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Don & Judy Coons  
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Dear Don & Judy;

I ask that you please read this letter to its conclusion as there is important new information you should know.

On behalf of the Rogue River Greenway Foundation Board of Directors and the Ride the Rogue (RTR) Event Team, please accept our heart felt appreciation for your generous contribution of time and energy to the 2008 Ride the Rogue Event. The final tally of participants this year was just over 1200 with 187 volunteers. Cyclists came from every corner of Oregon and numerous other states. The event grossed over \$60,000.00, every penny of which will go toward building the Rogue River Greenway and Recreational Corridor. You helped make this possible and now riders are calling the RTR one of the best rides of the west coast!

We could not do any of this without our amazing volunteers. You are the life's blood of the Ride the Rogue event. We received numerous comments and email talking about the great volunteers we had, how friendly and helpful you were, what a wonderful small town feel it had, and that how they were treated was as important to them as the ride itself. The participants loved that we had every age group helping and it felt like a family event where they were the guests of honor. This praise you earned and I just felt you should know how grateful and blessed we feel to have your help.

In 2009 we will not be asking for you to volunteer for the RTR event as Cycle Oregon will be coming to Southern Oregon for a full week in September during the same time as the scheduled RTR event. In these difficult economic times the available resources simply would not support two major biking events on the same date. Therefore, we will pass for this one year on the RTR event and instead put our full support and resources behind the Cycle Oregon event. They don't come to So. Oregon very often so it is important to support their efforts.

Cycle Oregon is a wonderful event that provides a great economic boost to many Southern Oregon communities. We hope you will consider joining us by offering to volunteer for Cycle Oregon. We believe there will be a ride rest stop at Palmerton Park in Rogue River and we would love to show them what our RTR team can do.

We hope you understand and agree with our decision and that you will continue to volunteer your time and energy for the Ride the Rogue event which is now set for **Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

Our Most Sincere Thanks,

*Shayne Maxwell*

Shayne Maxwell, Chair  
Rogue River Greenway Foundation

P.S. Please contact Cyndi Austin at 582-5907 if you would like to help out with Cycle Oregon.