

LETTER

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Subject:Beach & Dune Area Suitability Analysis for the proposed Dunes KOA Campground expansionin Section 11c, Township 24S, Range 13W, TL 501, 602, 608 & 1100 in Coos County, Oregon.

Greetings Steve:

At your request, I am addressing the suitability of a proposed industrial development in the SW ¼ of Section 11, T24S, R13W, Coos County Oregon, regarding areas within Coos County's current Dunes, Ocean and Coastal Lake Shorelands Policy as stipulated in Appendix 1, Section 5.10. This policy requires suitability findings for development including addressing potential adverse impacts to surrounding properties and natural features.

I am adding to the original report that Ralph Dunham of Stuntzner Engineering dated August 30, 2016, to include TL 501 adjacent to and north of current development. Most all text in this letter were reviewed by me and taken from Ralphs original letter. I have added Coos County hazard maps in **Attachment 1.** and am also including USDA Soil Report in **Attachment 2.** to verify soils within TL 501 are consistent with the surrounding soils.

I have visited the site numerous times and investigated the general soils in the areas proposed to be disturbed. Soils are relatively consistent throughout all parcels, with the minor exceptions of where gravel has been added (TL 608), and minor variations in depth of soil layers from convex formations to concave fo1mations.

The Coos County Soil Survey lists 4 different soil formations on the overall project site. They are 1B Bandon sandy loam, 8D Bullards sandy loam, 16 Dune Land, and 43D Netarts loamy fine sand. In general, the Dune Land and Netarts are essentially clean fine sands, the Bandon and Bullards include typically a pedon of silty fine sands, and a cemented sand at 40+ inches in depth. All are primarily fine sands and have essentially the same erosion potential when exposed, as the cemented sands tend to weather to clean fine sands. The Bandon and Bullards soils are typically found in older stabilized dune fo1mations, and the Neta1is and Dune soils in younger stabilized dune fo1mations.

The area listed as Dune land is the exposed soils primarily on TL 608 and south of the proposed development, where vegetation has been cleared and disturbed by prior grading. The Netarts

segment is the existing drainfield, and closest to the open dune land (TL 800 where little or no development (trail only) is proposed. The older stabilized dune formation soils exist on TL 501, 602, 608 & 1100. Our primary concern to be addressed is the movement of sand or dune structures through wind and water erosion due to the development proposed.

Existing dune formations range in elevation from the toe at the lake at approximate elevation 38 to the westerly dune on TL 800 with a varying top that reaches elevations as high as 130. The existing development (excepting the wastewater effluent irrigation system) is on a broad bend varying in elevation between 76 and 60 feet. Proposed development is between the riparian buffer from the lake and the access road, or on the existing gentle bench the existing RV park is developed on. Development is proposed on gently sloped ground, with anticipated cuts or fills of 6 feet in height or less, and generally sloped at 20% or flatter. Some access (yurt access & dock access) is proposed on steeper slopes; however, the general impact foot print is the width of the access (typically 5 feet) and cuts and fills on these steeper slopes average 24 inches or less, with native vegetation left as undisturbed as possible.

The following findings are based upon three assumptions:

- A. Steeper slopes are in riparian buffer area based upon DOGAMI lidar topography of the site, minimal disturbance other than access ways, stairways for docks & Yurts on TL 1100 will happen on slopes exceeding 25%.
- B. Appropriate landscaping will cover at least 90% of the area not utilized for RV spaces or trails. Landscaping may include crushed aggregate as a ground cover in wear areas.
- C. Limited disturbance will occur on the north westerly dune area. Where dune area is disturbed, (trail is anticipated) appropriate retaining structures or erosion controls will be implemented to maintain the Dune formation.

Based upon the Coos County's Plan Implementation Strategies, the site was to be evaluated for the following:

(4)(a)i (a). Adverse effects the proposed use might have on the site and adjacent areas:

The proposal is to construct; RV Spaces, up to 10 yurt structures, parking and yard area, limited access, and utilities on a currently partially cleared site. The issue to be addressed is movement of the sandy soils which exist and destabilization of adjoining prope1ties and/or movement of sandy soils onto other properties. It is noted that currently approximately 35 % the property has been previously cleared of vegetation. It should also be noted that other than migrating of soils, the only feature which has the potential to impact other prope1ties to any significant extent is the existing dune on the westerly boundary, which is currently vegetated, and only real disturbance proposed is access/ walking trails and possibly zip line towers.

Two separate issues are to be addressed. First is potential impact to surrounding developed prope1ties, and second are impacts to "Forest Lands" underlying the commercial zone. Although development is within a stabilized dune fo1mation, listed as suitable for development, we are addressing the limited suitability criteria as we are removing stabilized dune fo1mations.

