



CITY OF BEND



Houseless Coordination

Land Management

September 5, 2024

Houselessness



Houselessness: 2024 Point-in-Time Count

Central Oregon



1,811 people experiencing houselessness

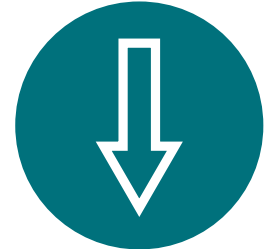


10% increase since January 2023

Bend



959 people experiencing houselessness



5% decrease since January 2023

Shelters



523
Beds in Bend



216
Low-barrier beds



City-led and Regional Solutions:

City Council Directed Biennium Objectives

- Maintain 505 beds City-wide (252 direct support)
- Support additional Safe Parking sites or Managed Camps

FY 2024 City Supported Shelters and Safe Parking



STEPPING STONE
56 BEDS



NAVIGATION CENTER
100 BEDS



C. OREGON VILLAGES
20 UNITS



FRANKLIN SHELTER
60 BEDS



SAFE PARKING SITES
16 BEDS

- Provided 81,000 shelter nights
- Supported 81 individuals transitioning to permanent housing
- Supported 79 individuals transitioning to temporary housing



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Safe Parking

Central Oregon Villages and REACH Central Oregon

- Provides a safe place for participants living in RVs, huts or cars
- Case management provided



Central Oregon Villages- Safe Parking

2 units

93.12% Utilization Rate

Potential expansion being explored



REACH- Safe Parking

14 beds

94.25% Utilization Rate

Potential expansion with other communities of faith

Ongoing discussions with Mt. View Fellowship



Deschutes County Involved Projects

- Safe Parking program: within UGB and 1-mile from UGB
- Juniper Ridge basic hygiene stations
- DSL Land Exchange – 45 acres identified for sanctioned camp
 - City of Redmond and Deschutes County working on scope
- Oasis Village
 - 15-tiny homes opened on County-owned property January 2024
 - Oasis Village adding 10 more tiny homes (Tier-1 CHRO RFQ project)
- Mountain View Community Development
 - 65-year lease for 9-acres for 60-units of permanent supportive housing
 - An additional \$200,000 to expand Safe Parking



Deschutes County Involved Projects (cont.)

