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Sarah Wright, Director
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RE: Request for Concurrence for Temporary Occupancy of a Section 4(f) Resource (Park)

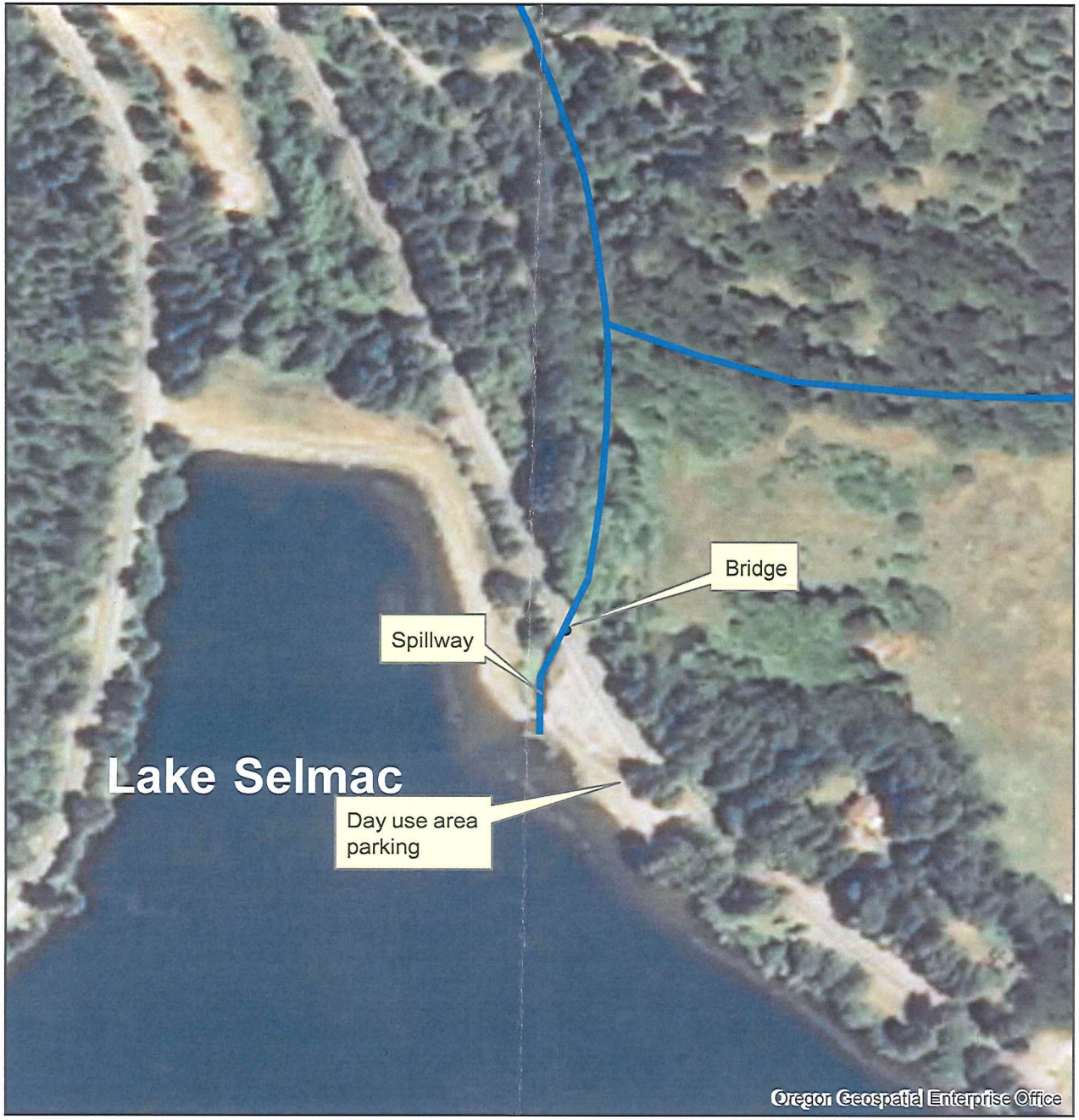
PROJECT: Lakeshore Drive: Lake Selmac Spillway Bridge Replacement
HIGHWAY: Lakeshore Drive
COUNTY: Josephine
Federal Aid Number: C033(045) ODOT
Key Number: 18701

