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**TO:** Interdepartmental Memo to File, Historic Resources

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**SUBJECT:** **Programmatic Agreement SHPO Tracking**  
**I-5: Baldock Rest Area, Solar Panels Project**  
**Clackamas County, Oregon**  
**No Key Number**  
**Federal Aid Number DE-EE0000308**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to install solar panels at the I-5 northbound Baldock Rest Area, at about Mile Point 281.5. The proposed project at Baldock Rest Area would be the largest solar highway project in the world. ODOT proposes to install 16 rows of solar panels and upgrade existing utilities to meet the increased demand. The Area of Potential Effect is approximately 8.9 acres, with a maximum length of about 1,000 feet and a maximum width of 500 feet. Activities would be limited to ODOT right-of-way, with the exception of one utility installation. The utility would be directionally bored from the southeast end of the project area, under an existing corn field, to existing aerial utility lines along OR51 (Figure 2). There is no work to any historic properties or tax lots.

Sarah Jalving, Cultural Resource Specialist for Region 2, identified that there are no historic resources within the project area. A search of the SHPO database found no historic resources, previously deemed eligible or listed on the National Register of Historic Places within the project area. According to the Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Implementation of Minor Transportation projects, signed October 15, 2001, the proposed project does not require formal SHPO review.

The ODOT Environmental Section Cultural Resources Staff, who meet the qualifications of 36 CFR Part 61 Appendix A in the fields of architectural history and history, internally reviewed the project using the standards set out in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) to address possible effects to potentially eligible National Register resources.

