

WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED AFTER 12 P.M. DAY OF MEETING

Subject: B. McPherson comment on Rilee Park recreation types, designations and restrictions- Feb 26, 2026
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 2:05:58 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Barry & Denise McPherson <bdmcpherson@coho.net>
To: Kat Ricker <kicker@cprdnewberg.org>
Attachments: B McPherson comments on Rilee Park 2-26-26.pdf

Please consider my comments which are attached as the second page of a PDF of your comment form (a copy of my comments is also pasted into this email).

Barry P. McPherson
1007 E. Fulton St, Apt 208
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As a 79 year old rider of an electric pedal-assist bicycle with tires wide enough for use on dirt, gravel, or bark trails (or sand beaches), I have been riding streets, bike lanes, and trails that I can find in and around my Newberg home for the past 2 ? years. There are some good ones, but disappointingly few. I would like to have more trails to ride that I can easily drive to within 10-20 minutes of my home. When I first moved here from the mid-coast in October 2023, I was pleased to see a Chehalem Park & Recreation District map showing biking trails in Bob & Crystal Rilee Park. But I never got a chance to ride there before signs were posted stating bike riding was not allowed on the trails there. I have done a lot of hiking of the trails there now, sharing them with equestrians.

I would like to have Chehalem Park & Recreation District adopt rules to allow hiking, biking, and equestrian use of the trails once again. Over my many years of doing all three in parks around 6 western states, (mostly hiking and biking, though I have ridden horses on trails as part of a job I had in younger days) I firmly believe park trail systems can be managed to accommodate all three. Locally, Chehalem Ridge Nature Park is a good example.

For us older citizens, electric pedal-assist bicycles really help to keep us active and healthy in beautiful outdoor environments. Use of this type of bicycle should be allowed on any trails open to bicycling. Myself and others of my age category have been attracted to the Newberg area, in part, by the beautiful outdoor environment with terrific scenery, plants, trees, birds, and other wildlife we might see. Electric pedal-assist bicycles make much of that available to us.

So I ask that the Chehalem Park & Recreation District Board of Directors commit to finding a way to re-open Bob & Crystal Rilee Park to all 3 of these ways of using trails, and commit to working with all 3 types of users to adopt plans and rules to allow these activities to exist compatibly within the same park.

Thank you for your consideration,
Barry P. McPherson

1007 E. Fulton St, Apt 208
Newberg, OR 97132

Subject: Crystal Rilee Park

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 12:01:05 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: chefcwcook <chefcwcook@comcast.net>

To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>

CC: Kat Ricker <kicker@cprdnewberg.org>

Priority: High

Please do not let bikes or any vehicles to be permitted on the beautiful Crystal Rilee Park. We walk our dog here as do so many other along with all the other people enjoying the beauty of this park. It is not meant to be a biking path. Horses and people only one the paths. Please don't change this.

Thank you.

Christopher Cook

Sent from my Galaxy

Subject: Re: Opening the east side of Rilee Park for bicycles
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11:12:06 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: Estela Schaeffer <estela.schaeffer@gmail.com>
To: Kat Ricker <kricke@cprdnewberg.org>

Strange. Let me cut and paste into a different program and then back here. Let me know if that doesn't work.

Hello! I live in Sherwood and use the Rilee trails often. I am aquatinted with many kids (and adults) who enjoy mountain biking and have to travel farther distances to find appropriate trails. I think allowing them limited access to the trails at Rilee Park would help more youth and families enjoy them. Both hikers and bikers could enjoy the trails together with some rules put in place and clearly displayed. Having the west aide of Rilee for horses and hikers (no bikes) might be a reasonable compromise. Thanks for reading and considering these options.

Estela Schaeffer

On Thu, Feb 26, 2026, 10:57 AM Kat Ricker <kricke@cprdnewberg.org> wrote:

Dear Estela,

Please try reformatting your email message and resend. It is blocked out in black. You may have a highlight setting selected that you need to remove. Thank you.

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Kat Ricker

Public Information Director

*Chehalem Park & Recreation District
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From: Estela Schaeffer <estela.schaeffer@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 10:29 AM
To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>
Subject: Opening the east side of Rilee Park for bicycles

Subject: Please maintain current designation of horse and hiker only at Crystal Rilee Park

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 11:10:01 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: JS <clearskies@frontier.com>

To: Jim McMaster <jmcmaster@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Nick Konen <nkonen@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Matthew Smith <msmith@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Brandon Slyter <bslyter@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jason Fields <jfields@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Kat Ricker <kricker@cprdnewberg.org>

Dear Chehalem Parks and Rec District Board members:

I am a long-time resident of Parrett Mountain, and live very near the Crystal Rilee park. I have used the park for both horseback riding and hiking, and Crystal was my friend and neighbor. Because of that personal connection, and because I deeply value this park, I feel compelled to write.

I urge the Board to reaffirm its prior decision to make The Crystal Rilee Park an equestrian and pedestrian-only park and uphold the existing master plan that was arrived at with so much input from neighbors and users. Park usage will only increase, and with increased traffic comes only a magnification of the reasons that conclusion was arrived at.

We need to preserve this park as a safe haven for horses, hikers, and dog walkers. We have already tried shared use with bikers, and it did not work. Not all cyclists respected the established boundaries and rules. Even when most bikers are responsible, it only takes a few unsafe encounters to cause significant harm and to ruin the equine usability of the park. What enforceable plan could you really put in place to ensure that bikers comply and do not put equestrians at risk and make it dangerous for both?

Since the bikers have many places they can go, and horse owners have so few options, I urge you to let the park remain as is. The proposal of setting boundaries for different uses is not a good one. The land earmarked for bikers in that proposal is also the area that makes the park a year-round place to ride horses when wet conditions would prohibit safe riding in the other part of the park. It also is the best option for novice riders and green horses. Splitting up the park is counter-productive to making the park what I believe Bob and Crystal wanted for our community. Besides, in good faith with the original decision, and putting their trust in the process, the local horse community has invested money and work to improve the East side. It would not be right to take that away now just because of renewed pressure from others.

The Rilee land essentially began being a horse park when they were both living, and I know they wanted it to continue on as such after they passed away. Bob originally made trails up here with his bulldozer so neighbors and friends could ride on their property. He even maintained those trails for us. Crystal often spoke to me of her dream of also creating a living history farm, where there would be demonstrations of logging, plowing and haying with horses - celebrating the traditional horsemanship and farming. Preserving this park as a safe equestrian space honors their legacy and intentions.

Safety is an important element to equestrian use. I used to ride at parks that had combined usage until a very near disaster made me realize just how dangerous it is. At Forest Park, because of

bikers who came downhill off-trail and suddenly crossed the trail nearly colliding with us, my horse reared and spun, ending up off the trail at a very steep place. We slid downhill backward with him lunging to regain footing. I thought he was going to come over backwards on top of me. By some miracle, it did not end up tragic that time. But it was terrifying. I stopped going to parks with combined usage. It is not worth the risk. It was not the only incident we encountered, but the one serious enough to wake me up.

In conclusion: There is no way the park system can ensure bikers will follow the rules and not intermingle with horseback riders. There is no way to enforce the rules. Experience has shown this to be a reality. Our community, in good faith, spent a lot of time to work cooperatively to determine best park usage, and it has been working. It is not appropriate to change course now.

