



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board of Commissioners  
**From:** Mike Russell, Public Works Director, Roadmaster MR  
**CC:** Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel  
**Date:** October 8, 2025

**Subject: 2025 Mike Nagel Rally Sprint Road Event Permit**

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Columbia County received the attached application for a Public Road Event Permit for the 2025 Mike Nagel Regional Rally (Oregon Trail Rally) Event, to be conducted on Saturday, November 15, 2025. They are expecting approximately 70 participants, 125 volunteers, 50 support vehicles, and will be using Pittsburg and Karth Roads for the race as shown in the route maps contained in the application. They also plan to hold a car show in St. Helens (location to be determined).

The anticipated start of race will be at 12:00p.m. and end time of 9:00 p.m. This event is localized to the area around Pittsburg Rd and Karth Rd. The event organizers have confirmed that they will be notifying residents on these roads prior to the event. Columbia County Public Works has agreed to prep and restore the roads as needed before and after the event and will bill the event for any work needed. Past experience indicates that there will be minimal work needed. This is the third year of this event.

As in past years, the insurance for the event will not be issued until closer to the event date. Staff is recommending, if the Board agrees, to approve the permit conditioned upon receiving required insurance documentation.

**Applicable Criteria:**

The Columbia County Public Road Event Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2008-1, as amended), requires Board approval of public road events involving more than 25 vehicles, 50 bicycles, or 100 pedestrian participants. As this race event is expected to have more than 25 vehicles, Board approval is required.

Section 5 of the Ordinance provides, in part:

A. Standards for Issuance. The Administrator or, in the event of a large event, the Board of County Commissioners, shall issue a permit conditioned upon the

applicant's written agreement to comply with the terms of such permit **unless** the Administrator or Board of County Commissioners finds that:

1. The time, route and size of the public road event will disrupt to an unreasonable extent the movement of other traffic or will endanger the safety of participants or citizens, or cause a safety hazard other than traffic.
2. The public road event is of a size or nature that requires the diversion of too many law enforcement officers, public works employees or other personnel to properly control the public road event or that allowing the public road event would deny reasonable law enforcement or other emergency service protection to citizens of the County.
3. Such public road event will interfere with another public road event for which a permit has been issued.
4. The County Public Works Director determines the public road event would damage public roads.

Staff notified affected agencies below and received the following comments:

- County Sheriff's Office, Brian Pixley
- Columbia County Emergency Management, Corey Padron
- Columbia County Public Health, Jaime Aanensen
- Columbia 911, Dannell Hooper -
- State Police, Sgt. Luke Schwartz
- Columbia County Forest, Parks & Rec., Riley Baker
- ODOT, Kimberly Fear - **Since this appears to have no impact to the highway system, ODOT has no issues.**
- ODOT, Virginia Williams
- Columbia River Fire & Rescue, Eric Smythe - **Is there on-site EMS for the event? This is inside CRFR ambulance district, we have not been contacted for standby if that was the expectation. Thank you.**
- St. Helens Police, Brian Greenway
- St. Helens City Administrator, John Walsh
- St. Helens Public Works, Mouhamad Zaher
- St. Helens City Mayor, Rick Scholl
- Scappoose Police, Chris Fluellen
- Scappoose City Administrator, Larry Lehman
- Scappoose Fire & Rescue, Jeff Pricher
- Scappoose Public Works, Dave Sukau
- Rainier Police, Gregg Griffith
- Clatskanie Fire, Steve Sharek.
- Clatskanie Fire, Bruce Holsey
- Clatskanie City Administrator, Gregory Hinkelman
- Columbia City Police, Gerald Bartolomucci

- Columbia City Administrator, Kim Karber
- Vernonia Public Works, Jeff Burch
- Vernonia City Administrator, Josette Mitchell
- Mist-Birkenfeld Fire & Rescue, Joe Kaczinski
- Mike Russell, Director, Road Dept. (info only)
- Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel (info only)
- Bill Goodwin, County Weighmaster (info only)

There have been no issues raised since last year's event and no issues from affected agencies have been raised this year; therefore, staff recommends that the Board approve this permit.

**Recommended Motions:**

Motion: Approve the public road event permit for the 2025 Mike Nagle Rally Sprint and authorize the Public Works Director to issue upon receiving required insurance documentation.

