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Juniper Ridge – TSSA – Update

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Agenda

Purpose of today's meeting is to provide an update/status on the Temporary Safe Stay Area (TSSA) management and implementation, and clarify next steps.

Overview

Collaborative Efforts

Intent

Continued Efforts

Housing Focused Case Management

Enforcement

Challenges

Next Steps – Closure or Extend

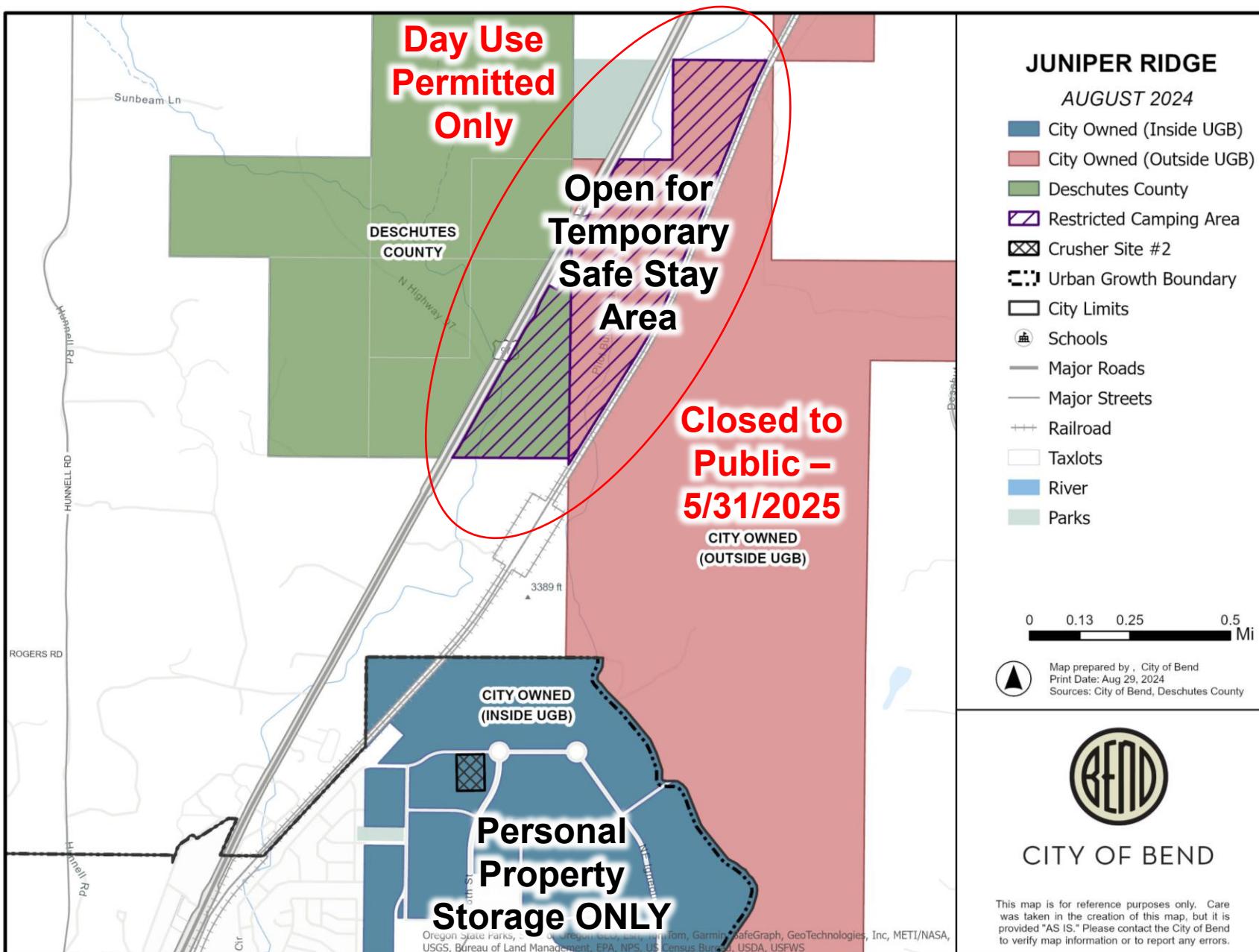
Further Discussion/Questions



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Overview

- Code Enforcement Notices – 2024
- China Hat – Roundtable
 - Regional Collaboration
 - Health & Safety
 - Environmental Impacts (Bio-hazard, Wildfire, etc.)



