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Juniper Ridge – TSSA Update

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April 28, 2025

Agenda

The primary purpose of today's meeting is to provide an update on the proposed Temporary Safe Stay Area's ("TSSA") implementation.

TSSA Background

Guidelines/Rules/Roles

Expanded Services

Infrastructure Protection

Fuels Mitigation

City – Eastside R&R Closure

Housing Focused Case Management

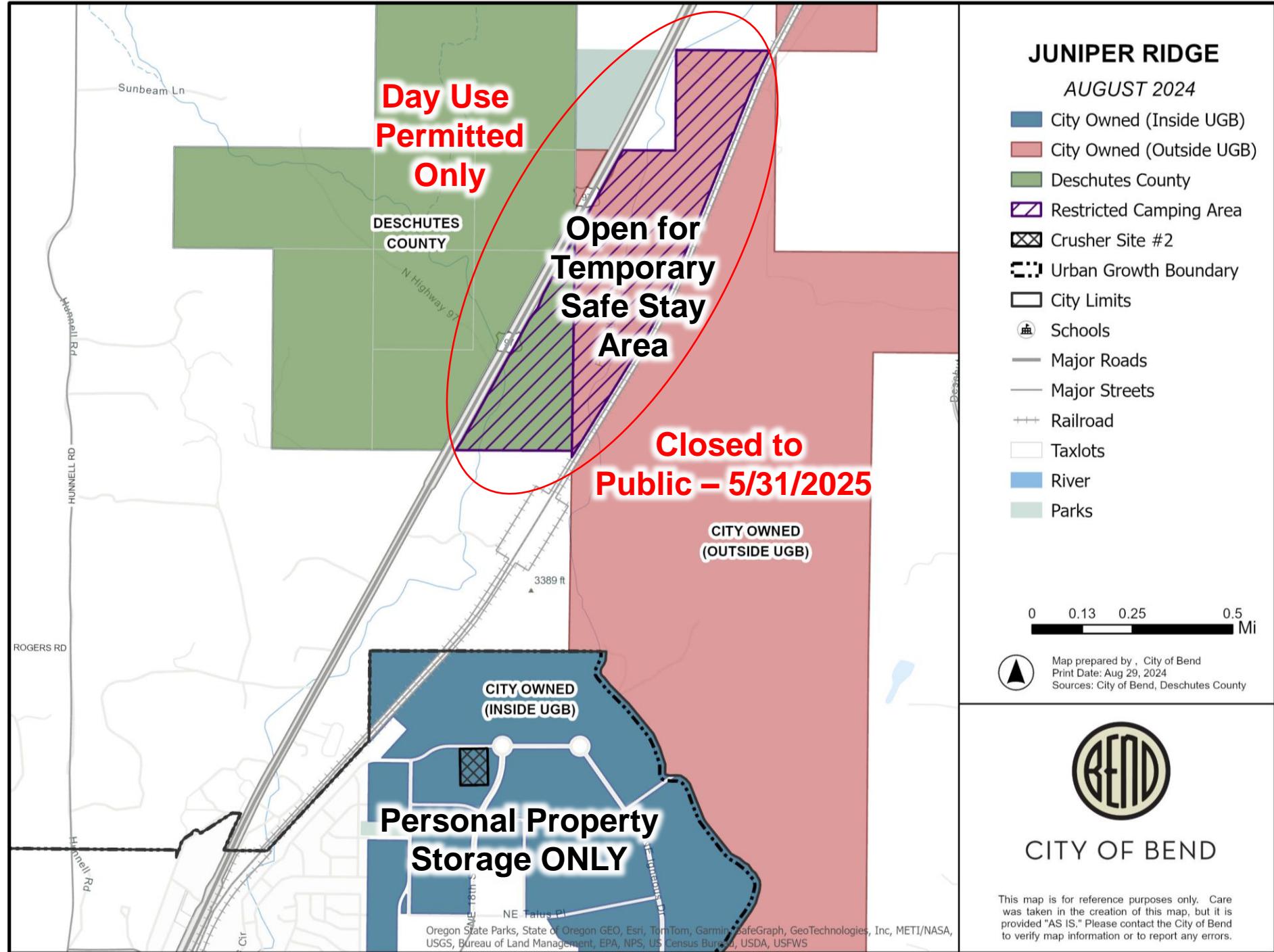


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TSSA – Intent

The intent of the TSSA, 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% – December 31, 2025

