

We fully support the ruling brought before you by NARPO.

"RULES SOUGHT TO BE ISSUED"

"The Board shall not grant more than six extensions of a trail use negotiating period, of no more than 180 days for each such extension."

Concerning the Yamhelas Westsider Trail in Carlton Oregon....

Our experience has been less than wonderful..... and that is an understatement. Just the whole process sure made it clear to us that the owners of property near the trail do not have a voice that will be heard by those pushing trails through. It is so hard to get property owners to devote the time and energy it takes to try to stay in this fight when the trail people are not always above board in their methods they use to push these trails through.

We are individuals trying to fight a whole nation of trail users who will weigh in on this where I have tried to keep up of this situation they continually go "underground" and pop back up and we are not informed and try as we may we cant get informed even when finally aware.

In our case we are located to the south end of this trail and we never even thought it would cross our road as the railroad still owns the rail on our side except the around 400' that they sold to the county at the end of our property and the neighbors across the tracks.

never once were we contacted by the trail group or the county that this was going to happen yet they planned a parking lot here.. in the attachment the map shows our property as *southeast* and our neighbors across the rail as *southwest* and the other two property owners that are affected are the *northeast* and *northwest*.

We get an invite in the mail to a trail meet and greet and it has a map with a trailhead. the Property is all owned so we are worried that they are going to take someone's property. I sent a message to the trail group saying all the property is owned and this is a dangerous spot. and the whole road has issues with wrecks on both ends of the road and at the rail bed and at a section of road by Micmillican lane off of Gun Club Road.. multiple wrecks from minor to life changing to life ending. Plus it floods. because of the the increased water now that they tiled all the fields into the low section of our field where there is a culvert under the railbed that is no longer large enough for the water to drain fast enough it is actually killing our trees we just lost another this week.

the railbed in that area is up to 4' above the land and it is low..wet til often May or June. I sent the trail group pics of some of the wrecks and the water and they asked who owns the property at the bottom. I told them we do they thought it was for sale because a realtor sign for a property down Old McMinnville Hwy was at the signpost of the old mac hwy.

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I told them no it is ours and it is not for sale.

John went to the meet and greet and they raved about how all the neighbors were so excited about the trail especially our neighbors on the north side of our road. That was not the truth.. so when John talked to a trail person about the trailhead being on the north side of the road and it was not safe he told John not to worry as the neighbors on the north east were going to let them put a lot on their property. Not too long after that we had another wreck at the rail bed crossing, a car was upside down and on fire.. We all end up going down to the wreck because our contractor had almost been hit by this car at the railbed as the car was losing control. He had used his extinguisher and the neighbor on the northwest used all his and I only had one small one but took it out there. We ran into the northeast neighbors whose house is 5' from the rail property where they were going to put the lot... so we found out that was far from the truth.. they did NOT offer their property and they dont want the trail..and it was making him a nervous wreck with these trail people so we asked where are they putting th lot did they drop it? and the neighbor says dont you know? they are putting it between your place and the the southwest neighbor. they have been having trail planning meetings didnt you get a letter? And no we did not. We had signed up with the trail people immediately by email and mail and we got nothing and you think they would of talked to us but nope. So we asked why we did not get contacted as dropping a trailhead on a 60' wide railbed is on our side is seriously impactful. and the trail guy said they did it accidentally so they invited the people on the northside to this trail planning but not those of us on the other side even when they moved the lot to our side and knew we had serious issues with the location for a lot of any kind. The trail guy said they didnt mean to dump us off the list it was just us on this side though the ones that would b the most impacted then had the ones who so desperately wanted it moved to the planning meeting. Hard not to believe it was pure deceit.

