### Proposed BLM and Josephine County Land Trade

**Updated:** October 25, 2019

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Almeda Park

This County Park is popular for rustic camping, day use, fishing, and launching rafts for multiday trips for the designated Wild section of the Rogue River. The campground has vault toilets, and trash receptacles for public use. The parcel just south (upriver) is owned by BLM, however, the public’s only access is through the County owned park. The park users commonly use the BLM section for day use and river access. No camping is allowed on BLM land due to the Wild and Scenic River designation, overnight camping currently ends at our park boarder.

Josephine County Parks would manage the extended area as day use, and pick up loose trash. Transfer or the property would allow for more efficient and effective use of BLM’s resources to focus on properties that need attention. Currently a Park Host lives at Almeda Park, and a Park Ranger is onsite several times per week.

Cathedral Hills Park

Cathedral Hills consist of approximately ten miles of trails and is located minutes from downtown Grants Pass. The trail loops through 400 acres of Douglas Fir and Ponderosa Pine forests. The trail system also provides views of the Rogue Valley and surrounding Mountains.

The trail system was originally a joint effort between County Parks and BLM, where County Parks leased the property to open the trails to the public. However, with County Parks becoming self-funded (2006) and the downturn of the economy (2009), this property was turned back over to BLM for management. The two parcels remaining as County owned are proposed to be transferred to BLM so they can manage the trail system as a whole and continue to provide excellent public recreational trail opportunities.

Ennis Riffle

Ennis Riffle is an undeveloped gravel bar, which is used heavily for river access, including: boating, rafting, fishing, rock hounding, and overnight camping. This location has a boat ramp, trash receptacles and a vault toilet; two seasonal portable toilets are also brought in for peak season. Trash services are paid for by County Parks.

The request for a property is requested so that County has full authority to continue to manage the land as it currently is. It would be near impossible to try to manage the one continuous location separately as BLM and County. Normal BLM rules of the location, being designated as the Scenic portion of the Rogue River, would require enforcement of “no camping”. The entire gravel bar is used regularly for camping, it would be a shame for this to change in the future. The self-funded Parks Department would not favor continuing to provide trash and toilet services to BLM property users, where there is no benefit back to parks. The current division of property lines makes for an unrealistic site management plan, this request is believed to be in the best interest of County Parks, BLM and the public – where maximum public recreational use of the property can be utilized. BLM does have a Scenic easement, which will ensure that any potential future site changes (none planned at this time) are reviewed and approved for the best interest of the Scenic Rogue River.

Ferry Hole

This location is designed for Day Use, featuring a boat ramp, small parking lot, a vault toilet and trash receptacle. The area is difficult to navigate as the parcel is very narrow and only has parking for 4 vehicles
maximum. Despite the small size of the location, it is highly favored by boaters, specifically fishermen who favor a nearby fishing hole. The Oregon State Marine Board has expressed their support for expanding and improving the location if the opportunity arises.

BLM owns hundreds of acres of wooded land, which provides no real recreational benefits to the public, in the area around Ferry Hole. County Parks is interested in the parcel to the North, which would allow for future expansion of the location, including a larger parking lot, picnic area, and better navigation for vehicles and towed boats.

**Griffin Park**

Griffin Park is a developed park, including a campground, showers/restroom facilities, a playground, and river access for day users. The day use area includes a picnic shelter, grassy fields, large gravel bar, two vault toilets, and two boat ramps. The 19 campsites are very heavily booked during the summer on both weekends and weekdays.

The current property lines make realistic site management near impossible, a section of BLM property intersects the two County parcels, creating a triangle shaped land parcel which goes onto the gravel bar and to the Rogue River. Furthermore, the south County property has a long narrow strip that would be near impossible to manage as separate BLM and County parcels. For the past many years, actual practiced land management has been a verbal agreement between BLM and County, where County manages the BLM gravel wedge shape near the entry, and BLM manages the land past the second boat ramp and toilets to create a clear “BLM past this point” marker for the public.

The BLM section of the gravel bar is heavily used; however it is unfortunate that some members of the public use the County boat ramp, and then drive just past the “BLM Land” signs to park and walk back to use County toilets, trash and facilities, to avoid any County fees – which is a drain on the self-funded Parks Department.

Furthermore, the five surrounding BLM parcels have an amazing potential for increasing public recreational opportunities. This land is on the Scenic portion of the Rogue River, which means “no camping” on BLM land. The County would continue no camping on the gravel bar (with exception of Memorial and Labor Day due to hydroplane boat races that attract thousands of people). The County would be interested in advertising walking and biking trails and promoting recreational use of the land. Future potential may include expanding the developed campground.