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This map is for reference purposes only. Care was taken in the creation of this map, but it is provided "AS IS." Please contact the City of Bend to verify map information or to report any errors.

TSSA – Collaborative Efforts

 **September 5, 2024**

Joint Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Bend City Council

 **October 29, 2024**

City Council adopted the joint resolution at a special meeting

 **March 1, 2025 – Present**

Expansion of services at TSSA, including sanitation and housing-focused case management.



 Deschutes County adopted a joint resolution to create a Temporary Safe Stay Area at Juniper Ridge

 **October 23, 2024**

 Bend City Council adopted a resolution to create the Houseless Services Grant Program

 **November 6, 2024**



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TSSA – Intent



As stated in the adopted resolutions*, is to *“...mitigate and improve the health and safety risks associated with unmanaged camping, and to provide improved sanitation services and case management to facilitate people camping at Juniper Ridge moving into safer shelter or housing.”*



Reduce TSSA Area by ~50% in Year 2 (2026)



Full Closure of TSSA Area – on or before December 31, 2026



*County No. 2024-046, City No. 3401



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TSSA – Continued Efforts

**Hygiene Stations
(Toilets, Water,
Handwashing)**

**Security Patrol
(~4 hours/day)**

**Infrastructure
Protection
(COID, Swalley)**

**Fuels/Fire Mitigation
(City & County)**

**Housing Focused
Case Management**

**Rules/Guidelines
Adoption &
Enforcement**

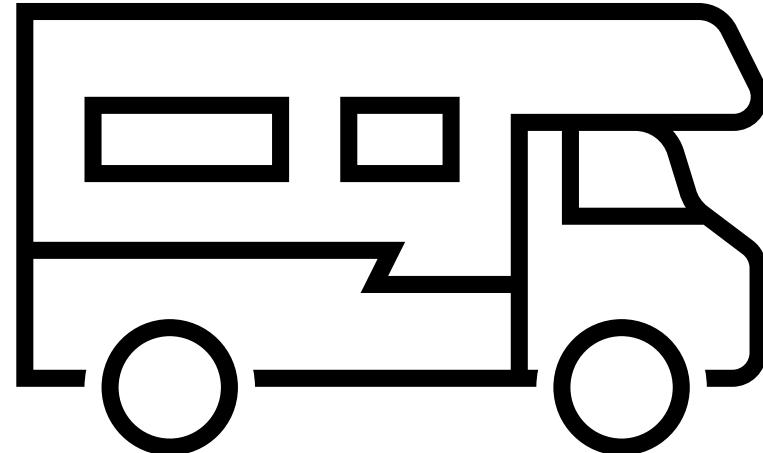


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Provider/Grantee – Levels of Engagement