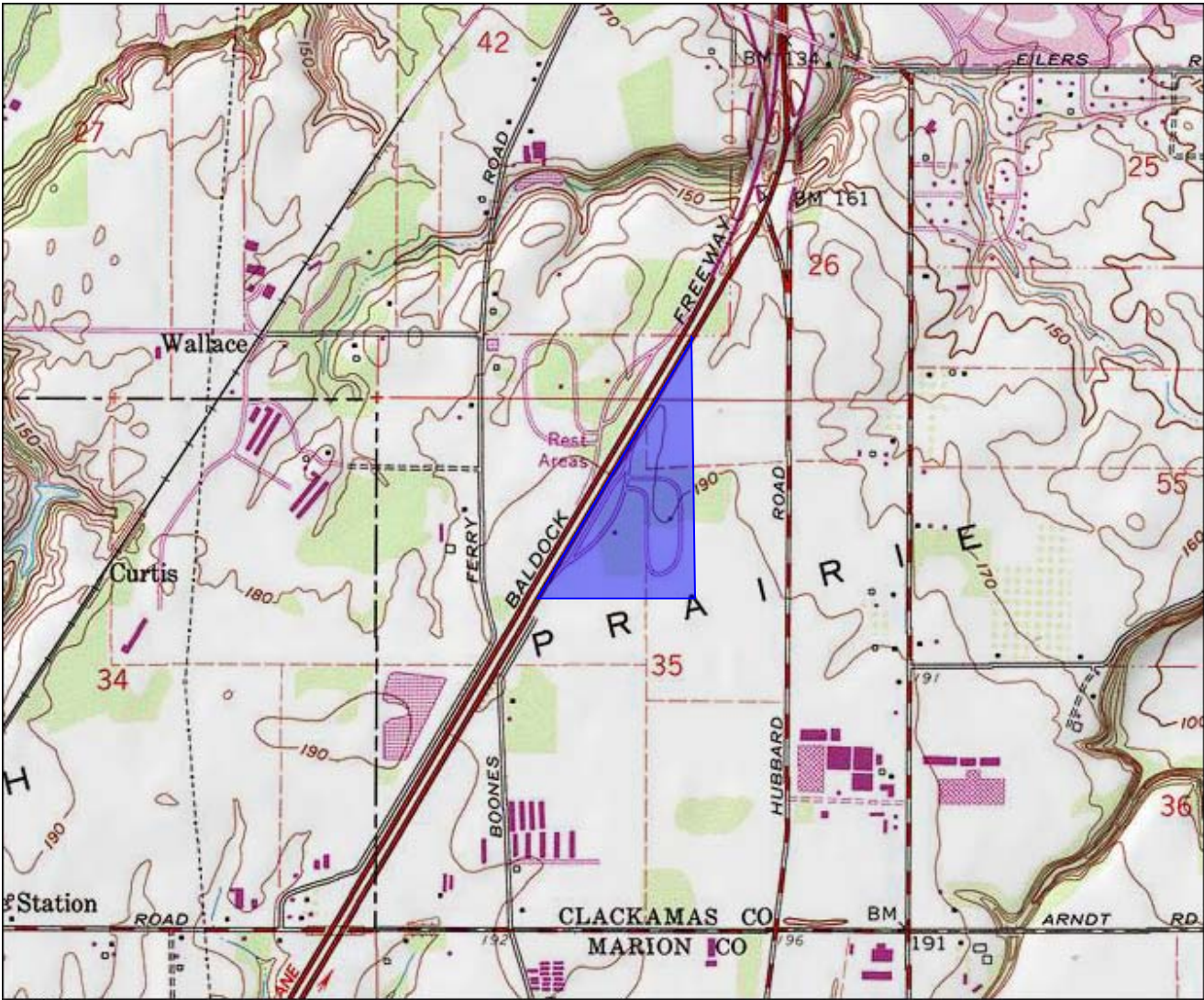


The proposed undertaking is exempt from formal SHPO review under Stipulation E.3 (improvements to existing non-historic rest areas) of the existing Programmatic Agreement. For more information, contact Sarah Jalving at (503) 986-6926.

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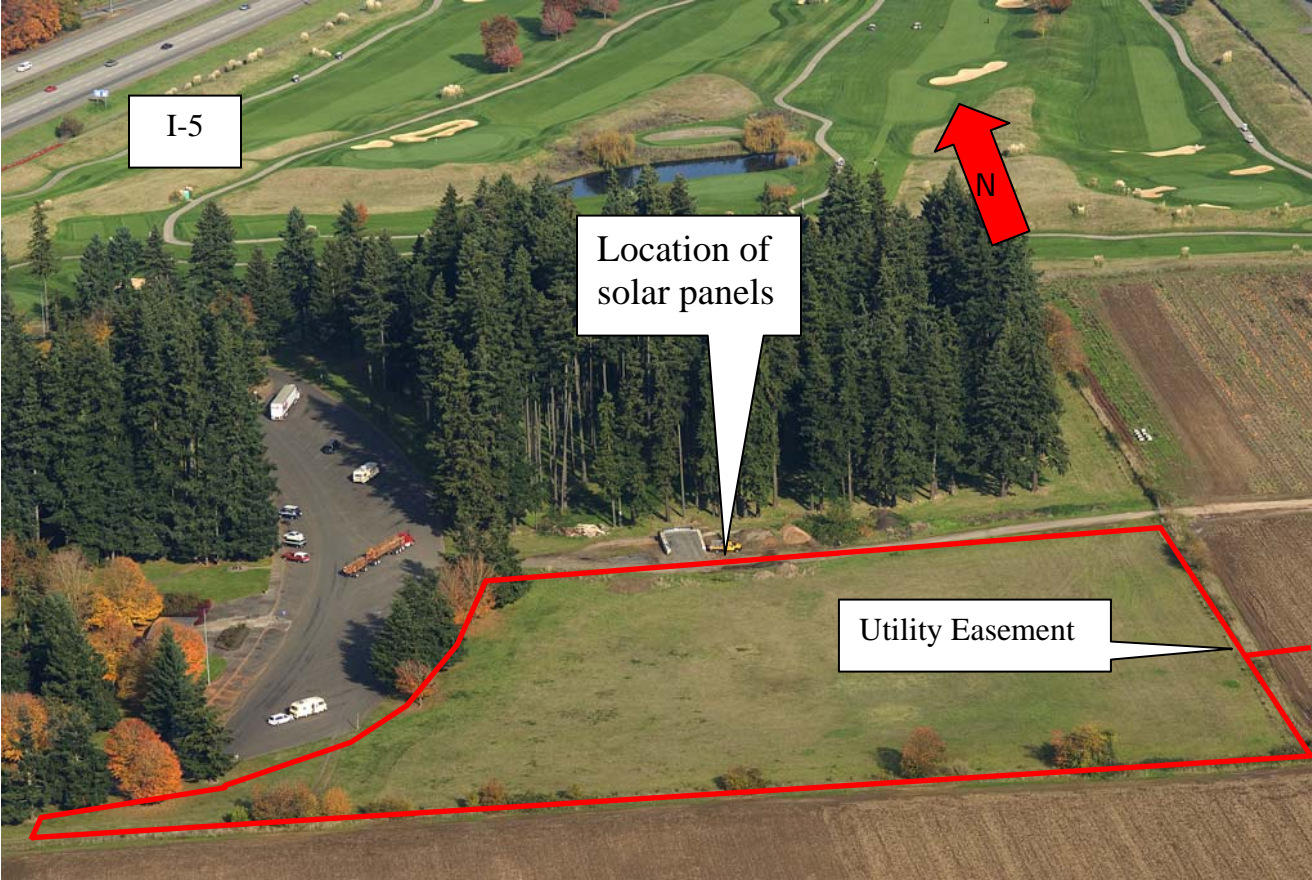
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**Northbound Baldock Rest Area location map**



TN  
MN  
17°

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**Aerial Image of solar panel field location**