

Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission

June 12, 2024

Agenda Item: 5c

Information

Topic: Haystack Hill State Scenic Viewpoint – Potential Disposition

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Background:

Haystack Hill State Scenic Viewpoint (SSV) is a 9.10-acre scenic and natural property located within Cannon Beach in Clatsop County. The property was donated to the state parks system by John Yeon, one of the initial State Parks Commissioners and a well-known conservationist. The otherwise undeveloped SSV includes a hiking trail that winds through a forest of towering spruce and fir trees and an undergrowth of ferns to two summit areas. The west summit offers scenic views of Haystack Rock and other rock formations while the east summit offers views of Angora Peak and nearby peaks.

Property deed restrictions include (Clatsop County recording Book 315, Page369):

- Use solely for public park and scenic purposes
- Permissions to develop a road and parking area, for immediate park use only
- Prohibition of picnicking and overnight camping
- No buildings to be constructed besides comfort stations or park maintenance buildings
- Indigenous plantings only
- Requirement for the northern slope of the property to remain forested
- Limited permissions for ODOT to utilize a narrow strip along the east boundary for highway widening

As conversations have continued about possible public ownership of the Holland Trust property to the North of Haystack Hill SSV, the City of Cannon Beach has expressed interest in and support for a consolidation of the Holland property and the current state park. The state park is currently a hike-in recreation site due to restrictions, access concerns and agency resources.

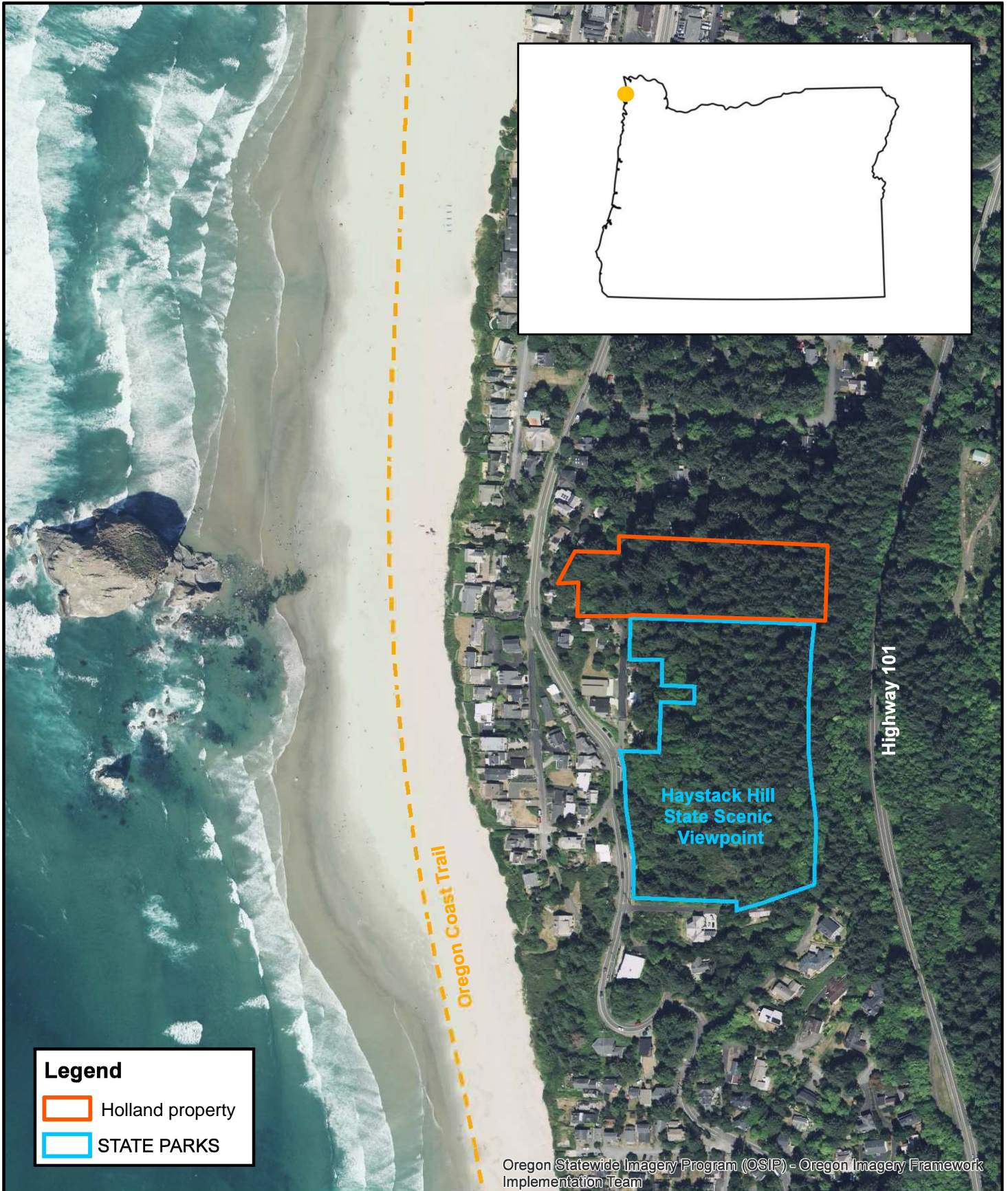
Staff will be assessing Haystack Hill SSV for a possible disposition to City of Cannon Beach as part of a larger, local park.