Full Closure of TSSA Area – December 31, 2026



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Established Camps at Juniper Ridge/TSSA



INSIDE TSSA
AREA

~70-80

ESTABLISHED CAMPS



OUTSIDE TSSA AREA (AREAS
NOTICED TO BE CLOSED)

~15

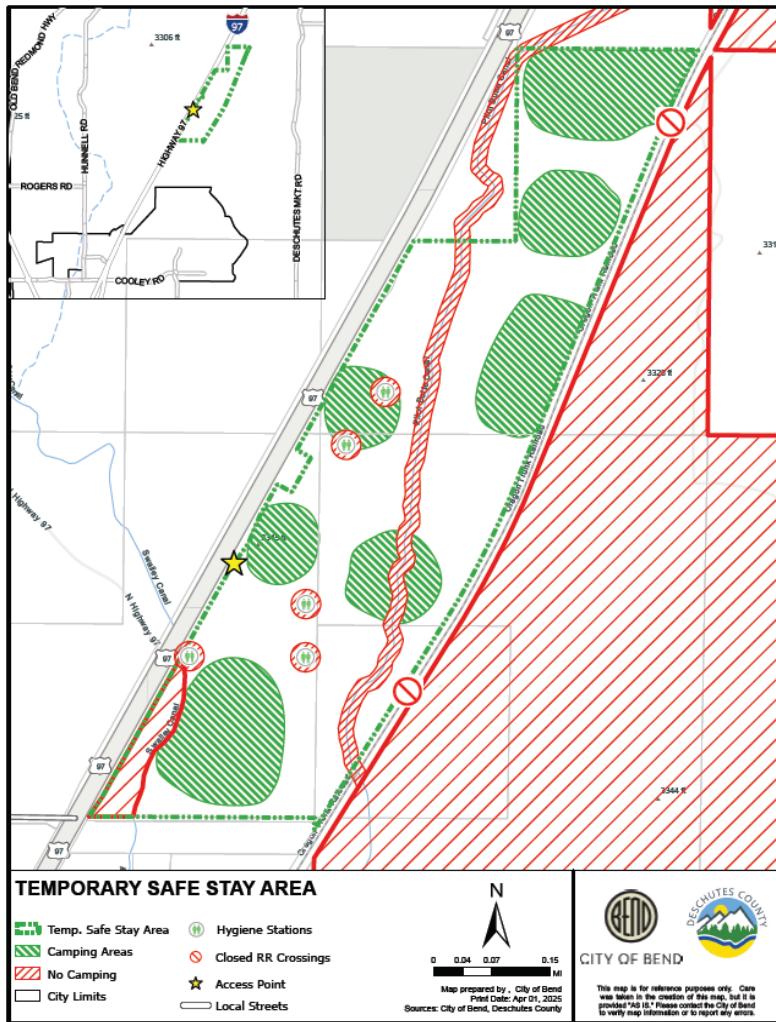
ESTABLISHED CAMPS
(DOES NOT INCLUDE BLM LAND)



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TSSA – Collaborative Efforts



- **September 5, 2024:** Joint Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Bend City Council
- **October 23, 2024:** Deschutes County adopted a joint resolution to create a Temporary Safe Stay Area at Juniper Ridge
- **October 29, 2024:** City Council adopted the joint resolution at a special meeting
- **November 6, 2024:** Bend City Council adopted a resolution to create the Houseless Services Grant Program
- **December 2024 – March 2025 (& beyond):** Expansion of services at TSSA, including sanitation and housing-focused case management.