- A. Likely impacts to the adjoining lands are both temporal and are to be limited through application of erosion control measures required by the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Clean Water Act. Approximately 3.3 acres of an existing 35 acre stabilized dune fo1mation are anticipated to be disturbed.
- B. Proposed stabilization will include limiting constructed slopes to not steeper than 2H:1V and stabilizing these slopes with primarily erosion control fabrics and seeding of natural grasses (drought tolerant) and shrubs. Some replanting of natural forest species is also anticipated (lodge pole pine, Sitka spruce, salal).
- C. Existing forest is in a commercial sense, poor. Due to harsh exposure conditions the forest established on this dune formation is slow growing, limited in preferred market species, and typically poor-quality wood due to exposure conditions causing twist, rot and breakage of the tree species. It does however provide some habitat for wildlife and stabilization of soils. Approximately 87% of the forested dune f01mation will be left undisturbed, in two primary fo1mations of approximately 8 acres near the NW corner of the property and 3 acres near the middle of the prope1ty, of which just less than 1.5 acres will be disturbed and the full buffer protecting the riparian area left as a buffer.

The impacts anticipated therefore are temporal in relation to the potential for dune movement and do not reduce viable commercial forest. Impacts to wildlife habitat exist, however the proposed disturbance is primarily in an area which is currently utilized as ATV trails, so it's a trade -off of camping versus ATV use.

(4a) i(b). The need for temporary and permanent stabilization programs, and maintenance of new and existing vegetation:

The site is covered with existing improvements including structures, RV sites, access lanes and appurtenant facilities on 30% of the overall site. An additional 35% of the site is occupied with riparian buffer or water. Approximately 13% of the site is proposed to be disturbed, of which approximately 50% of this area has already been disturbed by less pe1manent use (private camping, ATV trails) In the area proposed to be disturbed, the vegetation is a mixture of invasive species (primarily non-native blackberry species) and natural species.

It is anticipated that the expansion portion of the property will be primarily cleared, which includes areas of graveled (prior private campground) area, area which has been cleared of primarily blackberry species by and excavator, and areas disturbed by ATV use. Approximately half of the proposed disturbance is on already cleared areas, and the remainder relatively well vegetated. As noted above a system of vegetative and mechanical stabilization will be implemented in a required erosion control plan (mechanical stabilization on minor steeper slope areas). Planting of new vegetation is proposed to be native plant materials, which have been utilized successfully for short- and long-term stabilization on surrounding developments. Maintenance of the vegetation is required by DEQ and federal erosion control requirements for a minimum of 5 years, or until established ground cover is dense enough to emulate natural vegetation densities.

(4a) i(c). The need for methods for protecting surrounding area from adverse effects of the development:

Again, due to the required erosion control measures, experience with these measures, and the fact the proposed development is almost entirely internal to the site, the effect adjoining prope1ties are assumed to be minimally affected by the development other than the possibility of minor wind-blown erosion which is possible in any development when mineral soils are exposed. The closest development to the proposed development is Steve's ATV site owned by the same owner, and

properties separated by U.S. Hwy 101 to the east, or across the unnamed lake which will act as a buffer also. Its developed areas will be screened from this other development by approximately 350-400 feet of undisturbed dune area vegetated with trees and shrubs, developed campground, or the lake.

The disturbed area, which is not covered by an aggregate paving or a structure, will be vegetated with native grasses, trees, or shrubs, as well as volunteer native vegetation.

(4a) i(d). Hazards to life, public and private property, and the natural environment which may be caused by the proposed use:

This evaluation is not intended to address hazards related to the use, however, is to address hazards related to the soil disturbance. Expected hazards due to soil disturbance are minimal based upon the assumption that construction will comply with required erosion control measures, content building and construction code requirements. The only existing hazard being disturbed on the prope1ty is the existing gentle dune in the middle of the property, which the steeper slopes are in the riparian buffer primarily. Re-grading the gentle poltions of the dune formation will have limited change in hazard other than directly related to erosion control.

(4a) ii(a). Destruction of desirable vegetation (including moisture loss or root damage):

Riparian edge vegetation is only proposed to be disturbed for access to the water, and in most cases may be trimmed instead of removed, limiting the disturbance. This is a very nebulous criteria in that with dune sands being extremely well drained, vegetation removes water rather than protecting groundwater from drawdown. While removal of vegetation typically will increase the surface runoff (i.e., graveled, or paved surfaces will cause an increase in surface runoff), open sands without vegetation have the potential to increase groundwater stores over large vegetation which removes (transpiration) water. Low growing drought resistant grasses are more beneficial in this aspect than large tree cover (i.e., BLM is removing juniper all over Eastern Oregon). With that said however, care in grading and drainage will be taken with the development to provide filter vegetation and maintain large woody vegetation for a wind buffer.