Bicyclists have many other options for places to ride. Equestrians do not have many safe places. Hauling horses long distances to find such a spot is expensive and time-consuming, and out of reach for many equestrians. Please keep the park as equestrian and pedestrian dedicated so that there is a safe place to ride and hike year-round, and the intentions of Bob and Crystal are honored and their legacy lives on.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Joan Sirotiak

NE Parrett Mountain Road

Subject: Youth support of opening Rilee park east to bikes

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 10:01:28 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Joshua Dicks <jedjoshuad@gmail.com>

To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>

Priority: High

Dear CPRD,

I am a high school student and I am writing to express strong support for opening Bob and Crystal Rilee park on the east side for people to ride bikes.

I ride mountain bikes for recreation and am a highly competitive mountain bike racer. I have been state champion, and compete nationally and plan to ride in college also. Mostly I just truly love to ride my bike in nature on good trails.

I was devastated when trail access at Rilee park was denied to people on bikes. This affected my free time to ride for fun, to train, and for things like studying for school, working, and being with my family because I now have to drive a long way to mountain bike.

There are actually a lot of kids who mountain bike around here- and this is a great thing to do instead of things like being on screens etc. This sport is growing and many people would love to ride bikes at Rilee.

My family has horses and dogs and likes to hike too. It would be great to have one place close by where we can all go together to hike, ride bikes, and be out in nature together.

Please open Rilee park to bikes on the east side. It can easily be a shared area for ALL recreation.

Thank you.
Joshua Dicks

Subject: Bob & Crystal Rilee Park

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 3:22:37 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Judy Aden <jja4591@gmail.com>

To: Jim McMaster <jmcmaster@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Nick Konen <nkonen@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jason Fields <jfields@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Kat Ricker <kricker@cprdnewberg.org>, Matthew Smith <msmith@board.cprdnewberg.org>

Dear CPRD Board Members,

I respectfully ask that you carefully consider the following points as you evaluate possible changes to the current usage of the park.

The equestrians, hikers and those who enjoy the serenity of being in nature are benefiting from the vision and generosity of Crystal Rilee. It is clear that this is the usage she envisioned and important that we honor her memory and intent. Just because another usage is desired by some vocal members of the community, doesn't mean her wishes should be ignored.

Combining bike and equestrian usage on park trails is extremely hazardous and increases the likelihood of injury to users, including the horses.

While the above are my main concerns regarding a change in usage to allow bicyclists on park trails, other concerns are (1) the increased damage to trails caused by bikes, (2) this is the only park in the area open to equestrians while there are many other locations available to bicyclists (3) the increased maintenance and rule enforcement costs that would be required.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Judy Aden

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Bob and Crystal Rilee Park

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11:31:38 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: KATHY COOK <kamcook@comcast.net>

To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>

CC: Kat Ricker <kicker@cprdnewberg.org>

Priority: High

To the Board of Directors of the CPRD and Ms. Kat Ricker,

Please acknowledge my opposition to allowing bicycles of any form or any alternate type of 'transportation' in the Rilee Park. As per the wishes of Crystal Rilee, use of the park is for equestrians and hikers ONLY. The original agreement the CPRD made with the Rilee Family when the land was acquired honored this stipulation. It would be unconscionable on the part of the CPRD Board to ignore this agreement, no matter how many years have passed.

Please honor the wishes of the Rilee Family and maintain the serenity of this fabulous slice of heaven within our midst.

Best regards,

Kathy Cook
5118 Fairway Street
Newberg, OR 97132

Subject: CPRD Board comment

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 9:27:50 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Leslie McLeod <jlomcleod@yahoo.com>

To: Kat Ricker <kricker@cprdnewberg.org>

Dear board member,

I'm writing to ask that Crystal Rilee park remain a "bike free zone". I've hiked and ridden horses in many areas of both Yamhill and Polk counties. The topography and site line distances at this park would create a very unsafe situation by adding in bikes.

Bikes at speed would also create V-shaped trails over time not flat level like feet do. Over time bikes also tend to "bank up or cant" the corners on Trails. This usage is difficult to walk or ride on and creates erosion problems.

Please consider other properties for bike usage and keep Crystal Rilee the premier facility it currently is.

Respectfully, Leslie McLeod

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Subject: Middle Ground at Crystal Rilee Park

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 8:42:33 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Melissa McLaughlin <jmjmclaughlin@gmail.com>

To: Clay Downing <cdowning@cprdnewberg.org>, Jim McMaster <jmcmaster@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Nick Konen <nkonen@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Matthew Smith <msmith@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Brandon Slyter <bslyter@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jason Fields <jfields@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Kat Ricker <kricker@cprdnewberg.org>

Hello Park Superintendent and CPRD board:

I won't be present at your meeting tomorrow night but wanted to put forth an idea that has worked in central Oregon in several places. Places where bikes and horses wanted to use the same area but not the same trails, and do it safely. The solution to share the park but not share the same trails would allow for enough mileage for both groups to enjoy. The hard part would be to get them in the same planning room without it bursting into flames. Your part would be to hire a skilled outside mediator to sort out what everyone wants, and hire a professional trail designer to make it a reality. You would not be reinventing the wheel- this has been done before, decades before, and the results have been peaceful coexistence ever since.

Bike and horse trails can run parallel with 30' or more between them. They can cross at right angles. Both groups can use both sides of the road. Horses aren't going to spook at a bike 30' away. They may stop and look but that's about it. Trails with stacked loops can provide variety, choice and mileage.

There are grants available for counties from the state (don't know if CPRD would be eligible for those?) and RTP grants to build new trails. The Willamette Valley has a notoriously low inventory of trails.

It is a solution that on the surface won't make the equestrian group happy but they could actually get what they want: the whole park without sharing their trails with bikes. I'm pretty sure the bike folks would be happy. Careful mediation and involvement of both groups would be really necessary to avoid future backlash. But I think it would likely be a good long term solution if done thoughtfully. Good trail design would be critical, but very doable with a knowledgeable trail designer.

It's a middle road which of course makes no one really happy but everyone gets pretty close to what they want. If it means a permanent solution then the politicking and polarization can end and everyone can go outside and have fun in their own way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa McLaughlin
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McMinnville, OR 97128
503-560-0771

NICA Codes of Conduct

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

As a representative of the community, student-athletes and parents/guardians agree to follow this code of conduct during all NICA activities and while interacting with NICA community members. You also agree to maintain the code of conduct while connecting with other NICA community members through social media and electronic communications. The code of conduct is the starting point, teams are encouraged to create great teammate pledges (social contracts) with their teams to support building strong minds, bodies, character and communities. **Parents and guardians, please review the following expectations with your NICA student-athletes**

BE SAFE

- Be prepared with safety gear: always wear a helmet when your leg is over the bike
- Only ride a safe and functional mountain bike (use the ABCDE bike check to confirm this before each ride (Air, Brakes, Chain, Derailleur, Everything Else)
- Ride within your ability
- Plan ahead, ride with a friend, and let your family or guardians know where you are going and when you plan to return
- Stay on the trail or in designated activity areas and be aware of hazardous animals and plants
- Obey traffic laws

