Holman State Wayside is situated near the northeast corner of the Doaks Ferry Road and Highway 22 intersection. The wayside is located in Polk County and contains approximately 9.67-acres. While in service, the wayside made use of the adjacent Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)-owned parking lot in the right-of-way immediately to the west. ODOT also owns the property (approximately 24-acres) immediately east of the wayside.

For decades Holman State Wayside served as a peaceful location for travelers to access water from a local spring. The wayside became less critical for the safety of the travelling public with the increasing reliability of vehicles and the growth of surrounding communities. Closed in 2007, the wayside experienced a significant increase in management challenges in the last decades of its operation.

Public forums, hosted post-closure, indicated continued interest in the asphalt trail running through the property and the ongoing connectivity to the local communities. Additionally, there was enthusiasm to develop trails throughout the wayside for mountain biking opportunities near the Salem urban center. Interest in trail development waned once it was understood that the ODOT properties were not part of the wayside.

In 2013 infrastructure (including the restrooms) was removed from the wayside. The County informed OPRD that due to the high potential for landslides, replacement structures would likely not be permitted on the property.

ODOT has expressed an interest in owning the Holman State Wayside property, as their use of the property may be required to stabilize Doaks Ferry Road and the surrounding hillside - thus protecting Highway 22. The asphalt trail traversing the wayside also crosses both adjacent ODOT parcels (to the east and the west). OPRD staff proposes continued maintenance of, and public access to, this trail as a condition of any potential property transfer.

Prior Action by Commission: None known
Action Requested: None
Attachments: Maps
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