Prior Action by Commission: None

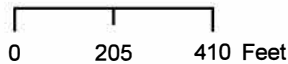
Action Requested: None

Attachment: 5d. Attachment A – Map
5d. Attachment B - Map

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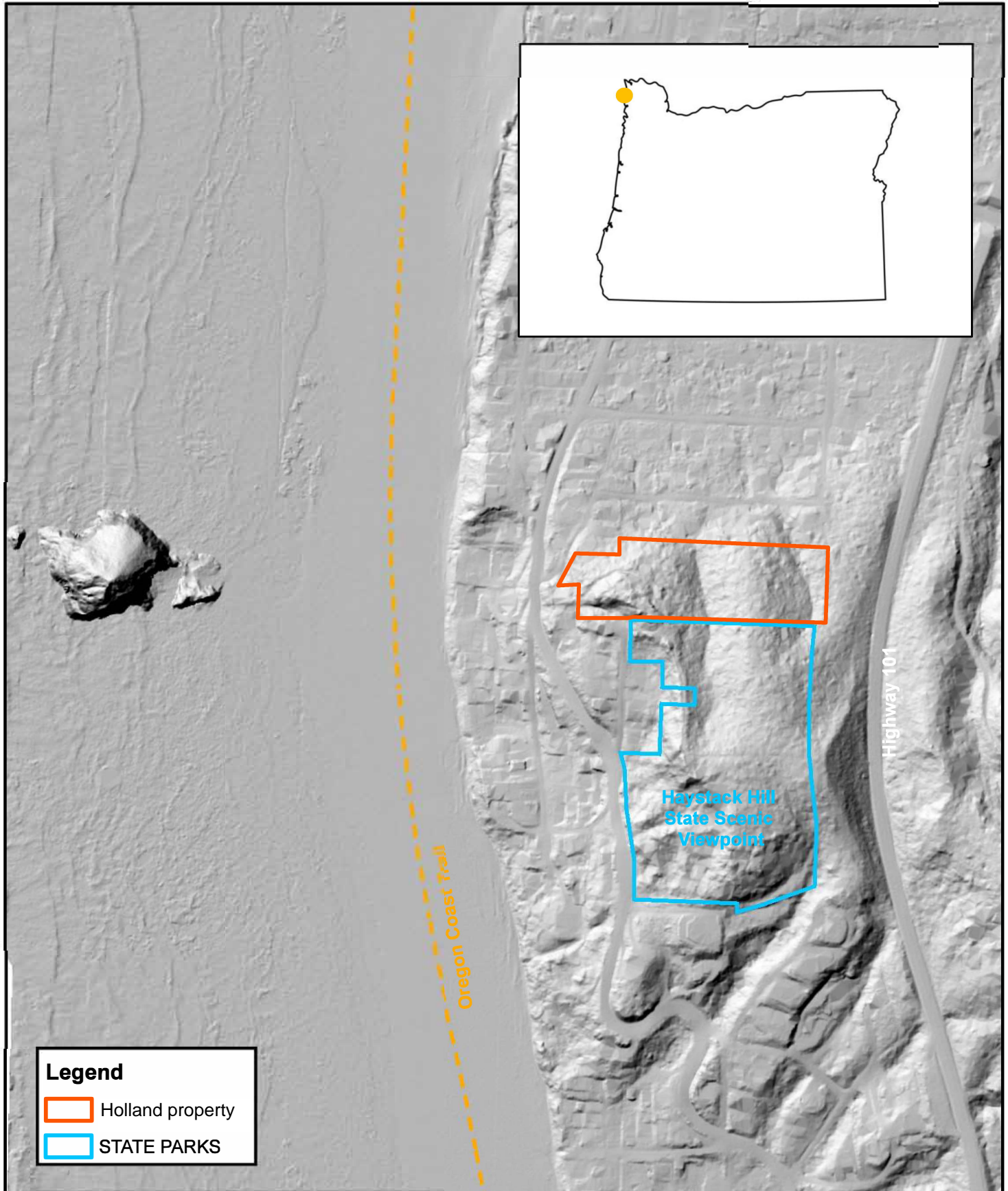


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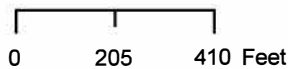


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