If approved by the Board, the Indemnity Agreement with Oregon Rally Group will be placed on a future Consent Agenda.

**Attachments**

2025 Oregon Trail Rally Public Road Event Permit Application



**PUBLIC ROAD EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION**

Name of Event: Mike Nagle Rally Sprint Application Date: 9/12/2025  
 Sponsor: Oregon Rally Group (Non Profit)  
 Type of Event: One Day Car Race  
 Purpose of Event: Car Race  
 Date of Event: 11/15/2025 Beginning Time: 12:00pm  
 Expected Number of Participants: 70 Ending Time: 9:00PM  
 Location of Assembly Area(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assembly Beginning Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Volunteers: 125 Number/Type of Support Vehicles: 50  
 Name of Applicant: Oregon Rally Group  
 Address: P.O. Box 3511, Tualatin, OR 97062  
 Work Phone: 503-969-2867 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: mike@oregonwings.com  
 Contact Person (other than applicant): AJ Rossiter  
 Address: P.O. Box 3511, Tualatin, OR 97062  
 Work Phone: 360-949-3061 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: ajrossiter127@gmail.com  
 Chair/Race Director (for athletic events): Casey Jones/Mike Shaw  
 Address: P.O. Box 3511, Tualatin, OR 97062  
 Work Phone: 406-581-9028 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: caseygj@mail.com  
 Previous Experience: We have put on Oregon Trail Rally for the past 27+ years.

**Route:** Submit a map with the route clearly drawn. Indicate starting point, direction and ending point. Also include plans for rest stops, first aid stations, support vehicles, etc.

**Fee:** Applicant must submit with completed application \$100 for small events (less than 300 participants) and \$300 for large events (300 or more participants).

By signing this application, sponsor agrees to all terms and conditions set forth in the Public Road Event Ordinance, and any special conditions listed in the Permit, if this application is accepted and a Permit is issued by the County.

Oregon Rally Group \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Sponsor: Signature of Authorized Agent

FOR COUNTY USE ONLY:  
 Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Certificate Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Application Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Indemnity Agreement Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permit Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Works Director or Designee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the issuance of a permit by Columbia County for the Public Road Event known as the Mike Nagle Rally Sprint to be held on November 15, 2025, the undersigned sponsor/applicant for the event hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, save, and hold harmless Columbia County, its officers, agents and employees, and other affected public agencies, their officers, agents and employees (collectively, the "indemnitees") from all suits, actions, damages or claims to which the indemnitees may be subjected of any kind or nature whatsoever resulting from, caused by, and arising out of or as a consequence of such Public Road Event and the activities permitted in connection therewith.

Sponsor/applicant shall maintain commercial general liability and property damage insurance in an amount of not less than \$2 million per occurrence to protect indemnitees. Sponsor/applicant shall provide County a certificate or certificates of insurance in the amount described above, which names County, its officers, agents, and employees, and the affected public agencies, their officers, agents and employees as additional insureds. Such certificate or certificates shall be accompanied by an additional insured endorsement.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUTY

Oregon Rally Group  
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Agency

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Signature of Authorized Agent

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Date Signed

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Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

RETURN TO:  
Columbia County Public Works  
1054 Oregon Street  
St. Helens, Oregon 97051  
Phone | 503.397.5090  
Fax | 503.397.7215  
Email | [publicworks@columbiacountyor.gov](mailto:publicworks@columbiacountyor.gov)



## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Before Columbia County can issue a permit for a public event, the sponsor must provide proof of public liability insurance, including property damage, covering all sponsor's activities, including volunteers, arising out of the event with a single limit policy of not less than \$2,000,000 covering all claims per occurrence.

The policy also shall bear the following endorsement:

"Without prejudice to coverage otherwise existing herein, Columbia County and all other affected public agencies, the Board of County Commissioners and the boards of other affected public agencies, their officers including the Columbia County Sheriff, agents and employees are included as additional insureds under this policy as to any claims or claims for injury to person, including death, or damage to property, resulting from or growing out of the activities of the named insured, including all volunteers, under the permit issued by the county for:

Mike Nagle Rally Sprint

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Name of Event

"It is understood and agreed that this policy shall not terminate or be canceled prior to the completion of the event without first giving 30 days written notice of intention to terminate or to cancel said policy to the county.