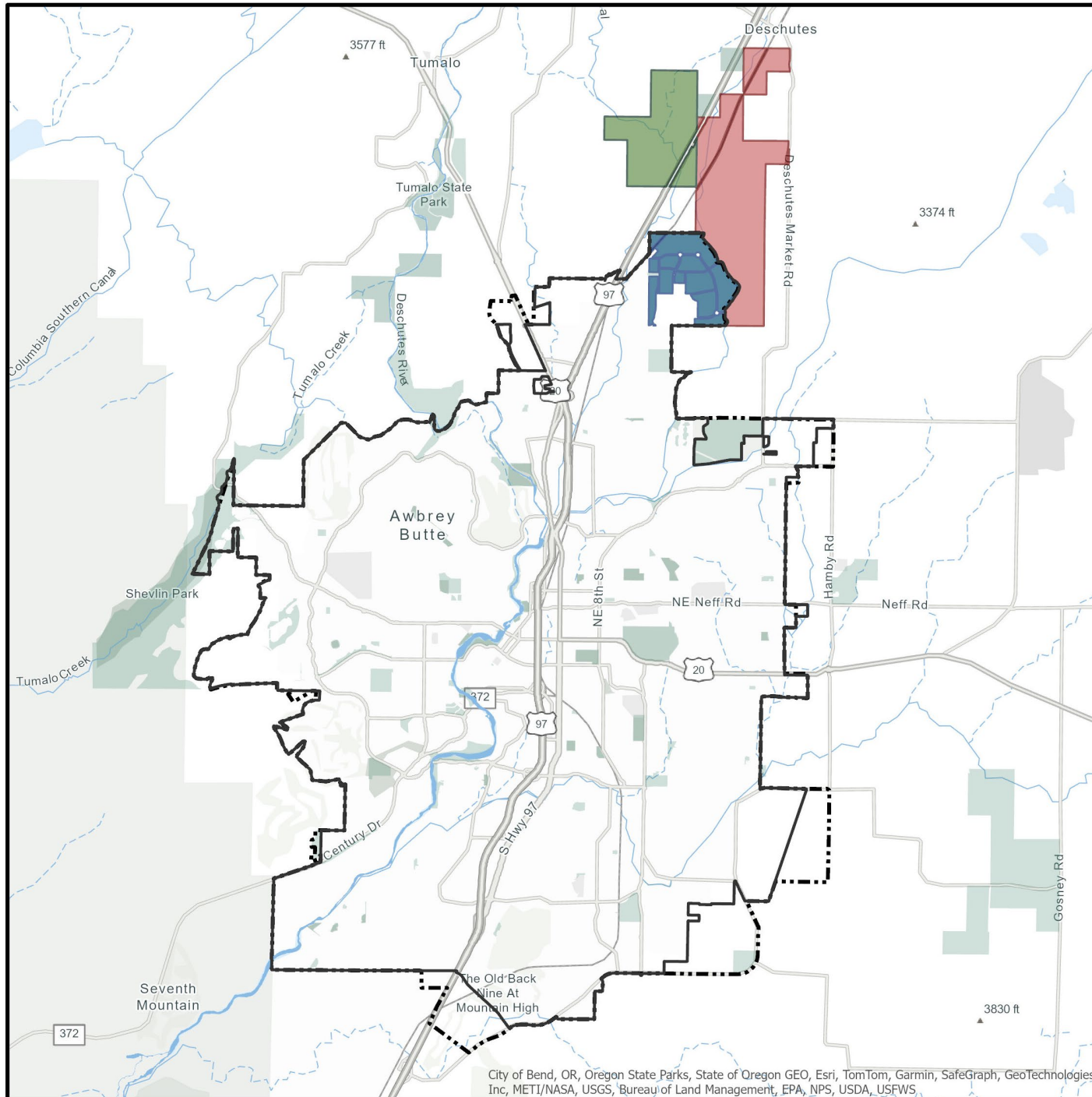
- County land/resources for affordable housing (examples below)
 - Northpoint Vista - Redmond
 - Rooted Homes
 - Habitat for Humanity projects
 - Cleveland Commons
 - Spencer Court (Housing Works project, 60 units of multifamily housing in Redmond)
- Workforce HOME (Home Ownership for Median-income Earners)
 - Supports building new homes for median-income earners
 - \$320k County contribution
- Veterans' Village – located on County-owned property
 - 15 tiny homes w/ bathroom; adding 7 more