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TSSA – Guidelines

- Guidelines are intended to provide a framework for the TSSA for service providers, jurisdictions, security patrol, and law enforcement.
- Provides the Rules for the TSSA as well as establishes procedures for noticing violations with the intent to Remedy, for Immediate/Emergency Removal, and Reasonable Accommodation.
- [City of Bend Policy No. 2024-5](#) and [Deschutes County Administrative Policy No. GA-23](#) and [GA-163](#) remain in effect and supersedes the guidelines if situation is warranted.
- General Rules:
 - Camping is only permitted within the TSSA
 - Camping is limited to vehicles only. This may include cars, trucks, RVs, or trailers
 - Persons camping are expected to utilize provided Hygiene Stations
 - Persons camping are expected to follow all local laws and regulations pursuant to the area
 - All open flames and fires, including recreational fires, burning garbage, bonfires, or other flames, are prohibited. Propane or similar gas-fueled camp stoves, heaters, and lanterns are permitted, and must be deemed safe by Bend Fire and Rescue.



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TSSA – Expanded Services

City & County Property:

- 5 Hygiene Stations
 - City/County sharing cost
- Security Contractor
 - Regular patrols (2-4 hours/day)
 - Daily Reports to Staff
- Trash – Dumpsters & Clean-up



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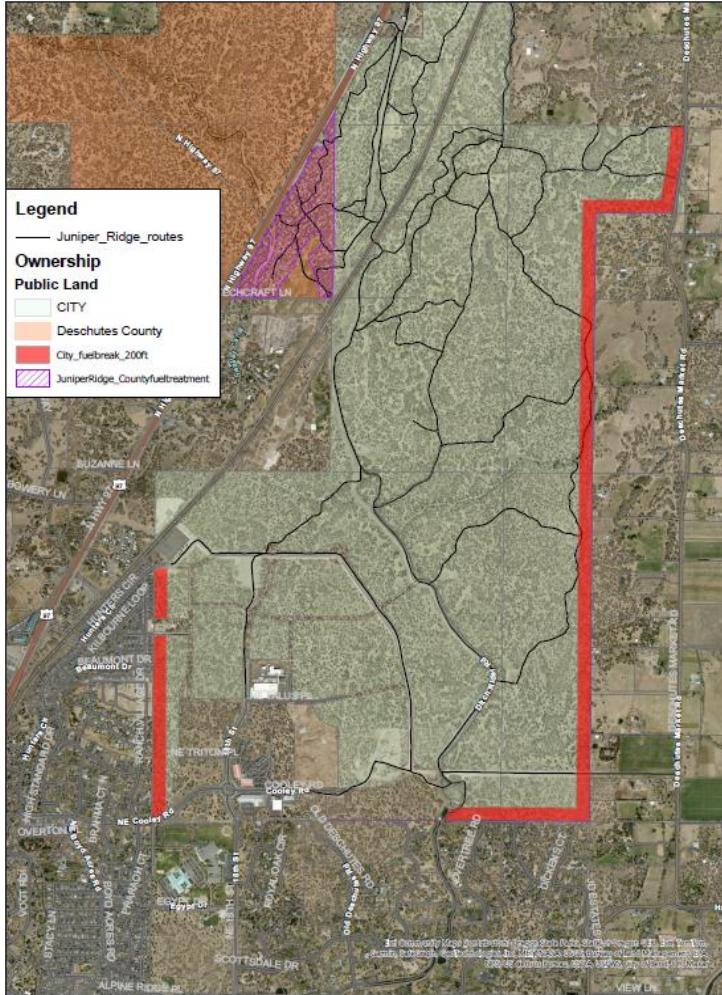
TSSA – Infrastructure Protection



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Fuels Mitigation – City

Juniper Ridge Fuel Reduction Project



- **City of Bend**

- Partnership with County Forester
- Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Award
- 200 Foot Firebreak – City Property Perimeter
 - Cut and fell all trees and seedlings less than 8 inches in diameter
 - Stump height shall now exceed 4 inches
 - Cut limbs on remaining trees, including dead and live branches, to a variable height of 4-6 feet
 - Cut approximately 80% of bitterbush, sagebrush, and rabbit brush over 2 feet in height to a height of 4 inches
 - Remove chips from property
- Mobilize beginning of May 2025