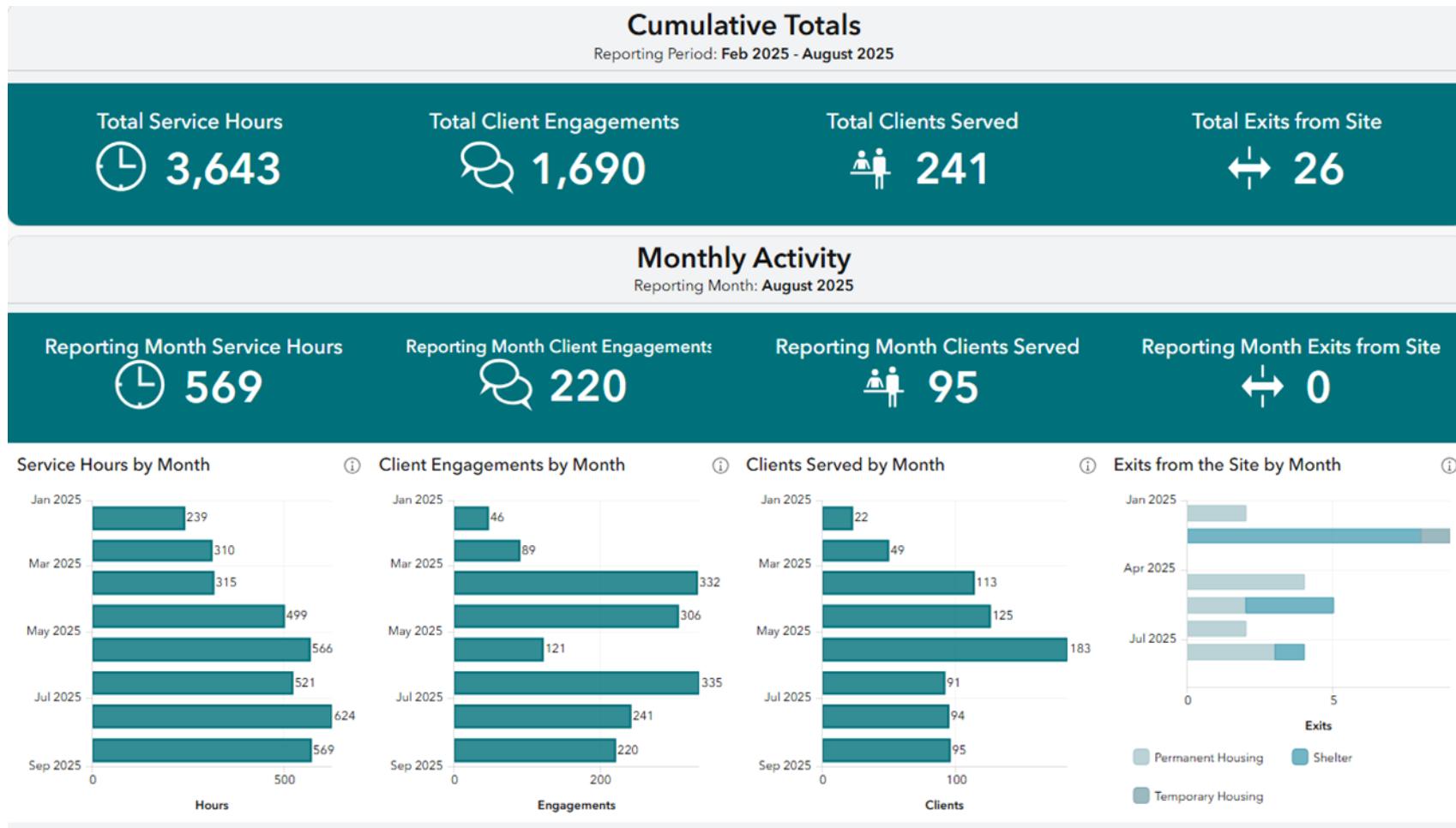
City of Bend Houseless Services Grant recipients have engaged 241 clients at the TSSA

Reflects the exceptional rapport providers build with people survival camping and the interest in housing-centered case management



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Case Management - Dashboard



[Temporary Safe Stay Area \(TSSA\) Dashboard](#)



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Provider/Grantees – Expenditures

Provider	Award	Expended	Percent Expended
Central Oregon Villages	\$183,863.00	\$3,149.16	1.71%
Companion Animal Medical Project	\$100,000.00	\$20,625.20	25.98%
Home More Network	\$154,700.00	\$25,000.00	16.16%
Mosaic Community Health	\$135,906.00	\$39,823.91	29.30%
REACH	\$283,431.00	\$55,806.62	19.69%
Shepherd's House Ministries	\$223,132.00	\$52,880.73	23.70%
NeighborImpact	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total	\$1,131,032.00	\$173,119.45	15.31%



