Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 23, 2025

Agenda Item: 5b Information

Public Comment Allowed: Yes

Topic: Heceta Head Lighthouse SSV – Siuslaw School Dist. Inholding

Presented by: Jeff Walker, Property Agent

Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic Viewpoint (SSV) encompasses approximately 549 acres on both sides of Highway 101 in Lane County. The Heceta Head Lighthouse sits 206 feet above the Pacific Ocean and is believed to be the most photographed on the Oregon Coast. The lands were acquired by the State Parks system dating back to the 1930's. This scenic viewpoint, located twelve miles north of Florence, offers hiking trails, marine mammal and bird watching, and other outdoor activities that have welcomed state park visitors for decades.

While working on another Heceta Head SSV project in the immediate area, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Real Estate Services staff recently discovered a one-acre inholding parcel that is owned by the Siuslaw School District. This vacant parcel is located along Cape Creek Road, approximately quarter mile north of the Heceta Head Lighthouse parking lot. The parcel is zoned PR (Park and Recreation) making it a non-residential lot, essentially a "recreation only" parcel. The property has recreational, natural, and scenic attributes. With OPRD owning the surrounding land, if acquired, this parcel would align with our park planning policies, eliminate possible management issues, and supports the operation as state park land.

Staff envisions this property fitting well with OPRD park priorities. In conversations with the school district regarding OPRD possibly acquiring the land, they expressed interest in selling the parcel. Staff anticipate coming before the commission for approval to acquire this one-acre inholding in the near future.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: None.

Attachment: 5b – Exhibit A – Heceta Head Lighthouse SSV – Inholding map.

5b – Exhibit B – Siuslaw School District Parcel – Inholding map.

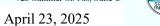
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Heceta Head Lighthouse SSV

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Siuslaw School District Parcel





