

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

November 15, 2023

Agenda Item: 5a

Information

Public Comment Allowed: Yes

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 in 1969, is located at the south end of downtown Cannon Beach in Clatsop County. The SSV is undeveloped and 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.

In April 2023, OPRD was approached by a local resident who, along with six family members, owns a 4.07-acre parcel of undeveloped land adjacent to Haystack Hill State SSV to the north. 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, including elk, eagles, and an occasional cougar.

The family has owned the property since 1974 and is united in their will to see it protected for future generations. The family would like the property to be donated to OPRD as an addition to Haystack Hill SSV but is not in the position to make an outright donation themselves. Currently, the family is working to secure monetary donations in the amount of the appraised value of the land, at which point the property would be purchased with the donated funds and the land then donated to OPRD.

OPRD's ownership of this land would help protect the scenic quality of this location, provide additional area for recreational opportunities, and create an additional buffer from potential development.

Department staff will continue to have conversations with the property owners regarding the status of their fundraising efforts and conduct site assessments. Staff expects to seek Commission approval to accept the donation of the property at a future Commission meeting once the property is ready to be donated to OPRD.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: None

Attachment: 5a-Attachment A - Map

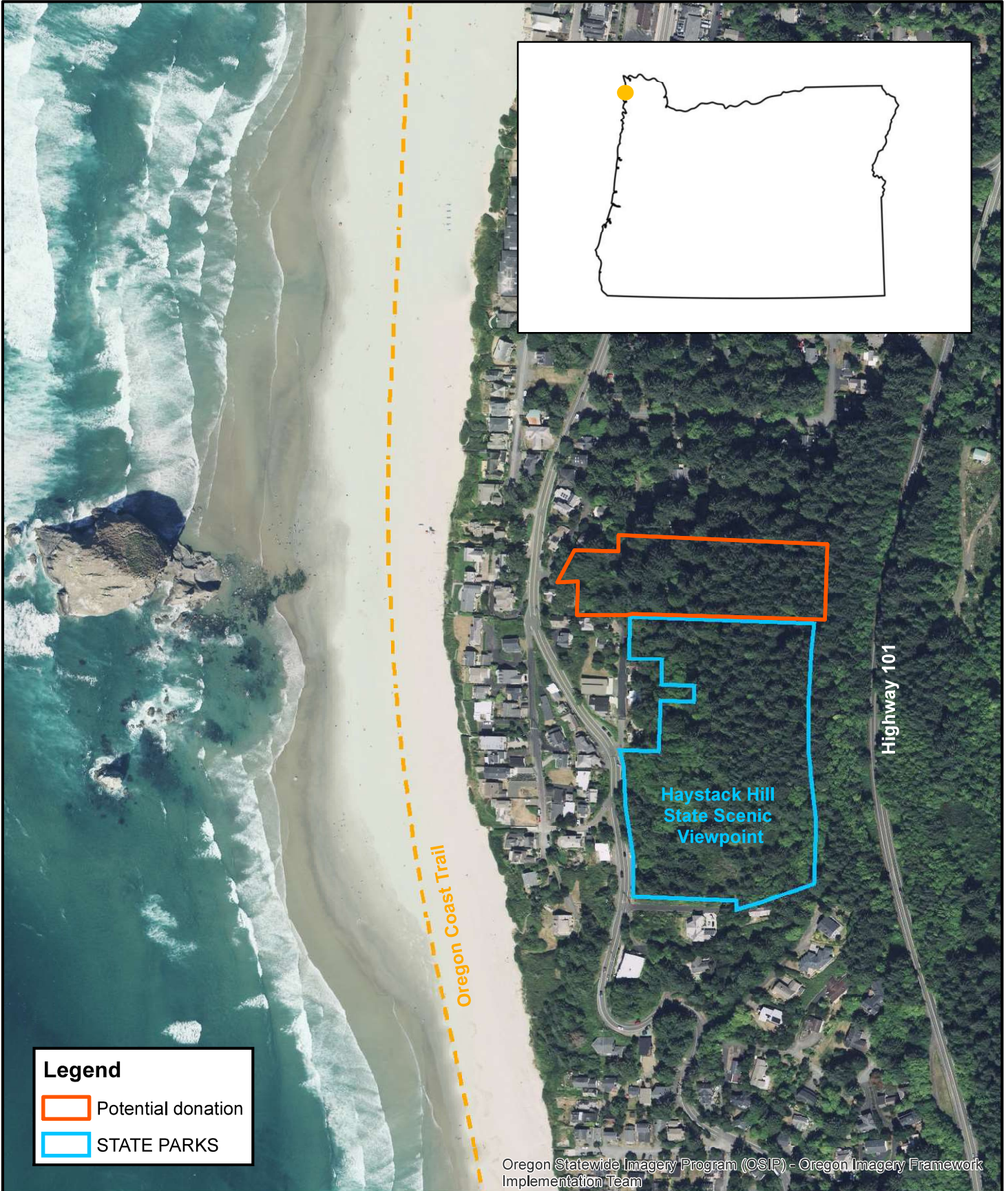
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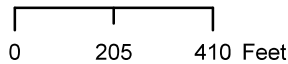
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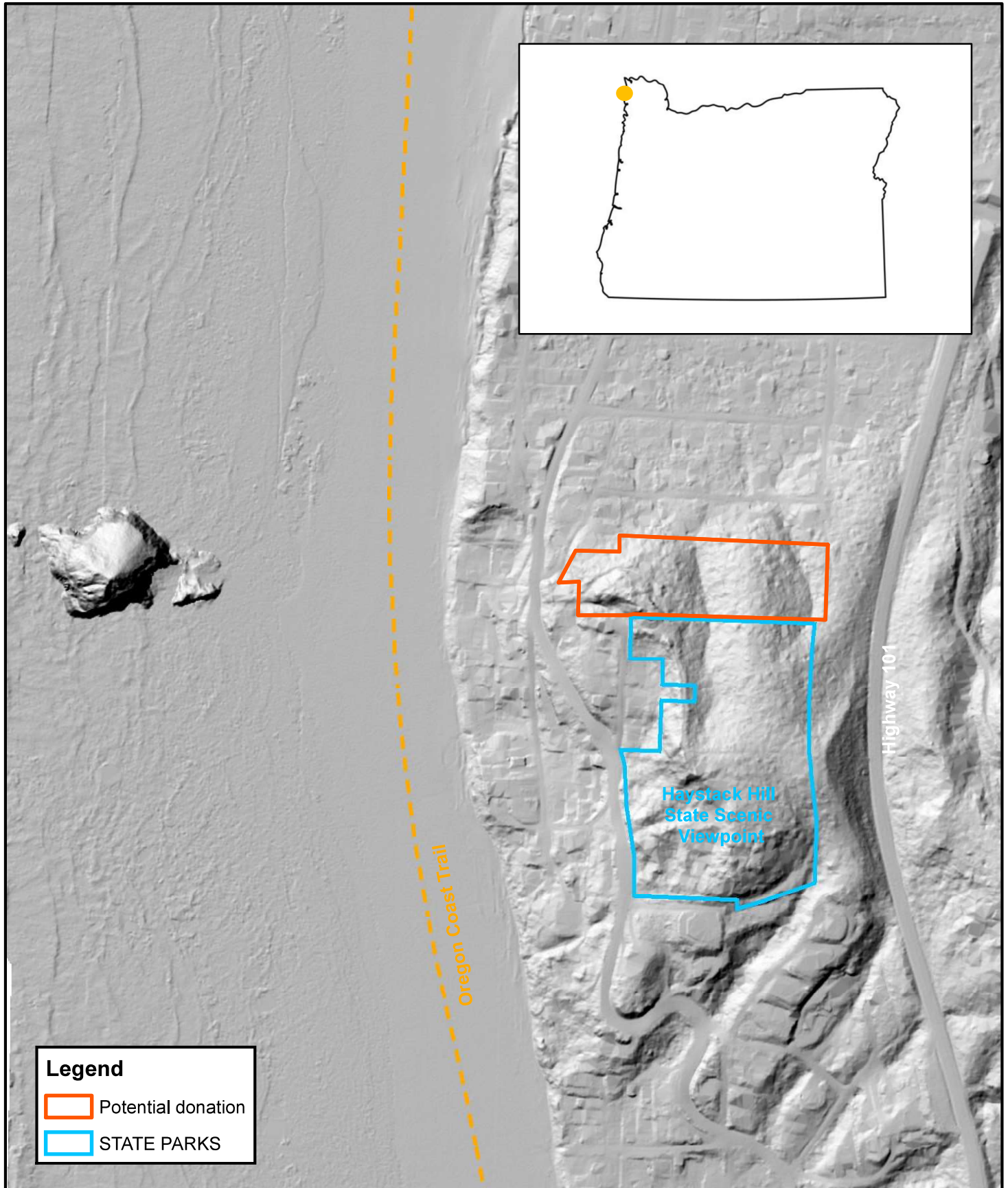
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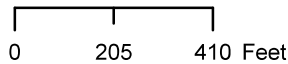
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Legend

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