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Shelter and Housing Assumptions

- Considerations
 - ~191 campers / 143 camps (9/16/2025)
 - 70 campers have current HEAT assessments (9/16/2025)
 - City-supported shelters are at 95% utilization for the current calendar year
 - 5-6 families with 8-10 minor children in the TSSA

25% or 48 people may qualify for permanent supportive housing (PSH)

25% of people may wish to access safe parking (24-35 additional spaces)

25% of non-congregate shelter beds (28 room motel)

25% people may wish to access a managed camp (48 spaces)



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TSSA – Rules & Regulations

- Vehicle camping is permitted within the designated area
- Construction, including vehicle additions and fencing, is not allowed
- Causing damage or injury, or engaging in threats to physical safety is prohibited
- Dumping of black/gray water (water or human waste) is prohibited
- Use of any road or access point other than what is authorized is prohibited
- All trash must be disposed of in dumpsters or yellow bags
- All open flames and fires, including recreational fires, burning garbage, etc. deemed unsafe by Bend Fire & Rescue is prohibited
- Discharge of firearms is prohibited
- Storage of and abandonment of inoperable vehicles and tires is prohibited
- Animals and pets must be kept on leash and under control at all times



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TSSA – Notice of Remedy / Removal

Remedy

- Noise or disruption
- Cooking/open flames deemed unsafe
- Failing to utilize hygiene stations
- Dumping/littering
- Off leash animal/pet
- Creation or use of unauthorized roads
- Camping outside of boundary
- Abandoning vehicles
- Construction of new structures
- Camping in structures or tents

Removal

- Conditions/behavior creating danger to public health, life, safety
- Civil or criminal offenses, particularly threats or injury to people and property
- Black/gray water dumping
- Excessive dumping/littering
- Fire, cooking/open flames deemed unsafe
- Discharge of firearms
- Damage to infrastructure or property



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TSSA – Enforcement



June 2025 began concerted effort to educate camps of the Rules & Regulations, emphasizing compliance

August 2025 began issuing Notice to Remedy's – 10 to date

September 2025 issued 3 removals for non-compliance with remedy and Rules



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TSSA – Challenges



Population: Closure of China Hat/Cabin Butte Project and surrounding BLM property shifted >100 people to the TSSA. Total = ~191 People



Rules Compliance & Enforcement: Staffing levels less than adequate to address increased population



Land Management Costs: ~\$1M (City & County – FY 24 & 25) for TSSA hygiene, security, trash; closure/cleanup east of RR tracks; staffing, management, enforcement



Housing/Shelter Options: Lack of housing, shelter, safe parking, and other transition opportunities



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Deschutes County expenses

CATEGORY	FY '24	FY '25	FY '26 (3 mos)	TOTAL
Water	\$20,105	\$34,255	\$9,300	\$63,660
Portable Toilets & Handwashing Stations	\$17,625	\$19,450	\$3,600	\$40,675
Dumpsters	\$5,978	\$10,189	\$2,957	\$19,124
Security	\$41,436	\$65,821	\$21,396	\$128,653
General Cleanup	\$102,532	\$108,779	\$37,226	\$248,537
Misc (fire gates, eco blocks, etc)	\$12,750	\$45,741	\$394	\$58,885
TOTAL	\$200,426	\$284,235	\$74,873	\$599,534



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Next Steps – In Accordance w/Resolution

Increase compliance and enforcement efforts; removing individuals and camps that do not remedy or comply with the Rules and Regulations.

Continue to support efforts for safer shelter and/or housing to increase the number of successful exits and transitions from the area.