We have taken time off work to try to go to the county commissioner meetings but they only let you ask questions or make comments you never get any real answers..

so then the other neighbor on the northwest tells me we better watch out for them as someone at the trail planning said they owned our property at the bottom and were drawing up their lot on our property to they to make the lot safer. rith plans to remove trees.. like that is freaking nerve wracking to hear but we had a title search with our home and we own it. I called the county and talked to the gal who had the proposed map for the lot.. It had parking spots and thecame all the way to our fence line .. they planned a picnic area ofacing our pasture and a rest room and parking spaces that were only suitable for a car or small truck. and a dog park overlooking the southwest property which it looks down on their property due to the low lying spot and trains need to go straight and level so some of the rail bed is as high up as our four foot fence. there is no way that those neighbors can put up a fence high enough for trail users to not see into their yard with their pool and children. the southwest neighbor has hazelnuts and horses and raises up pigs. We on the southeast have horses and sheep in our pasture. there are a ton of hazelnuts next to these rails and it also goes through an organic Dairy. this dairy has calf huts and slo they have certain conditions to meet to be organic this trail could end them.. there is also another organic food place on the trail who is at risk as well. This rail here was pulled up i the early nineties and we had a good relation

with the railroad we took care of the property between us and the neighbors to keep the berries trimmed and grew a barry barrier to keep trespassers out.. the trail people came and cut our barrier so not we have people parking and drinking there where with the berry barrier they could not we kept it trimmed down the middle from the backside but let it all grow up after the trail people would just go there. we have coyotes and cougar in this area and we do not want them to come down the rail.

the trail people not only lie but they do these interviews and call us Nimbys.. and lie about the situation in interviews and papers. It has been a circus. We cannot get answers. we didnt get a notice that the trail was sold to the county we heard about it and that they could not even get title insurance so even as just a tax payer we have grave concerns.. the impact on our area is too much for the roads with all the farming equipment and such. Out here is someone strays we just go inside. But people who are not used to this kind of life just sue and complain.. I know how much work it takes for the hazelnuts and that there are restrictions for spraying ner such trails but the trail people and county say it will not impact that.. but the rules and laws on the books say otherwise and we have no idea what other restrictions there are as we can current shoot and do things out here you cant in city limits but it is the trail is bringing city limits out here..

We have been told by a county commissioner, Springer, whos out now, that if we think the road is dangerous we have to prove it with record and such that we have to that the trail people do not need to prove the trail is not impactful. I told him I understood that the trail people had to do impact studies and he said no..

We get conflicting info and when you go to the meetings or read that everybody is so excited for the trail and you know one person who is for it and many many more who do not want it.

they also lie to people of he county by saying it it for bike safety because a teen got killed on hwy 47 over 20 years ago. and they say lot of kids ride on that road.. I rove a child to YC High school in Yamhill for four years and prior to that I drove him to Carlton from 6th to 8th grade. I did not see kids on bikes. we also boarded horses outside of Yamhill so we drove it weekends as well and often more than twice a day as he had after school sports.

It is a fib. as in looking for trail info and such I found magazine articles in bike and wine magazines and such promoting the bike trail as they were going to have 200 people a day on this trail and planned organized wine and bike events all summer long on the trail.. that is the real reason for it. This trail is not a good fit here . people are not going to drive to a trailhead that is just three miles from three towns they are going to bike out here if you are a kid unless you are on the east side of hwy 47 you have to cross highway 47 to get to this trail and that isnt safe.. we have no shoulders here and our road is narrow.

We also have about two county deputies on duty for the entire county and we had a vacant gun club at the northwest home location that was a cesspool of garbage and a drug drop.. we called them in constantly but not once did a deputy get here when they were still here. not only that but when someone tried to break into our home in the