Juniper Ridge

Location / Map

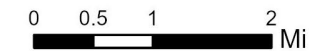




JUNIPER RIDGE

AUGUST 2024

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- City Owned (Outside UGB)
- Deschutes County
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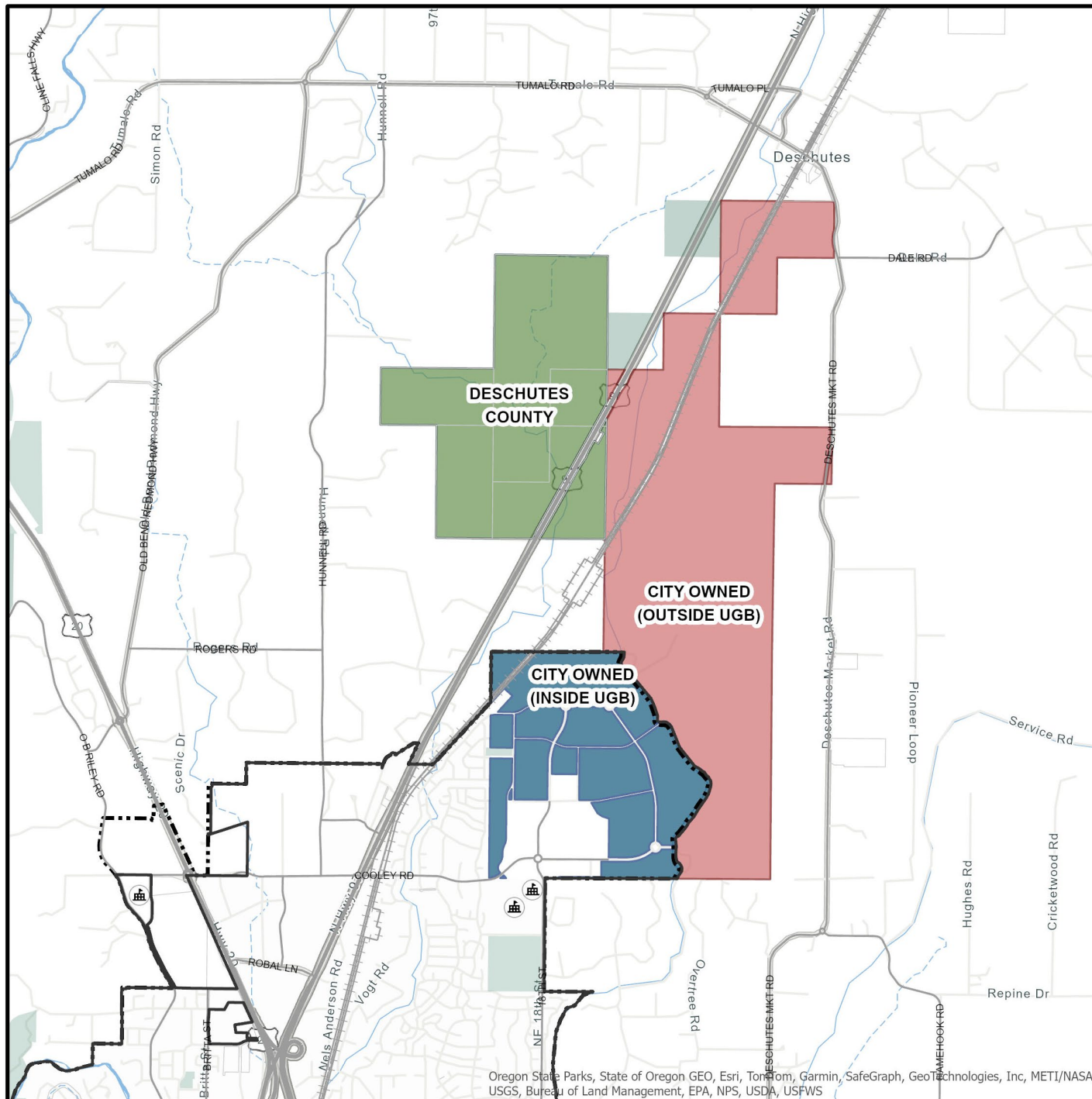


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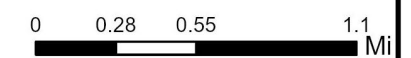