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Be prepared with the water, food, tools, spare parts, and clothing that you need to complete the ride
- Support your teammates, help them have a safe and successful ride
- Come to practice with a clean and well-maintained bike
- Be accountable for your actions and choices
- Never consume prohibited substances (alcohol, illegal drugs, or performance enhancing substances)
- Ride only on designated legal trails and routes
- Know and follow additional rules that may be associated with your team, school or league

BE RESPECTFUL

- Respect coaches, teammates, competitors, trail users and other community members
 - Be kind and treat everyone with dignity
 - Avoid language and actions that may be perceived as bullying, harassment, or discrimination
 - Be inclusive and welcoming to new athletes, coaches, competitors, and other trail users
 - Sexual harassment by NICA community members is not tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: offensive or unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances or propositions, verbal abuse of a sexual nature, graphic or degrading comments about an individual and/or their appearance, the display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures, and any offensive or abusive physical contact
 - Seek consent before touching, hugging and otherwise embracing teammates and coaches
- Always treat other trail users with courtesy
 - Slow down when approaching other trail users
 - Provide right of way to pedestrians and equestrians. Stop and ask for passing instructions from equestrians
 - Announce your passing intention, specify the passing side, and wait for confirmation from the other trail user
 - Move aside to allow others to pass you safely
- Respect the environment and trails
 - Only ride on open trails
 - Ride when conditions will ensure no damage to the trail
 - Perform trail maintenance only with full permission and permits from the land owner/manager
 - Do not litter and pick up trash before leaving practice areas, venues and campgrounds

Adult Code of Conduct

All staff, coaches, and volunteers within the NICA community are role models and leaders. It is our job to help student-athletes and other adults behave in a safe, responsible and respectful manner during all NICA activities and events, whenever interacting with NICA community members, and while conducting any electronic communication or social media connected to NICA. Please carefully review the following expectations:

As an adult associated with NICA, a youth development organization, I agree to:

- Follow NICA policies, rules, guidelines and training at all times.
- Prioritize participants' safety at all times. Your primary role is to ensure the physical, social and emotional safety and then the success of participants within each activity or event.
- Follow athlete abuse prevention policies, rules, guidelines and training, particularly:
 - Avoid engaging in behavior that could be interpreted as "grooming." NICA's Athlete Abuse Prevention Training is required for coaches and available to all NICA long-term volunteers. Examples of behaviors to avoid include making sexual comments in the presence of a student-athlete or setting-up 1:1 time with a student-athlete.
 - All planned 1:1 interaction between a student-athlete and coach must be observable and interruptible. That is, they must take place where another adult can see what is happening and intervene if the interaction looks inappropriate. For example, unless they are immediate family members coaches should not be 1:1 with student-athletes in a vehicle or for a bike ride.
 - If unplanned situations that result in 1:1 contact with a student-athlete occur, be sure to report to three other coaches, including team leadership. Include how that circumstance occurred and how long you were 1:1.
 - Remember the 1:1 policy applies to phone, social media, online or other virtual communications. Use your team or league platforms to communicate with student-athletes and keep electronic communications transparent, accessible, and professional.
 - Practice athlete abuse prevention strategies throughout the year, not just during the season.
- Treat others with respect.
 - Sexual harassment by NICA community members is not tolerated. These forms of harassment include, but are not limited to: offensive or unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances or propositions, repeated verbal abuse of a sexual nature, or graphic or degrading comments about an individual and/or their appearance. The display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures and any offensive or abusive physical contact will also not be tolerated.
 - Discrimination by NICA community members is not tolerated. NICA prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type with regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.
- Address all concerns brought to your attention. If you see or hear something that in any way compromises the safety of our community, or is not aligned with NICA expectations, it is your job to intervene (within your ability) and inform your team leadership, league leadership or Human Resource Director at NICA.
- When coaches are acting in their roles as coaches, and have decision-making and or supervision responsibilities for student-athletes, they may not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This holds for league and event staff and volunteers when they are acting in their roles with decision-making and or supervision responsibilities for student-athletes.
- Operate within your NICA training and experience, and provide NICA-approved activities.
- Use your best judgment. If you have concerns that a task, project or activity you are working on is dangerous, or is not going to meet the agreed-upon objectives, tell the person in charge.
- Be supportive. If a fellow NICA community member is struggling, support them. If you are unable, tell the person in charge that assistance is needed.
- Be transparent. If you have a concern, share it with the person in charge. If the person in charge is the person with whom you have a concern, share it with your league director.
- Support each individual in their leadership role.
- Work as a team. Present a cohesive environment to the student-athletes, their families and the broader NICA community.
- Communicate intentionally. Be open to giving and receiving feedback.
- Be clear and consistent with student-athletes and guardians in defining when and where a NICA activity starts and ends.
- When leading or promoting an activity not associated with NICA, be sure to clearly communicate the activity is not a NICA activity.

APPLICABILITY OF RULES

The codes of conduct and all rules in this handbook should be observed at all times when participating in all manner of NICA activities or any occasion where NICA is represented.

The interpretation and application of the policies set forth in this handbook will be made at the league's discretion by representatives of the league. This discretion may not be abused or applied unfairly, however the facts of individual cases may differ and NICA and its leagues acknowledge that the specific facts of individual cases are likely to require the use of discretion.

Appeals must first be exhausted within the league through the appeal process provided, if any, and only then will the National Rules Committee consider the appeal of a league's final application of the rules.

Consequences issued are cumulative and in effect for the entire season for violations of a Code of Conduct or a rule, unless otherwise specified in official communication. Repeated infractions will result in the next level of consequences. Rule violations are subject to NICA consequences and law enforcement.

All student-athletes who participate in any of the events associated with NICA and the league including, without limitation, races, training rides, clinics, camps, and practice skill sessions, do so at their own risk. Whether or not you are registered with the league, no liability shall be attached to NICA, the league or any of its officials, coaches, parents, and participants with respect to any loss or injury sustained or caused by anyone participating in these events.

By participating in a race or camp conducted by NICA or the league, a student-athlete, or a parent or legal guardian who permits a minor to participate, acknowledges understanding and acceptance of the regulations covering the event.

CODE OF CONDUCT OR RULE VIOLATION CONSEQUENCE LEVELS

As a youth development organization, NICA's primary aim is to educate community members while upholding behavioral and safety standards.

If a situation arises that is beyond the capabilities of a head coach or team director to manage, they should reach out to league staff for assistance.

NICA relies on coaches, team directors, parents and other adults as primary educators of student-athletes to model and uphold the standards of safety, etiquette, and trail use. League Directors will apply consequences to a student-athlete, individual or team based on violations. Consequences will be given to student-athletes, individuals and/or teams for violations by student-athletes, coaches, family members, spectators or any other participants.

Standard consequences: Unless otherwise specified, rule violations will result in consequences at one of the four following levels: **yellow**, **orange**, **red**, or **purple**. League staff or designated race officials will enforce consequences.

YELLOW →

ORANGE →

RED →

PURPLE

Subject: OSU Equestrian Team Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11:20:18 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: Lauren Pfeiffer <pfeifferlauren89@gmail.com>
To: Matthew Smith <msmith@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jason Fields <jfields@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jim McMaster <jmcmaster@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Nick Konen <nkonen@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Brandon Slyter <bslyter@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Kat Ricker <kricke@cprdnewberg.org>, Clay Downing <cdowning@cprdnewberg.org>

Attachments: image.png

Dear CPRD Board ,

Bringing this OSU support to your attention.