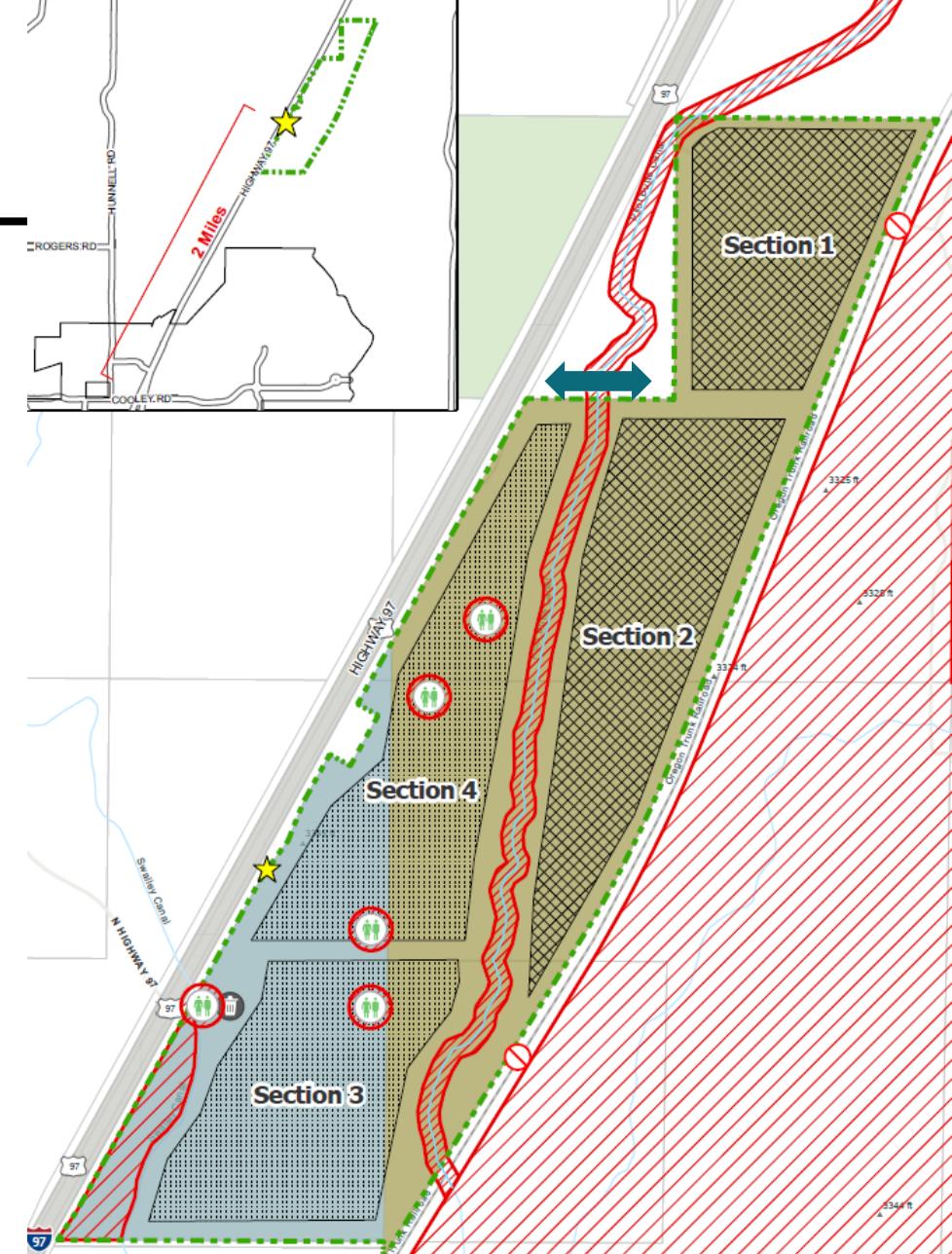
Coordinate a closure plan for the area for on or before Dec. 2026.



