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Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, JT committee members,

Please support the [Salmonberry Trail](#).

As transportation for recreation, we have the [Springwater Corridor](#) (cluttered with homeless camping) and the [Banks - Vernonia State Trail](#) (much of it adjacent to the highway), but imagine an 80 mile hiking/biking/ebiking trail through tall trees of the state forest far from development connecting the Willamette valley to the coast. With ten tunnels and many bridges and tall trestles over rushing water, it has spectacular scenery to lure tourist dollars like the [Route of the Hiawatha](#).

The transportation package is a bitter pill , so an attractive project can be the sugar to help Oregonians swallow it.

My only role is a volunteer cutting blackberries. You can find a role you like better. And our combined efforts make faster progress with funding.

Thank you.

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