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Fuels Mitigation – County



- **Deschutes County**

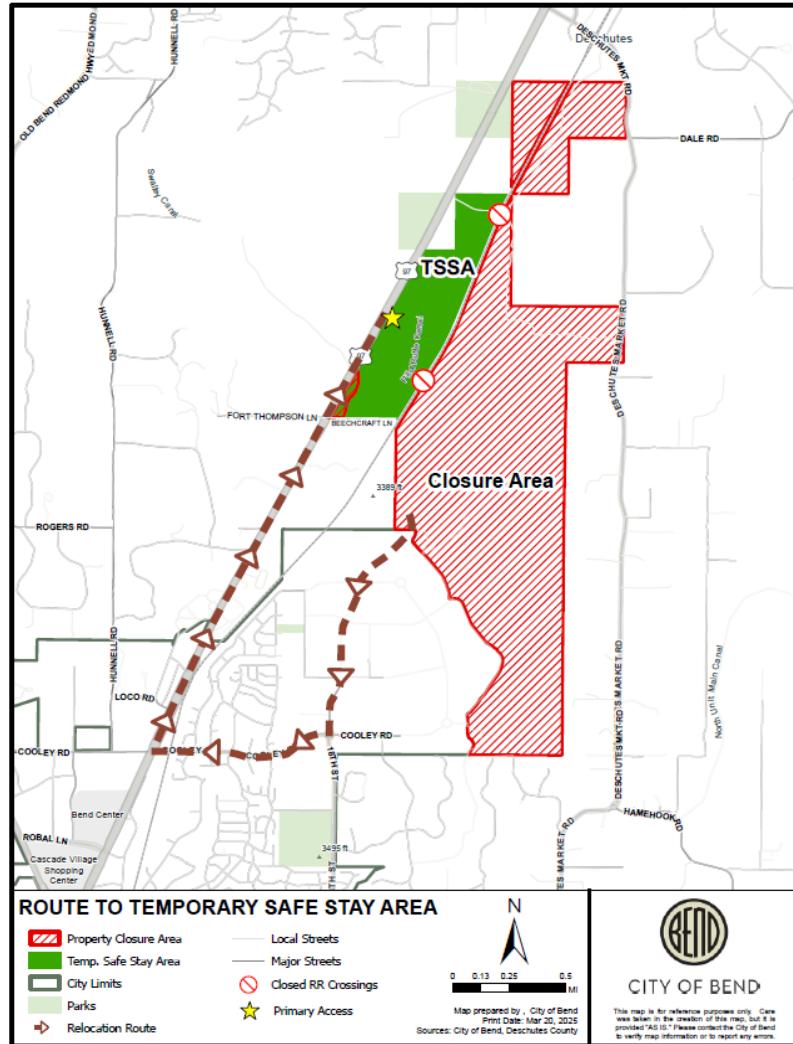
- 50 acres at Juniper Ridge
- Cut and chip all trees less than 8 inches within breast height
- Stump height not to exceed 4 inches
- Cut and chip limbs on remaining trees, including dead and live branches to a variable height to f4-6 feet
- Cut and chip 80% of bitterbrush, sagebrush and rabbit brush over 2 feet in height to a height of 4 inches
- Cut and chip all brush under the dripline of remaining trees
- Chip material up to 8 inches diameter of severed bole wood and limbs
- Remove chips from property
- Work currently underway



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Eastside of R&Rs – Closure & Cleanup – City



- 12 Occupied Camps were provided 60-day Notice to Move on April 2nd & 3rd, 2025
- 30-day Notice to Move will be provided on May 1st, 2025
- Closure of Area on May 31st, 2025
- Additional Clean-up and Fuels Mitigation to occur following Closure
- To date: 390,000 lbs of trash has been removed



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TSSA – Housing-Focused Case Management

Allocation of **\$1,131,000** (\$400,000 County dollars/ \$731,000 City ARPA) provides funding for:

- Case management services
- Basic needs including food, securing identification, job skills training, transportation
- Pet supplies and care
- Housing search assistance including application fees and deposit assistance
- Vehicle parts and repairs
- Staff training for providers and gas reimbursement
- Data management and case conferencing coordination



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TSSA – Housing Focused Case Management

