



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider options to close or limit use of County-owned property

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval to close or limit the use of County-owned property to day use only as determined by the Board of County Commissioners (see options below); direct staff to inform encampments at Rickard Road to relocate to an alternate location as identified.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Staff requests direction from the Board of County Commissioners regarding change of use associated with County-owned property. Possible motions for consideration:

Option 1. Motion to close all County-owned property to public use and to post signage accordingly

Option 2. Motion to close select County-owned property to public use and to post signage accordingly

Option 3. Motion to limit access to day use only (no overnight camping) for all County-owned property and post signage accordingly

Option 4. Motion to limit access to day use only (no overnight camping) for select County-owned property and post signage accordingly

Other options?

To remove newly established encampments from any County-owned property including Rickard Road, the County will need to identify an alternate location.

One option to consider is informing encampments to relocate to County-owned property at Juniper Ridge where the Temporary Safe Stay Area (TSSA) has been established with sanitary services, security patrol, and County staff are actively present. Note, the joint resolution with the City of Bend adopted in October 2024, does not permit new encampments to be established at the TSSA. Therefore, if the Board directs staff accordingly, the joint resolution will require an amendment.

Further, if the Board directs staff to close or limit use of all or select County-owned property, the change of status is not in effect until signage is posted.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

N/A

ATTENDANCE:

Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator

Kristie Bollinger, Deschutes County Property Management