Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

September 20, 2023

Agenda Item: 5b Information

Public Comment Allowed: **Yes**

Topic: Ontario SRS – Easement to City of Ontario

Presented by: Alice Beals, Right of Way Agent

Ontario State Recreation Site is located on the west bank of the Snake River, just north of Ontario, Oregon. The site consists of approximately 79 acres that are managed as a day use area with a boat launch facility. The northernmost 1 acre of the property (north of the public entrance road) is used as an OPRD maintenance site. For safety reasons, this portion of the site is fenced and closed to the public.

Within this maintenance site is an underground pipeline serving the City of Ontario's wastewater treatment plant. Installation of this line occurred in the early 1990s. Neither OPRD nor the City were able to locate a Permit or Easement that allowed the installation of the segment through OPRD land.

The City plans to make improvements to their line and outfall this year and OPRD has approved and permitted their improvements to the segment of line within our property. In exchange for permitting this activity the City will work with OPRD staff to provide excavation work needed for OPRD to make improvements to utilities at this location.

In 2006 the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was granted a 20-foot-wide drainage easement north of the entrance road and south of the City's pipeline. Given the existing ODOT easement, OPRD Staff recommends granting an easement to the City of Ontario for their existing facilities as it would have a negligible impact on the property, legitimize their existing pipeline, allow them access for maintenance, and remove any "cloud" from our title that may arise from this unrecorded use.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: None

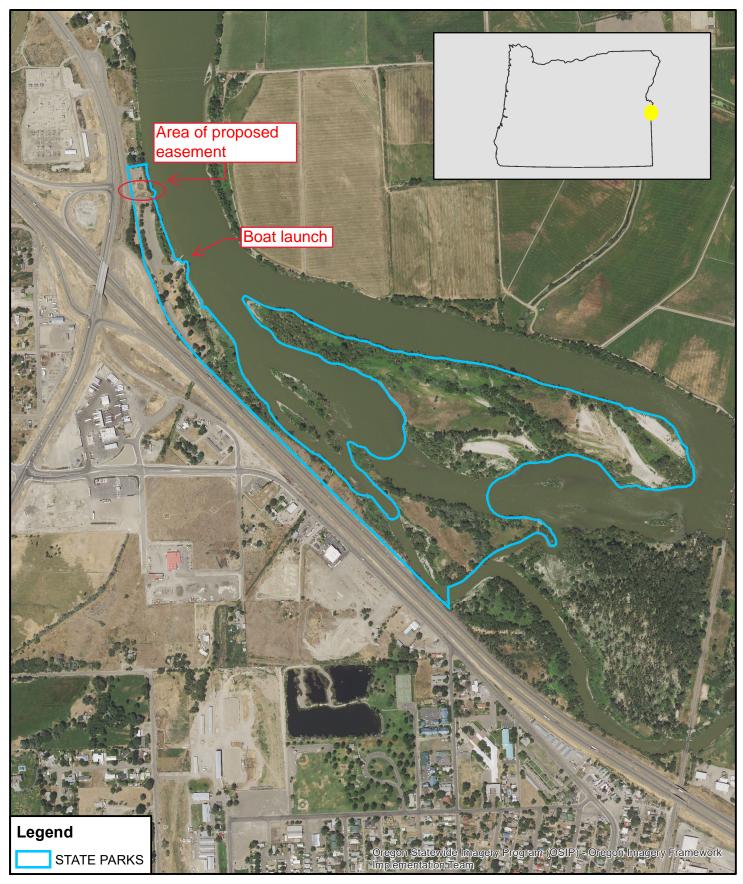
Attachments: 5b - Attachment A and B- Maps

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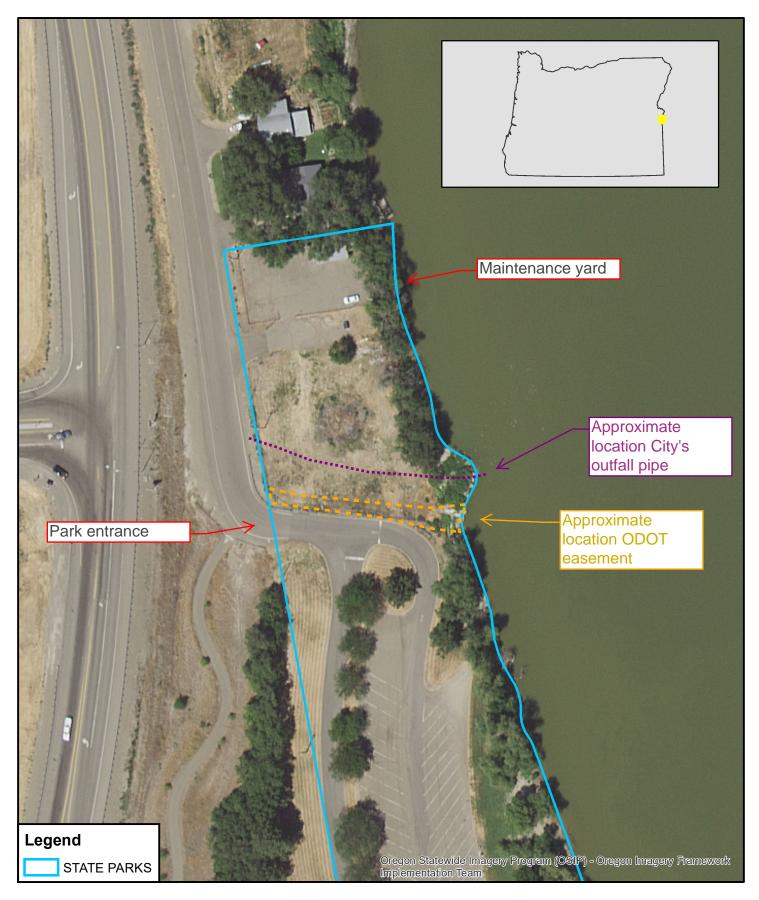




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