Central Oregon Flyfishers became part of the Oregon Department of Transportation’s Adopt-a-Highway program in 2016 adopting the Crooked River Highway from milepost 12 (landmark - Crooked Wild and Scenic River BLM sign) to milepost 19 (landmark - Big Bend Campground). COF has picked up litter for these 7 miles from the river to the highway for as long as any club member can remember.

In the past we had no safety signs, no safety vests, provided the litter bags, furnished a utility trailer, and hauled the trash to the landfill where COF paid for disposal. Becoming part of the ODOT program makes our task safer and easier.

**ODOT provides:**
- “Litter Crew Ahead” signs
- Reflective vests
- Safety information
- Litter bags
- Litter “pickers”
- Pin flags to mark large items or hazardous waste
- We leave the bags on the road shoulder and ODOT picks them up
- ODOT places a sign at each end of the adopted highway acknowledging COF

Prior to the outing pick up the signs and supplies at the ODOT Region Office located at 63055 N. Hwy in Bend. Sign out supplies at the main office, building K. Office hours are Monday –Thursday, 8 am to 5pm, Friday, 8 am to Noon. It is best to pick up supplies before Friday.

Unused supplies and signs must be returned to ODOT within one week following the cleanup. Report the location of any hazardous materials to ODOT as soon as possible.
Under the Adopt a Highway program:
- Litter will be picked up twice/year
- Volunteers should be 16 year of age or older
- Volunteers review ODOT safety procedures and sign an ODOT liability release

Spring Outing
We schedule this for a Saturday, often in April, gathering at Big Bend Campground at 9 am to assign volunteers to segments. The club provides a barbeque lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs, chips and soda, and river conditions permitting we fish in the afternoon.

In the spring we will pick up all the litter from the river to the highway, including both sides of the highway, and including the BLM campgrounds. There are 5 segments (see map):

- A BLM wild and scenic sign at milepost 12 to Stillwater
- B Stillwater to Upper Lone Pine
- C Upper Lone Pine to Chimney Rock
- D Chimney Rock to Poison Butte
- E Poison Butte area upstream to the dam and including Big Bend Campground

Prior to beginning the coordinator will conduct a safety briefing covering ODOT’s safety procedures and all volunteers will sign the liability release. Volunteers under 16 are not permitted on the highway. Assign COF youth to areas between the highway and the river.

Fall Outing
Our agreement with ODOT requires two litter pickups/year. In the fall we will pick up litter only along the highway.

This cleanup can be accomplished with a smaller volunteer crew than in the spring. Ten volunteers is a good number with two persons per segment for safety. Walk one side of the road of your segment, cross the road, and walk back to your vehicle. Remind volunteers to bring lunch in the fall.

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The following safety topics were pulled from ODOT’s Adopt a Highway Safety Guidelines brochure. The coordinator will cover these topics prior each litter cleanup. This is in lieu of watching the ODOT safety DVD.

Safety Briefing
Adopt A Highway

The Crooked River Highway may not be busy but there is traffic. Not everyone on the highway is looking for a fishing spot. Some traffic can be large with trucks pulling horse trailers or fast with motorbikes seeing how fast they can take the corners. The road is narrow and curvy. Shoulders do not exist in places. Keep yourself safe and watch out for your COF partners.

Safety Signs
A “Litter Crew Ahead” sign has been placed here at milepost 19 near the Big Bend Campground and another sign 7 miles downstream at milepost 12. Drivers are probably looking at the scenery instead of looking for you so you need to look out for yourself.

Be aware of traffic
Pick your spots and cross the road quickly. Use your ears for approaching traffic and make sure they see you. Do not wear headphones.

Safety Vests
There may not be enough reflective vests for everyone. Only people with vests should work along the highway. Those people without vests should work between the highway and the river.

Trash bags
Securely close filled trash bags and place them on the shoulder of the highway far enough off the road so they don’t get struck by traffic. The same goes for big stuff such as tires. If you can move the item place it on the shoulder in a safe place. If you can’t move it flag it and let the coordinator know the location.

Special Hazards
Wear gloves at all times. Watch for snakes-pay attention to where you place your hands and feet.