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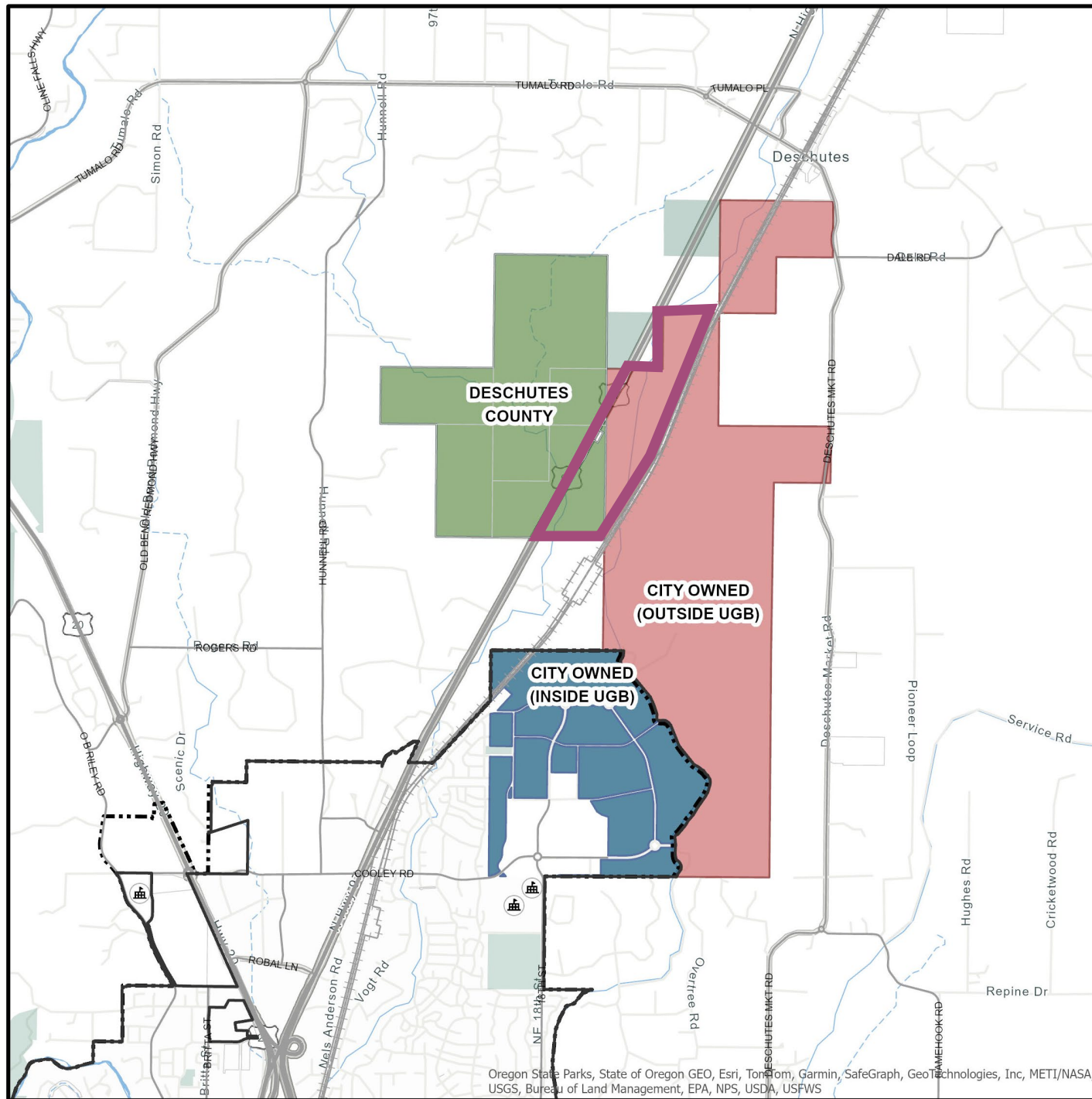
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Juniper Ridge

Clean-up & Basic Service Efforts





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Juniper Ridge – basic hygiene



Juniper Ridge – drinking water



Juniper Ridge – tire removal



Juniper Ridge – snow removal



Services by the numbers – since summer 2023

- **30-yard dumpsters emptied 13 times**
 - Dumpster: 7,000 – 10,000 lbs. of trash (91k – 130k lbs)
- **131,000 pounds of trash removed**
- **118 “bio-buckets” removal**
- **879 tires disposed**
- **Snow removal**
- **39 abandoned camps cleaned up**



Security contractor

- Knows every person by first name
- Report: 3 people and a family of 5 left for shelter/housing; 2 left and returned
- Fire: called in 3 fires; educate on fire safety
- 11 jump starts of vehicles; pulled out a stuck vehicle
- Medical assists: 1 minor medical; 1 escort medics to patient
- Charged a phone while patrolling – 10 times
- Helped father and child connect with resources
- Working with church groups to distribute feminine hygiene products
- Hand out water, blankets, hand warmers



Costs

Since Summer 2023

Service	Expenditure	Monthly cost (est.)
Trash	\$ 131,000	\$ 9,000
Portable toilets	\$ 19,000	\$ 2,000
Water	\$ 26,000	\$ 2,000
Security	\$ 45,000	\$ 4,000
Fire ext./misc.	\$ 8,000	n/a
TOTAL	\$ 229,000	\$ 17,000



Juniper Ridge – Cleanup Efforts (Westside)



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Juniper Ridge – Cleanup Efforts (Westside)

- ~104,000 pounds of trash removed
- 29 abandoned campsites cleaned up
- Cleanup Costs:
 - ~\$100,000 to date on cleanup efforts
 - ~\$22,000 in Cost Share w/County for Hygiene Stations

Juniper Ridge

Recent Incidents



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Juniper Ridge

Land Management Strategy



Current status – County land

- **21 occupied camps**
 - 37 people
- **Occupied camp numbers constantly fluctuate**
 - 6 new residents last month:
 - 3 moved from City-owned land;
 - 3 new to Juniper Ridge



