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I write today to support the funding request for the Salmonberry Trail.

I spend much of my time outdoors - cycling, camping, hiking - mostly in Oregon. I would love a better way to bike or hike to the coast, and so I sometimes volunteer for, and wholeheartedly support the funding of, the Salmonberry Trail.

This trail is a statewide Benefit, connecting communities from the Willamette Valley to the Oregon Coast, benefiting residents and visitors alike. I always spend money when I am out recreating so I and other trail users will contribute more to the economy once the facilities exist to get us to places like Tillamook from Portland! I also love seeing my tax dollars go towards healthy activities that can benefit all citizens and visitors, especially a safe off-road facility like this, which will keep cyclists like me off of highways and give children ways to ride safely. This trail is also equitable: it expands access to outdoor space for historically underserved and rural communities.

Since local leaders, public health experts, and community members are united in support of this investment, hopefully you can find a way to create funding to contribute to it.

Thank you!