

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

November 15, 2023

Agenda Item:	5d	Information
Public Comment Allowed:	Yes	
Topic:	McVay Rock State Recreation Site county partnership update	
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A prior land trade with Curry County included a commitment from OPRD to discuss opportunities for other real estate transaction in the county. The county requested OPRD staff review whether it would be feasible to transfer management of the upland portion of McVay Rock State Recreation Site to their parks department through a long-term lease, allowing the county to improve public services at the park by tapping grant sources and other means unavailable to OPRD.

McVay Rock is a 19-acre coastal day use park with beach access, off-leash pet exercise area, disc golf course, and unpaved parking. It is largely used by people who live in the region.

As this brief is being written, public engagement over the summer and early fall has produced results (Attachment A) and is being considered by county and OPRD staff to develop a recommendation for leadership at both levels of government. An update on those discussions will be available by November 15 and presented to the commission.

Prior Action by the Commission: None.

Action Requested: None.

Attachments: A) Public response summary, B) Location of parcel.

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From ~100 responses to online survey and in-person open house in Brookings.

Q1 - How is the park serving you now? What do you do there, and how do you feel about the level of service?

- Maintenance, especially mowing, is erratic.
- Great low-key community-oriented park.
- “One of the few places for a quiet walk.”
- Beach access, pet off-leash area, disc golf all used, mainly in that order (though beach access and off-leash area both popular).

Q2 - What improvements or changes would you like to see over the next several years?

- No changes, just improve maintenance.
- Grade or pave parking.
- Add water and restroom.
- Improve beach access with stairs.
- Improve disc golf with mowing and adding holes.
- Larger pet area.
- Add picnic tables, play structure, covered area for events.
- Dominant view: no camping. Manage to limit or prevent non-recreational camping. Minor view: allow limited camping with strong staff presence or law enforcement support.
- Change to nature preserve-style park. Protect the beach ecosystem.
- Staffed presence, especially with added services. Add a host no matter what happens at the park going forward.

Q3 - What do you think about the idea of signing an agreement with the county to have them take care of the park?

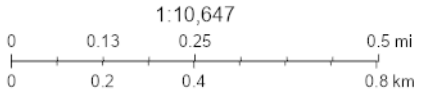
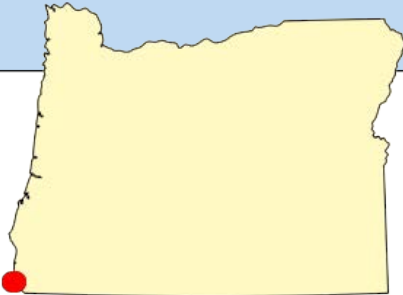
- Not sure county has park and law enforcement resources to handle it, especially if park eventually includes any kind of camping.
- State management better if changes to park are minor.
- County might be more sensitive to local needs.
- If it’s working fine now, leave it alone. “Don’t make it a typical state park.”
- Safety concerns with increased development and use, especially if camping is added and parking is expanded.
- Other options are already available nearby for group day-use, like Crissey Field.

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 Item 5d McVay Rock info, Attachment B location



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