City Property – Statistics



WESTSIDE
~50-60
ESTABLISHED CAMPS



WESTSIDE AREA:
~120
ACRES



EASTSIDE
<20
ESTABLISHED CAMPS

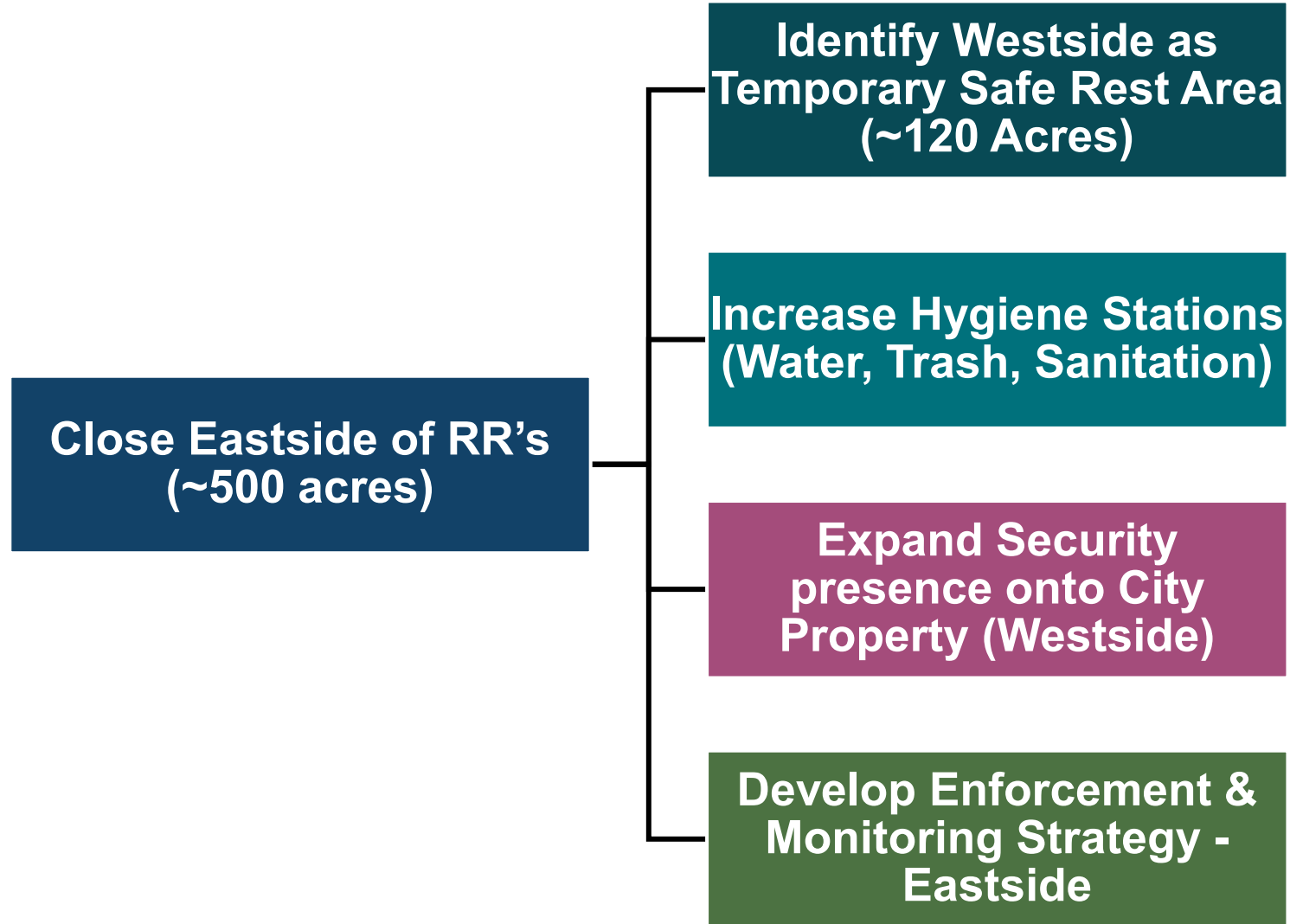


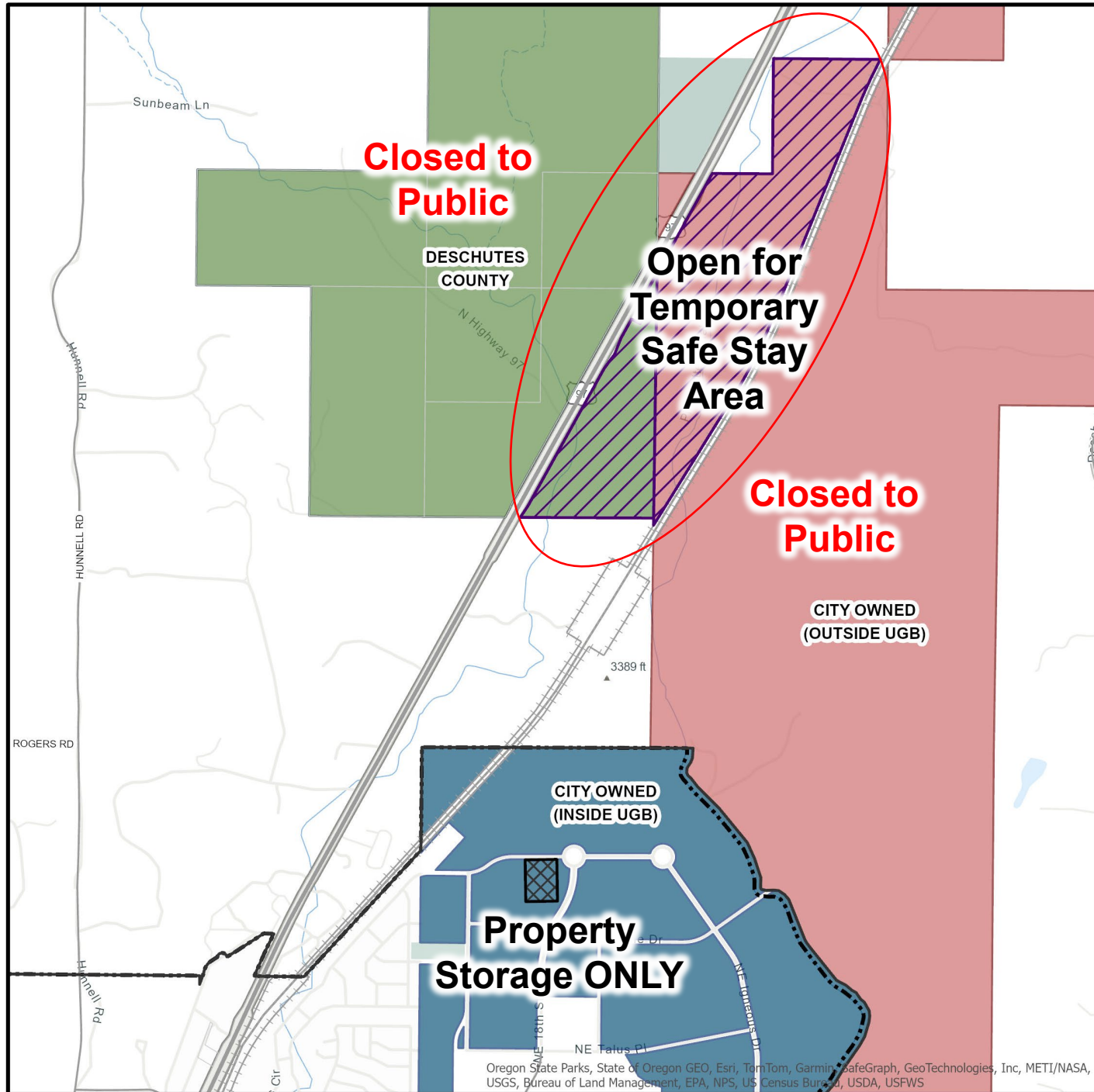
EASTSIDE AREA:
~500
ACRES

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- **<120** Vehicles (RV's & Autos)
 - **<60** on Eastside of RR's
 - **~24** Acres of Debris Fields
 - **~16** Acres on Eastside or RR's