(4a) ii(b). The exposure of stable and conditionally stable areas to erosion:

Again, a strange criteria as vegetation removal is either replaced by other soil stabilizing materials (i.e., aggregate surfacing) or as required by Oregon DEQ to be stabilized with replacement vegetation after disturbance. Again, as noted earlier, approximately 50% of the area to be developed is disturbed at this time, and the net affect overall will be to stabilize the landform, although temporal and controlled exposure will occur during construction.

(4a) ii(c). Construction of shore structures which modify current air wave patterns leading to beach erosion. Riparian buffers are to remain except for access paths for water use. Due to the location of this surrounding dune fo1ms, this really is not an issue. This criteria is realistically included for disturbances close to the ocean beach, which is 1.8 miles west and significant dune forms exist between.

(4a) ii(d). Any other development actions with potential adverse impacts:

All disturbances have potential adverse impacts. With that said, the proposed development is well shielded from the NW winds, is leaving significant vegetation around the development, and has no abn01mal potential for adverse impact.

The installation of this new development of this site has no adverse long-term impacts, on sho1t- term impacts expected to exist for a maximum of two years in any large-scale areas until vegetation is well established on site. It is my opinion that this project will have limited, short term detrimental effects on all the concerns listed in Coos County's Dunes and Coastal Shorelands plan implementation strategies as the proposed development includes mitigation plans for erosion and habitat impacts.

Please feel free to contact JCW at 208.553.6742 if you have any questions.

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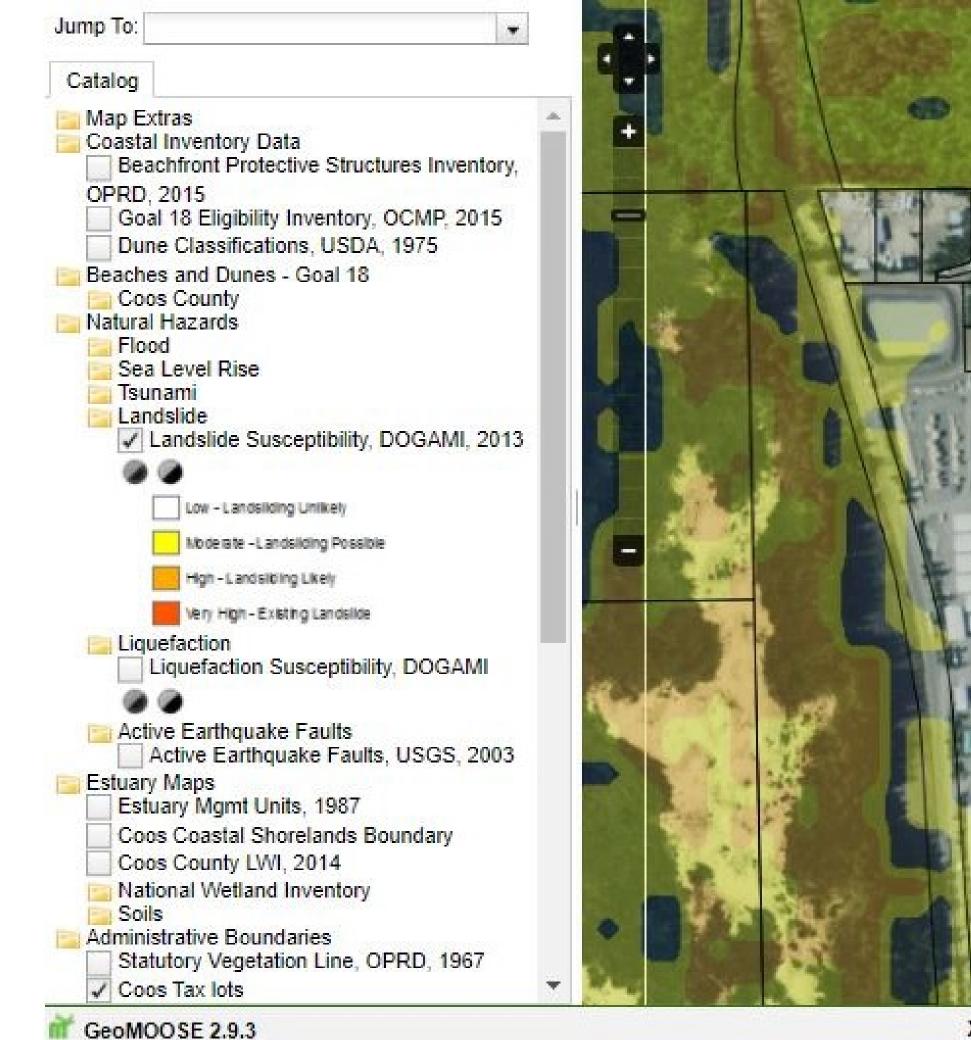
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Attachments: 1. Coos County Hazard Maps 2. USDA Soils Report