Dear Ms. Wright,

The Josephine County Public Works Department will be replacing the Lakeshore Drive bridge over the Lake Selmac spillway near Selma. This project will remove the existing bridge, retaining walls and concrete stream bed lining and replace the bridge with a new single-span structure on the same alignment designed to current standards. Because Lakeshore Drive at the bridge cannot be closed during construction, construction will be staged to replace the bridge one half at a time, while allowing traffic to move through the construction zone on the other half. This construction project is adjacent to Lake Selmac Park, a park and recreational area that is administered by the Josephine County Parks Department (Figure 1). Lake Selmac Park is the only lake park in the Josephine County Park System and its features include several day use and picnic areas, boat ramps, hiking trails, campsites and fishing docks (Figure 2).

This project is being funded with Bridge Program funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act of 1966 requires FHWA to protect Section 4(f) resources, which include parks, recreational areas, historic sites and wildlife refuges. Because this project has the potential to use property within the Lake Selmac Park boundary and was funded by FHWA, this project was evaluated to determine if it will result in a Section 4(f) use.

During construction, a portion of Lake Selmac Park may be needed temporarily for construction staging and equipment storage. The park has a small (approximately 4,000 ft^2) graveled day-use parking area located adjacent to the Lake Selmac spillway bridge (Figure 3). This graveled parking lot is relatively flat and its location next to the bridge makes it a desirable staging location. Due to the limited amount of right-of-way, the adjacent topography and the location of the lake, the day-use parking area is the only option for staging that is close to the bridge. As a result, and with the approval of Josephine County Parks Department, the day-use parking area will be designated as a prospective staging area for materials and equipment during the construction of this bridge.