**Hog Creek**

The Hog Creek Boat Landing is one of the most well-known and popular locations for rafting the Scenic portion of the Rogue River. It features large parking lot with a road (BLM land) connecting down to the two boat ramps and two vault toilets (County land). Due to the popularity of the location, the County constructed the second boat ramp in 2006.

The public knows this location as Hog Creek, and does not differentiate between County and BLM. The County does not charge day use parking fees, since the parking belongs to BLM, however the County is fiscally responsible for costs incurred for keeping the location open to the public, including boat ramp maintenance, toilet facilities and trash service. Both BLM and County respond to Hog Creek to enforce rules
and manage their portion of the land. A better use of both agencies resources would be for only one entity to manage the location in the future.

The County would propose BLM managing the location, it is one of the heaviest used locations for the public wanting to float the Wild and Scenic Rogue River.

**Indian Mary Park & (BLM’s) Rainbow**

Indian Mary Park is the County’s most popular location, often the public confuses the location as a State Park. The park has 97 campsites, showers, restrooms, a playground, picnic shelters and grass area, a 9 hole-disc golf course, as well as a boat ramp. The park has no room for expansion and reservations are often made a full 9-months in advanced.

The east boarder of the requested property boarders the west side of the County Park, continuing west the parcel narrows and is near unusable as it bends between the road and along the river’s edge. This portion is not accessible, other than through Indian Mary Park. There may be potential for a future walking trail through this portion of wooded land.

**Lake Selmac**

Lake Selmac was dreamed up in 1959 by two men who desired to find a lake where they could take their grandchildren and teach them how to fish. Since there were no ideal lakes close enough to home, they started a plan to build their own. Through their determination and volunteer efforts, the lake was built and officially dedicated in 1961. At the time, it became the only lake in Oregon built for one purpose: recreation.

After the Lake was built, the first 30 year lease with BLM was signed to build the Mallard and Osprey loop campgrounds, the long term lease is active still today. Lake Selmac has a total of 101 campsites in five different camping loops. County Parks wishes to make the land use permanent by changing ownership. From 2007 the lease expired, which was discovered by the new Parks Director in early 2016. It took an additional two years for the BLM to produce a new lease, parks continued to operate the campgrounds during this time. The permanent change would prevent this oversight in the future and be a more efficient solution. The land would be used in the same way that it currently is.

**Little Pickett Creek Properties**

County sees that these identified undeveloped parcels leap frog BLM properties. County believes that the BLM may have interest in continuous land management and is offering to transfer the parcels ownership to BLM.

**Pine Cone**

This large undeveloped parcel, which is mostly a gravel bar, is located on the east fork of the Illinois River. This location is not one that the County will develop into a County Park, but is heavily used by the public for recreation in the summer. BLM owned property is bordering the north edge of property R331111. Local discussions with the Grants Pass BLM Field Manager did result in BLM expressing an interest of taking ownership of the property due to a specific species of Salmon known to be in this waterway.

**Robertson Bridge Boat Ramp**
Robertson Bridge Boat Ramp provides access to the designated Scenic section of the Rogue River and is a popular location for both rafts and boats with motors. The parking lot has three property owners, including BLM, the State of Oregon, and the County Parks Department; County Parks manages facility.

The BLM portion of land has a small amount of paved parking lot on it, with the remainder being undeveloped land, which extends down river. It is used by the public for recreational purposes, it can only be accessed from the County’s parking lot. The County is interested in a property transfer as we believe it could create a more efficient and effective management of the property for both agencies.

**Robertson Bridge, Riverbanks Road**

Parks has identified this parcel which is just down river of a larger BLM parcel. The public can only access this parcel by first walking down off of Riverbanks Road and through BLM land. County believes that the BLM may have interest in continuous land management and is offering to transfer the parcels ownership to the BLM.

**Whitehorse Park**

Whitehorse Park was the first developed campground in the Josephine County’s Park system. The campground has a new masterplan, which will renovate the campground, including new restroom and shower facilities, as well as RV Sites which can accommodate modern RVs. Currently there are 34 tent sites and 8 full hook up sites, a picnic shelter, a playground, and trails going into the wetlands. Whitehorse Park is a prime destination for nature enthusiasts. The park is adjacent to BLM land which provides access to the Rogue River. The land also features walking paths, a gravel bar, boat ramp, large-size cottonwood gallery forests, willow/blackberry thickets, small grassland areas, and natural wetlands with year-round ponds. There is a high species richness of birds due to the diversity of habitats in this small area, with more than 170 species of birds recorded onsite.

The BLM portion can only be accessed through the County Park. The Parks Department developed the road leading down to the river, in an old MOU where Parks managed the property; currently the property owned by the BLM is also managed by BLM. Parks believes that by transferring this parcel to County ownership, that it can be more efficiently managed as a whole. Parks would manage the additional land for day use, increase designated walking and biking trails for the public to enjoy the natural beauty of the land.

