

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

September 16, 2020

Agenda Item: 6a

Information

Topic: ATV Highway Access Route Designation in Lakeside

Presented by: Daniel Killam, Deputy Director of Administration

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 344 (SB344), effective January 1, 2018, directed the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to designate ATV access routes on state highways throughout Oregon in consultation with the All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Highway Access Routes Committee. OPRD was tasked with creating and providing staff resource for the committee in partnership with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The Committee consists of seven members:

- Two representatives of ATV users: Ron Price, Tim Custer
- One representative of a city or county: Brian Worley – Association of Counties
- One representative of a law enforcement agency: Lt. Craig Heuberger – Oregon State Police
- One member of the public: Barrett Brown
- One non-voting OPRD member: Ian Caldwell
- One non-voting ODOT member: Eric Leaming

The purpose of SB344 is to link communities, via incidental use of state highways, with nearby ATV riding opportunities on public lands linking existing trails to create long-distance trail connections for ATV riders. These Highway Access Routes will benefit local communities by providing enhanced recreational opportunities and encouraging tourism.

In April of 2018, Ian Caldwell (OPRD) and Angela Kargel (ODOT) made a presentation at the OPRD Commission Meeting in Lincoln City to outline how the process of designating routes would occur. In August 2018, the committee received an application for a section of Spinreel Road near the City of Lakeside. The purpose was to allow dunes access for the neighbors that lived along the 0.8 mile of Spinreel Road which was previously the original U.S. 101. This road is considered a frontage road by ODOT and has low volumes of use (530 vehicles per day). The Advisory Committee reviewed the Route, held a public meeting, took public comments and interviewed stakeholders. They recommended that the OTC designate the route and the OTC approved it at their April 2019 Commission Meeting.

In 2020 State Parks received another application to open the remaining 0.5 mile of road to connect the City of Lakeside to the Spinreel OHV Staging Area, which provides access to the sand dunes. The purpose is to encourage ATVs to come into town to visit restaurants and use the grocery store. There is also a hotel and county park where people can camp and access the dunes. When U.S. 101 was rerouted, an overpass was constructed over the railroad tracks, Tenmile

Creek and the old highway. This creates a unique opportunity along the Oregon Coast to have a city be able to have direct ATV access to the Dunes without crossing U.S.101. The City is evaluating how this will be occurring and may consider opening more of the City Streets to ATV use so residents can access the dunes. Other options for routes was explored but due to land ownerships, the railroad tracks, U.S. 101 and Tenmile Creek there are limited routes to connect the City to the Dunes. The City passed an Ordinance to allow ATVs on the main business route to get to the town based on the approval of the Spinreel Road.

The ATV Grant program currently provides funding for just over 2 FTE Coos County Sheriff's Deputies for ATV patrols. OPRD staff and the sheriff's office have been in discussions to have the ATV deputies spend more time in city for ATV enforcement. OPRD keeps track of hours spent in town, warnings, and citations issued in the Law Enforcement Tracking System (LETS). On August 13, 2020, the OTC officially designated the rest of Spinreel Road as an ATV Highway Access Route and the City and ODOT installed signs on the next day to open the route. ATVs have begun using the route and sheriff's office is providing patrols.

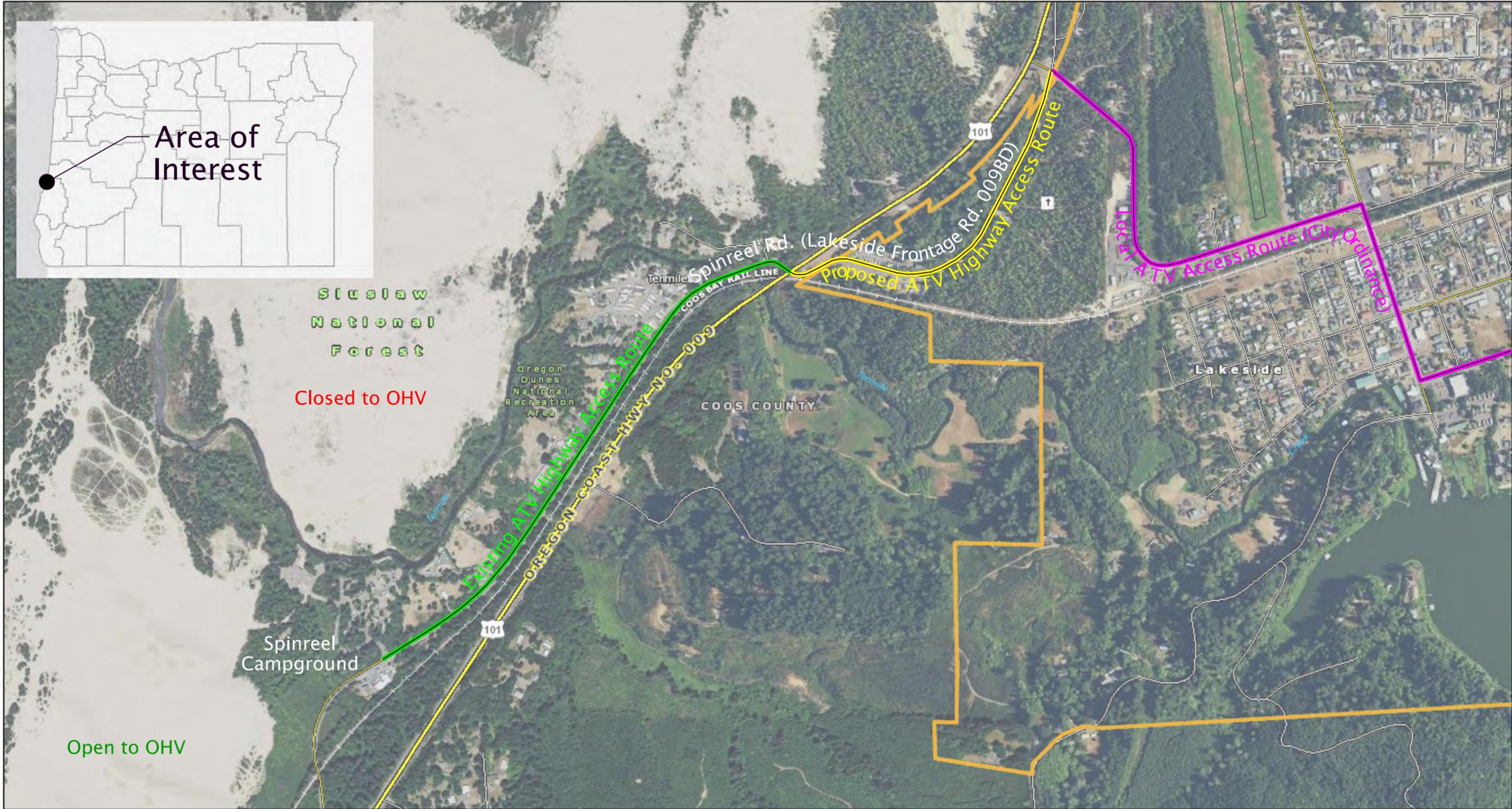
Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: None.