Thank you,
Lauren

Crystal Rilee Park Equestrians
Naomi Bailey · 19m · 🌐

Please consider joining us this weekend to show our support for this park



RIDE WITH A PURPOSE

OSU DRESSAGE TEAM HOSTING A TRAIL RIDE
TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT OF THE BOB &
CRYSTAL RILEE PARK AS A HORSE & HIKER
ONLY PARK

● OSU equestrian team riders and local equestrians, join us for a trail ride of Bob & Crystal Rilee Park!

CPRD has opted to bring the topic of this HORSE AND HIKER ONLY park back to the floor for debate and an eventual revote. This means we may lose our ONLY local horse friendly park.

What can we do: At this time we must show our use and appreciation of this park.

● Join us for a trail ride:
12-3pm February 28th 2026
Please wear OSU merch!
We will be meeting at the Horse Trailer Parking Trailhead

*If you feel that your voice must be heard please consider contacting CPRD directly

Subject: Open Rilee Park for Bike and Kids

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7:27:08 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Ryan Dicks <redryan2047@gmail.com>

To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>

Priority: High

Dear CPRD,

I am a high school student and I am writing to express strong support for opening Bob and Crystal Rilee park on the east side for people to ride bikes.

I ride mountain bikes for recreation with my family. We love to get out on mountain bike trails. We also do have dogs and horses so we are familiar with hiking, biking and dogs all being together.

I was devastated when trail access at Rilee park was denied to people on bikes. This affected my family time because now we have to drive far to go for mountain bike rides. We are busy and it is hard to go do that and have time for things like studying for school, working, and being with family.

There are actually a lot of kids who mountain bike around here- and this is a great thing to do instead of things like being on screens etc. This sport is growing and many people would love to ride bikes at Rilee.

Please open Rilee park to bikes on the east side. It can easily be a shared area for ALL recreation

Subject: In support of opening Rilee park east side to bicycles

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 9:05:02 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: susan dicks <lobodvmnmaz@gmail.com>

To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>

Priority: High

Dear CPRD board-

I am writing to strongly express support for the opening of Bob and Crystal Rilee park for permanent access on the east side for people to ride bicycles. In addition, I express strong support to update the Rilee Master plan to include bicycle trails, as initially proposed.

My family and I live very close by and we are the epitome of multiple use trail users. We hike, walk dogs, trail run, have horses and have a family of enthusiastic (and champion!) mountain biking riding children. When the bike access was taken away in 2023, it was a big blow to our precious family recreational time budget.

We have lived here several years and were thrilled to have Rilee park in our neighborhood. We moved here to enjoy the outdoors as a trail loving family. Our family of 4 would regularly get out on the Rilee park trails on bikes, feet, hooves and paws and we loved the beauty and close access. Rilee park has all the desirable traits of a wonderful local multi-use PNW trail experience. It was truly a special and easy-access family event to not have to drive a long distance to get outdoors and ride bikes, hike with our dogs and enjoy all that the beautiful area has to offer. We were so grateful and enjoyed every minute we could there. It is a big draw to families like ours to have such multi-use trails and increases livability in areas for all socioeconomic classes.

When bikes were banned in 2023, it affected our family deeply. It was an especially big blow to our children. One of my children is a competitive mountain biker who became a state champion and plans to ride nationally, in college, and beyond. He has to drive long distances now to recreate and train on his mountain bike. This is less than ideal for school hours, work hours and particularly family together time. His friend group includes multiple bike riding kids and everyone loved getting together (and off of screens!) on the trail at Rilee.

Currently we spend a tremendous amount of time, gas and car exhaust to get to any sort of viable mountain bike trails for recreation. This is not how we envisioned spending our time as an active family in Yamhill County Oregon. We would be so grateful for ourselves, and the many youth who love to ride bicycles to have adequate mountain bike trail access. There is demonstrably limited mountain bike trail access in our area, despite being a documented growing youth sport interest.

Please help out with access; Rilee park can easily be a shared use recreation site, with separate places for horses and bikes to access. Many can enjoy the park in multiple ways, not only a few.

Please open Bob and Crystal Rilee park to all, especially for the youth, who participate in bicycle recreation.

Regards,

Susan Dicks DVM

Subject: support opening Rilee park to ALL-including bicycles on East side
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 9:35:20 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Susan Elaine <selainenm@yahoo.com>
To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>
Priority: High

Dear CPRD board-

I am writing to express support for the opening of Bob and Crystal Rilee park for permanent access on the east side for people to ride bicycles. In addition, I express strong support to update the Rilee Master plan to include bicycle trails, as initially proposed.

My family and I live close by and we are multiple use trail users. We bike. We have dogs. We have horses. We hike. We have definitely observed dogs being much more dangerous with horses than humans on bikes (as a horse and dog owner!). When the bike access was taken away in 2023, it was a big blow to our precious family recreational time budget.

Our family used to regularly get out on the Rilee park trails on bikes, hikes, and with our dog and felt welcomed and relaxed. Rilee park has all the desirable traits of a wonderful local multi-use PNW trail experience. We were so grateful and enjoyed every minute we could there. It was a very quick commute to get us outdoors in a great spot for some of us to ride bikes, some of us to hike and walk dogs; all of us to enjoy time in nature as a family. Opening access is a big draw to families like ours to have such multi-use trails and increases livability in areas for all socioeconomic classes.

When bikes were banned in 2023, it affected our family recreational time budgeting (driving long distances to mountain bike ride is a definite time suck). It was an especially hard on our children. This is definitely less than ideal for school hours, work hours and particularly family together time (off of screens!).

We would be so grateful for ourselves, and for the many youth who love to ride bicycles to have adequate mountain bike trail access. There is demonstrably limited mountain bike trail access in our area, despite being a documented growing youth sport interest.

Please help out with access; Rilee park can easily be a shared use recreation site, with separate places for horses and bikes to access. Many can enjoy the park in multiple ways, not only a few.

Please open Bob and Crystal Rilee park to all, especially for the youth, who participate in bicycle recreation.

thank you,

Subject: Bob & Crystal Rilee Park Use

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 10:10:48 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Tracy <trsiro09@gmail.com>

To: Jim McMaster <jmcmaster@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Nick Konen <nkonen@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Matthew Smith <msmith@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Brandon Slyter <bslyter@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jason Fields <jfields@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Kat Ricker <kicker@cprdnewberg.org>

I grew up on Parrett Mountain riding my horse at what is now Bob & Crystal Rilee Park. As a novice rider, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to learn how to trail ride safely without worrying about the additional complexity that other shared uses such as bikes present. I did not ride on shared use trails until I had experience to ensure that my horse, myself, and others would be safe.

Designating the trails for different uses would reduce the availability of appropriate trails for riders at different skill levels and limit safe learning spaces for beginners. Maintaining the use of the trails for equestrians and hikers only will continue to provide a unique opportunity for horse riders of all experience levels to recreate safely in an area where most trail systems are already multi-use.

I look forward to hiking these trails with my son when he is older and knowing the park will be a part of his childhood experience, just as it was mine. Thank you for your continued work to preserve this special place.

