

## Oregon Country Fair Green Zone Designation

The Oregon Country Fair may designate certain areas of the OCF site as Green Zones, which may include engaging nearby campers, vendors, and volunteers in an active stewardship role, and may restrict activities in those areas. The decision to designate a green zone is based on the following factors:

1. Presence of sensitive species in the area;
2. Overall ecology of the proposed zone;
3. Needs for shade, esthetic qualities, visual and auditory screening, and other benefits of understory growth;
4. Preferences of stakeholders.

Stakeholders may include those who camp or work near the proposed space, as well as staff and management, subject experts such as ecologists, and others who have an interest in the immediate context of any Green Zone declaration. Stakeholders may include volunteer staff as delegated by OCF management, and representatives from VegManECs, Site Crew, Camping Crew, Wildlife Team and others from QM crew, Archaeology, Registration, and other operational teams. Stakeholder input will be weighed strongly in decisions, but may not be determinate, particularly in the cases where sensitive species are present.

For the purposes of this policy, sensitive species will include any species either listed, or currently proposed for listing, as either threatened or endangered (under the Endangered Species Act at State or Federal level), those species with regulatory protections (e.g., native birds) as well as rare species or those of conservation concern, for example as designated by government agencies, conservation groups, or professional associations. Other species may also be declared sensitive within the OCF site by the Site Manager, President, or General Manager, in consultation with appropriate subject-area experts. Since we are mandated to protect listed species, management may override other stakeholder preferences when necessary in order to meet legal obligations.

Those who wish to propose a new green zone designation should begin with the camp host, booth rep, or coordinator nearest to the space involved. In cases of sensitive species, concerns should also be directed to the Site Manager. Camp hosts and others will work with the Site Manager to identify stakeholders and gather input on the designation. Management will seek consensus on a designation and boundaries, but if a consensus is not possible Management may move forward with designation or non-designation for compelling reasons.

Once a designation decision has been made, the Site Manager shall work with Cartography Crew to ensure the new Green Zone is added to the Green Zone layer of OCF maps and GIS database. The proponents and/or Site Manager or designees will attempt to contact all affected parties that utilize the area and adjacent areas so they are notified, and, ideally, can commit to cooperative stewardship of the new Green Zone.

The intent and spirit of the Green Zone designation is that Fair family will cultivate a spirit of stewardship by working together to sustain the natural attributes of the site. In turn, participants will have a voice in how the Green Zone and adjacent areas are used. The ultimate goal is to

encourage a sense of pride in the stewardship of the site. Consequences for impacting vegetation without approval from management or VegManEC crew, or other unauthorized impacts or obvious disrespect for Green Zone designation may include: 1) gentle request to learn about and respect Green Zone designation, 2) warning, 3) more serious stuff.