Prepared by: Ian Caldwell

Attachments: Attachment A – Map
Attachment B - Photo

Spinreel Road proposed ATV Highway Access Route - Overview



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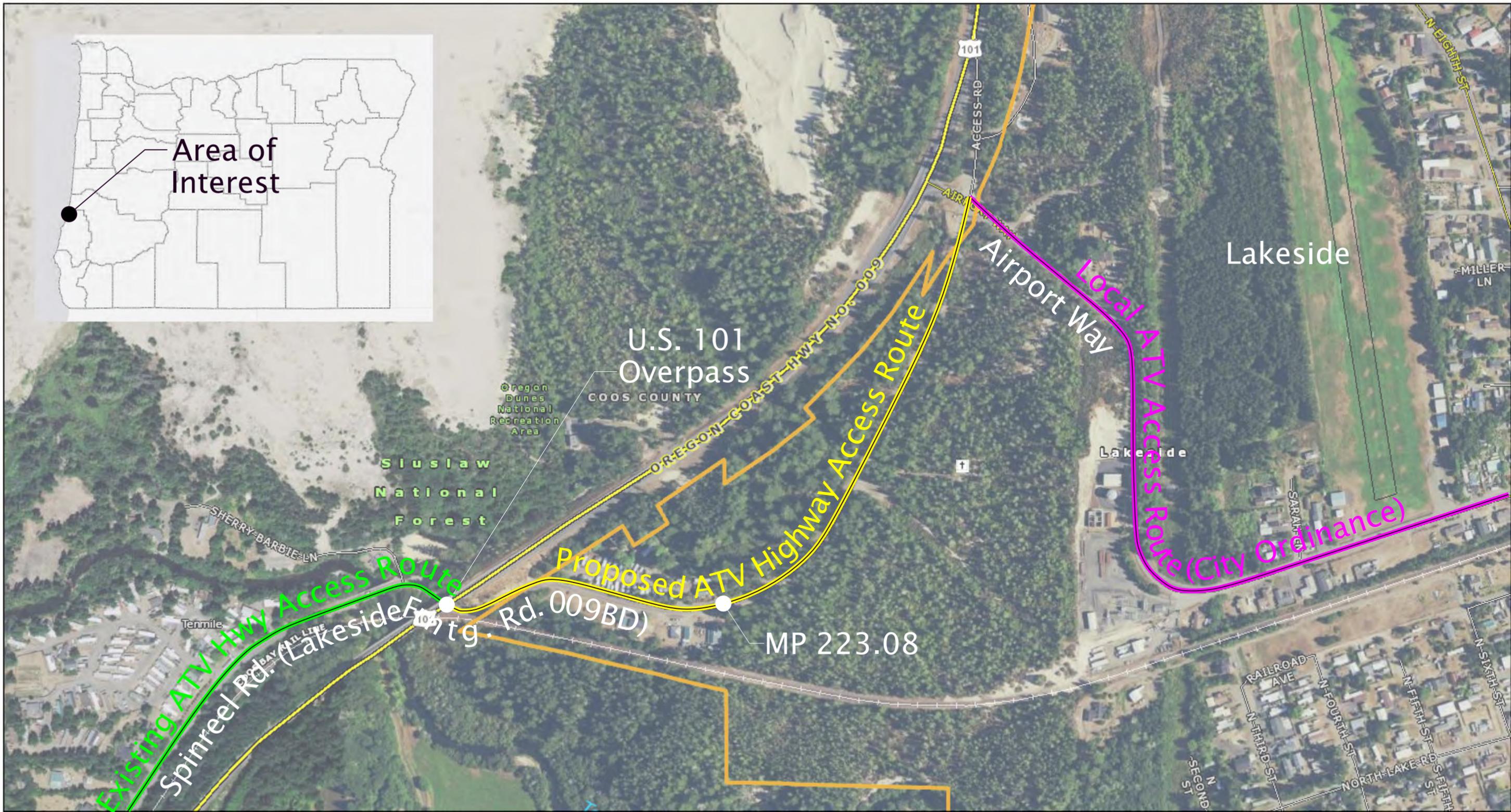
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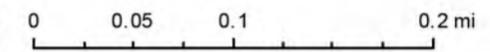
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Attachment B – Photo of ATVs in Lakeside