Traci Smith

Subject: B. McPherson comment on Rilee Park recreation types, designations and restrictions- Feb 26, 2026
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 2:05:58 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Barry & Denise McPherson <bdmcpherson@coho.net>
To: Kat Ricker <kricker@cprdnewberg.org>
Attachments: B McPherson comments on Rilee Park 2-26-26.pdf

Please consider my comments which are attached as the second page of a PDF of your comment form (a copy of my comments is also pasted into this email).

Barry P. McPherson
1007 E. Fulton St, Apt 208
Newberg, OR 97132

As a 79 year old rider of an electric pedal-assist bicycle with tires wide enough for use on dirt, gravel, or bark trails (or sand beaches), I have been riding streets, bike lanes, and trails that I can find in and around my Newberg home for the past 2 ? years. There are some good ones, but disappointingly few. I would like to have more trails to ride that I can easily drive to within 10-20 minutes of my home. When I first moved here from the mid-coast in October 2023, I was pleased to see a Chehalem Park & Recreation District map showing biking trails in Bob & Crystal Rilee Park. But I never got a chance to ride there before signs were posted stating bike riding was not allowed on the trails there. I have done a lot of hiking of the trails there now, sharing them with equestrians.

I would like to have Chehalem Park & Recreation District adopt rules to allow hiking, biking, and equestrian use of the trails once again. Over my many years of doing all three in parks around 6 western states, (mostly hiking and biking, though I have ridden horses on trails as part of a job I had in younger days) I firmly believe park trail systems can be managed to accommodate all three. Locally, Chehalem Ridge Nature Park is a good example.

For us older citizens, electric pedal-assist bicycles really help to keep us active and healthy in beautiful outdoor environments. Use of this type of bicycle should be allowed on any trails open to bicycling. Myself and others of my age category have been attracted to the Newberg area, in part, by the beautiful outdoor environment with terrific scenery, plants, trees, birds, and other wildlife we might see. Electric pedal-assist bicycles make much of that available to us.

So I ask that the Chehalem Park & Recreation District Board of Directors commit to finding a way to re-open Bob & Crystal Rilee Park to all 3 of these ways of using trails, and commit to working with all 3 types of users to adopt plans and rules to allow these activities to exist compatibly within the same park.

Thank you for your consideration,
Barry P. McPherson

1007 E. Fulton St, Apt 208
Newberg, OR 97132

Subject: Crystal Rilee Park

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 12:01:05 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: chefcwcook <chefcwcook@comcast.net>

To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>

CC: Kat Ricker <kicker@cprdnewberg.org>

Priority: High

Please do not let bikes or any vehicles to be permitted on the beautiful Crystal Rilee Park. We walk our dog here as do so many other along with all the other people enjoying the beauty of this park. It is not meant to be a biking path. Horses and people only one the paths. Please don't change this.

Thank you.

Christopher Cook

Sent from my Galaxy

Subject: Re: Opening the east side of Rilee Park for bicycles
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11:12:06 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: Estela Schaeffer <estela.schaeffer@gmail.com>
To: Kat Ricker <kricke@cprdnewberg.org>

Strange. Let me cut and paste into a different program and then back here. Let me know if that doesn't work.

Hello! I live in Sherwood and use the Rilee trails often. I am aquatinted with many kids (and adults) who enjoy mountain biking and have to travel farther distances to find appropriate trails. I think allowing them limited access to the trails at Rilee Park would help more youth and families enjoy them. Both hikers and bikers could enjoy the trails together with some rules put in place and clearly displayed. Having the west aide of Rilee for horses and hikers (no bikes) might be a reasonable compromise. Thanks for reading and considering these options.

Estela Schaeffer

On Thu, Feb 26, 2026, 10:57 AM Kat Ricker <kricke@cprdnewberg.org> wrote:

Dear Estela,

Please try reformatting your email message and resend. It is blocked out in black. You may have a highlight setting selected that you need to remove. Thank you.

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Kat Ricker

Public Information Director

*Chehalem Park & Recreation District
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Newberg, OR 97132*

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From: Estela Schaeffer <estela.schaeffer@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 10:29 AM
To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>
Subject: Opening the east side of Rilee Park for bicycles

Subject: Please maintain current designation of horse and hiker only at Crystal Rilee Park
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 11:10:01 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: JS <clearskies@frontier.com>
To: Jim McMaster <jmcmaster@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Nick Konen <nkonen@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Matthew Smith <msmith@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Brandon Slyter <bslyter@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jason Fields <jfields@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Kat Ricker <kricker@cprdnewberg.org>

Dear Chehalem Parks and Rec District Board members:

I am a long-time resident of Parrett Mountain, and live very near the Crystal Rilee park. I have used the park for both horseback riding and hiking, and Crystal was my friend and neighbor. Because of that personal connection, and because I deeply value this park, I feel compelled to write.

I urge the Board to reaffirm its prior decision to make The Crystal Rilee Park an equestrian and pedestrian-only park and uphold the existing master plan that was arrived at with so much input from neighbors and users. Park usage will only increase, and with increased traffic comes only a magnification of the reasons that conclusion was arrived at.

We need to preserve this park as a safe haven for horses, hikers, and dog walkers. We have already tried shared use with bikers, and it did not work. Not all cyclists respected the established boundaries and rules. Even when most bikers are responsible, it only takes a few unsafe encounters to cause significant harm and to ruin the equine usability of the park. What enforceable plan could you really put in place to ensure that bikers comply and do not put equestrians at risk and make it dangerous for both?

Since the bikers have many places they can go, and horse owners have so few options, I urge you to let the park remain as is. The proposal of setting boundaries for different uses is not a good one. The land earmarked for bikers in that proposal is also the area that makes the park a year-round place to ride horses when wet conditions would prohibit safe riding in the other part of the park. It also is the best option for novice riders and green horses. Splitting up the park is counter-productive to making the park what I believe Bob and Crystal wanted for our community. Besides, in good faith with the original decision, and putting their trust in the process, the local horse community has invested money and work to improve the East side. It would not be right to take that away now just because of renewed pressure from others.

The Rilee land essentially began being a horse park when they were both living, and I know they wanted it to continue on as such after they passed away. Bob originally made trails up here with his bulldozer so neighbors and friends could ride on their property. He even maintained those trails for us. Crystal often spoke to me of her dream of also creating a living history farm, where there would be demonstrations of logging, plowing and haying with horses - celebrating the traditional horsemanship and farming. Preserving this park as a safe equestrian space honors their legacy and intentions.

Safety is an important element to equestrian use. I used to ride at parks that had combined usage until a very near disaster made me realize just how dangerous it is. At Forest Park, because of

bikers who came downhill off-trail and suddenly crossed the trail nearly colliding with us, my horse reared and spun, ending up off the trail at a very steep place. We slid downhill backward with him lunging to regain footing. I thought he was going to come over backwards on top of me. By some miracle, it did not end up tragic that time. But it was terrifying. I stopped going to parks with combined usage. It is not worth the risk. It was not the only incident we encountered, but the one serious enough to wake me up.

In conclusion: There is no way the park system can ensure bikers will follow the rules and not intermingle with horseback riders. There is no way to enforce the rules. Experience has shown this to be a reality. Our community, in good faith, spent a lot of time to work cooperatively to determine best park usage, and it has been working. It is not appropriate to change course now.