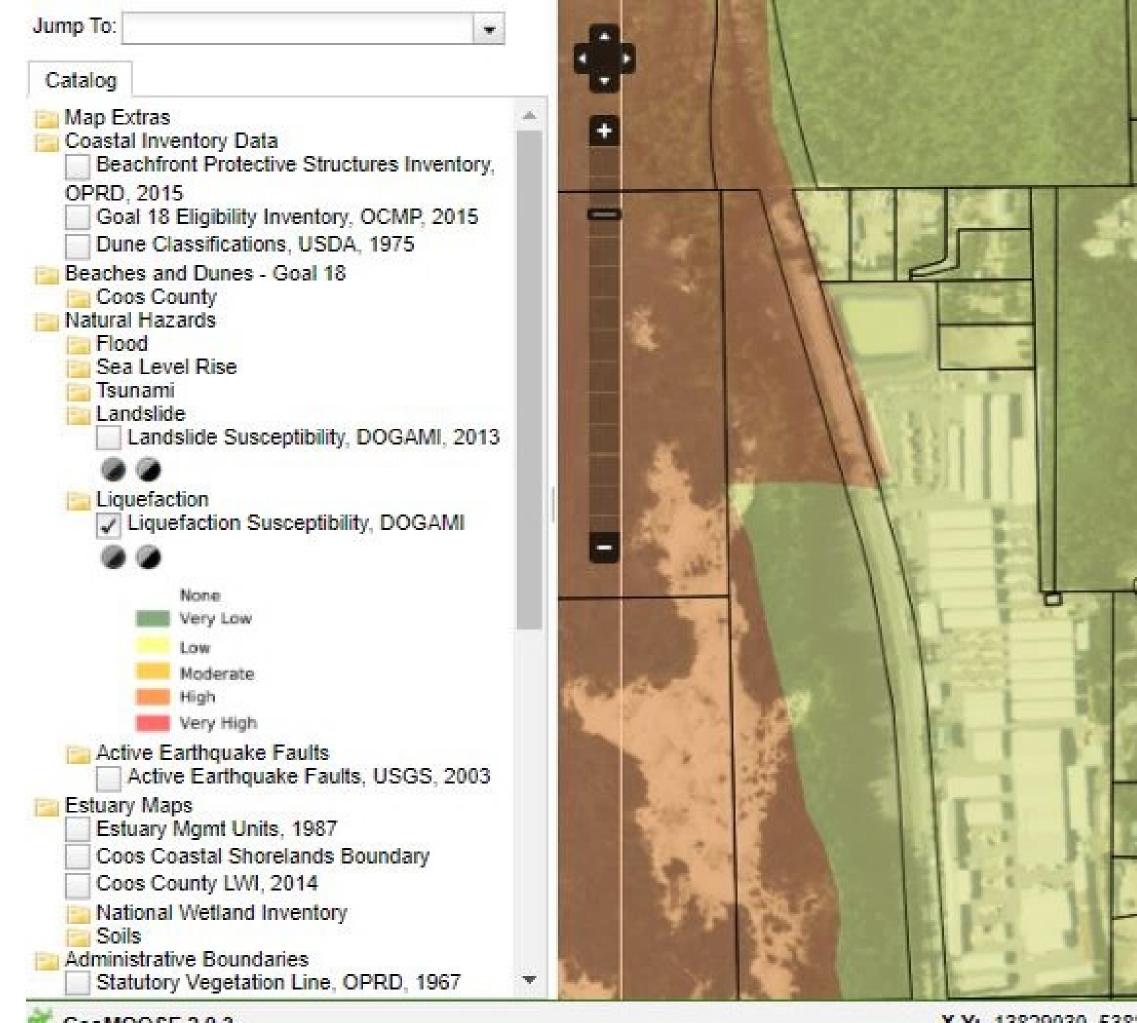
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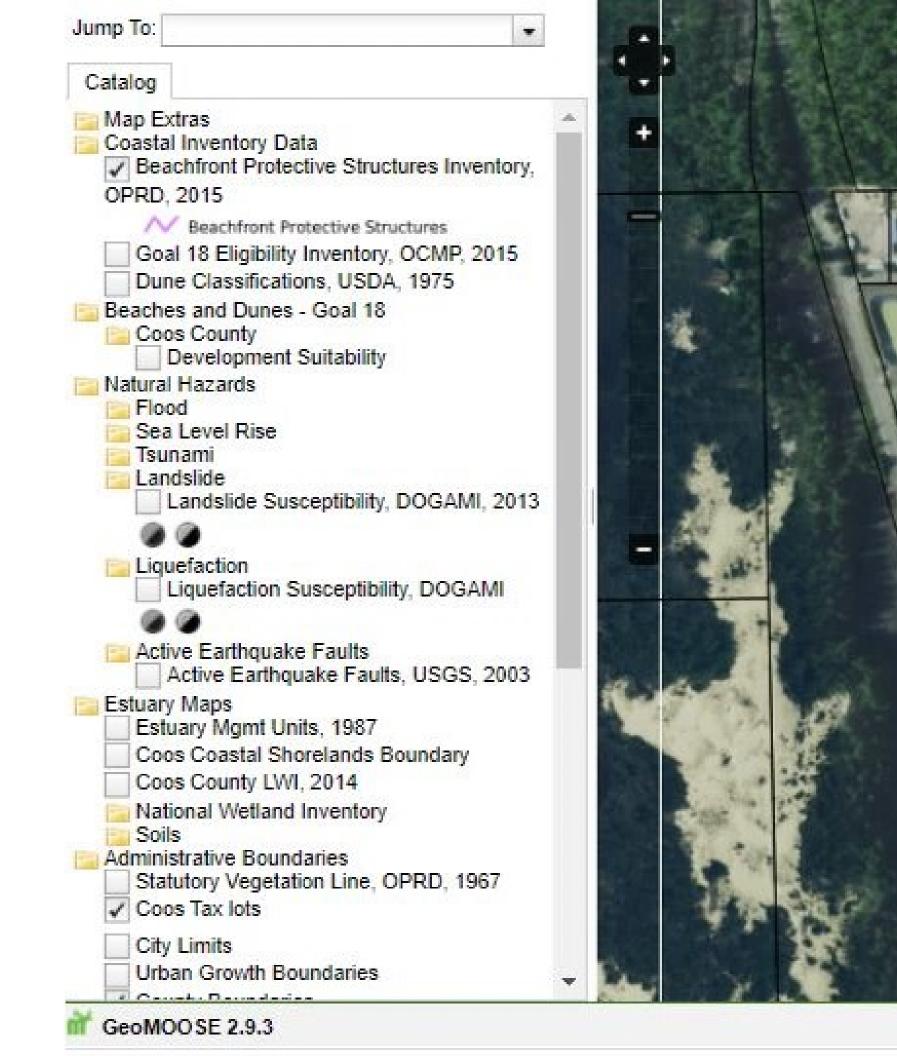
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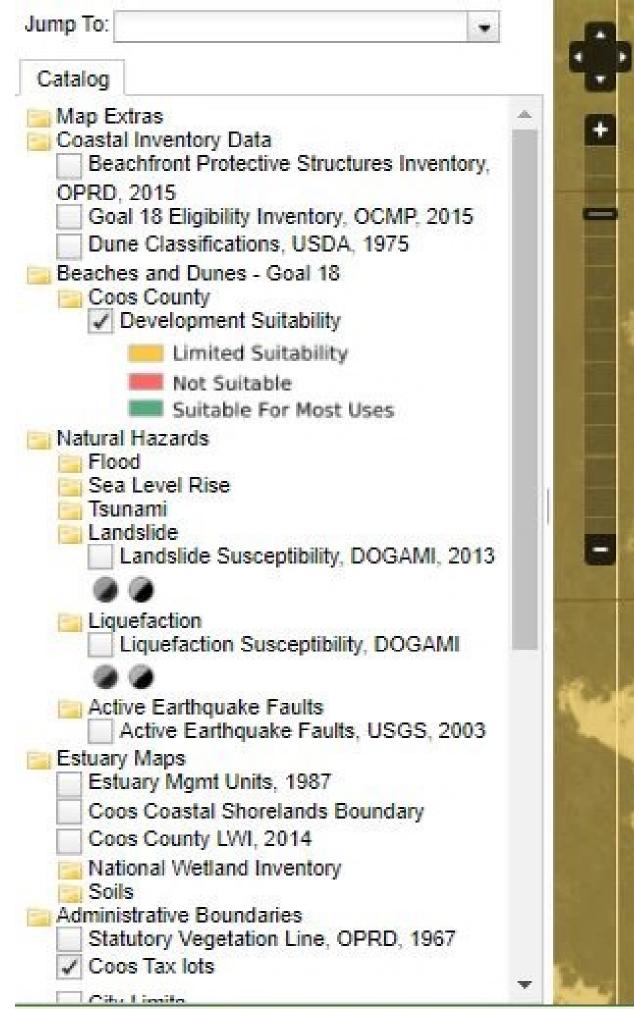


