

Gov. Appoints Bend Man to State Parks & Rec. Commission

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Brad Chalfant of Bend has begun his term on the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission. Appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski and recently confirmed by the Senate Committee on Rules and Executive Appointments, Chalfant will complete the term of David Kottkamp of Bend. Kottkamp, who was appointed to a term ending November 16, 2008, resigned from the commission in August 2005. Chalfant, a central Oregon conservation and recreation trails advocate, is the executive director of the Deschutes Basin Land Trust, an organization he founded in 1995. The land trust protects special lands and serves landowners in the Deschutes River basin. Chalfant also co-founded the Central Oregon Trails Alliance, a group supporting mountain biking trails in the region, in 1992. He is a past member of the Bend Urban Trails Advisory Committee, the Bend Metro Park and Recreation Commission's budget committee and a planning advisory committee for the Newberry Volcanic National Monument. As a conservationist, Chalfant has served on advisory committees for the Oregon Water Enhancement Board, the Northwest Land Trust Alliance and the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts. He also is a past real estate manager for Deschutes County. The seven-member Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission establishes policy and adopts rules for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. It has statutory authority to acquire property and set fees for the use of state park facilities. The commission's other members are chair William Gregory of Glendon Beach, who represents the area west of the Coast Range; Congressional District 3 Nik Blosser of Portland; Congressional District 4 representative Sue Musser of Brookings; Congressional District 5 representative James E. Brown of Salem, and Sharon A. Rudi of Baker City, the commission's East of the Cascades representative.

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