Bicyclists have many other options for places to ride. Equestrians do not have many safe places. Hauling horses long distances to find such a spot is expensive and time-consuming, and out of reach for many equestrians. Please keep the park as equestrian and pedestrian dedicated so that there is a safe place to ride and hike year-round, and the intentions of Bob and Crystal are honored and their legacy lives on.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Joan Sirotiak

NE Parrett Mountain Road

Subject: Youth support of opening Rilee park east to bikes

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 10:01:28 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Joshua Dicks <jedjoshuad@gmail.com>

To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>

Priority: High

Dear CPRD,

I am a high school student and I am writing to express strong support for opening Bob and Crystal Rilee park on the east side for people to ride bikes.

I ride mountain bikes for recreation and am a highly competitive mountain bike racer. I have been state champion, and compete nationally and plan to ride in college also. Mostly I just truly love to ride my bike in nature on good trails.

I was devastated when trail access at Rilee park was denied to people on bikes. This affected my free time to ride for fun, to train, and for things like studying for school, working, and being with my family because I now have to drive a long way to mountain bike.

There are actually a lot of kids who mountain bike around here- and this is a great thing to do instead of things like being on screens etc. This sport is growing and many people would love to ride bikes at Rilee.

My family has horses and dogs and likes to hike too. It would be great to have one place close by where we can all go together to hike, ride bikes, and be out in nature together.

Please open Rilee park to bikes on the east side. It can easily be a shared area for ALL recreation.

Thank you.
Joshua Dicks

Subject: Bob & Crystal Rilee Park

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 3:22:37 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Judy Aden <jja4591@gmail.com>

To: Jim McMaster <jmcmaster@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Nick Konen <nkonen@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jason Fields <jfields@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Kat Ricker <kricke@cprdnewberg.org>, Matthew Smith <msmith@board.cprdnewberg.org>

Dear CPRD Board Members,

I respectfully ask that you carefully consider the following points as you evaluate possible changes to the current usage of the park.

The equestrians, hikers and those who enjoy the serenity of being in nature are benefiting from the vision and generosity of Crystal Rilee. It is clear that this is the usage she envisioned and important that we honor her memory and intent. Just because another usage is desired by some vocal members of the community, doesn't mean her wishes should be ignored.

Combining bike and equestrian usage on park trails is extremely hazardous and increases the likelihood of injury to users, including the horses.

While the above are my main concerns regarding a change in usage to allow bicyclists on park trails, other concerns are (1) the increased damage to trails caused by bikes, (2) this is the only park in the area open to equestrians while there are many other locations available to bicyclists (3) the increased maintenance and rule enforcement costs that would be required.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Judy Aden

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Bob and Crystal Rilee Park

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11:31:38 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: KATHY COOK <kamcook@comcast.net>

To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>

CC: Kat Ricker <kicker@cprdnewberg.org>

Priority: High

To the Board of Directors of the CPRD and Ms. Kat Ricker,

Please acknowledge my opposition to allowing bicycles of any form or any alternate type of 'transportation' in the Rilee Park. As per the wishes of Crystal Rilee, use of the park is for equestrians and hikers ONLY. The original agreement the CPRD made with the Rilee Family when the land was acquired honored this stipulation. It would be unconscionable on the part of the CPRD Board to ignore this agreement, no matter how many years have passed.

Please honor the wishes of the Rilee Family and maintain the serenity of this fabulous slice of heaven within our midst.

Best regards,

Kathy Cook
5118 Fairway Street
Newberg, OR 97132

Subject: CPRD Board comment

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 9:27:50 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Leslie McLeod <jlomcleod@yahoo.com>

To: Kat Ricker <kricker@cprdnewberg.org>

Dear board member,

I'm writing to ask that Crystal Rilee park remain a "bike free zone". I've hiked and ridden horses in many areas of both Yamhill and Polk counties. The topography and site line distances at this park would create a very unsafe situation by adding in bikes.

Bikes at speed would also create V-shaped trails over time not flat level like feet do. Over time bikes also tend to "bank up or cant" the corners on Trails. This usage is difficult to walk or ride on and creates erosion problems.

Please consider other properties for bike usage and keep Crystal Rilee the premier facility it currently is.

Respectfully, Leslie McLeod

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Subject: Middle Ground at Crystal Rilee Park

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 8:42:33 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Melissa McLaughlin <jmjmclaughlin@gmail.com>

To: Clay Downing <cdowning@cprdnewberg.org>, Jim McMaster <jmcmaster@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Nick Konen <nkonen@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Matthew Smith <msmith@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Brandon Slyter <bslyter@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jason Fields <jfields@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Kat Ricker <kricker@cprdnewberg.org>

Hello Park Superintendent and CPRD board:

I won't be present at your meeting tomorrow night but wanted to put forth an idea that has worked in central Oregon in several places. Places where bikes and horses wanted to use the same area but not the same trails, and do it safely. The solution to share the park but not share the same trails would allow for enough mileage for both groups to enjoy. The hard part would be to get them in the same planning room without it bursting into flames. Your part would be to hire a skilled outside mediator to sort out what everyone wants, and hire a professional trail designer to make it a reality. You would not be reinventing the wheel- this has been done before, decades before, and the results have been peaceful coexistence ever since.

Bike and horse trails can run parallel with 30' or more between them. They can cross at right angles. Both groups can use both sides of the road. Horses aren't going to spook at a bike 30' away. They may stop and look but that's about it. Trails with stacked loops can provide variety, choice and mileage.

There are grants available for counties from the state (don't know if CPRD would be eligible for those?) and RTP grants to build new trails. The Willamette Valley has a notoriously low inventory of trails.

It is a solution that on the surface won't make the equestrian group happy but they could actually get what they want: the whole park without sharing their trails with bikes. I'm pretty sure the bike folks would be happy. Careful mediation and involvement of both groups would be really necessary to avoid future backlash. But I think it would likely be a good long term solution if done thoughtfully. Good trail design would be critical, but very doable with a knowledgeable trail designer.

It's a middle road which of course makes no one really happy but everyone gets pretty close to what they want. If it means a permanent solution then the politicking and polarization can end and everyone can go outside and have fun in their own way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa McLaughlin
6275 NW Poverty Bend Rd.
McMinnville, OR 97128
503-560-0771

NICA Codes of Conduct

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

As a representative of the community, student-athletes and parents/guardians agree to follow this code of conduct during all NICA activities and while interacting with NICA community members. You also agree to maintain the code of conduct while connecting with other NICA community members through social media and electronic communications. The code of conduct is the starting point, teams are encouraged to create great teammate pledges (social contracts) with their teams to support building strong minds, bodies, character and communities. **Parents and guardians, please review the following expectations with your NICA student-athletes**

BE SAFE

- Be prepared with safety gear: always wear a helmet when your leg is over the bike
- Only ride a safe and functional mountain bike (use the ABCDE bike check to confirm this before each ride (Air, Brakes, Chain, Derailleur, Everything Else)
- Ride within your ability
- Plan ahead, ride with a friend, and let your family or guardians know where you are going and when you plan to return
- Stay on the trail or in designated activity areas and be aware of hazardous animals and plants
- Obey traffic laws

