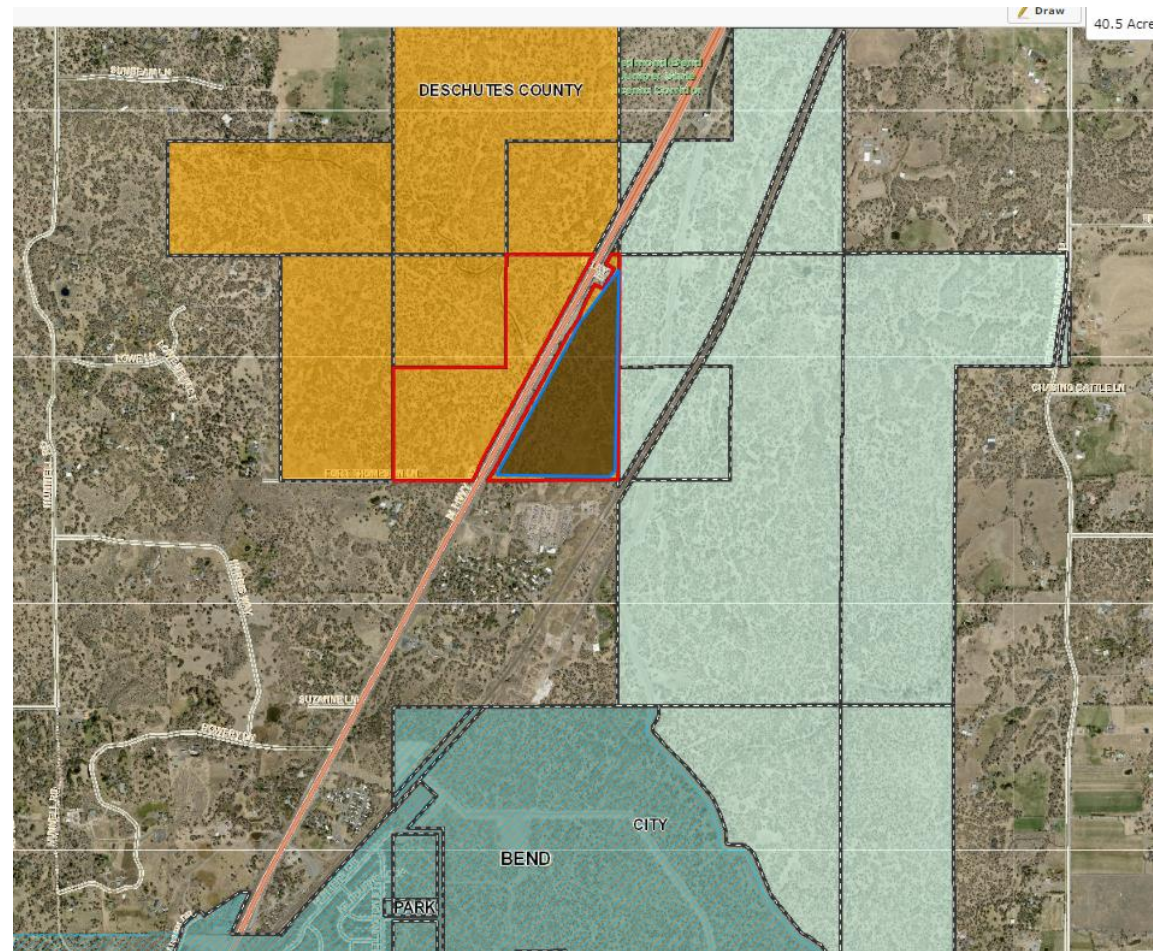


# Juniper Ridge Remediation Plan Update

**Board of County  
Commissioners' Meeting  
- 3/20/24**



# Juniper Ridge - location



# Juniper Ridge – basic info.

- County-owned land: approximately 50-acres
- Zoning: Open Space and Conservation
- Camps located on adjacent land owned by the City of Bend and the Bureau of Land Management





# Juniper Ridge – garbage



# Juniper Ridge – structures





# Juniper Ridge – makeshift shower or toilet



# Code Enforcement Complaint

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## Violation 1

Unpermitted structures being used as dwellings, storage, etc.

## Violation 2

Excessive amount of solid waste

## Violation 3

RVs on property that are occupied without a permit



# Code Enforcement Complaint (cont.)

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## Violation 4

RVs and structures  
w/o permit with  
approved disposal  
method for human  
waste

