



Solid Waste Management Facility Siting Study

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Meeting

February 21, 2023





Agenda

1. Introductions/ Welcome
2. Review/ Approve January 2023 Meeting Minutes
3. Public Comment
4. Potential Additional Sites
5. Focused Site Screening Update
6. Communications Update
7. Next Steps
8. Adjourn



Public Comments

3 minutes per person

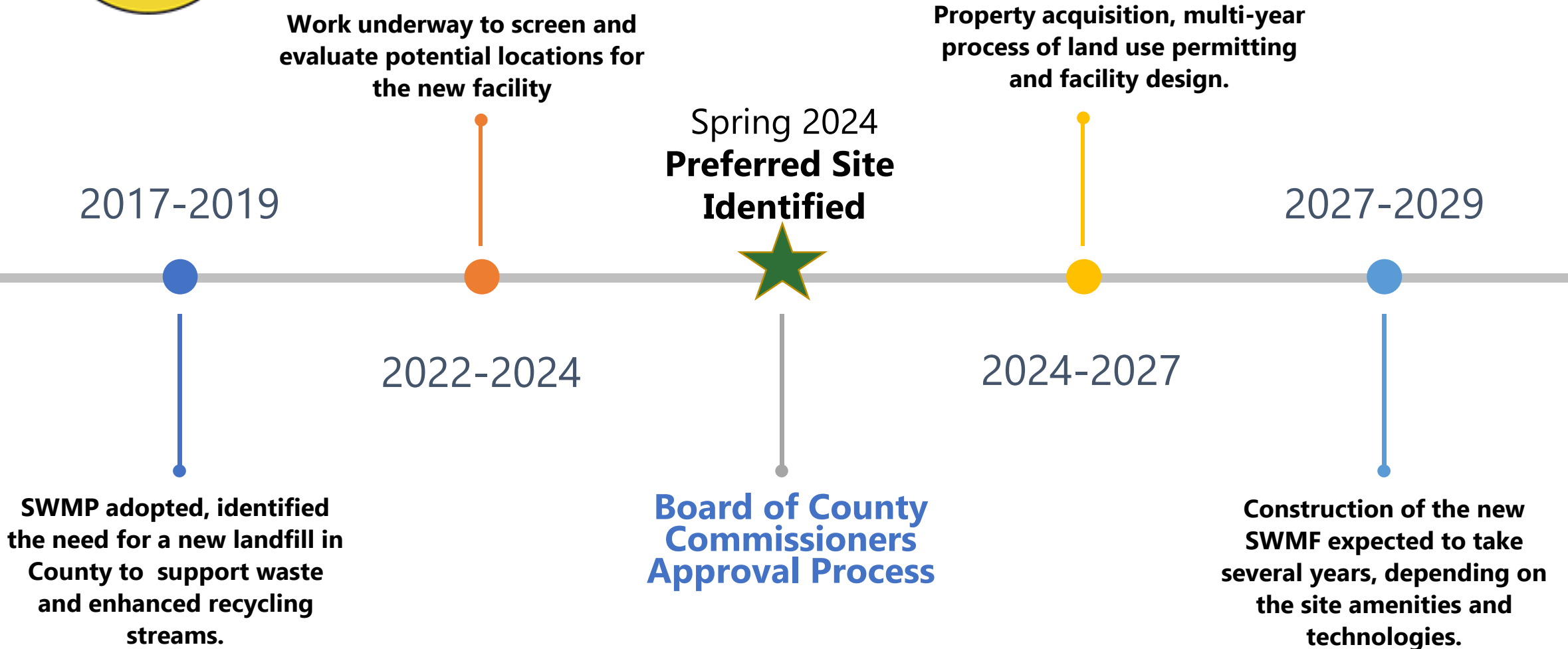
Based on number of people wishing to comment

Written comments can also be sent to:

managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov



Roadmap to Opening in 2029

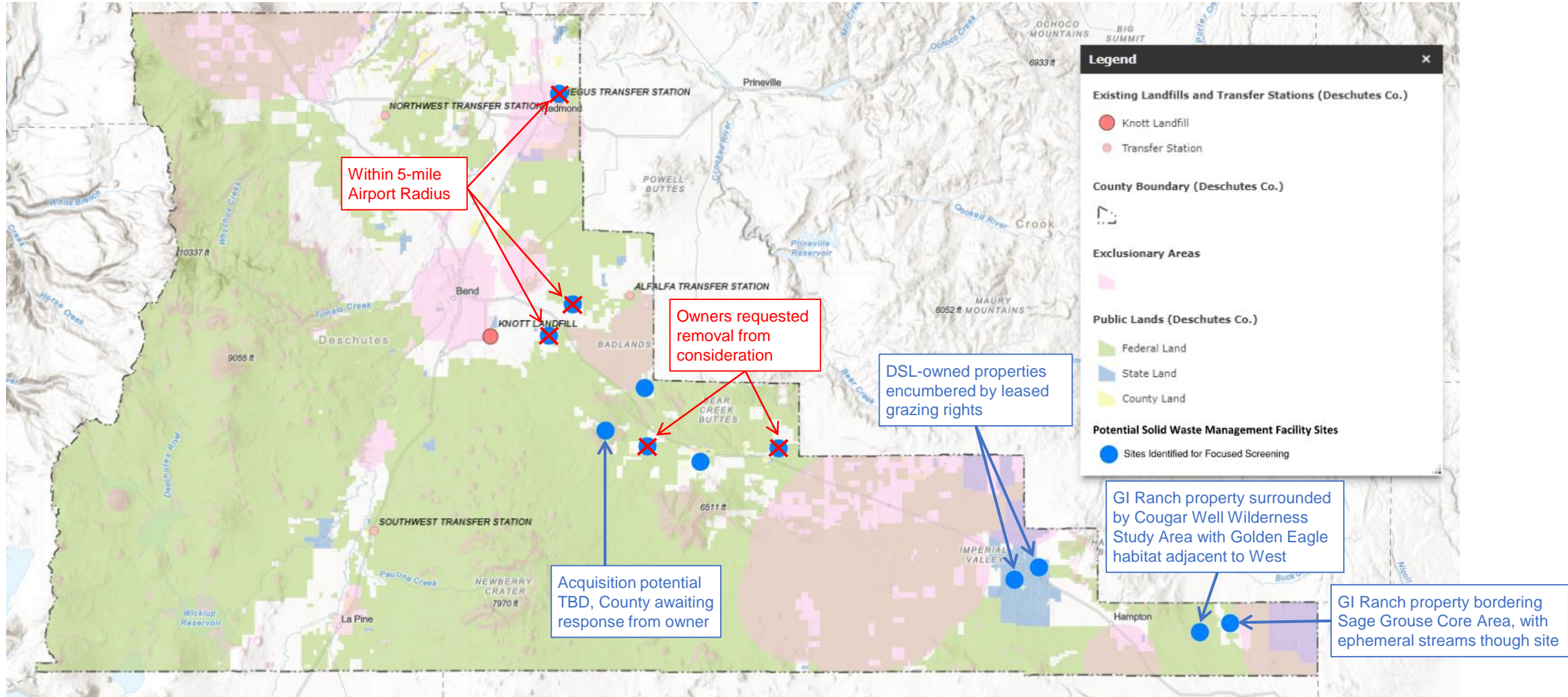




Focused Site Screening Update

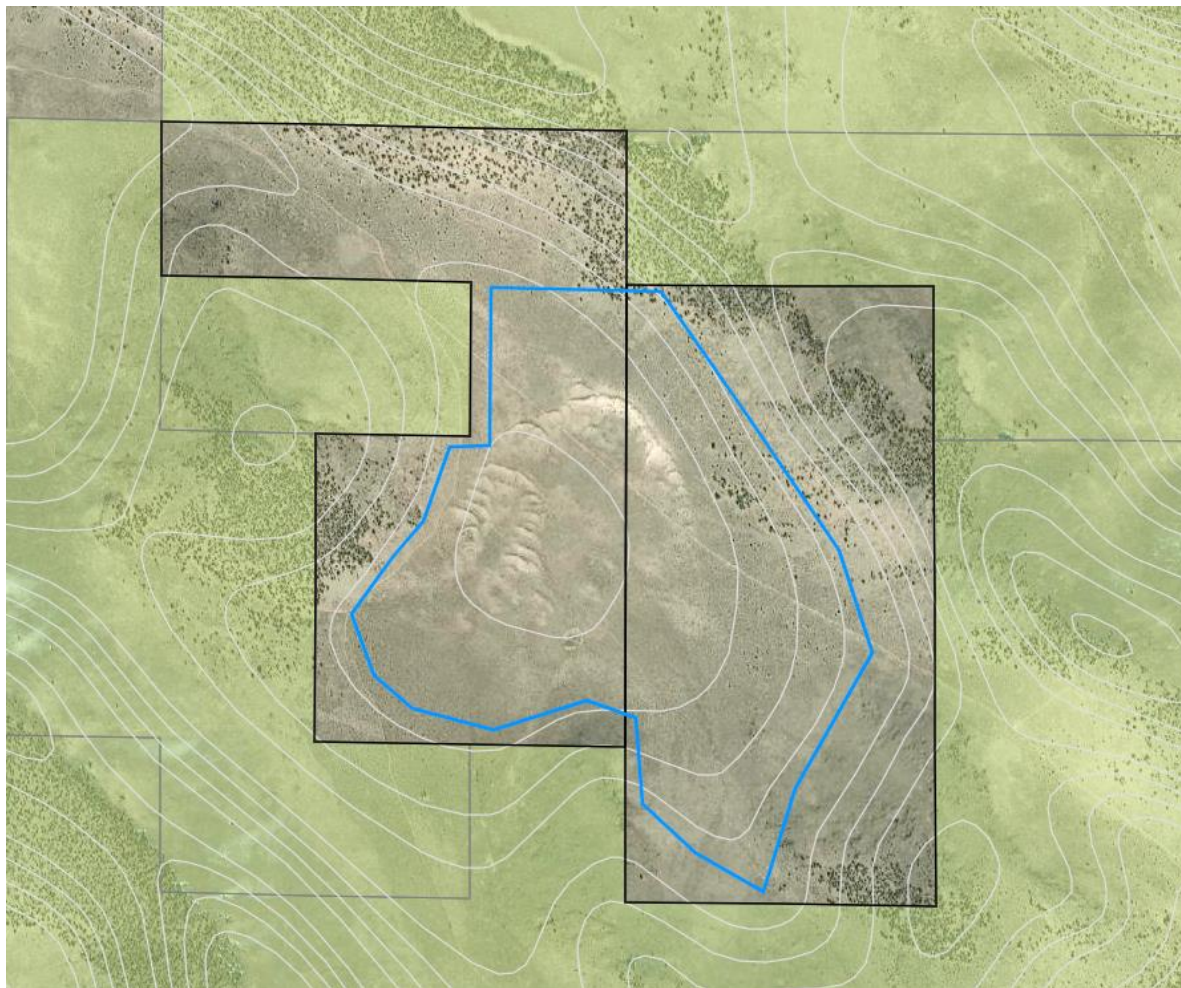
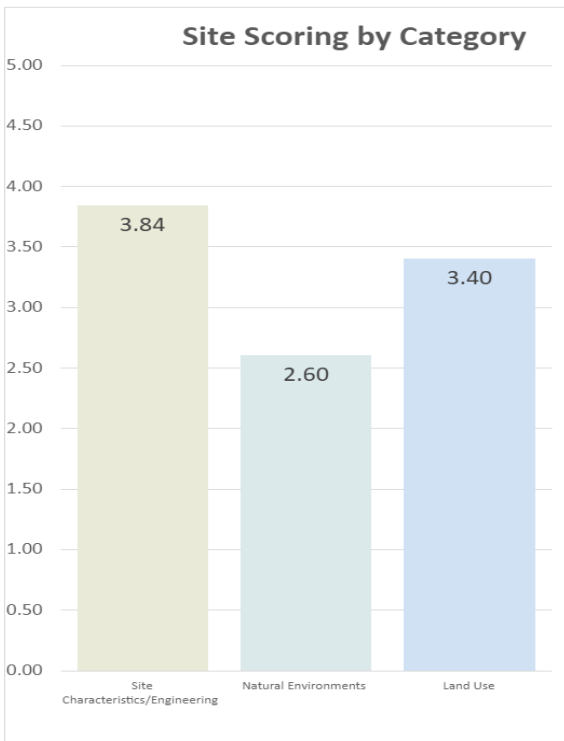
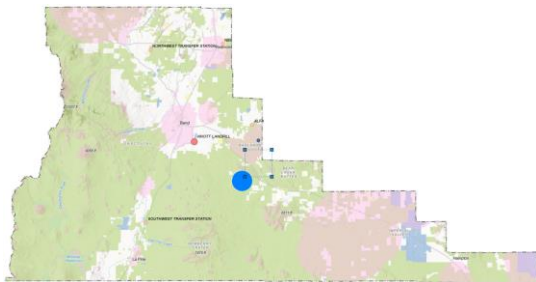


