

A RESOLUTION CLOSING ALL CITY-OWNED, OFF-TRAIL AREAS OF THE BEAR CREEK GREENWAY FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC DURING THE 2023 FIRE SEASON

Recitals:

- A. The 2020 Almeda Fire burned approximately 9-miles of the Bear Creek Greenway (Greenway), including portions of the Greenway located within the City and/or owned by the City of Central Point.
- B. During the 2023 fire season, as declared by the Oregon Department of Forestry, dry brush and abundant fuel sources will create dangerous conditions for the rapid spread of wildfire on the natural, off-trail areas of the Greenway.
- C. Public use of the natural, un-paved, undeveloped, and off-trail areas of the Greenway during the 2023 fire season would significantly increase the risk of wildfire ignition and spread.
- D. City staff plans to remove fuel sources from the area immediately surrounding the paved path during the 2023 fire season, to make the path safer for continued use.
- E. The City, as the Greenway Authority for those portions of the Greenway owned by the City, has the authority to close the Greenway, or any portion thereof, to public use when necessary to protect the health or safety of the Greenway due to fire hazards.
- F. The City desires to close the off-trail areas, undeveloped areas and unpaved paths of the Greenway for all portions of the Greenway owned by the City.

The City of Central Point resolves as follows:

Section 1. Due to hazardous conditions, off-trail areas, unpaved paths and any other undeveloped sections of the Bear Creek Greenway owned by the City, are closed to the public for the 2023 fire season, as declared by the Oregon Department of Forestry.


Section 2. City staff shall post notices of this closure all places of entrance onto the paved path on the Greenway, and as otherwise necessary to provide reasonable notice of closure.

Passed by the Council and signed by me in authentication of its passage this 25th day of May, 2023.



Mayor Hank Williams

ATTEST:



City Recorder