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Be prepared with the water, food, tools, spare parts, and clothing that you need to complete the ride
- Support your teammates, help them have a safe and successful ride
- Come to practice with a clean and well-maintained bike
- Be accountable for your actions and choices
- Never consume prohibited substances (alcohol, illegal drugs, or performance enhancing substances)
- Ride only on designated legal trails and routes
- Know and follow additional rules that may be associated with your team, school or league

BE RESPECTFUL

- Respect coaches, teammates, competitors, trail users and other community members
 - Be kind and treat everyone with dignity
 - Avoid language and actions that may be perceived as bullying, harassment, or discrimination
 - Be inclusive and welcoming to new athletes, coaches, competitors, and other trail users
 - Sexual harassment by NICA community members is not tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: offensive or unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances or propositions, verbal abuse of a sexual nature, graphic or degrading comments about an individual and/or their appearance, the display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures, and any offensive or abusive physical contact
 - Seek consent before touching, hugging and otherwise embracing teammates and coaches
- Always treat other trail users with courtesy
 - Slow down when approaching other trail users
 - Provide right of way to pedestrians and equestrians. Stop and ask for passing instructions from equestrians
 - Announce your passing intention, specify the passing side, and wait for confirmation from the other trail user
 - Move aside to allow others to pass you safely
- Respect the environment and trails
 - Only ride on open trails
 - Ride when conditions will ensure no damage to the trail
 - Perform trail maintenance only with full permission and permits from the land owner/manager
 - Do not litter and pick up trash before leaving practice areas, venues and campgrounds

Adult Code of Conduct

All staff, coaches, and volunteers within the NICA community are role models and leaders. It is our job to help student-athletes and other adults behave in a safe, responsible and respectful manner during all NICA activities and events, whenever interacting with NICA community members, and while conducting any electronic communication or social media connected to NICA. Please carefully review the following expectations:

As an adult associated with NICA, a youth development organization, I agree to:

- Follow NICA policies, rules, guidelines and training at all times.
- Prioritize participants' safety at all times. Your primary role is to ensure the physical, social and emotional safety and then the success of participants within each activity or event.
- Follow athlete abuse prevention policies, rules, guidelines and training, particularly:
 - Avoid engaging in behavior that could be interpreted as "grooming." NICA's Athlete Abuse Prevention Training is required for coaches and available to all NICA long-term volunteers. Examples of behaviors to avoid include making sexual comments in the presence of a student-athlete or setting-up 1:1 time with a student-athlete.
 - All planned 1:1 interaction between a student-athlete and coach must be observable and interruptible. That is, they must take place where another adult can see what is happening and intervene if the interaction looks inappropriate. For example, unless they are immediate family members coaches should not be 1:1 with student-athletes in a vehicle or for a bike ride.
 - If unplanned situations that result in 1:1 contact with a student-athlete occur, be sure to report to three other coaches, including team leadership. Include how that circumstance occurred and how long you were 1:1.
 - Remember the 1:1 policy applies to phone, social media, online or other virtual communications. Use your team or league platforms to communicate with student-athletes and keep electronic communications transparent, accessible, and professional.
 - Practice athlete abuse prevention strategies throughout the year, not just during the season.
- Treat others with respect.
 - Sexual harassment by NICA community members is not tolerated. These forms of harassment include, but are not limited to: offensive or unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances or propositions, repeated verbal abuse of a sexual nature, or graphic or degrading comments about an individual and/or their appearance. The display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures and any offensive or abusive physical contact will also not be tolerated.
 - Discrimination by NICA community members is not tolerated. NICA prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type with regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.
- Address all concerns brought to your attention. If you see or hear something that in any way compromises the safety of our community, or is not aligned with NICA expectations, it is your job to intervene (within your ability) and inform your team leadership, league leadership or Human Resource Director at NICA.
- When coaches are acting in their roles as coaches, and have decision-making and or supervision responsibilities for student-athletes, they may not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This holds for league and event staff and volunteers when they are acting in their roles with decision-making and or supervision responsibilities for student-athletes.
- Operate within your NICA training and experience, and provide NICA-approved activities.
- Use your best judgment. If you have concerns that a task, project or activity you are working on is dangerous, or is not going to meet the agreed-upon objectives, tell the person in charge.
- Be supportive. If a fellow NICA community member is struggling, support them. If you are unable, tell the person in charge that assistance is needed.
- Be transparent. If you have a concern, share it with the person in charge. If the person in charge is the person with whom you have a concern, share it with your league director.
- Support each individual in their leadership role.
- Work as a team. Present a cohesive environment to the student-athletes, their families and the broader NICA community.
- Communicate intentionally. Be open to giving and receiving feedback.
- Be clear and consistent with student-athletes and guardians in defining when and where a NICA activity starts and ends.
- When leading or promoting an activity not associated with NICA, be sure to clearly communicate the activity is not a NICA activity.

APPLICABILITY OF RULES

The codes of conduct and all rules in this handbook should be observed at all times when participating in all manner of NICA activities or any occasion where NICA is represented.

The interpretation and application of the policies set forth in this handbook will be made at the league's discretion by representatives of the league. This discretion may not be abused or applied unfairly, however the facts of individual cases may differ and NICA and its leagues acknowledge that the specific facts of individual cases are likely to require the use of discretion.

Appeals must first be exhausted within the league through the appeal process provided, if any, and only then will the National Rules Committee consider the appeal of a league's final application of the rules.

Consequences issued are cumulative and in effect for the entire season for violations of a Code of Conduct or a rule, unless otherwise specified in official communication. Repeated infractions will result in the next level of consequences. Rule violations are subject to NICA consequences and law enforcement.

All student-athletes who participate in any of the events associated with NICA and the league including, without limitation, races, training rides, clinics, camps, and practice skill sessions, do so at their own risk. Whether or not you are registered with the league, no liability shall be attached to NICA, the league or any of its officials, coaches, parents, and participants with respect to any loss or injury sustained or caused by anyone participating in these events.

By participating in a race or camp conducted by NICA or the league, a student-athlete, or a parent or legal guardian who permits a minor to participate, acknowledges understanding and acceptance of the regulations covering the event.

CODE OF CONDUCT OR RULE VIOLATION CONSEQUENCE LEVELS

As a youth development organization, NICA's primary aim is to educate community members while upholding behavioral and safety standards.

If a situation arises that is beyond the capabilities of a head coach or team director to manage, they should reach out to league staff for assistance.

NICA relies on coaches, team directors, parents and other adults as primary educators of student-athletes to model and uphold the standards of safety, etiquette, and trail use. League Directors will apply consequences to a student-athlete, individual or team based on violations. Consequences will be given to student-athletes, individuals and/or teams for violations by student-athletes, coaches, family members, spectators or any other participants.

Standard consequences: Unless otherwise specified, rule violations will result in consequences at one of the four following levels: **yellow**, **orange**, **red**, or **purple**. League staff or designated race officials will enforce consequences.

YELLOW →

ORANGE →

RED →

PURPLE

Subject: OSU Equestrian Team Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11:20:18 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: Lauren Pfeiffer <pfeifferlauren89@gmail.com>
To: Matthew Smith <msmith@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jason Fields <jfields@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jim McMaster <jmcmaster@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Nick Konen <nkonen@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Brandon Slyter <bslyter@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Kat Ricker <kricke@cprdnewberg.org>, Clay Downing <cdowning@cprdnewberg.org>

Attachments: image.png

Dear CPRD Board ,

Bringing this OSU support to your attention.

