

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

February 27, 2024

Agenda Item: 5d

Information

Topic: Tub Springs State Wayside – Potential Donation to BLM

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Tub Springs State Wayside (Tub Springs) is a 40-acre property acquired by the State Parks system in 1939. Tub Springs, which lies along the historic Applegate Trail, has a long history as a rest location for travelers of all kinds. Towering trees and a series of tiered, stone tubs with cascading water have welcomed state park visitors for decades. The site currently contains several trails, an Oregon Heritage Tree (the Tub Springs Sugar Pine), picnic facilities and restroom 18 miles east of the City of Ashland, OR on Highway 66.

Jackson County Parks has been managing the Tub Springs property since 2021 via an intergovernmental agreement with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). In the past, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has also partnered with OPRD in providing maintenance or interpretative services at the site. Tub Springs lies in the center of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) and is noted for visitors on CSNM maps (See Attachment C). The CSNM was created in 2000 and expanded in 2017. It hosts a remarkable range of biological, geological, aquatic, archaeological and historic objects. In 2023 the BLM expressed interest in exploring potential acquisition of the Tub Springs property. The important cultural and historic context of the Tub Springs property makes it a promising potential addition to CSNM. BLM may be able to more efficiently utilize local management resources for protection and interpretation of the property. Jackson County Parks has expressed their support of a potential transfer of the site to BLM as well.

BLM and OPRD continue to research and assess whether a potential transfer of the property to BLM as part of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is the best path forward for the protection of Tub Springs.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: None

Attachment: 5d – Attachment A, B & C Maps

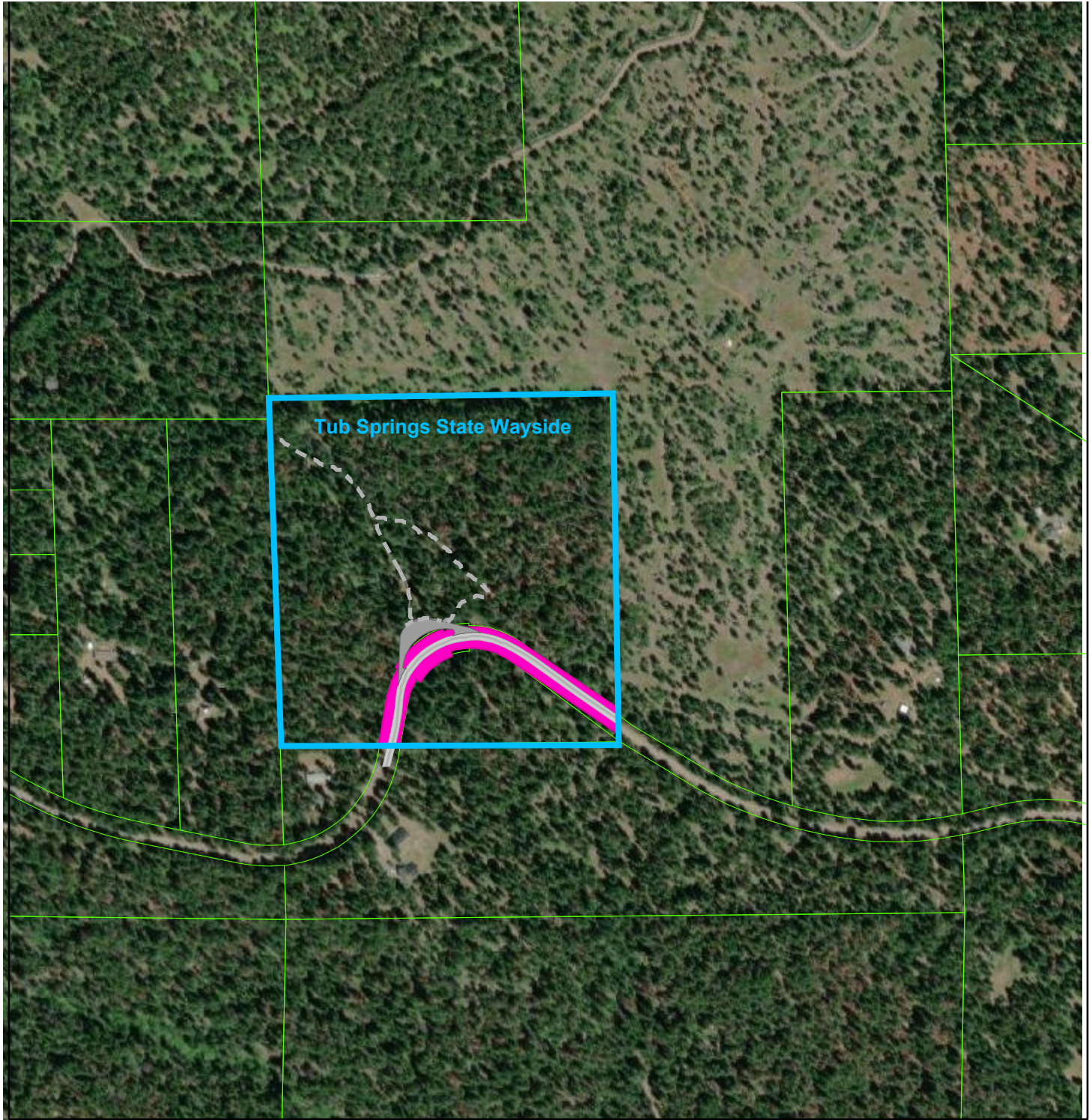
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TRANSPORTATION_CENTERLINE