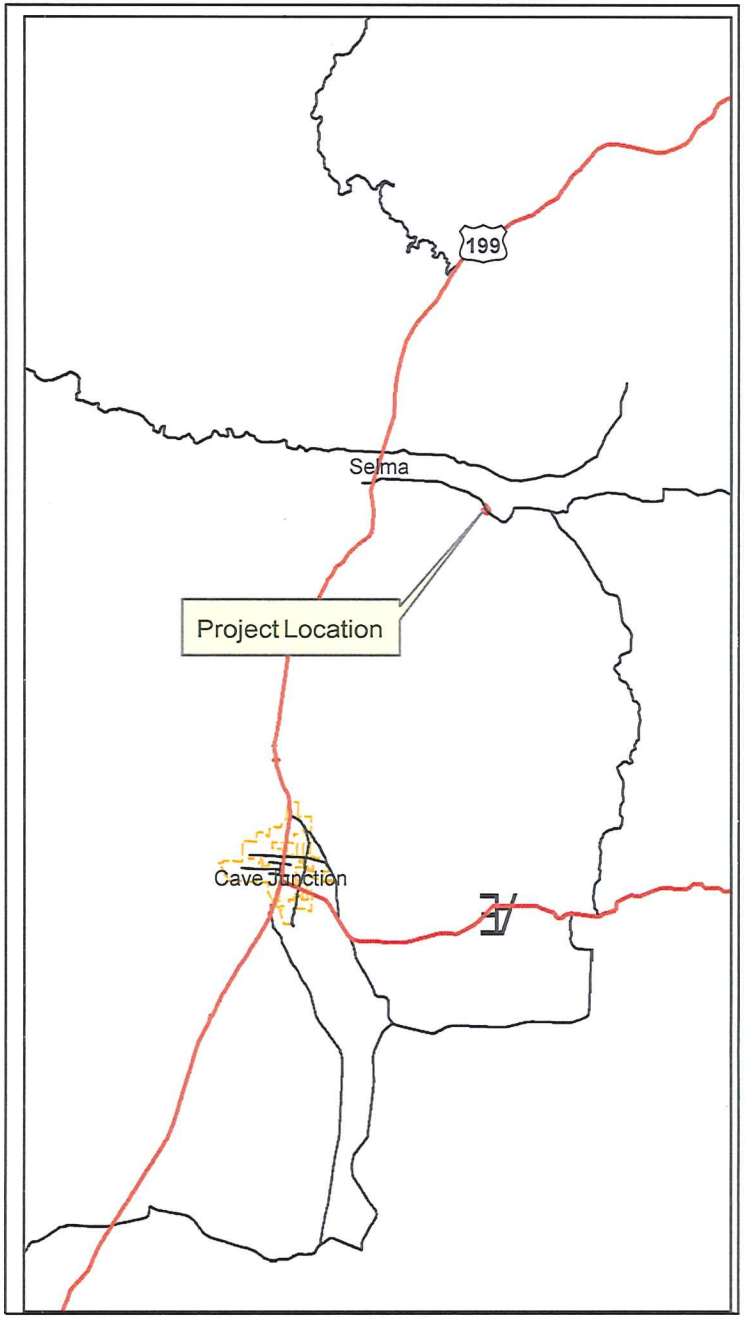


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Figure 1: Lakeshore Drive: Lake Selmac Spillway Bridge Replacement

Project Location Map

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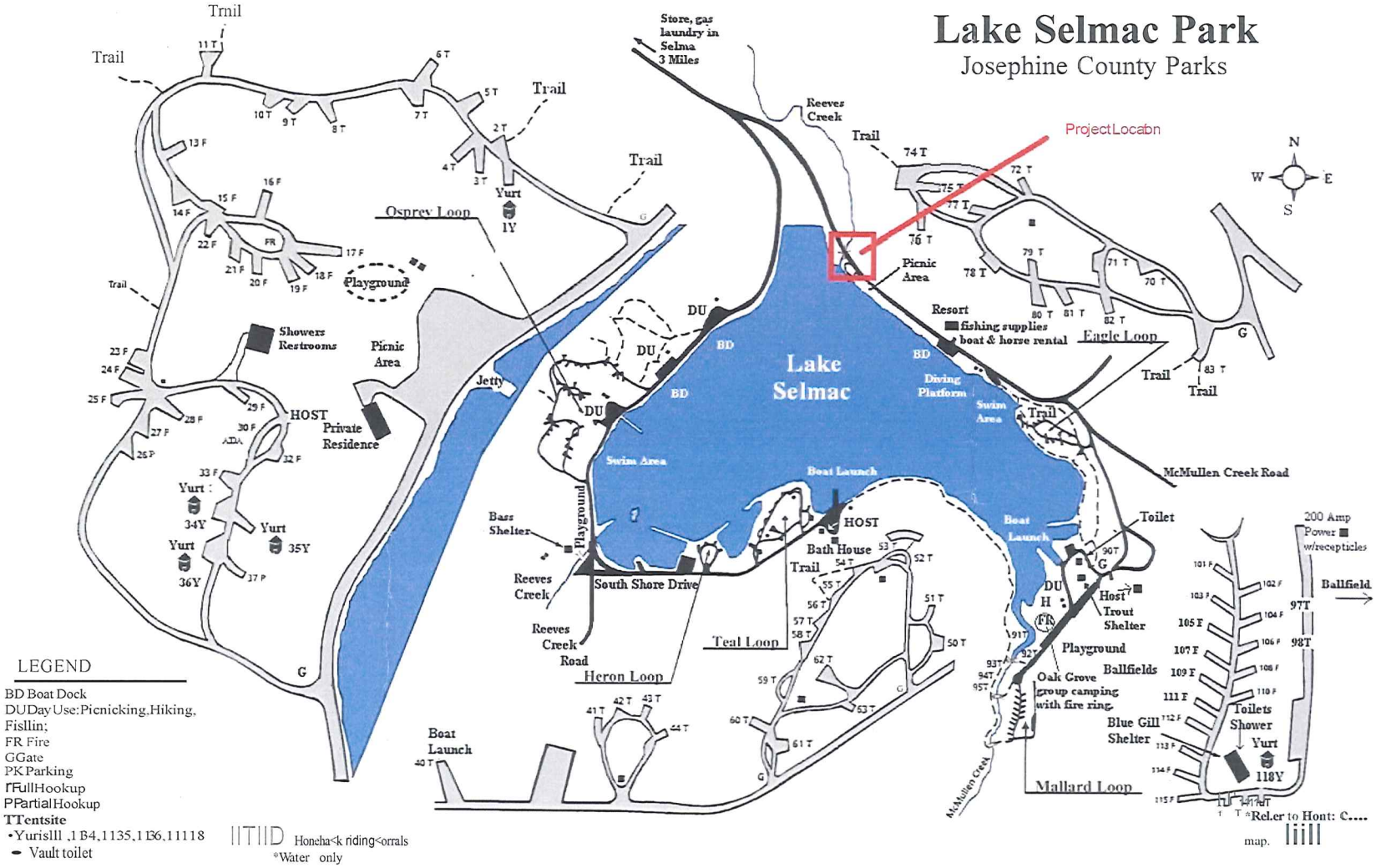