middle of the night when I were here alone with two kids and he tried every window and door.. I called the cops but they took a while to get here I had to call my neighbor to come down and he scared him off.. it as really dewy and yu could see his footprints go to every window and door.. then off into the field behind us. So we worry about response time with more added people talking to a deputy he said this is not a good thing to put this trail here at this time.. We know now is even worse than two years ago as when we were concerned about squatters and druggies and the springwater trail situation they boohooed us. saying we just dont have that it will not happen but now we have squatters who one has assaulted a kid getting out of a tractor on property they farm and he was hit with a metal pipe by one of them the squatter aimed for his head is what his dad told John and the kid put up his arm in time to not be hit in the head but it shattered his arm. and another who is taking advantage of a neighbor who cant get him off has tolen a four wheeler and many other things from surrounding neighbors as well as being a sex offender I had sheep at the farm he was squatting on he made me uncomfortable and he exposed himself down there so John brought our sheep home and the next thing you know he stops here and exposes himself I called him in but we worry about our stuff and our animals as the farmers also worry about their equipment and such.. the can really ruin people so it is really difficult to remove them and in oregon they advise you to use a lawyer or you may end up having to pay the squatter money.. The info I have collected says it is about \$6,000 to get them off your property but then likely more to fix the mess they make.. this is more of an invasion than we should have to put up with. It is such a one sided protest for us property owners vs all the trail users in the united states that weigh in it still doesn't make it right to impact property owners without consideration for their livelihoods and the homes they invested in. They have experts at their call and we don't.

I wish there were more protections for property owners and that the trail people have to go through training and follow rules or not be allowed to start up this process. We are just obstacles to bulldoze through.. I have had a very difficult time just trying to write this as it is about my 15th try..

It actually has made me very ill as stress really affects the autoimmune disease I have. If we would of known they were going to do this we would of sold this place. We love it but when we went to put new siding on our house we rain inot major issues with the construction of this old 1886 building.. and we had to tear it down.. We then found out about this trail coming here with a trailhead..

We tried to get commissioners and trial people here and the parks guy came too as they were going to put the trail under parks and no county commissioner came but a trail person did. The trail person was talking about having trail people go down gun club road and crossing 47 at our corner then go across other peoples fields until they get to a point on Poverty Bend to cross the river to McMinnville. That will get people killed for sure. the parks guy saw the property and how it would need a huge amount of work and fill to make it even usable. and said that no that was not a good location for a lot.. and they said they wouldnt put the lot in but they will not give us that in writing.. and he also said they would take care of this with jail crew..... like I already have dealt with jail crew and you will get things ripped off they will case every property they see.. so many out

buildings and barns and backyards.. are exposed... on top of that the county refuses to consider indemnity.. With trespassers and such the insurance company told us that we need a big umbrella policy and to never use it for anything other than death or serious injury or we could lose our insurance.

Sorry if this is long.. We are frustrated as heck. THIS is our home and we planned to live here til we die and we dont plan on doing that anytime soon.

Just so frustrating when there has been no real communication with these people. We have been run over and disrespected and vilified at every turn and it should not happen to anyone. both the trail people and the county make it very difficult now so hate to think what would happen if we had serious problems out here... they dont even want to acknowledge the possibility of issues with trespassers or squatters and they dont believe in a contingency plan.. so we are screwed. We could leave but I do not find that should be necessary as we were here first. What we do and how we live out here should matter. Recreation should not ever be above property that is used for farming and for homes.