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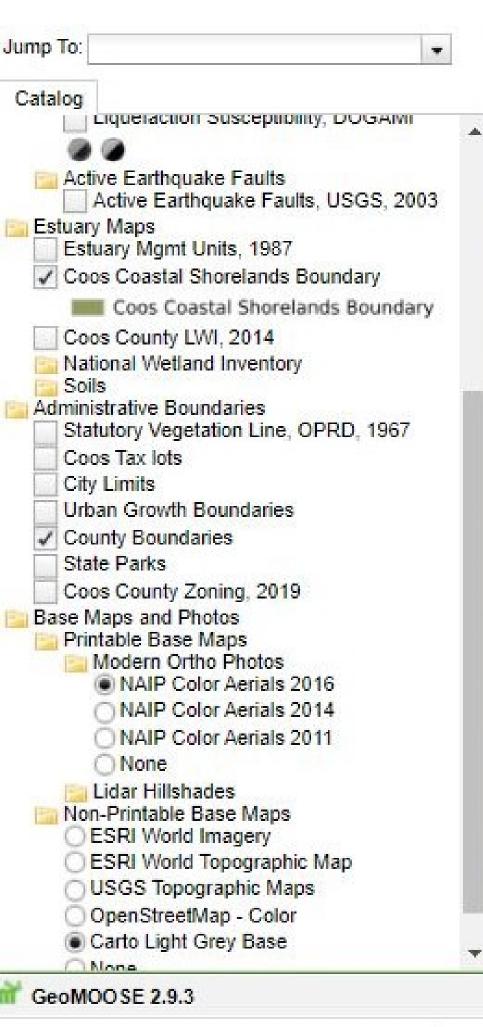
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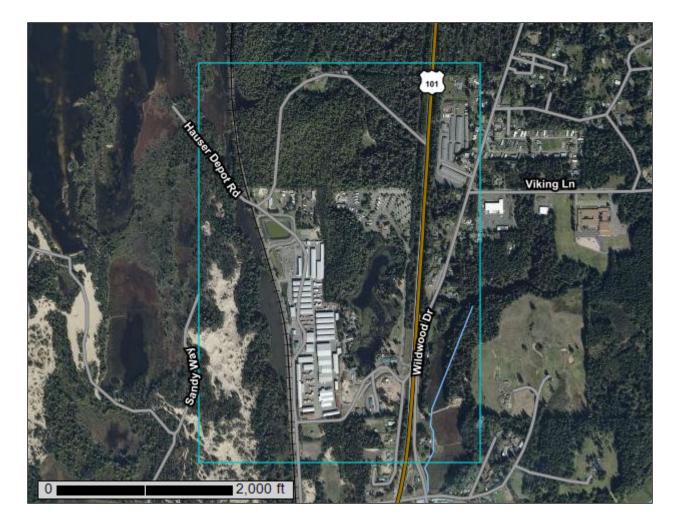
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Custom Soil Resource Report for Coos County, Oregon