City Land Management Strategy

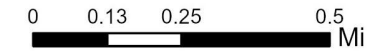




JUNIPER RIDGE

AUGUST 2024

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- Restricted Camping Area
- Crusher Site #2
- Urban Growth Boundary
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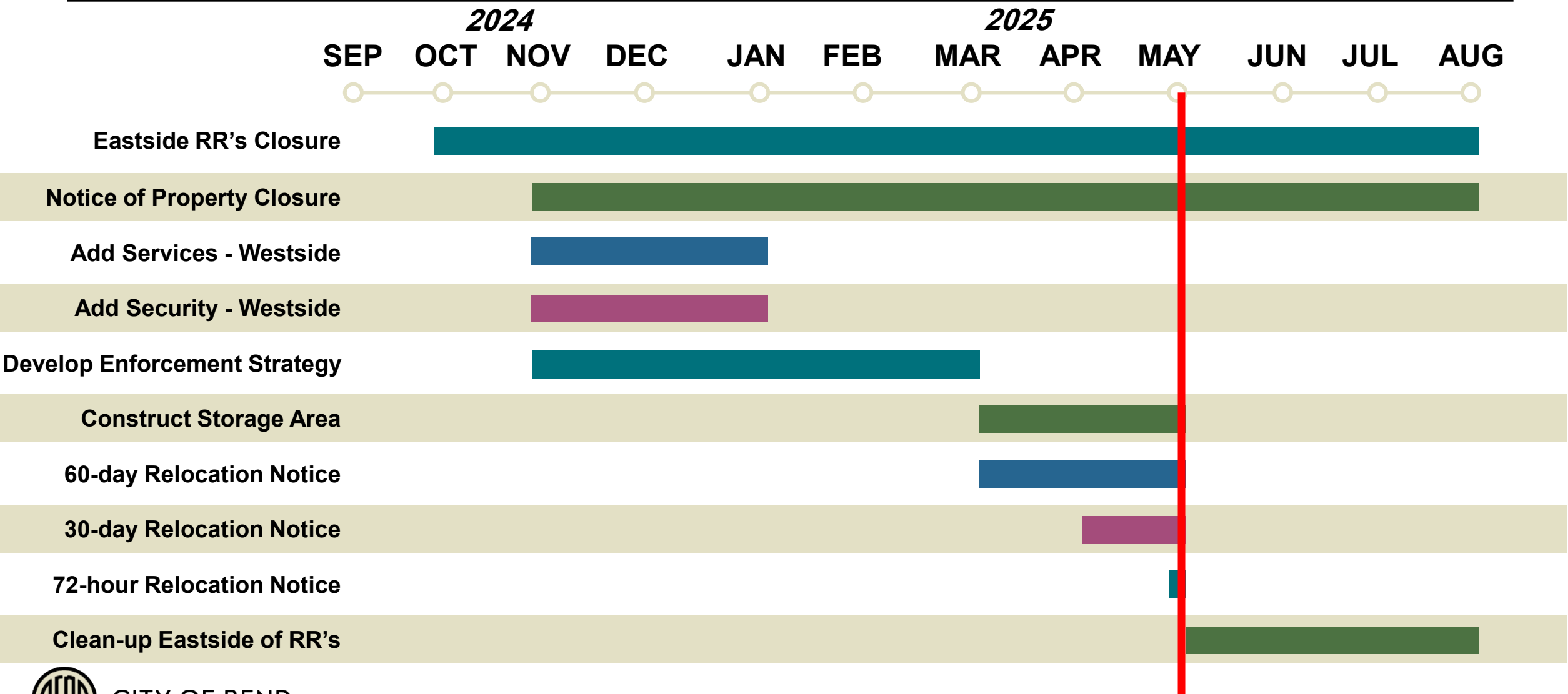
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Timeline for Property Closure – 12 months



Temporary Safe Stay Area – Strategy

- Establish joint City/County Temporary Safe Stay Area west of RR's, east of US 97 and allow individuals and families experiencing homelessness to stay in vehicles and tents
 - ~170 Acres (~50 Acres – County; ~120 Acres – City)
- Continue to provide services (water, trash, sanitation) for 12+ months and evaluate extending additional station(s) to City property
- Extend security presence to entire area (County & City)
- **In partnership with the County, develop & release an RFQ and/or augment existing service providers, for housing-related case management to:**
 - **Establish metrics through individual service plans to evaluate tangible progress towards reducing housing barriers**
 - **Assist and support households transitioning to more permanent housing**



All-Hands-On-Deck/China Hat Pilot

Roundtable Update



ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK/CHINA HAT PILOT – *ROUNDTABLE*

Federal, State, and Local Government Partners; Service Providers; Stakeholders; & Community Members

Convened by the Coordinated Houseless Response Office (CHRO)



NeighborImpact
Supporting People, Strengthening Communities.