— Road

- - - Trail

— Walkway/Sidewalk

TRANSPORTATION_HARD_SURFACE

— Road

Trail

Parking

Walkway/Sidewalk

CURRENT PARCELS

Easement/Reservation

STATEWIDE_TAXLOTS

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 mi

0 0.07 0.15 0.3 km

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OPRD Basemap App

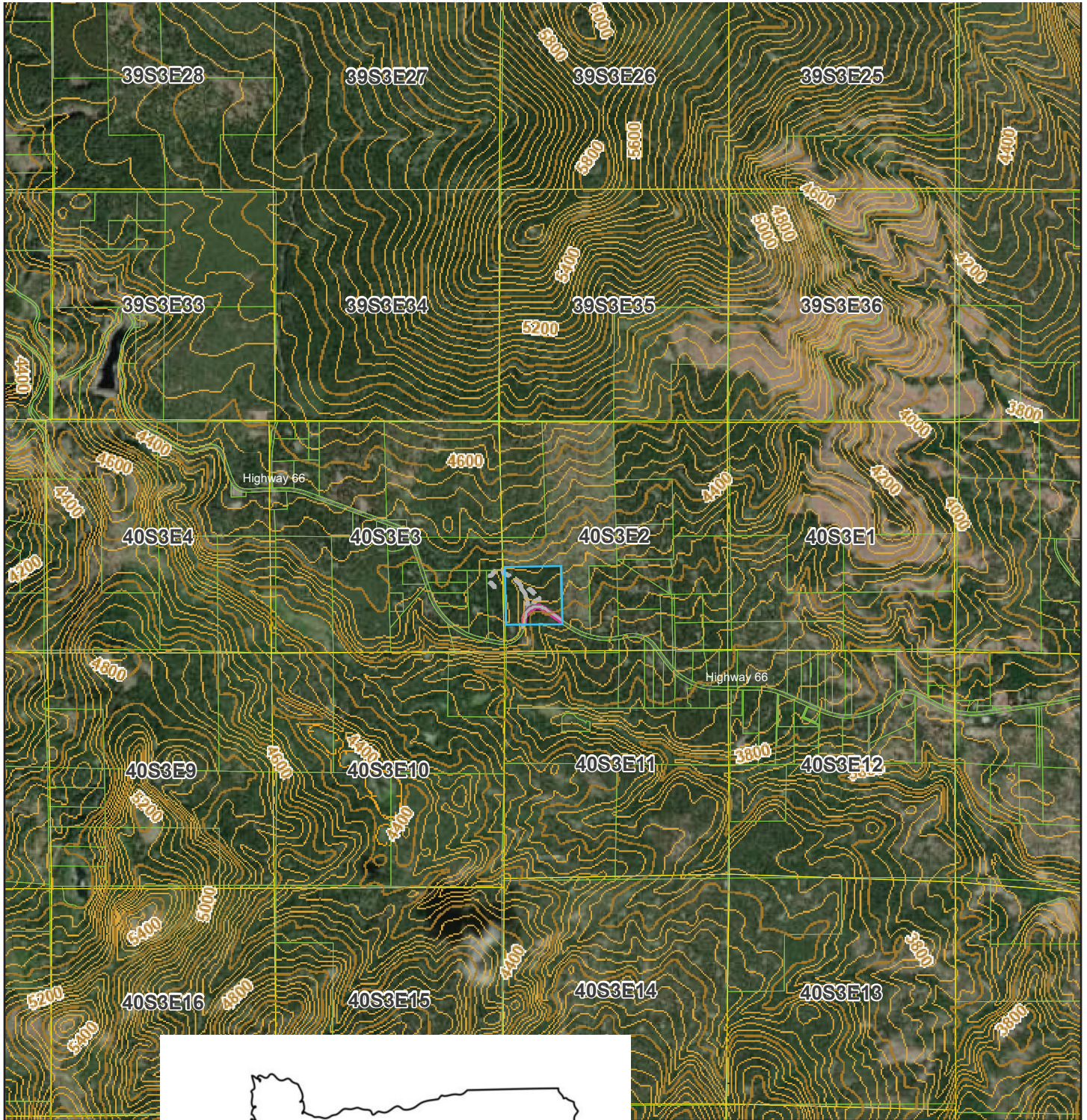
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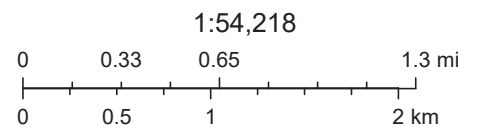
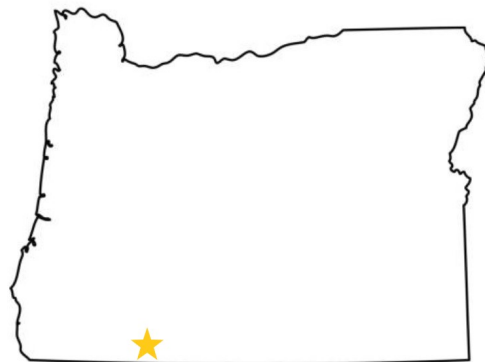
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