Focused Screening Updates





Golden Basin Site: 191400-2400

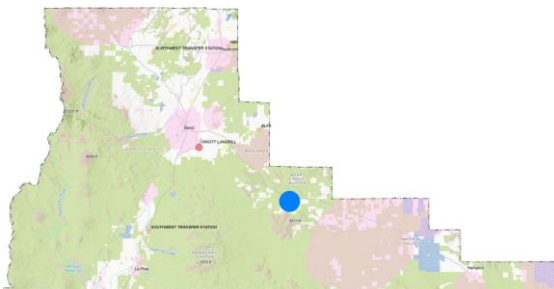


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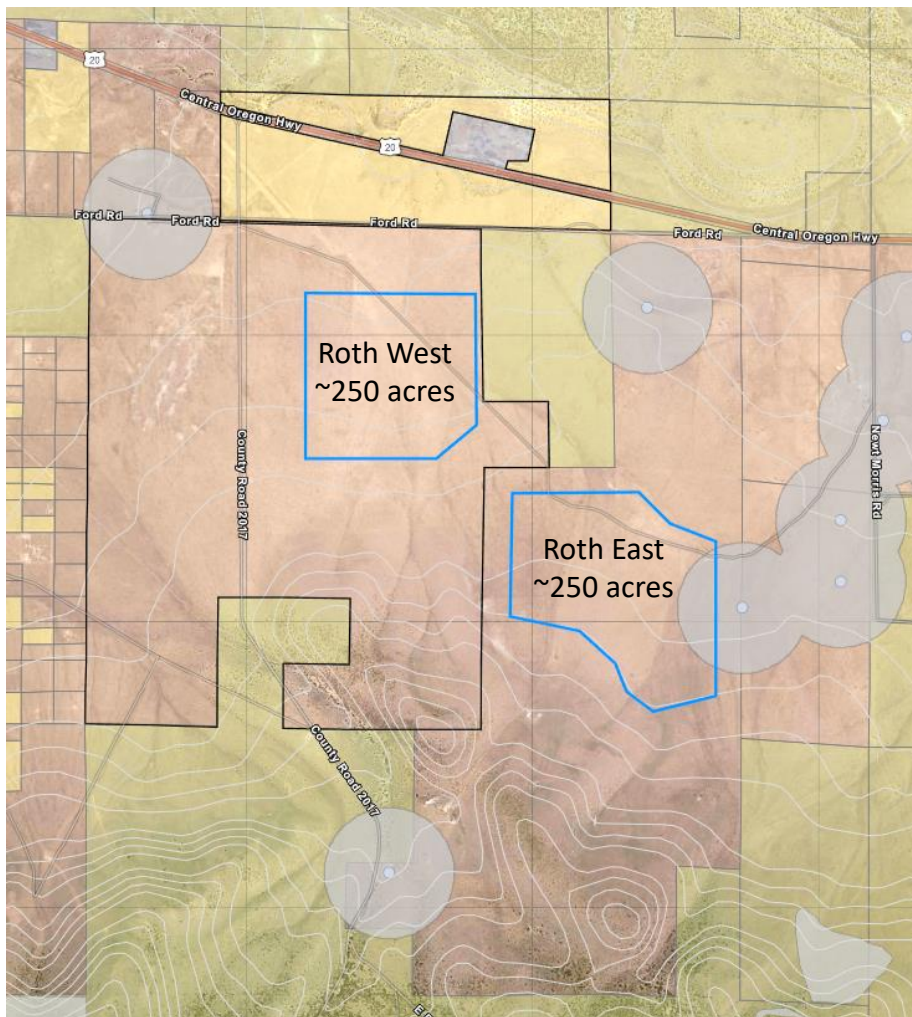
- Acquisition Potential TBD, awaiting response from Owner
- Bowl-like topography is favorable for landfill
- No residences within 1 mile
- Remote and well hidden from most nearby viewpoints
- Surrounded by BLM land
- Golden Eagle habitat nearby
- No wells or water rights onsite
- No nearby power infrastructure
- Would require a ~6 mile access road to be constructed
- The basin is likely to contain archaeological resources
- Within Low Density Sage Grouse Habitat Area
- 16-20 miles from Waste Centroid



Roth Sites: 201500-300 & 201500-301



Site Scoring by Category

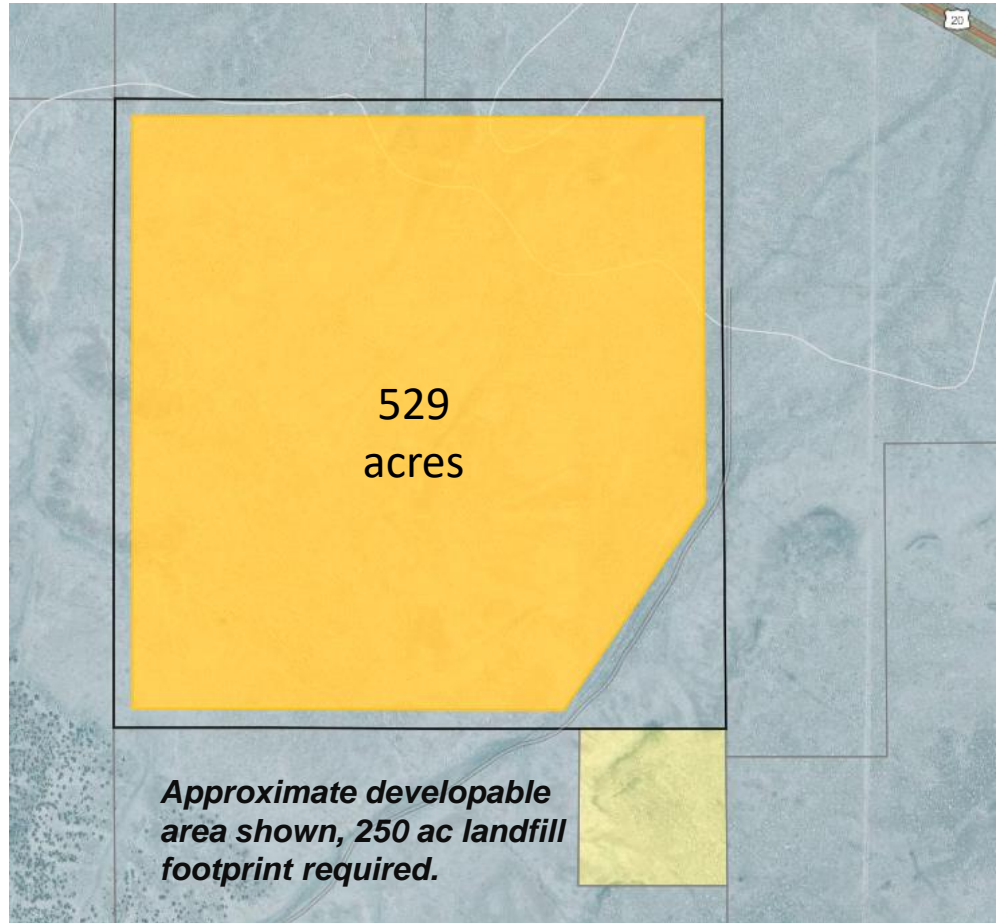
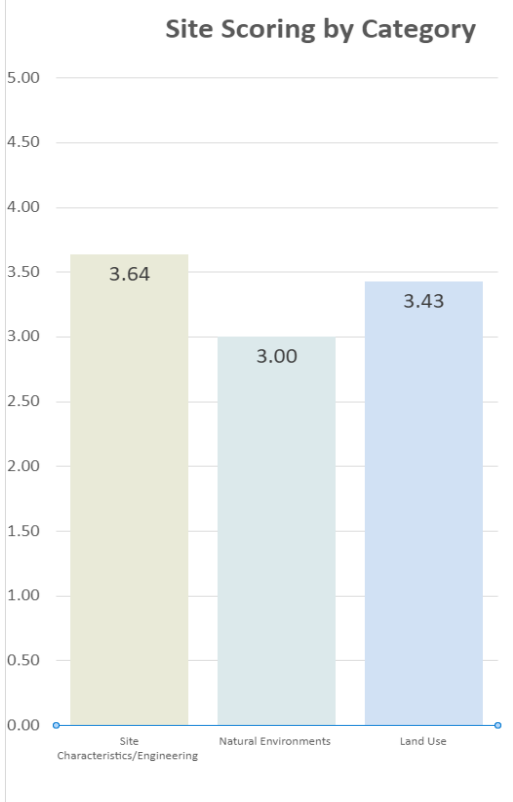
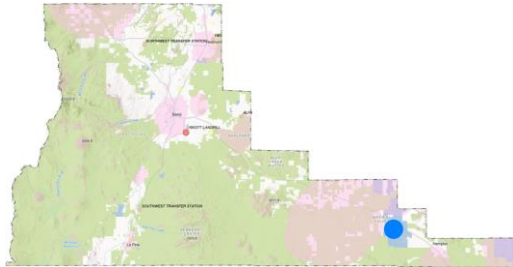


Considerations:

- Two parcels under review
- Both parcel owners are willing to sell
- Both parcels each 1,700+ acres
- Within Millican Valley / Plateau
- Within Low Density Sage Grouse Habitat Area
- Variety of recreational uses in vicinity
- Nearest residence ~0.7 mile distant
- East site is further from Pine Mountain access road and better screened from view by topography
- 23-27 miles from waste centroid



DSL Site ID: 211900

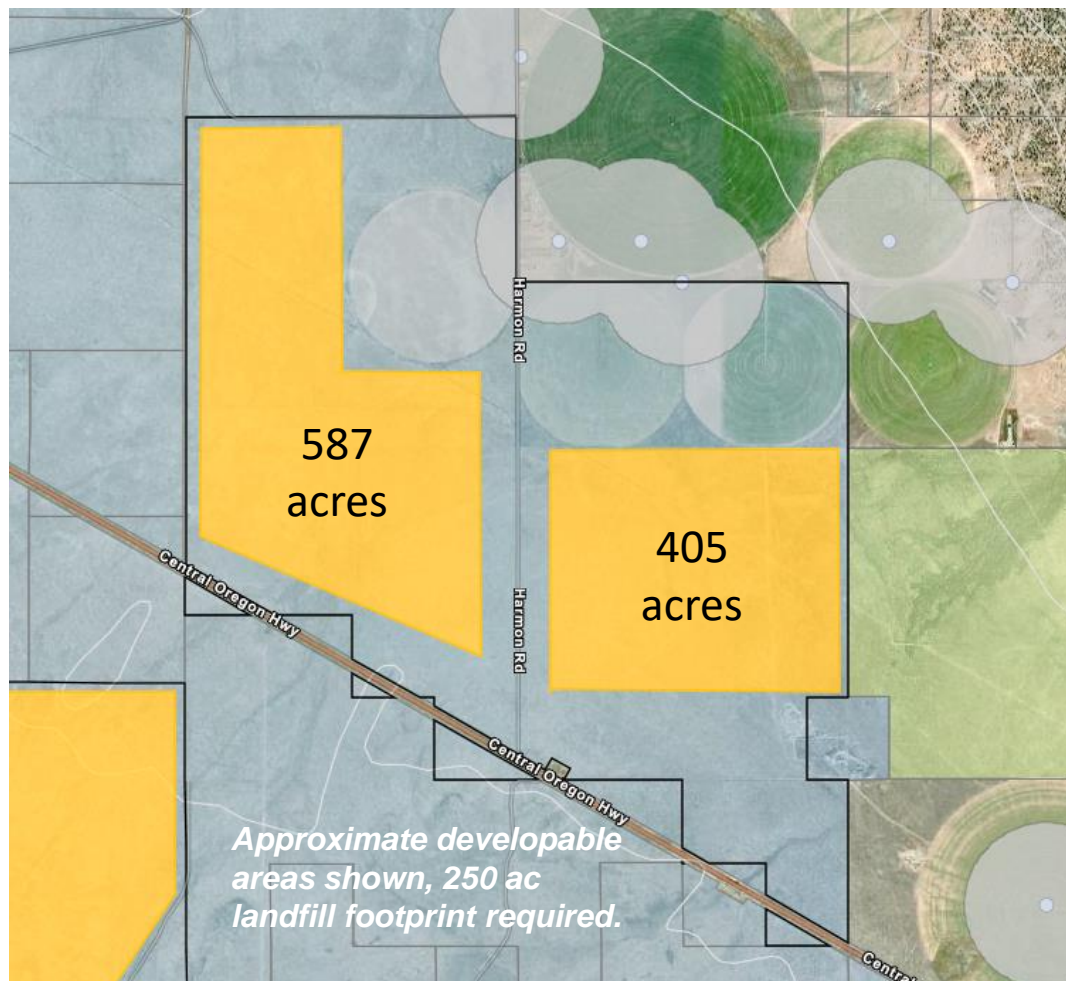
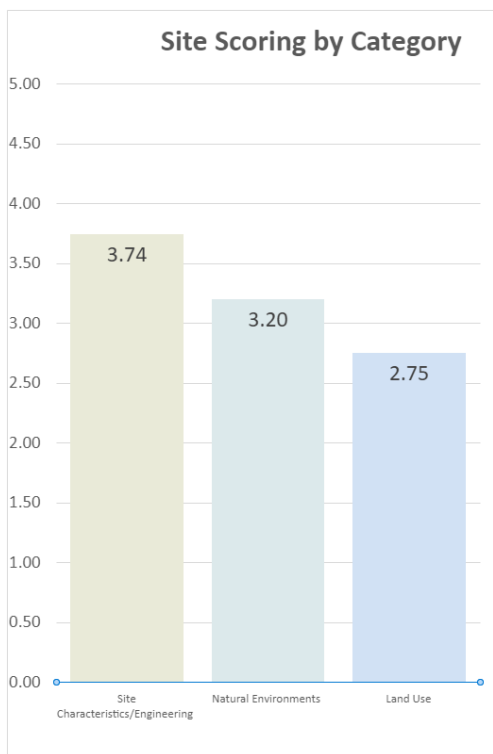
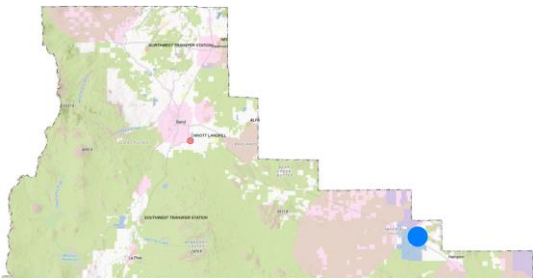


Considerations:

- Acquisition Potential is challenging due to ownership by Division of State Lands (DSL)
- Property encumbered by existing grazing land leases
- Property area is 625 acres
- Access easement required for truck access from Hwy 20
- No residences within 1.7 miles
- No known existing wells or water rights onsite
- Powerline along Highway 20
- 52-56 miles from waste centroid



DSL North Site: 212000

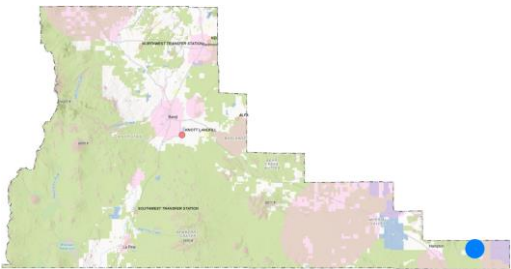


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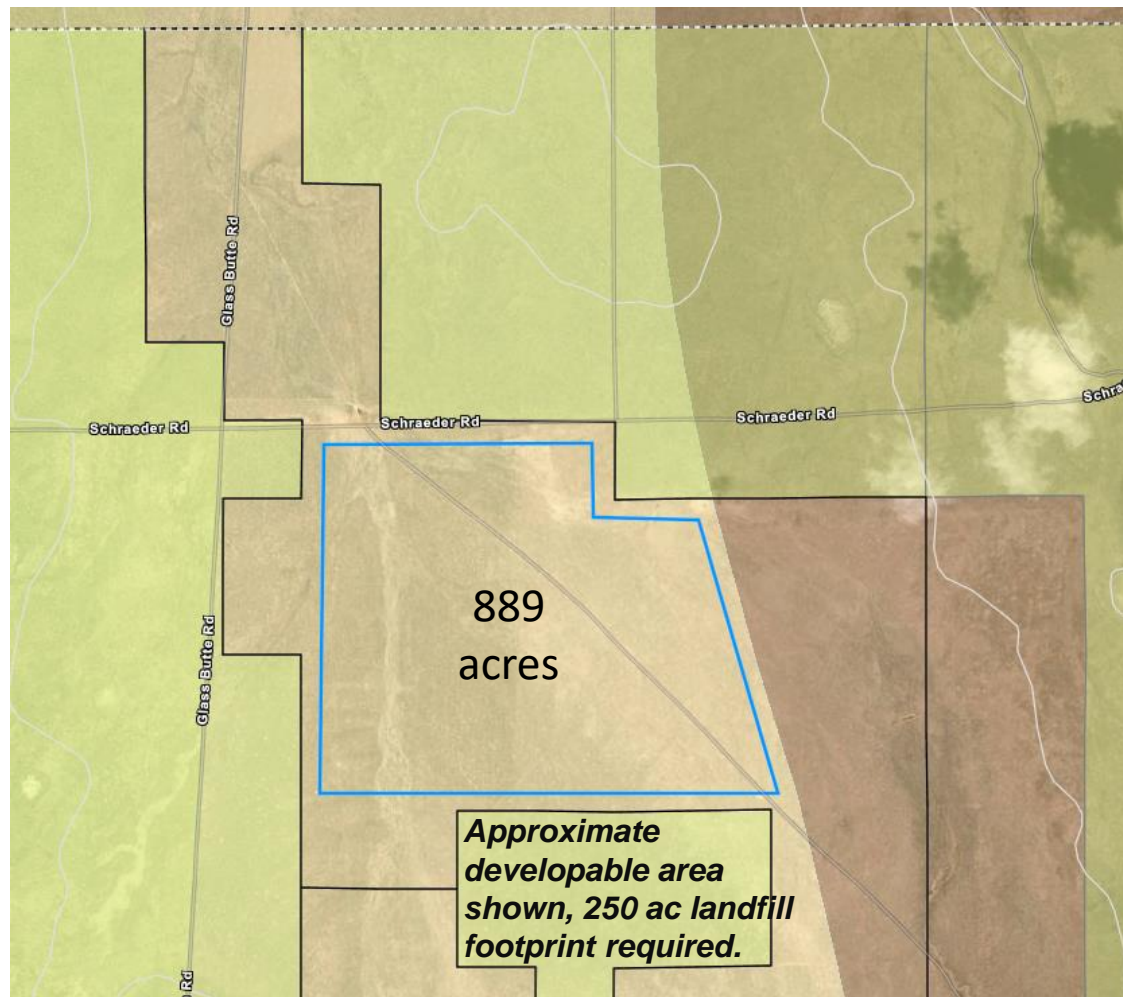
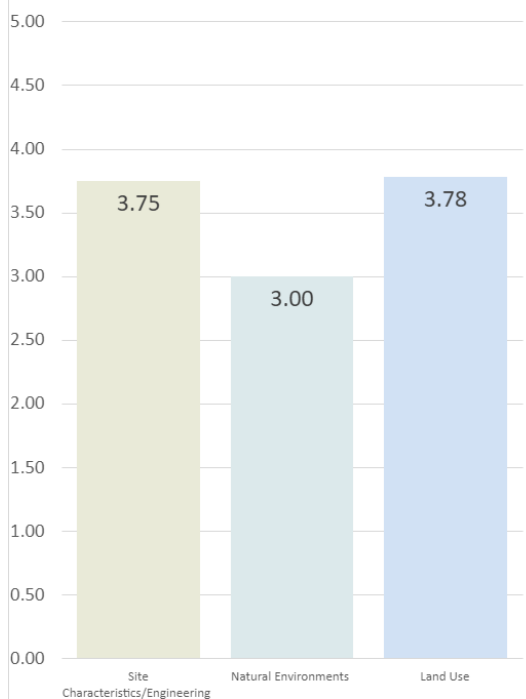
- Acquisition Potential is challenging due to ownership by Division of State Lands (DSL)
- Property encumbered by existing grazing land leases
- Property area is 2117 acres, with multiple options for potential disposal site
- Existing access via Hwy 20 and gravel road
- No residences within 1 mile
- Existing wells and residences nearby
- Adjacent to alfalfa farming
- No known wells or water rights onsite
- No nearby power infrastructure
- 52-56 miles from waste centroid



GI Ranch East Site ID: 222200-200



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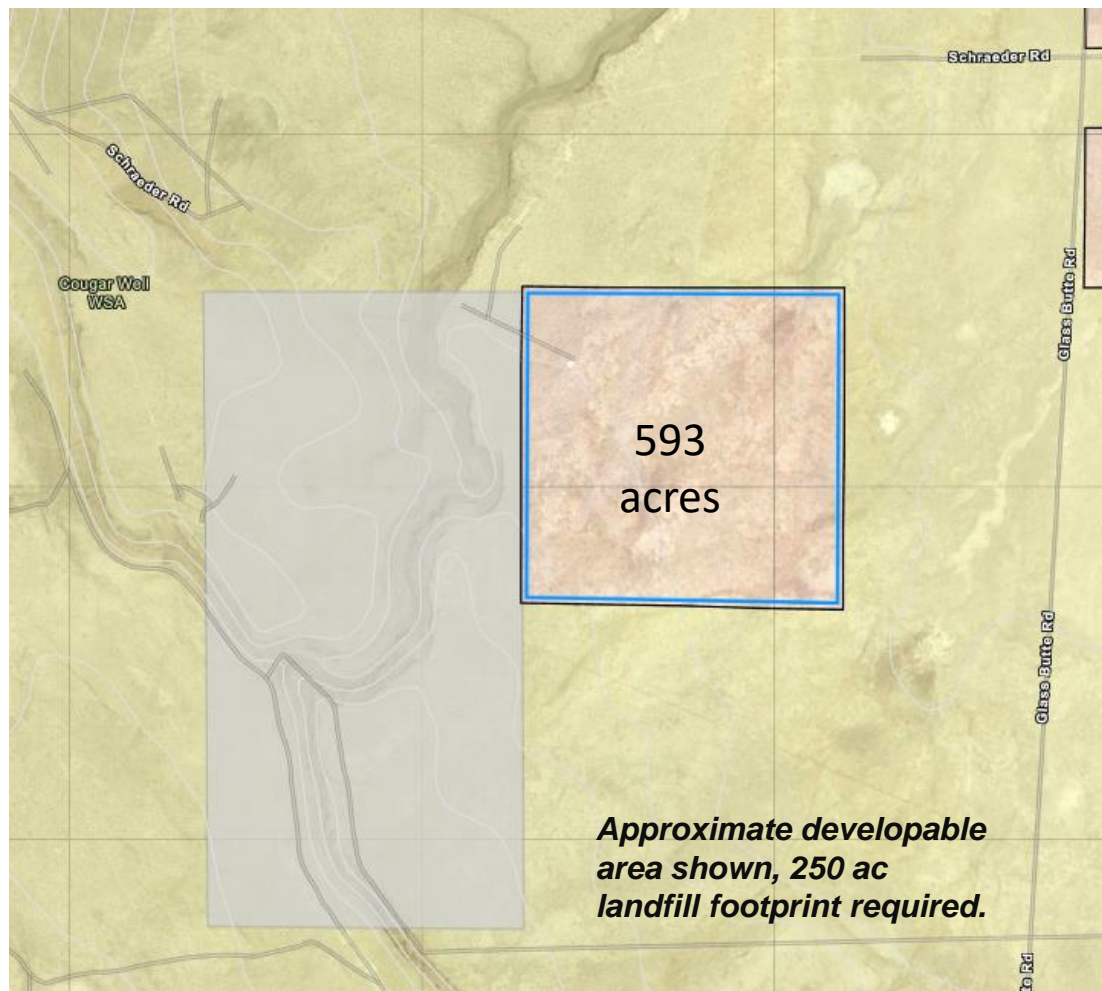
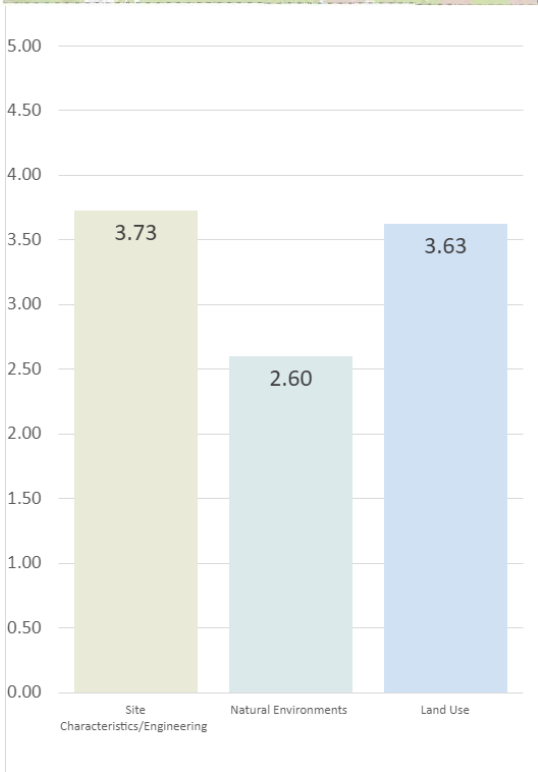
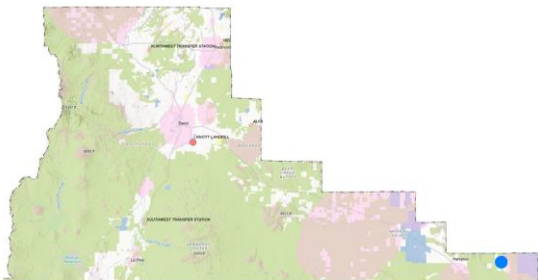


Considerations:

- Acquisition Potential TBD, need confirmation from Owner
- Parcel area is 2598 acres total
- No residences observed within 5 miles
- Flat topography
- Actively used for cattle ranching
- In Low Density Sage Grouse Area
- Bordered by Sage Grouse Core to East
- Evidence of ephemeral streams running through site
- No existing wells or water rights onsite
- 115 kV transmission line offsite, approximately 1.5 miles to south
- 76-80 miles from waste centroid



GI Ranch West Site ID: 222200-400

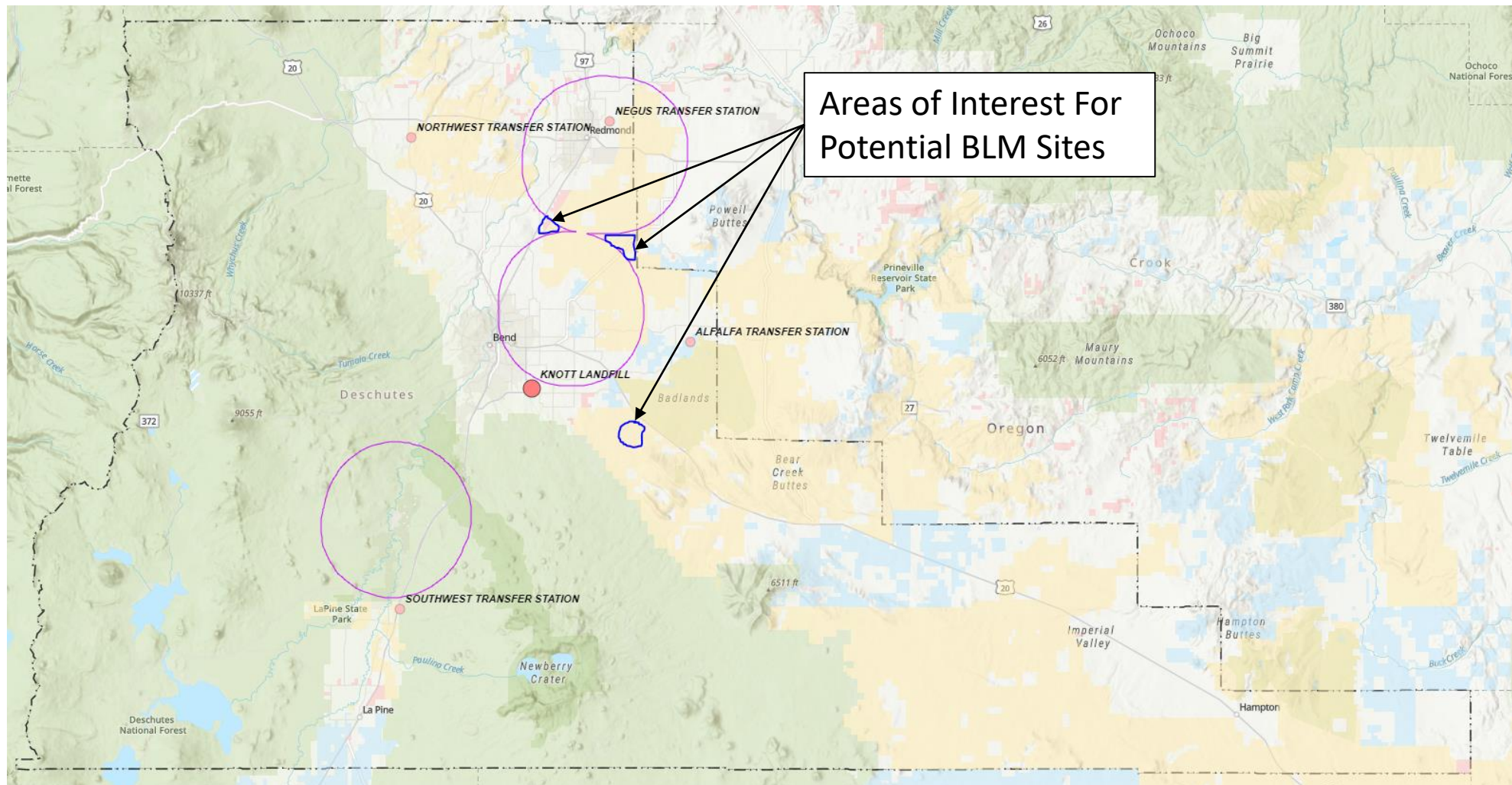


Considerations:

- Acquisition Potential TBD, awaiting response from Owner
- Private property surrounded by Cougar Well Wilderness Study Area
- Access easement required from BLM for truck access from Glass Butte Rd
- Flat topography
- No residences observed within 5 miles
- Surrounded by BLM land
- Golden Eagle habitat adjacent to West
- No existing wells or water rights onsite
- 115 kV transmission line offsite, approximately 0.12 miles to south
- 75-79 miles from waste centroid



Update: Additional BLM Areas of Interest





Communications Update



Public Outreach

- The County is committed to ongoing community outreach and engagement.
- Project webpage, monthly Solid Waste Advisory Committee meetings, Board of County Commissioners updates, community group briefings and events, direct mailings, presentations, project information booths at Fair, small group meetings during 2022/2023
- Continued communications to over 400 interested parties via email
- New information, continued stakeholder engagement – pared down list of sites
- Dialogue with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and US Department of Fish and Game
- Potentially additional BLM sites considered
- Project Story Map prepared and planned to go public shortly after SWAC mtg



Combined Site Concerns- through January 16, 2023

Communications Concerns Residence Impacts Noise Wildfire Concerns OHV
Truck Access Route Wildlife Zoning Antelope Airports Hiking
Soils Dust Air Recreation (general) Badlands Impact Rodent Problems
Pine Mtn Observatory Eagles, other raptors Light Vectors (Birds, Rats)
Selection Process Traffic Deer Wildlife (general) Odor Growth Biking
Topography Property Value Hanggliders Paragliders Litter Cultural Resources
Visual Horses Groundwater Cougar Sage Grouse Self Haul Distance
Haul Distance Health Elk Bats Zoning General
Raven Impact Floodplain



Next Steps

- Continued Focused Area Screening & technical analysis of remaining sites
- SWAC meetings February - update on continued Focused Screening & site evaluations, [March- finalist sites](#)
- Project Open House- April 6, 2023
- Technical assessments, on-site cultural work, geotechnical evaluations on 3-5 finalist sites
- Continued targeted outreach to affected property owners
- ★ [Finalist site chosen](#) by Board of County Commissioners- [Spring 2024](#)



Adjourn

