

## Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

September 14, 2022

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Agenda Item:           5a           **Action**  
Public Comment Allowed:   **Yes**  
Topic:                   Frenchglen – Ross Acquisition  
Presented by:           Kammie Bunes, Property Agent

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The small town of Frenchglen is located along Highway 205; nearby Steens Mountain and the Alvord Desert attract visitors to this southern area of Harney County. John Ross, concessionaire at Frenchglen Hotel State Historic Site since 1991, is retiring and moving from the area. During his tenure, Mr. Ross acquired land adjacent to the Frenchglen Hotel and developed a single-family residence and a separate, five-unit apartment building known as the Drover's Inn.

The Ross property includes two taxlots, each approximately two acres. Acquisition of Mr. Ross's property will provide living space for a new concessionaire and a more attractive concession as the apartment units can be rented out in addition to the rooms at the hotel. While the historic Frenchglen Hotel provides a window to our past, some visitors prefer the more modern amenities of the Dover Inn.

The appraisal process is wrapping up as of this writing. Staff will meet with Mr. Ross to seek agreement for purchase based on the reviewed appraisal value. Bringing the acquisition to the Commission prior to a solidified agreement is uncommon, but warranted in this circumstance in order to determine whether the department will advertise the concession opportunity with, or without the Ross property.

**Prior Action by Commission:** February 2022 (Information)

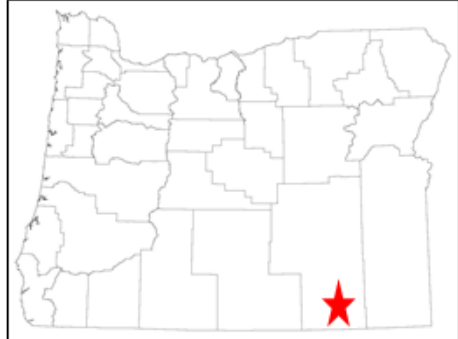
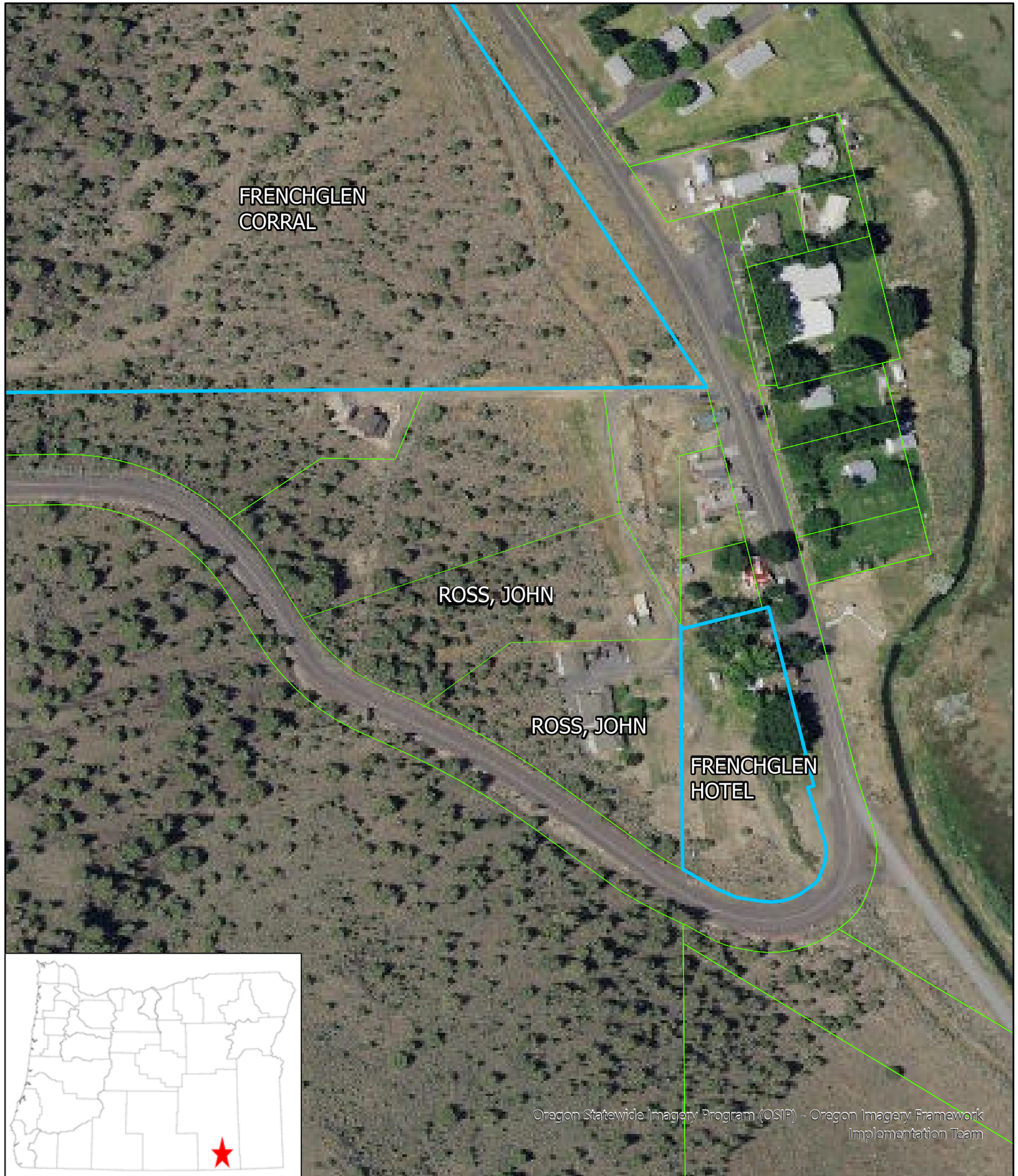
**Action Requested:** Approve acquisition of the Ross property at Frenchglen.

**Attachments:** 5a - Attachment A - Map

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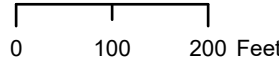
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