Flag potentially dangerous items
Use pin flags to mark the stuff you shouldn’t or don’t want to pick up; hypodermic needles, broken glass and sharp items. Also mark items that are suspected to be a hazardous chemical or material, propane tanks or similar tanks (methamphetamine labs), dead animals, or items too heavy to move.

Park your vehicles in a safe place off the pavement and use good judgement

Keep track of each other - Don’t leave part of your group behind when you finish.
Zone A: North Entrance to Stillwater
Zone B: Stillwater to Upper Lone Pine
Zone C: Upper Lone Pine to Chimney Rock
Zone D: Chimney Rock to Poison Butte
Zone E: Poison Butte to Bowman Dam

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Zones
Crooked River Highway
LIABILITY RELEASE
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

I have reviewed the safety information and am aware of the danger involved in participating in the
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY program described in Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 734, Division 29. I am
participating through Central Oregon Flyfishers (APPLICANT NAME) under Permit No. (PERMIT NO.) issued
for Crooked River Hwy 14 / OR 27 (HIGHWAY NAME) Highway, at or near mile point 12-19 (MILE POINT).

Further, I understand that I will be responsible and liable for damage or injury to any persons or property resulting
from my actions during this activity.

I indemnify, hold harmless and release the State of Oregon, the Oregon Transportation Commission, and
the Oregon Department of Transportation, its employees, agents and representatives, against any and all
damages, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, costs, and expenses of whatsoever nature as a result of
my actions during this activity and will notify the Department in the event a third party is injured as a result of
this activity.

I, the undersigned participant, acknowledge that I have read and understand the above Release.
If the participant is under age 18, an individual Liability Release must be signed.

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APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM
See Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 734, Division 29

PERMIT NUMBER

Applicant, complete only Section 1 and send to the appropriate ODOT District Office.

Section 1: Application (Please type or print)

APPLICANT NAME: Central Oregon Flyfishers
APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE NAME: LeeAnn Ross / Peter Martin
ADDRESS: PO Box 1126
Bend, OR 97709
PHONE: 541-312-2563
FAX: E-MAIL ADDRESS: president@coflyfishers.org

PROPOSED LOCATION:
ROUTE NUMBER AND HIGHWAY NAME: OR-27 / 14 / Crooked River
BEGIN MILE POINT: 12
END MILE POINT: 19
BETWEEN OR NEAR LANDMARKS: Crook
COUNTY: Crook
SIDE OF HIGHWAY: Left

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:
☑ Litter pick up ☐ Noxious weed removal ☐ Landscape maintenance* ☐ Graffiti removal*

* Note: Litter pick up or noxious weed removal must be included with graffiti removal and landscape maintenance activities.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY (ATTACH DRAWING OR ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED):
Litter pick-up under the Adopt-a-Highway guidelines and policies

PROPOSED START DATE: 04/01/2016
PROPOSED END DATE: 04/01/2018

By signing below, the Applicant acknowledges that the Applicant is subject to and accepts the terms and provisions of Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 734, Division 29. Further the Applicant understands it has 30 days from permit approval, or the beginning of work whichever is less to question any modifications or additions to the permit terms and provisions made by the Department.

APPLICANT OR REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE: [Signature]
APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE TITLE: CEO + Sargent Club
DATE: 9/7/16

Section 2: Permit

The Applicant is granted permission to perform the Activity as described herein including any modifications or attachments.

The Applicant is subject to the terms and provisions contained which by this reference are made a part of this Permit. The Applicant shall notify the Department Contact at least 48 hours before beginning the permitted Activity to obtain material, supplies, and work area signs provided by the Department and within 48 hours of completion of the Activity to return unused materials, supplies and all work area signs. Supplies and work area signs furnished by the Department must be picked up and returned to the Department Contact during regular business hours.

A copy of this Permit must be physically available at the Activity site during on-site work.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED):

TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT:

DEPARTMENT CONTACT NAME: Diana Rideronour
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PHONE: 541-380-0189
PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE: 9/7/19

DEPARTMNT DISTRICT USE ONLY
LIABILITY RELEASE ON FILE: ENTERED IN UPERMITS: WORK PLAN ON FILE: COMMENTS:

734-2014 (6/10)