Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

June 12, 2024

Agenda Item: 5b Information

Public Comment Allowed: Yes

Topic: **Brian Booth** – Acquisition of Wichman property

Presented by: Alice Beals, Property Agent

OPRD has identified this property as one of interest for many years. Recently, the Owner expressed an interest in selling the property to OPRD. In meeting with the Owner, it became clear that the most desirable outcome would be for OPRD to take ownership of this property while granting them a life estate, allowing them to continue living on the property for the remainder of their life.

This 32-acre property consists of approximately 13 acres of wetlands, a section of South Beaver Creek as well as upland forest area. There are also some improvements within a small area of the property including a manufactured home and small outbuildings. OPRD's access into our adjacent lands is via an easement road across this property.

In addition to expanding the trail network at Brian Booth State Park, conserving additional wetlands in the Beaver Creek area and providing recreational opportunities like hiking and bird watching, the existing residence could eventually be used as office space or employee housing.

Staff envisions this property fitting nicely with OPRD long-range goals for this Park. We have recently requested an appraisal of these lands and will proceed with additional due diligence activities in anticipation of returning to this Commission in the future with an action item for your approving vote.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: None

Attachments: 5b - Exhibit A – Map

5b - Exhibit B – Map

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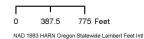
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Exhibit A

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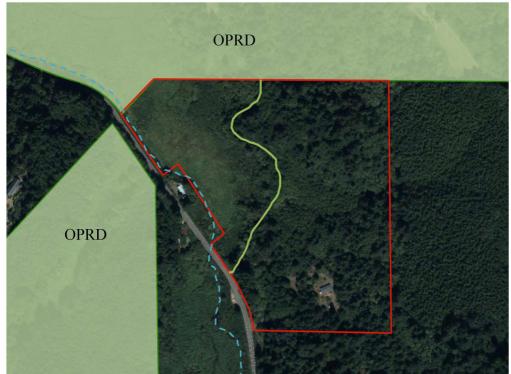
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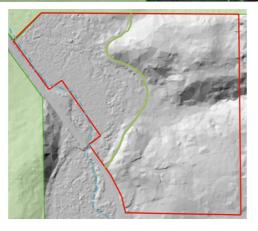
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