Preface

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/? cid=nrcs142p2_053951).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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How Soil Surveys Are Made

Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.



	MAP LEGEND			MAP INFORMATION	
Area of Int	Area of Interest (AOI)		Spoil Area	The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at	
	Area of Interest (AOI)	۵	Stony Spot	1:20,000.	
Soils	Soil Map Unit Polygons	0	Very Stony Spot	Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.	
~	Soil Map Unit Lines	\$	Wet Spot	Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause	
	Soil Map Unit Points	\triangle	Other	misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil	
—	Special Point Features		Special Line Features	line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed	
ల	Blowout	Water Features		scale.	
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0	Closed Depression		Interstate Highways		
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\sim	Rock Outcrop			Soil Survey Area: Coos County, Oregon	
+	Saline Spot			Survey Area Data: Version 15, Jun 11, 2020	
0.00	Sandy Spot			Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales	
-	Severely Eroded Spot			1:50,000 or larger.	
\$	Sinkhole			Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Oct 5, 2019—Oct 10,	
>	Slide or Slip			2019	
Ś	Sodic Spot			The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.	

Мар	Unit	Legend	(Hauser	KOA)
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Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
1B	Bandon sandy loam, 0 to 7 percent slopes	75.3	22.4%
1C	Bandon sandy loam, 7 to 12 percent slopes	4.5	1.3%
7	Brallier mucky peat	1.6	0.5%
8B	Bullards sandy loam, 0 to 7 percent slopes	0.8	0.2%
8C	Bullards sandy loam, 7 to 12 percent slopes	1.8	0.5%
8D	Bullards sandy loam, 12 to 30 percent slopes	22.6	6.7%
16	Dune land	39.7	11.8%
28	Heceta fine sand	5.5	1.6%
43D	Netarts loamy fine sand, 2 to 30 percent slopes	111.7	33.2%
57	Udorthents, level	0.0	0.0%
59D	Waldport fine sand, 0 to 30 percent slopes	15.7	4.7%
61D	Waldport-Heceta fine sands, 0 to 30 percent slopes	36.5	10.9%
W	Water	20.6	6.1%
Totals for Area of Interest		336.4	100.0%

Map Unit Descriptions (Hauser KOA)

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called

noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can

be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

Coos County, Oregon

1B—Bandon sandy loam, 0 to 7 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21mr Elevation: 30 to 350 feet Mean annual precipitation: 55 to 75 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 200 to 240 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Bandon and similar soils: 80 percent Minor components: 10 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Bandon

Setting

Landform: Marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Sandy marine deposits