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Next Steps – Closure (Concept)

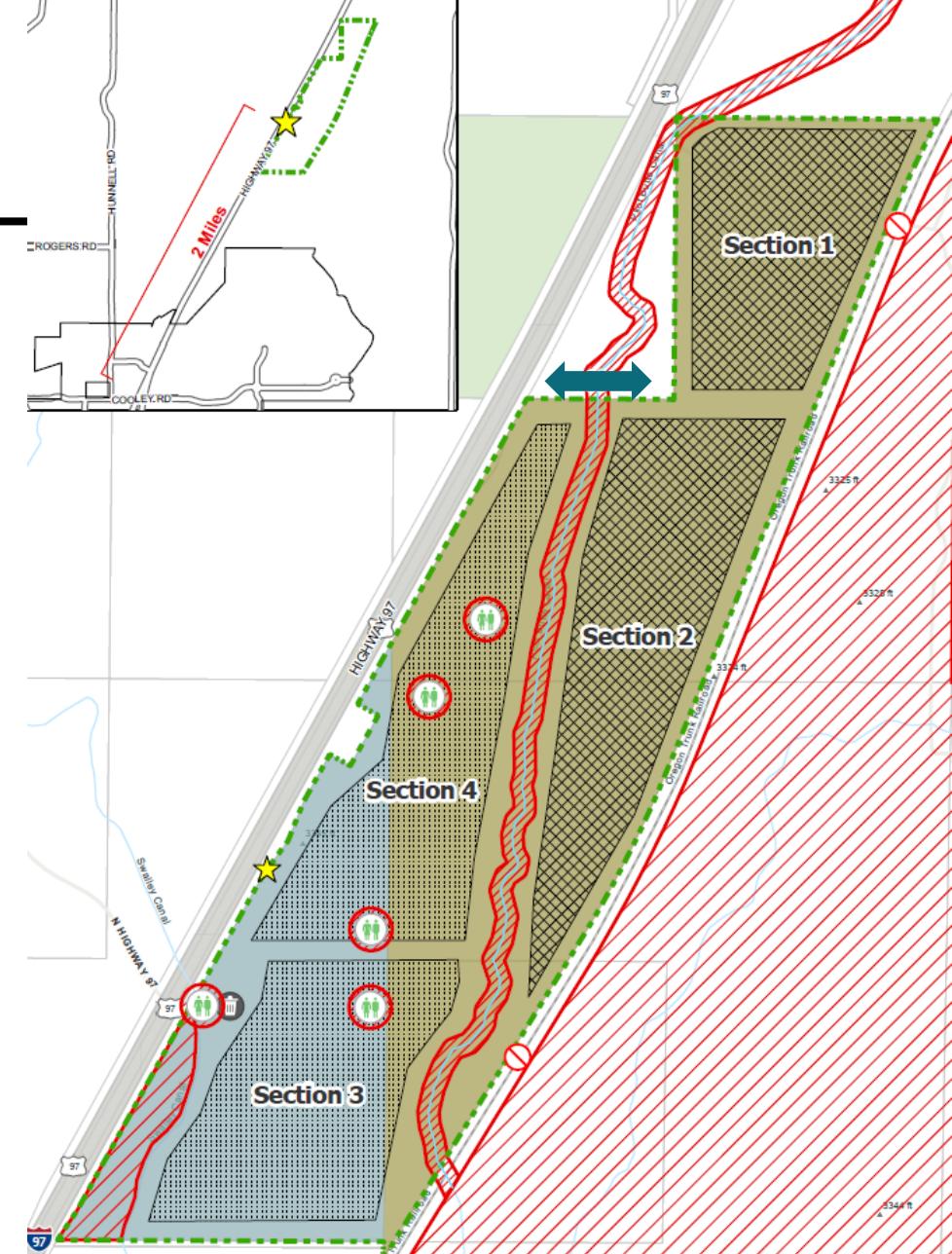
- Aim for full Closure October/November 2026
- Phased Closure with noticing beginning in March 2026
- Close a section every 60-90 days between May and October/November
- Start with area at the north end adjacent to COID infrastructure



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Alternative – Extend (Concept)

- Extend Closure into 2027 (Date, TBD)
- Reduce TSSA area by 50% in 2026.
- Phased Closure of Sections 1 & 2 beginning in March 2026, complete by July 2026.
- Allow individuals/camps located in Sections 1 & 2 to relocate to Sections 3 & 4.



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Discussion / Questions



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