"Notwithstanding the naming of additional insureds, the said policy shall protect each insured in the same manner as though a separate policy had been issued to each; but nothing herein shall operate to increase the insurer's liability as set forth elsewhere in the policy beyond the amount or amounts for which the insurer would have been liable if only one person or interest had been named as insured."

A Certificate of evidence of such insurance, together with the above endorsement, shall be submitted to the County and shall be subject to the approval of the County Counsel on behalf of Columbia County as to the adequacy of protection.

SEND CERTIFICATE TO:  
Columbia County Public Works  
1054 Oregon Street  
St. Helens, Oregon 97051  
Phone | 503.397.5090  
Fax | 503.397.7215  
Email | [publicworks@columbiacountyor.gov](mailto:publicworks@columbiacountyor.gov)

THIS PAGE IS TO BE MADE A PART OF INSURANCE POLICY #

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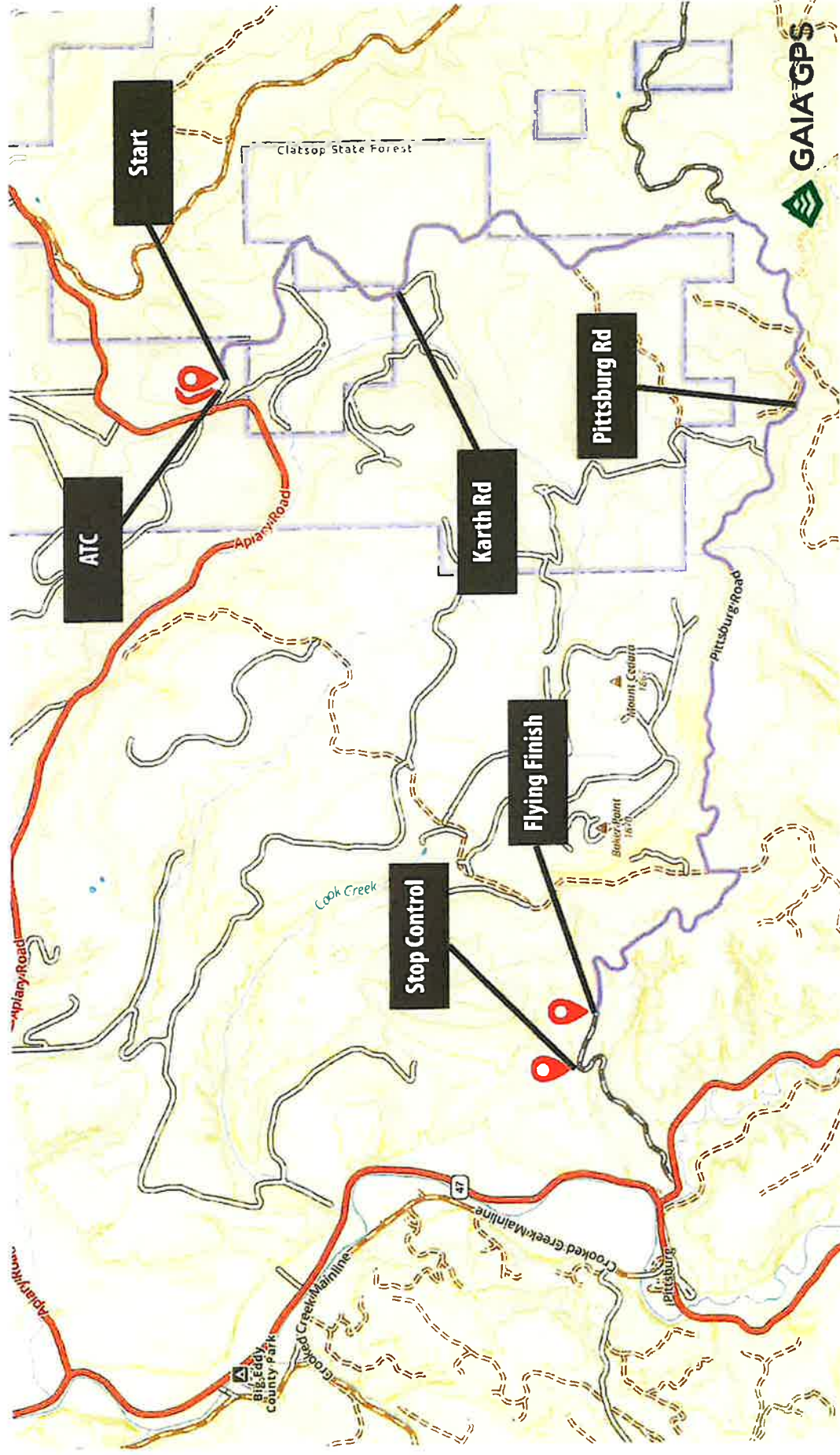
GIVE THIS SHEET TO YOUR INSURANCE CARRIER.