Thank you,
Lauren

Crystal Rilee Park Equestrians
Naomi Bailey · 19m · 🌐

Please consider joining us this weekend to show our support for this park



RIDE WITH A PURPOSE

OSU DRESSAGE TEAM HOSTING A TRAIL RIDE
TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT OF THE BOB &
CRYSTAL RILEE PARK AS A HORSE & HIKER
ONLY PARK

● OSU equestrian team riders and local equestrians, join us for a trail ride of Bob & Crystal Rilee Park!
CPRD has opted to bring the topic of this HORSE AND HIKER ONLY park back to the floor for debate and an eventual revote. This means we may lose our ONLY local horse friendly park.
What can we do: At this time we must show our use and appreciation of this park.

● Join us for a trail ride:
12-3pm February 28th 2026
Please wear OSU merch!
We will be meeting at the Horse Trailer Parking Trailhead

*If you feel that your voice must be heard please consider contacting CPRD directly

Subject: Open Rilee Park for Bike and Kids

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7:27:08 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Ryan Dicks <redryan2047@gmail.com>

To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>

Priority: High

Dear CPRD,

I am a high school student and I am writing to express strong support for opening Bob and Crystal Rilee park on the east side for people to ride bikes.

I ride mountain bikes for recreation with my family. We love to get out on mountain bike trails. We also do have dogs and horses so we are familiar with hiking, biking and dogs all being together.

I was devastated when trail access at Rilee park was denied to people on bikes. This affected my family time because now we have to drive far to go for mountain bike rides. We are busy and it is hard to go do that and have time for things like studying for school, working, and being with family.

There are actually a lot of kids who mountain bike around here- and this is a great thing to do instead of things like being on screens etc. This sport is growing and many people would love to ride bikes at Rilee.

Please open Rilee park to bikes on the east side. It can easily be a shared area for ALL recreation

Subject: In support of opening Rilee park east side to bicycles

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 9:05:02 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: susan dicks <lobodvmnmaz@gmail.com>

To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>

Priority: High

Dear CPRD board-

I am writing to strongly express support for the opening of Bob and Crystal Rilee park for permanent access on the east side for people to ride bicycles. In addition, I express strong support to update the Rilee Master plan to include bicycle trails, as initially proposed.

My family and I live very close by and we are the epitome of multiple use trail users. We hike, walk dogs, trail run, have horses and have a family of enthusiastic (and champion!) mountain biking riding children. When the bike access was taken away in 2023, it was a big blow to our precious family recreational time budget.

We have lived here several years and were thrilled to have Rilee park in our neighborhood. We moved here to enjoy the outdoors as a trail loving family. Our family of 4 would regularly get out on the Rilee park trails on bikes, feet, hooves and paws and we loved the beauty and close access. Rilee park has all the desirable traits of a wonderful local multi-use PNW trail experience. It was truly a special and easy-access family event to not have to drive a long distance to get outdoors and ride bikes, hike with our dogs and enjoy all that the beautiful area has to offer. We were so grateful and enjoyed every minute we could there. It is a big draw to families like ours to have such multi-use trails and increases livability in areas for all socioeconomic classes.

When bikes were banned in 2023, it affected our family deeply. It was an especially big blow to our children. One of my children is a competitive mountain biker who became a state champion and plans to ride nationally, in college, and beyond. He has to drive long distances now to recreate and train on his mountain bike. This is less than ideal for school hours, work hours and particularly family together time. His friend group includes multiple bike riding kids and everyone loved getting together (and off of screens!) on the trail at Rilee.

Currently we spend a tremendous amount of time, gas and car exhaust to get to any sort of viable mountain bike trails for recreation. This is not how we envisioned spending our time as an active family in Yamhill County Oregon. We would be so grateful for ourselves, and the many youth who love to ride bicycles to have adequate mountain bike trail access. There is demonstrably limited mountain bike trail access in our area, despite being a documented growing youth sport interest.

Please help out with access; Rilee park can easily be a shared use recreation site, with separate places for horses and bikes to access. Many can enjoy the park in multiple ways, not only a few.

Please open Bob and Crystal Rilee park to all, especially for the youth, who participate in bicycle recreation.

Regards,

Susan Dicks DVM

Subject: support opening Rilee park to ALL-including bicycles on East side
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 9:35:20 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Susan Elaine <selainenm@yahoo.com>
To: CPRD Board <board@cprdnewberg.org>
Priority: High

Dear CPRD board-

I am writing to express support for the opening of Bob and Crystal Rilee park for permanent access on the east side for people to ride bicycles. In addition, I express strong support to update the Rilee Master plan to include bicycle trails, as initially proposed.

My family and I live close by and we are multiple use trail users. We bike. We have dogs. We have horses. We hike. We have definitely observed dogs being much more dangerous with horses than humans on bikes (as a horse and dog owner!). When the bike access was taken away in 2023, it was a big blow to our precious family recreational time budget.

Our family used to regularly get out on the Rilee park trails on bikes, hikes, and with our dog and felt welcomed and relaxed. Rilee park has all the desirable traits of a wonderful local multi-use PNW trail experience. We were so grateful and enjoyed every minute we could there. It was a very quick commute to get us outdoors in a great spot for some of us to ride bikes, some of us to hike and walk dogs; all of us to enjoy time in nature as a family. Opening access is a big draw to families like ours to have such multi-use trails and increases livability in areas for all socioeconomic classes.

When bikes were banned in 2023, it affected our family recreational time budgeting (driving long distances to mountain bike ride is a definite time suck). It was an especially hard on our children. This is definitely less than ideal for school hours, work hours and particularly family together time (off of screens!).

We would be so grateful for ourselves, and for the many youth who love to ride bicycles to have adequate mountain bike trail access. There is demonstrably limited mountain bike trail access in our area, despite being a documented growing youth sport interest.

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Please open Bob and Crystal Rilee park to all, especially for the youth, who participate in bicycle recreation.

thank you,

Subject: Bob & Crystal Rilee Park Use

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 10:10:48 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Tracy <trsiro09@gmail.com>

To: Jim McMaster <jmcmaster@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Nick Konen <nkonen@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Matthew Smith <msmith@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Brandon Slyter <bslyter@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Jason Fields <jfields@board.cprdnewberg.org>, Kat Ricker <kicker@cprdnewberg.org>

I grew up on Parrett Mountain riding my horse at what is now Bob & Crystal Rilee Park. As a novice rider, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to learn how to trail ride safely without worrying about the additional complexity that other shared uses such as bikes present. I did not ride on shared use trails until I had experience to ensure that my horse, myself, and others would be safe.

Designating the trails for different uses would reduce the availability of appropriate trails for riders at different skill levels and limit safe learning spaces for beginners. Maintaining the use of the trails for equestrians and hikers only will continue to provide a unique opportunity for horse riders of all experience levels to recreate safely in an area where most trail systems are already multi-use.

I look forward to hiking these trails with my son when he is older and knowing the park will be a part of his childhood experience, just as it was mine. Thank you for your continued work to preserve this special place.

Traci Smith