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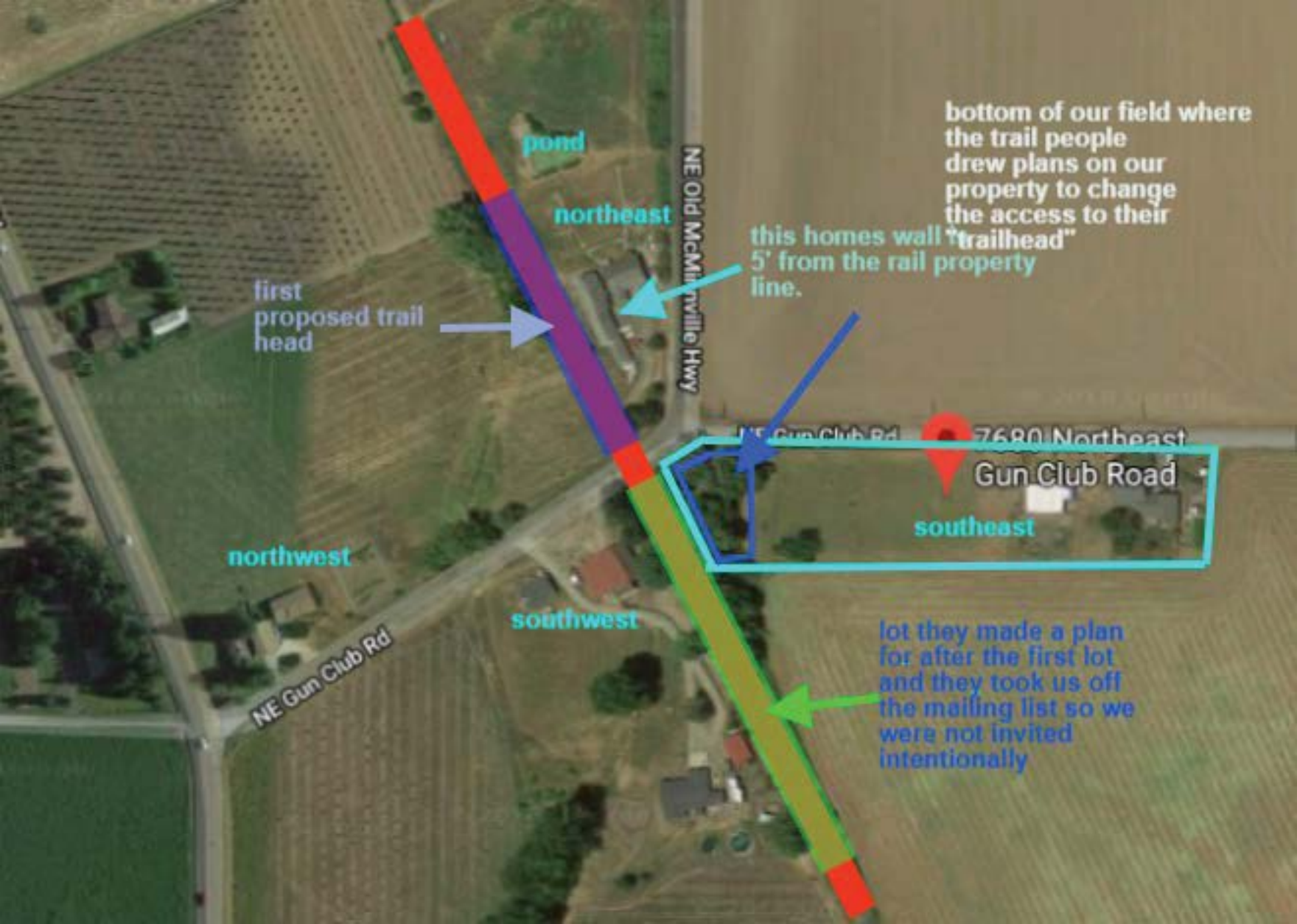
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the cop car crash was on the northside of the road closer to the first proposed trailhead location as is the burning car. the car by the stump is on the other side by the southwest homes barn. I used to have more but they are on a hard drive somewhere packed up while we are trying to get into our rebuilt house. I have pics of flooding as well.. if you are interested. We really do have a lot of crashes and flooding, I just usually dont take pics...

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bottom of our field where the trail people drew plans on our property to change the access to their

this homes wall "trailhead" 5' from the rail property line.

first proposed trail head

NE Gun Club Rd 7680 Northeast Gun Club Road

southeast

lot they made a plan for after the first lot and they took us off the mailing list so we were not invited intentionally

northeast

NE Old McMinnville Hwy

northwest

southwest

NE Gun Club Rd