**Wildlife Images**

Wildlife Images Rehabilitation and Education Center was founded as a non-profit corporation in 1981 by renowned wildlife rehabilitator J. David Siddon. The facility was created in order to provide for the care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. Wildlife Images has since expanded to provide educational programs on wildlife, conservation, and the environment to schools, organizations and the general public. Wildlife Images release rate of intakes is near 50 percent each year – far above the national average of 33 percent. Animals with permanently disabling injuries that make them unable to live in the wild are integrated into one of Wildlife Images educational programs, either as educational ambassadors, or as permanent residents of the facility.
The County is interested in owning the land so that a lease agreement can be secured for Wildlife Images. Currently they have buildings on a parcel of land, where BLM has not renewed the expired lease.
Almeda Park
Josephine County Oregon
Date: 10/9/2019

- AP - 1: 12.6 acres
- AP - 2: 5.97 acres

Section / Township / Range
34S 7W / 34S 8W
18 / 24

1 inch = 600 feet
Rogue River
ER - 1
2.66 acres

Ennis Riffle
Josephine County Oregon
Date: 10/9/2019

1 inch = 500 feet
Rogue River
FH-1
8.88 acres
Griffin Park
Ferry Hole
Ferry Rd
Griffin Rd
2
11
36S 7W
Joe Hole

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Ferry Hole
Josephine County, Oregon
Date: 10/21/2019

1 inch = 400 feet
Rogue River
Hog Creek Access
HC - 1
1.61 acres

Galice Rd
Hog Creek Rd

35S 7W

10 11

Hog Creek Access

Bog Creek

Taxlots
Josephine County Parks
Property to BLM
Section
Township / Range

1 inch = 200 feet

Hog Creek
Josephine County, Oregon
Date: 10/9/2019
Rogue River

IM-1
6.68 acres

Indian Mary Campground
Galice Rd
Stratton Creek Rd

35S 7W

Indian Mary Park
Josephine County, Oregon
Date: 10/21/2019

1 inch = 600 feet
Indian Mary Park
Josephine County, Oregon
Date: 10/21/2019

IM - 1
6.68 acres

Indian Mary Campground
Galice Rd

5
4
3
2
1

40 Foot Contours
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Property to County
US Bureau of Land Management
Josephine County
Property to County
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1 inch = 600 feet
Lake Selmac Park
Josephine County, Oregon
Date: 10/9/2019

LS - 2
28.13 acres

LS - 1
8.92 acres
LP - 3
1.47 acres

LP - 1
1.11 acres

LP - 2
1.06 acres

Rogue River

Hussey Ln

24

23

25

26

35S 7W

Josephine County

Date: 10/9/2019

1 inch = 500 feet

Little Pickett Creek
Josephine County, Oregon

US Bureau of Land Management
Josephine County

Section

Township / Range

40 Foot Contours

Buildings
Taxlots
Property to BLM

1 inch = 500 feet

0 500 1,000 Feet

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Pine Cone
Josephine County Oregon
Date: 10/9/2019

1 inch = 1,000 feet

64.13 acres

Holland Loop Rd
Rockydale Rd
Takilma Rd
River Grove Dr
Pine Cone Dr

P-1

39S 8W
34
35
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40S 8W

Taxlots
Property to BLM
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P - 1
64.13 acres

Holland Loop Rd
Rockydale Rd
Takilm a Rd
Pine Cone Dr
River Grove Dr

39S 8W
34
35

Josephine County Oregon

Date: 10/9/2019

1 inch = 1,000 feet

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Robertson Bridge
Josephine County Oregon
Date: 10/9/2019

1 inch = 200 feet

- Rogue River
- Pickett Creek Rd
- Riverbanks Rd
- Rogue Riffle Dr
- Lower River Rd
- BLM
- Josephine County Parks
- Property to BLM
- Property to County
- Section
- Township / Range

RB -1
2.49 acres

RB -2
1.6 acres

35S 7W
26
Robertson Bridge
Josephine County Oregon
Date: 10/9/2019

- RB -1
  2.49 acres
- RB -2
  1.6 acres

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1 inch = 200 feet
W - 5
Rogue River
35.66 acres
W - 2
29.41 acres
W - 4
19.47 acres
W - 1
15.53 acres
W - 6
2.67 acres
W - 3
1.07 acres
Whitehorse Park
Lower River Rd
River Vista Dr
Karen Dr
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36S 7W
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0
800
1,600

Feet
1 inch = 800 feet

Whitehorse Park
Josephine County Oregon
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