

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 23, 2025

Agenda Item:	5g	Action
Public Comment Allowed:	Yes	
Topic:	Tub Springs State Wayside – Potential Transfer to BLM	
Presented by:	Tabitha Henricksen, Property Agent	

Tub Springs State Wayside (Tub Springs) is a 40-acre property acquired by the State Parks system in 1939. Tub Springs, which lies along the historic Applegate Trail, has a long history as a rest location for travelers of all kinds. Towering trees and a series of tiered, stone tubs with cascading water have welcomed state park visitors for decades. The site currently contains several trails, an Oregon Heritage Tree (Tub Springs Sugar Pine), picnic facilities and restroom 18 miles east of the City of Ashland, OR on Highway 66.

Jackson County Parks has been managing Tub Springs since 2021 via an intergovernmental agreement with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). In the past, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has also partnered with OPRD in providing maintenance or interpretative services at the site. Tub Springs lies in the center of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) and is noted for visitors on CSNM maps (See Attachment C). The CSNM was created in 2000 and expanded in 2017. It hosts a remarkable range of biological, geological, aquatic, archaeological and historic objects. In 2023 the BLM expressed interest in exploring potential acquisition of the Tub Springs property. The important cultural and historic context of the Tub Springs property makes it a promising potential addition to CSNM. BLM recently completed a revised Resource Management Plan for the CSNM and will be able to efficiently utilize local management resources for protection and interpretation of the property.

Jackson County Parks has expressed their support of a potential transfer of the site to BLM as well.

Prior Action by Commission: Information Item 5d – February 27, 2024

Action Requested: Approve the transfer of this property to the Bureau of Land Management and authorize the OPRD director to sign all necessary instruments effectuating the transaction.

Attachment: 5g – Exhibit A – Park map
5g – Exhibit B – Surrounding area topo map
5g – Exhibit C – Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument brochure maps

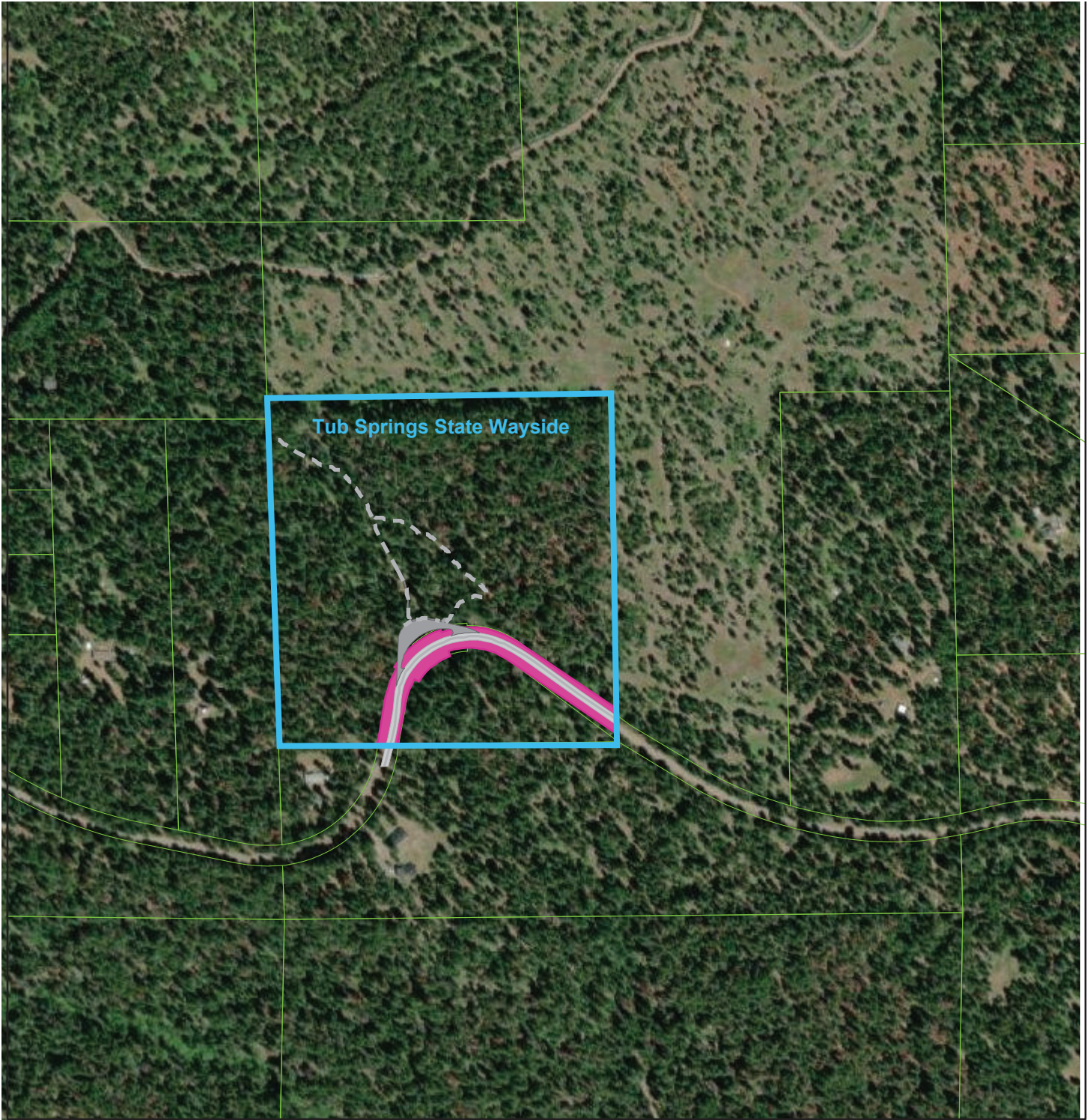
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Exhibit A

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TRANSPORTATION_CENTERLINE	Trail	0 0.05 0.1 0.2 mi
Road	Parking	
Trail	Walkway/Sidewalk	
Walkway/Sidewalk	CURRENT PARCELS	
TRANSPORTATION_HARD_SURFACE	Easement/Reservation	
Road	STATEWIDE_TAXLOTS	

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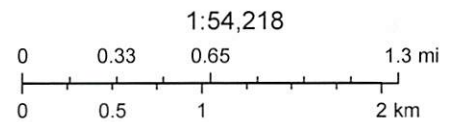
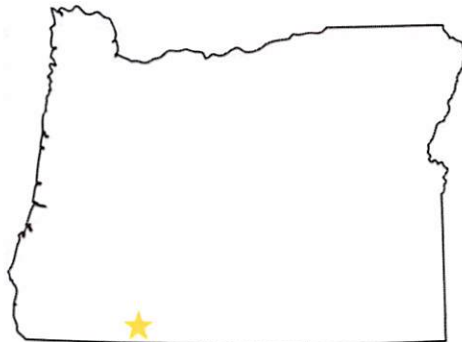
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Exhibit C

