

# Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission

April 24, 2024

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Agenda Item: 5a

Information

Topic: Haystack Hill State Scenic Viewpoint – Potential Donation

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## **Background:**

Haystack Hill State Scenic Viewpoint (SSV), a 9.10-acre property gifted to the State of Oregon in 1969, is located at the south end of downtown Cannon Beach in Clatsop County. Donated to the state parks system by John Yeon, one of the initial State Parks Commissioners and conservationist, the property at Haystack Hill SSV is focused on scenic and natural values. Its use is significantly restricted for developed recreation. The otherwise undeveloped SSV includes a hiking trail that winds through a forest of towering spruce and fir trees and an undergrowth of ferns to two summit areas. The west summit offers scenic views of Haystack Rock and other rock formations while the east summit offers views of Angora Peak and nearby peaks.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) staff continue conversations with the owners' of the property along Haystack Hill SSV's north border. The 4.07-acre property is currently owned by a family trust with multiple members united in their will to see it protected for future generations. They and members of the community are partnering with North Coast Land Conservancy to collect donations towards the preservation of this property and potential donation to OPRD. Similar to Haystack Hill SSV, this undeveloped property includes a mature forest and views of Tillamook Head, Silver Point, the sea, sky and woodlands. The property also provides habitat for various wildlife and an accessible natural space for residents and visitors alike. The current owners would like to see its use restricted similarly to the property accepted from Mr. Yeon to protect the property's natural resources.

OPRD supports public ownership of this property to protect the scenic quality of this location, provide additional area for outdoor recreation and buffer from potential development.