	1st car in	1st car out	Stage Miles	Lateness Time	Transit Miles	Transit/Service Time
<b>MTC Out</b>						hr:min
Transit to Stage 1		13:00			21.7	1:01
<b>Stage 1</b>						
Transit to Stage 2	14:01	14:04	9.83	0:12	10.94	0:40
<b>Stage 2</b>						
Transit to Service	14:56	14:59	9.83	0:12	23.3	0:48
<b>Service</b>						
St. Helens Recreation Center	15:59					0:45
Loop miles...	75.6		19.66		55.94	
<b>RGC</b>						
Transit to Stage 3	16:44				21.7	0:15
<b>Stage 3</b>						
Transit to Stage 4	18:05	18:08	9.83	0:12	10.94	1:06
<b>Stage 4</b>						
Transit to MTC In	19:00	19:03	9.83	0:12	23.3	0:40
<b>MTC In</b>						
St. Helens Recreation Center	20:03					0:48
Loop miles...	75.6		19.66		55.94	
Day total...	151.2		39.32		111.88	

Transit to Stage 3 Includes additional 5 minutes for refuel

1st car done	0:03	Google time	80% transit time	Day length:	07:03
				Sunrise:	07:12
				Sunset:	16:39
				Stage Miles Per Hour	5.58
				#VALUE!	
14:01		46	57.5		
14:16	Karth Rd southbound, Pittsburg Rd westbound				
14:56		??			
15:11	Karth Rd southbound, Pittsburg Rd westbound				
15:59		36	45		
16:44	26.01%				
16:59					
18:05			0		
18:20	Karth Rd southbound, Pittsburg Rd westbound				
19:00			0		
19:15	Karth Rd southbound, Pittsburg Rd westbound				
20:03			0		
	26.01%				
	26.01%				

# Mike Nagle Rally Sprint - November 15th, 2025 Competition Length 39 miles



ATC: 45.93336, -123.05787  
Start: 45.93315, -123.05655  
Flying Finish: 45.90588, -123.12422  
Stop: 45.90715, -123.13029



## Mike Nagle RallySprint Safety Plan

**Organizer:** Oregon Rally Group

**Summary:**

This is a one day regional rally organized by the Oregon Rally Group. Estimated number of teams will be 40 each with about 4-5 people per team. Number of volunteers will be 150. The planned race date and time is 11/15/2025 from 8:00AM-7:00PM. The roads we are planning to use are in Columbia County and are Pittsburg, and Karth roads.

**Operational Safety:**

The race will consist of cars with one driver and one co-driver. The vehicle is prepared to the competition standards of the American Rally Association. This includes two in car fire extinguishers & in-car fire suppression systems. The land has controlled access via gates, barricades, and personnel. It is a road maintained by Columbia County Oregon. The road will be a typical gravel roads. Ham radios will be used by the marshals and officials, for a basic communication network. Communication will remain active for the entirety of the testing period. The sweep team has fire suppression procedures in place, consisting of handheld fire extinguishers and other tools.

**Local Emergency services:**

Closest Fire Department: Columbia River Fire & Rescue station 11 miles away

Closest Police Department: St Helens Police Department 150 S 13<sup>th</sup> St, St Helens, OR 97051 13 miles

Closest Emergency Hospital: Legacy Health St Helens (11 miles away), Legacy Emanuel Level 1 Trauma Center, 36 miles

We will also have EMTs from Columbia County on site all day as well as Mountain Wave Search & Rescue

**Other Information:**

Oregon Trail Rally sweep team will be present all day.

Insured: See special insurance requirements in permit application