Offices of:

- Senator Wyden
- Senator Merkley
- Congressman Bentz
- Congresswoman Chavez-DeRemer



WHY?

- Health & safety concerns & issues
 - Physical and behavioral health
 - Security risk
 - Wildfire risk
- Environmental impact (Climate Change)
 - Trash & bio-hazards
 - Wildfire risk
- 200-400 unsheltered living in spaces not intended for human habitation
 - Addressing the crisis of unsheltered = **regional collaborative priority**
 - Central Oregon rate of unsheltered = one of the **highest in the nation**
 - 69% of 1,799 unhoused (2024)
 - 72% of 1,647 unhoused (2023)
 - 75% of 1,012 unhoused (2022)
 - **Federal land** attracts many unsheltered
 - 200-400 China Hat (2024)
 - 120 La Pine (2023)
 - 65 Sisters (2023)
 - Unknown BLM (2023)

HOW?

Proposed Strategies

1. “Stand Down” of Resources:

- Assessment survey
- Identify “stand down” locations
- Identify pool of housing options including **permitted, regulated, designated, authorized, temporary outdoor living options**
- Basic services provision
- Hub of services
- Environmental restoration
- Enforcement strategy

2. Fuel Reduction:

- Access \$500 million to expand work on the USDA Forest Services Wildfire Crisis Strategy **to reduce wildfire risk** to communities, critical infrastructure, and natural resources.
- Engage with Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) for access to **Fire Protection Program** and partnership opportunity.

Resources & Regional Projects

Land Management Strategy



Resources

\$2M County ARPA Funding

- \$200,000 Encumbered – Mountain View Safe Parking
- \$300,000 Unallocated

\$1.5M Balance

\$743,441 CHRO Funding

- \$150,000 Encumbered – Unrestricted Gap Funding for CHRO RFQ Projects
- \$40,000 Encumbered – CoC/HLC/NeighborImpact for Data Dashboard
- \$25,000 Earmarked for Gales Brothers – Special Permit
 - Received Governor Exemption / Need CHRO Board Vote

\$528,441 Balance

\$150,000 CHRO Unrestricted Gap Funding

\$150,000 Balance

\$1.1M Governor's Funding for Pod Expense

- \$117,000 Earmarked for Dean Swift Safe Parking

\$983,000 Balance

\$150,000 City of Bend Good Faith Match

- \$150,000 Earmarked for Dean Swift Safe Parking – Operations

\$0 Balance

Regional Projects

CHRO RFQ Projects

- Tier 1 (Ready Now)
 - Oasis Village – 10 more tiny villages (Redmond)
 - Dean Swift – Safe Parking (Bend)
- Tier 2 (Ready with Clarifying Q&A)
 - Central Oregon Villages Tiny Homes
 - Possible *Pivot* to Proposed County/City Managed Camp (County/Bend)
 - Mountain View – Safe Parking (Redmond)
- Tier 3 (New Non-profit)
 - Gales Brothers – Safe Parking (County)
 - Home More Network – Safe Parking (TBD)
 - Home More Network – Managed Camp (County)

China Hat Pilot (DNF/County)

Managed Camp on County 45-Acres to facilitate DSL land swap (County/Redmond)

Managed Camp on Juniper Ridge (County/Bend?)



Recap/Next Steps

Land Management Strategy



Action

City/County Juniper Ridge Strategy

- Establishment of a Temporary, Safe Stay Area, with direction to staff to coordinate:
 - Legal, land use/siting issues, potentially adopting joint ‘orders’
 - Communication and outreach plan
 - Scoping of on-site services, leveraging existing contracts and procurement efforts with a housing connection and intensive case management, a focus on safety, and key performance metrics, including a monthly follow up for six months
- Full Closure of areas owned by the City and County outside of the Temporary Safe Stay Area by May 31, 2025
- Continued coordination on fire fuel reduction and other fire reduction strategies as part of the management plan

CHRO Coordination

- Allocation and leverage of county-wide resources to assist in case management and operations for temporary safe stay areas and coordinated approach
- Supporting the request for GALEs property and other projects identified by the CHRO procurement process in providing additional outdoor living options that provide a more permanent solution for managed camps



Thank you!

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