Typical profile

Oe - 0 to 1 inches: moderately decomposed plant material

H1 - 1 to 6 inches: sandy loam

H2 - 6 to 31 inches: loam

H3 - 31 to 44 inches: cemented

H4 - 44 to 61 inches: loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 7 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 36 inches to ortstein
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e Hydrologic Soil Group: C Forage suitability group: Well Drained <15% Slopes (G004AY014OR) Other vegetative classification: Well Drained <15% Slopes (G004AY014OR) Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Blacklock

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Landform: Depressions on marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Hydric soil rating: Yes

1C—Bandon sandy loam, 7 to 12 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21ms Elevation: 30 to 350 feet Mean annual precipitation: 55 to 75 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 200 to 240 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Bandon and similar soils: 80 percent Minor components: 10 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Bandon

Setting

Landform: Marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Riser Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Sandy marine deposits

Typical profile

Oe - 0 to 1 inches: moderately decomposed plant material

H1 - 1 to 6 inches: sandy loam

- H2 6 to 31 inches: loam
- H3 31 to 44 inches: cemented
- H4 44 to 61 inches: loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 7 to 12 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 36 inches to ortstein
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e *Hydrologic Soil Group:* C *Forage suitability group:* Well Drained <15% Slopes (G004AY014OR) *Other vegetative classification:* Well Drained <15% Slopes (G004AY014OR) *Hydric soil rating:* No

Minor Components

Blacklock

Percent of map unit: 10 percent Landform: Depressions on marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Hydric soil rating: Yes

7—Brallier mucky peat

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21qx Elevation: 0 to 40 feet Mean annual precipitation: 50 to 100 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 180 to 240 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Brallier and similar soils: 70 percent Minor components: 30 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Brallier

Setting

Landform: Flood plains, terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Organic residue from water tolerant plants

Typical profile

Oe1 - 0 to 60 inches: mucky peat

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Very poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 inches
Frequency of flooding: FrequentNone
Frequency of ponding: Frequent

Available water capacity: Very high (about 20.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 5w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 5w Hydrologic Soil Group: B/D Hydric soil rating: Yes

Minor Components

Brallier, nonflooded

Percent of map unit: 6 percent Landform: Marine terraces Hydric soil rating: Yes

Coquille

Percent of map unit: 6 percent Landform: Flood plains Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Other vegetative classification: Very Poorly Drained (G004AY019OR) Hydric soil rating: Yes

Histosols, mineral soil substratum

Percent of map unit: 6 percent Landform: Flood plains Hydric soil rating: Yes

Chetco

Percent of map unit: 6 percent Landform: Flood plains, deltas Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Other vegetative classification: Very Poorly Drained (G004AY019OR) Hydric soil rating: Yes

Langlois

Percent of map unit: 6 percent Landform: Flood plains Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Other vegetative classification: Very Poorly Drained (G004AY019OR) Hydric soil rating: Yes

8B—Bullards sandy loam, 0 to 7 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21rc Elevation: 30 to 600 feet Mean annual precipitation: 55 to 75 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 200 to 240 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Bullards and similar soils: 75 percent *Minor components:* 9 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Bullards

Setting

Landform: Marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Mixed eolian and marine deposits

Typical profile

Oi - 0 to 3 inches: slightly decomposed plant material

H1 - 3 to 10 inches: sandy loam

- H2 10 to 44 inches: gravelly sandy loam
- H3 44 to 63 inches: sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 7 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e Hydrologic Soil Group: B Forage suitability group: Well Drained <15% Slopes (G004AY014OR) Other vegetative classification: Well Drained <15% Slopes (G004AY014OR) Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Blacklock

Percent of map unit: 9 percent Landform: Depressions on marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Hydric soil rating: Yes

8C—Bullards sandy loam, 7 to 12 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21rd Elevation: 30 to 600 feet Mean annual precipitation: 55 to 75 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 200 to 240 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Bullards and similar soils: 75 percent *Minor components:* 8 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Bullards

Setting

Landform: Marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Riser Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Mixed eolian and marine deposits

Typical profile

Oi - 0 to 3 inches: slightly decomposed plant material *H1 - 3 to 10 inches:* sandy loam *H2 - 10 to 44 inches:* gravelly sandy loam *H3 - 44 to 63 inches:* sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 7 to 12 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e Hydrologic Soil Group: B Forage suitability group: Well Drained <15% Slopes (G004AY014OR) Other vegetative classification: Well Drained <15% Slopes (G004AY014OR) Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Blacklock

Percent of map unit: 8 percent Landform: Depressions on marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Hydric soil rating: Yes

8D—Bullards sandy loam, 12 to 30 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21rf Elevation: 30 to 600 feet Mean annual precipitation: 55 to 75 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 200 to 240 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Bullards and similar soils: 75 percent *Minor components:* 8 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Bullards