Figure 2. Lake Selmac Park, Josephine County, Oregon

Figure 3. Gravel day use parking lot adjacent to Lake Selmac Spillway Bridge.

According to 23 CFR 774.13 and the FHWA Section 4(f) Policy Paper, temporary occupancy of park property does not constitute a use of Section 4(f) resources if all of the conditions set forth in 23 CFR 774.13(d) are met. Those conditions, and the measures that will be taken to meet those conditions, are described below:

1. **Duration (of the occupancy) must be temporary** – The contractor will be required to use the park property for a time period shorter than is needed for construction of the project. This use will not require a change in ownership of park property.

2. **Scope of the work must be minor** – The day use parking lot adjacent to the Lake Selmac Spillway Bridge is approximately 4,000 ft^2 in area. This parking area is used primarily by people who use the adjacent picnic area or access the lake's shoreline for fishing. Visitors to Lake Selmac will still be able to access all of the other parking areas around the lake and access to the lake's shoreline will not be affected by the use of this parking area for construction staging.

   Although this potential staging area will utilize a small area within the park boundary (4,000 ft^2) the remainder of Lake Selmac Park and the use of its facilities will be unaffected by this project. The staging area will be used for activities including material and equipment storage, parking for construction workers, and placement of a temporary construction office and will not result in major changes to the property.

3. **There are no anticipated permanent adverse physical impacts, nor will there be interference with the protected activities features or attributes of the resource, on either a temporary or permanent basis** – The use of the parking area for staging will not result in permanent physical impacts to the Park property, since the activities within the staging area will likely result in only minor ground disturbance within the park. Recreational activities offered at the Lake Selmac Park include picnicking, horseback riding, walking and hiking, boating, fishing and camping. The Park has several developed, paved or gravel parking areas around the perimeter of the lake that provide parking for users of the park. The use of the gravel parking lot next to the bridge for staging will not affect any of the activities, features or attributes of the park. The size of the staging area will be limited to the area already used as a parking lot. A temporary chain link fence may be installed for security of the staging area during construction.

4. **The land being used must be fully restored** – Site restoration of the park property will be required when the staging area has been vacated by the contractor. The temporary security fence will be removed as will all construction materials, debris and equipment. If necessary, the gravel parking lot will be regraded and graveled to return it to its pre-project condition.

5. **There must be documented agreement of the appropriate local official having jurisdiction over the resource regarding the above conditions**.

The Josephine County Parks Department, which is the Agency with Jurisdiction over Lake Selmac Park, concurs that the Lakeshore Drive: Lake Selmac Spillway Bridge Replacement Project meets the conditions of temporary occupancy of a Section 4(f) resource as described above.

Josephine County Parks Department Official	Parks Manager Title	12-17-2015 Date

If you have any questions regarding this form or the use of park property for construction staging, feel free to contact me by phone or email. Please mail a signed copy of this form to me at the address below.

Thank you.

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