## Violation 5

Tents, RVs, and  
structures being  
used for camping

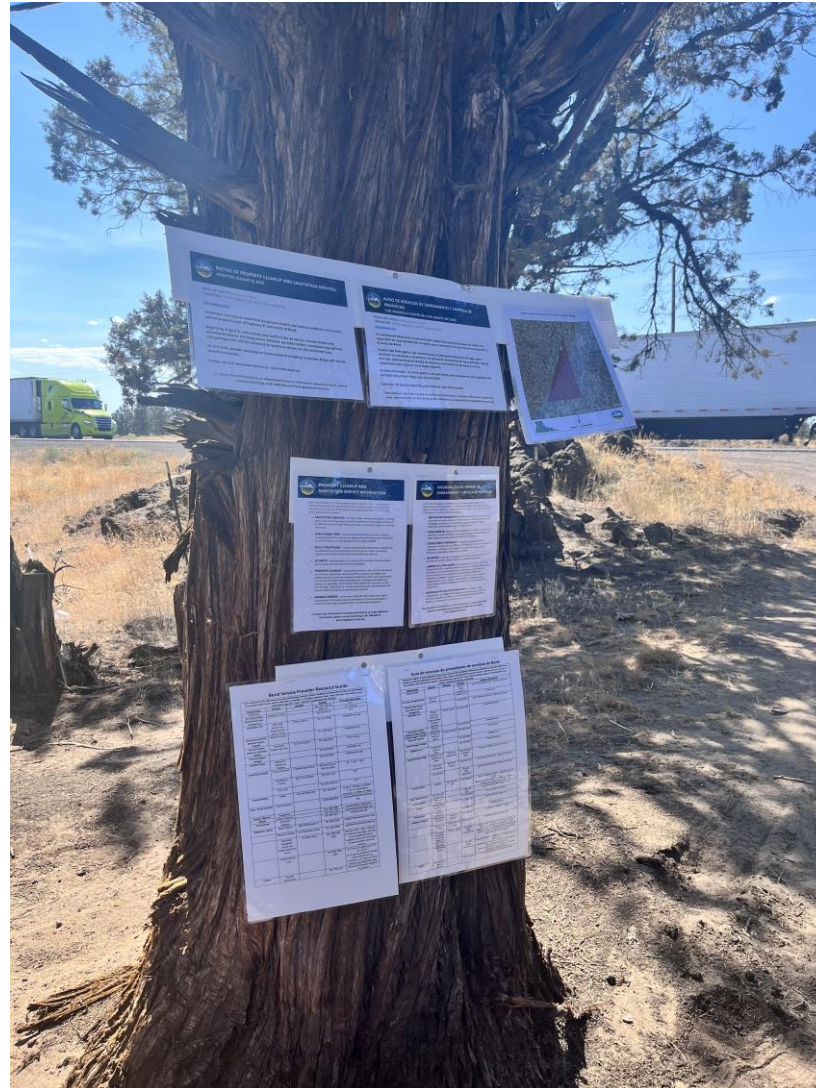




# Juniper Ridge - stations



# Juniper Ridge - notices





# Juniper Ridge – basic hygiene





# Juniper Ridge – drinking water



# Juniper Ridge – dumpsters



# Juniper Ridge – snow removal





# Juniper Ridge – yellow bags



# Juniper Ridge – resident cooperation



# Reasons to not move people

- County camping code – need to provide alternative place
- Hunnell Road relocation
- China Hat
  - Letter from USFS – concern that people will relocate from Juniper Ridge to China Hat
- New shelter beds coming on-line
- Concern relocation to other public lands, including other parts of Juniper Ridge
- Martin v. Boise court case





# Services

- 30-yard dumpsters emptied 5 times
  - Dumpster: 7,000 – 10,000 lbs. of trash
- 75,000 pounds of trash removed
- Removal of 70 “bio-buckets”
- 466 tires disposed
- Snow removal
- 39 abandoned camps cleaned up



# Budget - \$200,000

As of March 8, 2024

Service	Expenditure	Monthly cost (est.)
Trash	\$ 66,200	\$ 8,300
Portable toilets	\$ 9,400	\$ 1,300
Water	\$ 10,400	\$ 1,300
Fire ext. and misc.	\$ 4,400	n/a
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112,400</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>



# Successes

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**Good start to clean up the land**



**Basic hygiene amenities**

Porta-potties, drinking water, hand washing stations, dumpsters



**Some people moved out of homelessness (can't draw cause/effect)**

One family to shelter; one individual moved to Central Oregon Villages; one family moved to Oasis Village





# Successes (cont.)

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## **Security contractor**

First name basis with most people, provides information, no use of force incidents, report of fires and other situations to 9-1-1



## **Solid waste contractor**

Has developed relationship with people in the area; people voluntarily bringing contractor trash and tires



## **Communication with service providers**

Periodic email to service providers with updates



# Challenges

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## **Need outdoor relocation option**

Not all will go to shelter, temporary housing, housing



## **How long to continue basic hygiene amenities?**

Porta-potties, drinking water, hand washing stations, dumpsters



## **Without relocating people, can't remedy many of the code violations**

Also, state land use does not allow camping at the location



# Current status

- **14 occupied camps (on County land)**
  - Approximately 20 people
- **Vehicles (on County land)**
  - Estimated at 74: 13 running, 61 nonrunning
- **RVs (on County land)**
  - Estimated at 17
- **Many more camps and hundreds of people on adjacent land**



# Next steps

- Continue basic hygiene amenities through June 2024 with current budget
- Continue basic hygiene amenities past June 2024
  - ARPA funds
  - FY 2024-25 budget process
- Revisit relocation of people when alternative location in close proximity has been identified and opened





# Questions or comments?

