

Objective P-2: Coordinate across partners to mitigate unsanctioned activities

THE NEED: Unmitigated enforcement issues across the corridor were identified in public outreach, conversations with stakeholders, and by the Steering Committee as a top priority for short-term action for landowners, visitors, and local citizens alike. These issues include illegal camping, shooting, dumping, vandalism, and unsafe parking. Many actions to improve enforcement in the corridor were identified, all of which will require a coordinated and collaborative approach by the multiple agencies and private landowners in the area.


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Public and stakeholder input included:

- Addressing vandalism, trespassing, illegal shooting, and irresponsible camping.
- Expanding visitor services and information.
- Desire for additional recreational opportunities and infrastructure:
 - Drive-in campgrounds.
 - Hike/bike/ride-in campgrounds.


Increased patrols

Increase a coordinated, timely response to illegal and unwanted activities in the corridor. Multiple agencies, landowners, and volunteers can work together in a coordinated way to improve law enforcement agencies' ability to analyze, compare and act on real-time issues as they arise.

	ACTION	LEAD	PARTNERS
➤	P-2-1 Form an enforcement coordination work group.	Parks	Pierce County Sheriff, Parks, NPS-MORA, USFS WDFW, forest landowners, private security
➤	P-2-2 Establish a cohort of volunteer safety patrols.	TBD	Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition, Friends of the Carbon River, Carbon River Forum
➤	P-2-3 Develop landowner partnerships to expand private security contracts.	Timber	WDFW, other landowners
➤➤	P-2-4 Evaluate shared response agreements.	Parks	USFS, City of Buckley

Structural changes

Creating structural changes that make it more difficult for illegal and unwanted activities to take place and implementing disincentives may work together with other actions to reduce unwanted activities. In addition, actions such as improved information and visitor service infrastructure will help move sanctioned activities to the appropriate places.

	ACTION	LEAD	PARTNERS
➤	P-2-5 Increase ticketing for illegal activities.	Enforcement work group	Towns, Pierce County Sheriff and Code Enforcement, USFS, NPS-MORA, WDFW
➤➤	P-2-6 Create developed dispersed camping opportunities.	USFS	TBD
➤➤	P-2-7 Provide a shared presence in Wilkeson, possibly within the mobile interagency a new visitor contact center pilot in Wilkeson (see actions R-2-10 and R-2-11).	NPS-MORA	USFS, Pierce County Sheriff

In order to move actions for this topic forward, the following will be needed:

- ✓ Strong partnership between all involved agencies, landowners, and the local community,
- ✓ Additional policy research and consideration by Pierce County and partners regarding deputization or shared service agreements.
- ✓ Clarification on emergency vs. non-emergency issues and the creation of a response system that all agencies, private landowners, and the public know how to activate.
- ✓ Policy change with US Forest Service regarding dispersed camping.