain in the Gorge, the additional parking being built at trailheads throughout the region, and anecdotally, you just see many more people enjoying Forest Park than you would have even 5 years ago. Metro staff have carefully considered these demands and have extensively examined the properties in this Master Plan for suitability and I believe they have done an excellent job of selecting the appropriate forms of use at each site.

As the father of a young child, recreational outlets that are more than 30 minutes from our home in inner Portland are just generally not feasible, that is what makes the North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan so exciting, the prospect of additional, family friendly recreation in nature that is nearby. I attended several of the North Tualatin Mountains a few years ago, before my daughter was born. It is my hope and wish that we are able to enjoy this public land together while she is still a child so I can pass along my love of nature to her in a setting that is close to home. Please move forward with the adoption.

Sincerely,

Andrew Yeoman Attachment 1: Attachment 2: Attachment 3: