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Kate McQuillan  
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RE: Metro's Burlington Creek Forest Use Application  
Case #T3-2017-9165

Dear Ms. McQuillan:

The following is provided to aid in County Transportation and Development review. Metro's use application includes lots and land comprising +/-208 acres, upon which Metro is proposing a small trailhead and trail development. Reference to 350 acres in the application is referring to Metro's entire Burlington Creek Forest holding, which includes substantial acreage north/northwest of NW McNamee Drive as well as acreage east of the railroad tracks and adjacent to Highway 30. The lots upon which the access drive, parking area, trailhead, and trails will be located are: 2N1W20B-00100; 2N1W20B-00300; 2N1W20B-00400; 2N1W20B-00500; 2N1W20B-00600; 2N1W20BC-00800; 2N1W20BC-00900; 2N1W20BC-01000; 2N1W20BC-01200; 2N1W20C-00100; 2N1W20C-00200; 2N1W20C-00300; 2N1W20C-00400; 2N1W20C-00500; 2N1W20C-00600; 2N1W20C-00700; 2N1W20BD-03700; 2N1W20-00400.

For purposes of the transportation analysis and analyzing other Metro nature parks to quantify use and demand, Metro uses the 208 acres associated with the planned Burlington Creek Nature Park. Metro did not include the 140 plus additional Burlington Creek Forest acres, as that land is disconnected from the proposed improvements and is not managed for visitors.

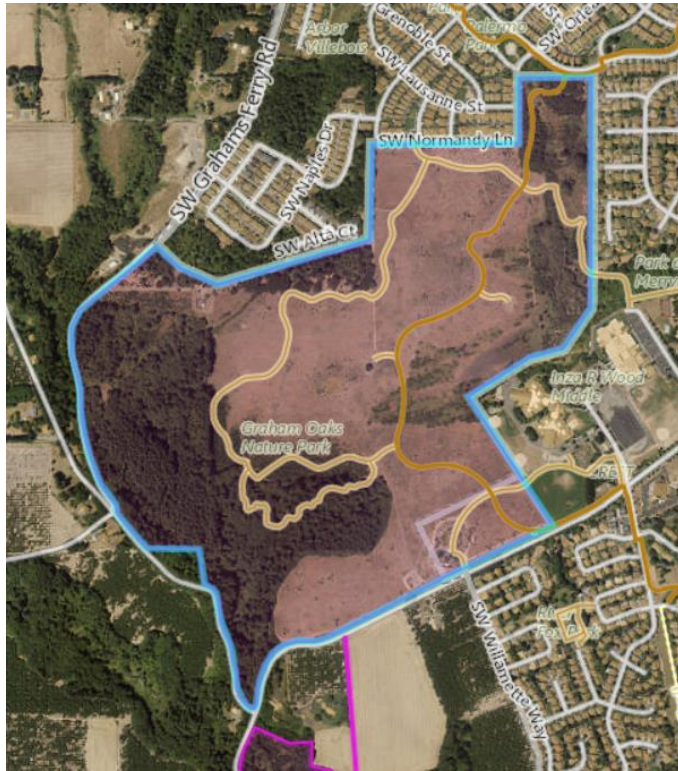
To avoid any misunderstanding, Metro has revised the comparable parks table that is part of the Transportation Impact Assessment to reflect the 208 acres associated with the planned Burlington Creek Nature Park, in which only a portion of land will be disturbed.

The comparable parks table reflects the acreage associated with Metro's other area nature parks. As depicted below, those parks are developed with trailheads and trails and are surrounded by existing and planned residential development or otherwise enclosed by transportation corridors.

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Additional trails extending north in the nature park are planned. Land to the south, east and northeast of park is currently being developed with residential subdivisions. Trails connecting those neighborhoods to the nature park are planned to serve those communities.

### Graham Oaks Nature Park



### Cooper Mountain



Land to the south and east of Cooper Mountain Nature Park is currently being brought into the Urban Growth Boundary and will be planned for residential subdivision development.

Those nature parks are different from the proposed Burlington Creek Forest Nature Park in that no additional Metro owned forest land or natural area is adjacent to them. In other words, those nature parks comprise Metro's entire contiguous holding and all the

land is managed for and supports the nature park. When completed, the Burlington Creek Forest will have two components - the Burlington Creek Natural Area and the Burlington Creek Nature Park, and two management objectives, much like Metro's Oxbow Regional Park and the Gordon and Buck Creek Natural Areas adjacent to it.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G Shepherd", written in a cursive style.

Gary Shepherd

CC: Kevin Cook, Multnomah County

Enclosure (revised parks comparable table)



Park Comparables

Feb-19

Park	Agency	Location	Acres	Annual Day Use Attendance	Annual Vehicle Trips	Annual Vehicle Count	10 Minute Population	20 Minute Population	30 Minute Population	POC % (20 min)	Trail Miles	Activities	No. Parking Spaces	Comments
Burlington Creek Forest Nature Park	Metro	Multnomah County, OR	208	NA	NA	NA	3,400	149,000	739,000	0.35	8	Hiking, MTB, equestrian trails, 1-2 picnic tables proposed	25	No equestrian parking, single restroom, two picnic tables. 5.5 miles of trails and 2.5 miles gravel road.
Graham Oaks Nature Park	Metro	City of Wilsonville, OR	246	109,300	58,600	29,300	28,000	200,000	737,000	0.24	3	Hiking, walking, biking, play area, nature education center, shelter and picnic tables, regional trail	27	Nature education center, picnic tables and shelter, regional trail, adjacent neighborhood.
Scouter's Mountain Nature Park	Metro	Happy Valley, OR	100	28,225	22,580	11,290	58,000	456,000	1,028,000	0.31	1	Hiking, walking, nature education, shelter and picnic tables.	24	Significant local neighborhood population.
Mount Talbert Nature Park	NCPRD/Metro	Happy Valley, OR	253	87,200	69,800	34,900	112,000	587,000	1,400,000	0.27	4	Hiking, accessible trail, sheltered picnic area, nature education	29	Picnicing, restroom, shelter, nature education
Cooper Mountain Nature Park	THPRD/Metro	Beaverton, OR	230	123,450	98,760	49,380	145,000	487,000	790,000	0.33	3.5	Hiking, walking, play area, nature education center, shelter and picnic tables.	53	Surrounded by significant residential community. Functions like a neighborhood park.
Whipple Creek Regional Park	Clark County	Vancouver, WA	300	NA	NA	NA	NA	316,000	787,000	NA	4.3	Hiking, equestrian, MTB	10 passenger, 12 trailer	
Powell Butte Nature Park	City of Portland	Portland, OR	612	NA	NA	NA	111,000	464,000	1,020,000	0.34	8+	Hiking, MTB, equestrian, nature education center, picnicking	65 passenger vehicle and 4 trailer spaces	A city park within city limits. More extensively developed than BCF, more than 3x the population within a 20 minute drive time.
L.L. Stub Stewart State Park	Oregon State Parks	Washington County, OR	1,673	112,716	56,360	28,180	NA	108,400	395,900	NA	25+	Hiking, equestrian, mountain biking, regional trail, disc golf, picnicking, dog park, nature education center, wildlife viewing	unknown	Oregon State Parks assumes 4 passengers/ vehicle. Counts are for day users only, campers are not included.
Forest Park	City of Portland	Portland, OR	5,100	NA	NA	NA	17,500	297,000	1,048,000	0.33	70	Hiking, MTB, equestrian	unknown	Includes the Wildwood Trail a National Scenic Trail.

NOTES

- 1) Population data based on ESRI business analyst 2016 estimates.
- 2) Drive times generated with network analyst.
- 3) POC = Persons of Color.
- 4) Trail miles include existing gravel roads where visitor use is allowed.
- 5) A vehicle occupancy rate of 2.5 persons/vehicle is typically assumed to calculate # of visitors.
- 6) A study of four Metro parks foun+A10:P34d a vehicle occupancy rate of 1.6 persons/vehicle.

North Tualatin Mountains  
Burlington Creek Forest  
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