

Tulsa Urban Wilderness Coalition

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Press Conference to be January 8, 2015 at 4:00 pm at Turkey Mountain Park upper parking lot.

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URBAN WILDERNESS ADVOCACY GROUP FORMS

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Thursday, January 8, 2015 — Outdoor enthusiasts, from runners, hikers, mountain bikers to education advocates have formed an urban wilderness advocacy group, Tulsa Urban Wilderness Coalition (TUWC).

Prompted by the proposed development of private land near Turkey Mountain Park, representatives with ties to TATUR, Tulsa Area Trail & Ultra Runners, OEF, the Oklahoma Earthbike Fellowship, and IMBA, the International Mountain Bikers Association, as well as local educators and conservationists, seek to add the voices of trail users to those of the property owners: River Parks Authority, The City of Tulsa, YMCA, George Kaiser Family Foundation and other owners.

As a coalition, there is a range of views on development. Ideally, all of "greater Turkey" might be preserved and added to hopefully. TUWC's mission is to help make Oklahomans aware of the great resource of this and other area wilderness areas. TUWC wants to ensure that all users' views are part of future decision making processes between the primary land owners.

The Coalition also will have a service component with volunteers, both individuals and from organizations, to do trail clean up and improvements. The first is Saturday, Jan. 17 at 9:30 am in cooperation with River Parks Authority.

For more information about the TUWC please visit our website www.tulsaurbanwildernesscoalition.org

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