**Prior Action by Commission:** None

**Action Requested:** None

**Attachment:** 5a. Attachment A – Map  
5a. Attachment B - Map

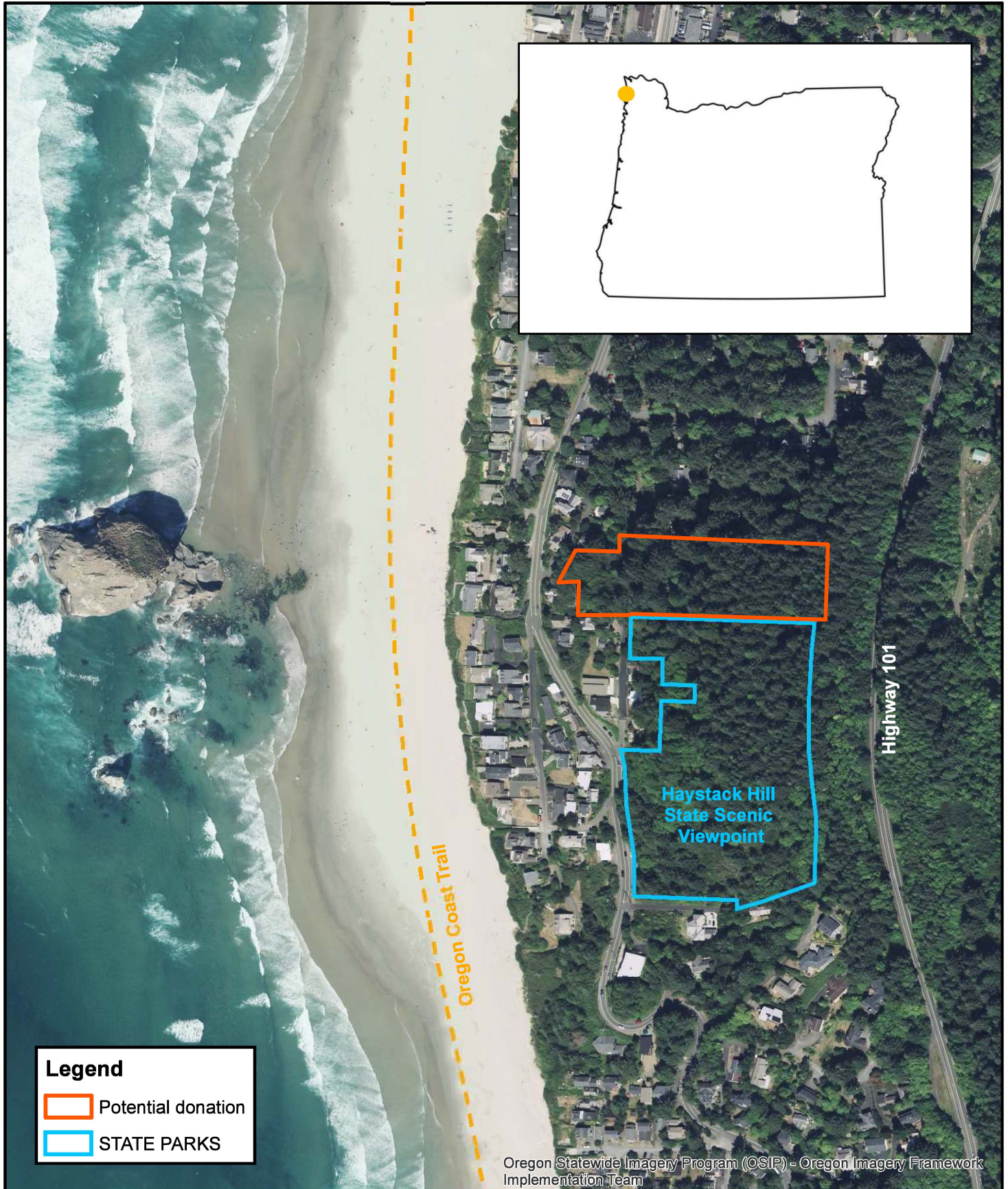
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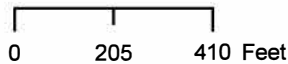
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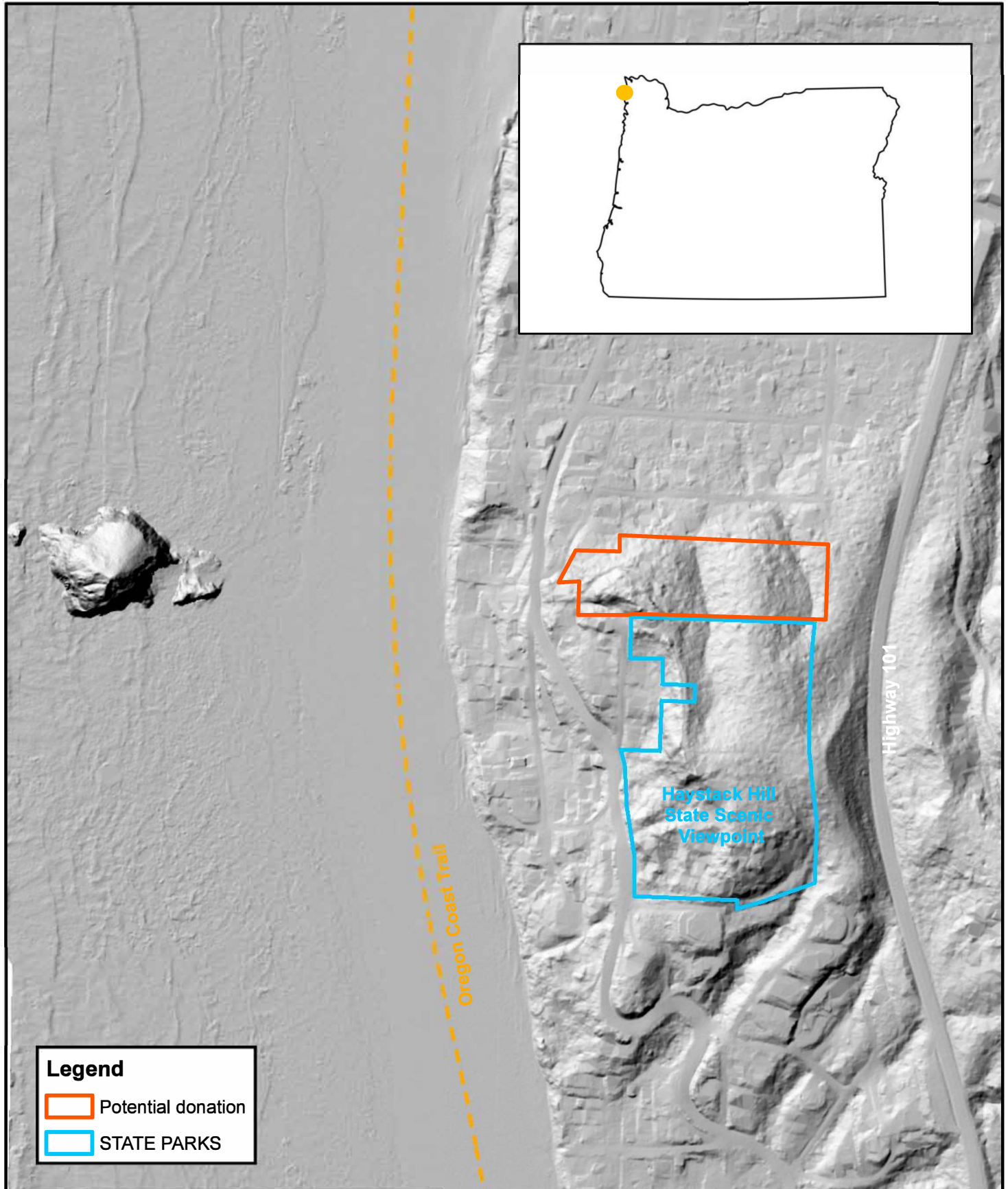
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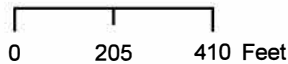
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**Legend**

- Potential donation
- STATE PARKS

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