Setting

Landform: Marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Riser Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Mixed eolian and marine deposits

Typical profile

Oi - 0 to 3 inches: slightly decomposed plant material *H1 - 3 to 10 inches:* sandy loam *H2 - 10 to 44 inches:* gravelly sandy loam *H3 - 44 to 63 inches:* sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 12 to 30 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e Hydrologic Soil Group: B Forage suitability group: Well Drained >15% Slopes (G004AY013OR) Other vegetative classification: Well Drained >15% Slopes (G004AY013OR) Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Blacklock

Percent of map unit: 8 percent Landform: Depressions on marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Hydric soil rating: Yes

16—Dune land

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21mm Elevation: 0 to 100 feet Mean annual precipitation: 50 to 70 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 200 to 240 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Dune land: 80 percent *Minor components:* 10 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Dune Land

Setting

Landform: Dunes on marine terraces Parent material: Eolian sands

Typical profile

C - 0 to 60 inches: fine sand

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 8 Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Heceta

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Landform: Deflation basins on dunes Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Other vegetative classification: Poorly Drained (G004AY018OR) Hydric soil rating: Yes

28—Heceta fine sand

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21n8 Elevation: 0 to 80 feet Mean annual precipitation: 50 to 70 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 200 to 240 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Heceta and similar soils: 80 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Heceta

Setting

Landform: Deflation basins on dunes Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Eolian deposits

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 4 inches: fine sand *H2 - 4 to 60 inches:* sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (5.95 to 19.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: Frequent
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4w Hydrologic Soil Group: A/D Forage suitability group: Poorly Drained (G004AY018OR) Other vegetative classification: Poorly Drained (G004AY018OR) Hydric soil rating: Yes

43D—Netarts loamy fine sand, 2 to 30 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21p3 Elevation: 0 to 200 feet Mean annual precipitation: 50 to 70 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 200 to 240 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Netarts and similar soils: 75 percent *Minor components:* 6 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Netarts

Setting

Landform: Dunes Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Eolian deposits

Typical profile

Oi - 0 to 1 inches: slightly decomposed plant material *H1 - 1 to 5 inches:* loamy fine sand *H2 - 5 to 31 inches:* fine sand *H3 - 31 to 61 inches:* fine sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 2 to 30 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 5.95 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.3 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e Hydrologic Soil Group: A Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Heceta

Percent of map unit: 6 percent Landform: Deflation basins on dunes Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Other vegetative classification: Poorly Drained (G004AY018OR) Hydric soil rating: Yes

57—Udorthents, level

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21q6 Elevation: 0 to 460 feet Mean annual precipitation: 58 to 65 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 255 to 290 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Udorthents and similar soils: 100 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Udorthents

Setting

Landform: Tidal flats, marshes, flood plains Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, talf Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium, dredging spoil, dune sand, and wood chips

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 percent Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Drainage class: Poorly drained Depth to water table: More than 80 inches Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

59D—Waldport fine sand, 0 to 30 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21q8 Elevation: 0 to 120 feet Mean annual precipitation: 50 to 70 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 200 to 240 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Waldport and similar soils: 75 percent *Minor components:* 9 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Waldport

Setting

Landform: Dunes Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Eolian sands

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 7 inches: fine sand *H2 - 7 to 60 inches:* fine sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 30 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very high (19.98 to 99.90 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7e Hydrologic Soil Group: A Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Heceta

Percent of map unit: 9 percent Landform: Deflation basins on dunes Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Other vegetative classification: Poorly Drained (G004AY018OR) Hydric soil rating: Yes

61D—Waldport-Heceta fine sands, 0 to 30 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 21qf Elevation: 0 to 80 feet Mean annual precipitation: 50 to 70 inches *Mean annual air temperature:* 52 to 54 degrees F *Frost-free period:* 200 to 240 days *Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Waldport and similar soils: 50 percent Heceta and similar soils: 30 percent Minor components: 7 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Waldport

Setting

Landform: Dunes Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Eolian sands

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 7 inches: fine sand *H2 - 7 to 60 inches:* fine sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 30 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very high (19.98 to 99.90 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7e Hydrologic Soil Group: A Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Heceta

Setting

Landform: Interdunes Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Eolian deposits

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 4 inches: fine sand *H2 - 4 to 60 inches:* sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (5.95 to 19.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 inches

Frequency of flooding: None *Frequency of ponding:* Frequent *Available water capacity:* Low (about 3.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4w Hydrologic Soil Group: A/D Forage suitability group: Poorly Drained (G004AY018OR) Other vegetative classification: Poorly Drained (G004AY018OR) Hydric soil rating: Yes

Minor Components

Yaquina

Percent of map unit: 7 percent Landform: Marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Other vegetative classification: Somewhat Poorly Drained (G004AY017OR) Hydric soil rating: Yes

W—Water

Map Unit Composition Water: 100 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

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