



# JOHN DAY ELKS LODGE #1824

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To the members of the John Day City Council and interested parties,

As chairman of the Veterans Committee of the John Day Elks Lodge #1824, I am requesting a formal designation of the John Day River Trail section from the bridge at the Hill Family Park to the bridge at the old sawmill site. I would like to place stations along the trail that honor and recognize Grant County veterans, first responders, MIA/POWs, National Guard and Reserves, and Blue and Gold Star families. We at the Elks will take on the leadership of the effort and partner with all organizations interested. The design and implementation will depend on input and cooperation of all those groups. All designs and plans will be submitted to the participants and the John Day City Council to ensure the aesthetics are maintained.

Please consider my request,  
Bob Van Voorhis  
John Day Elks Lodge #1824

Proposed proclamation:

## A proclamation designating the John Day River Trail as the Grant County Veterans and First Responders Memorial Trail

**WHEREAS**, John Day and Grant County, Oregon, have supported its military veteran population for over 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, our Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters have greatly contributed to the safety and wellbeing of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, families across our county and city have seen their members leave to defend our country and some members never returned; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of volunteerism and giving back to our communities thrives here; and

**WHEREAS**, John Day and Grant County appreciate the sacrifices our citizens made, and continue to make in defending our freedoms, providing safety and protection, and maintaining a high level of our quality of life and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and sacrifice and show them the honor and support they have earned;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the John Day City Council hereby proclaims a portion of the River Trail dedicated to our volunteers and veterans and their families and hereby encourages the citizens of Grant County to show their appreciation for the sacrifices made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

Dated and signed by the John Day City Council