

## Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

November 15, 2023

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Agenda Item:	5e	<b>Action</b>
Public Comment Allowed:	Yes	
Topic:	Brian Booth – McKenzie River Trust	
Presented by:	Ladd Whitcomb, Property Agent	

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Comprised of Ona Beach, Beaver Creek State Natural Area and more recently acquired property, Brian Booth State Park is located eight miles south of Newport and includes approximately 1,200 acres of wetland, floodplain, creeks, estuary, former pasture, and forested upland. Current development includes of a visitor center, day use area, non-motorized boat launch, and hiking trails on the north side of Beaver Creek.

Although Lincoln County Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners approved the draft park master plan, the zone change required for expanded park development was denied in late 2019. While build-out of the envisioned campground on the south side of Beaver Creek may be delayed, the need for proactive management of the land and resources is ongoing.

McKenzie River Trust, based near Eugene, works with willing landowners to protect and care for land in western Oregon. They have acquired a parcel of land adjacent to the southwest boundary of Brian Booth State Park and would like to donate that property to OPRD.

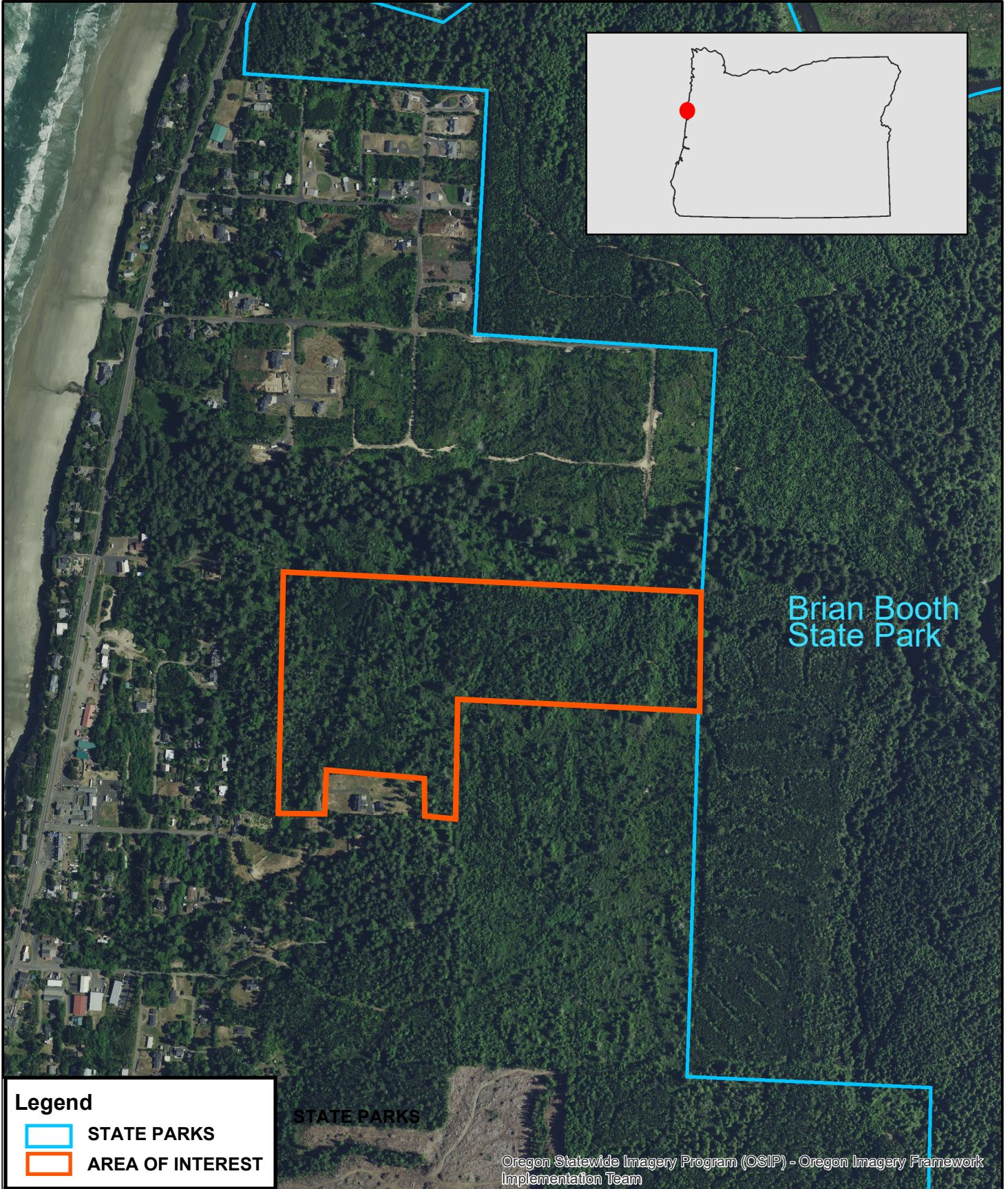
Besides acting as a buffer to residential development to the west, this property affords us access to a conifer plantation that was previously inaccessible by vehicle. The Brian Booth draft master plan calls out the need to manage forest plantations for healthy growth, recreational setting, habitat, and fire control. This property will give us the access we need to effectively manage this otherwise isolated portion of the park.

**Prior Action by Commission:** September 2023 Informational Item

**Action Requested:** Approve OPRD Acceptance of McKenzie River Trust Property Donation

**Attachments:** 5e - Attachment A - Map

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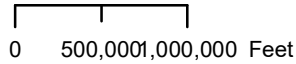


**Legend**

- STATE PARKS
- AREA OF INTEREST

Oregon Statewide Imagery Program (OSIP) - Oregon Imagery Framework Implementation Team

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