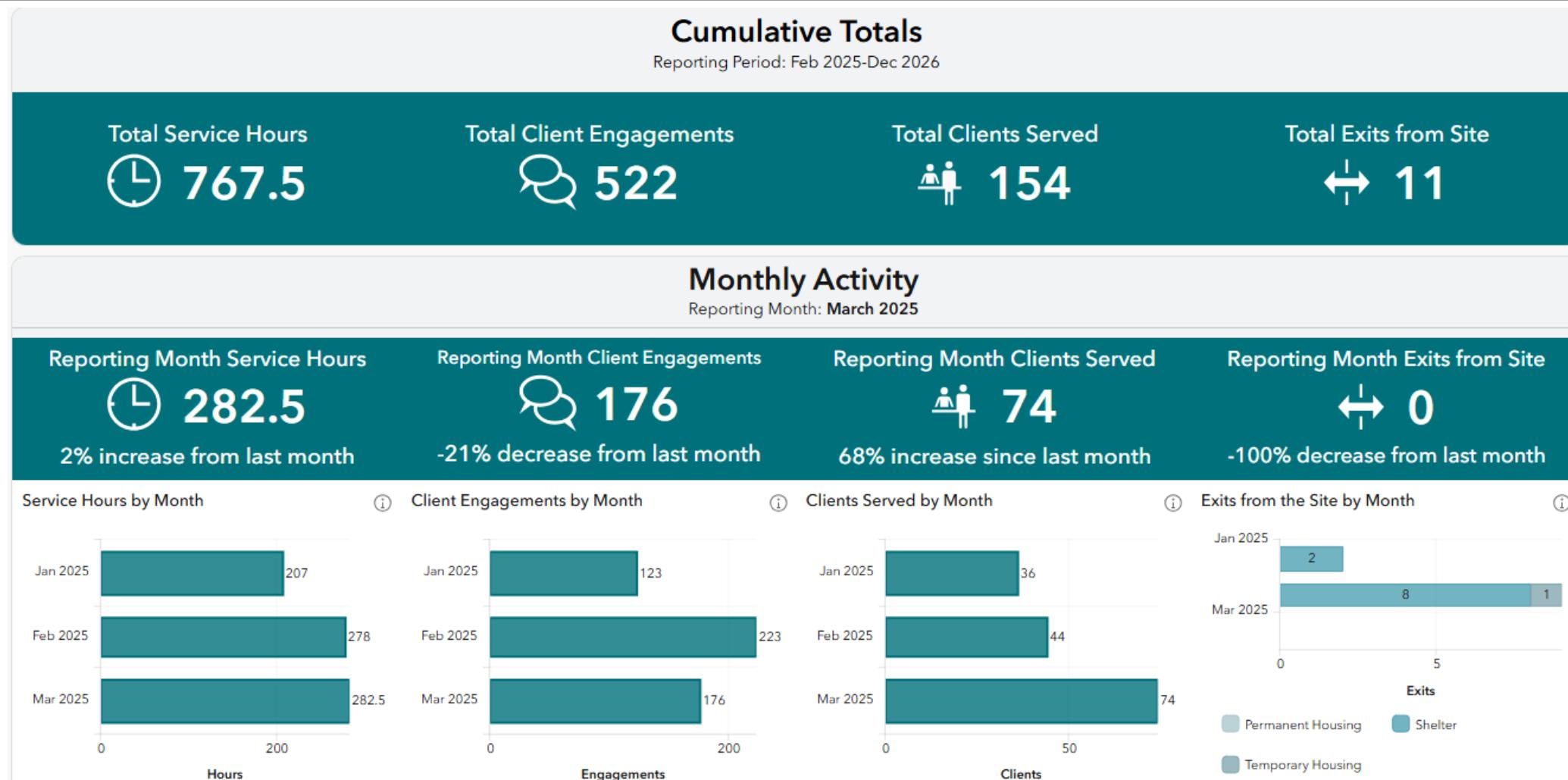
Grantees	City/County TSSA
NeighborImpact	\$ 50,000.00
Central Oregon Villages	\$ 183,863.00
Shepherd's House Ministries	\$ 223,132.00
REACH	\$ 283,431.00
Home More Network	\$ 154,700.00
Companion Animal Medical Project	\$ 100,000.00
Mosaic Medical	\$ 135,906.00
Total	\$ 1,131,032.00



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TSSA – Case Management Dashboard



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