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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Jack D. Hoffman, Mayor
Members of City Council

FROM: Natural Resources Advisory Board

SUBJECT: Restoration of LOIS Staging Area Bordering the Hunt Club on Iron Mountain Road (Iron Mountain Park)

DATE: June 15, 2011

The Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) recently received information from the public and staff regarding current conditions and future plans for the portions of Iron Mountain Park that are being used for staging equipment and materials for the Lake Oswego Sewer Interceptor (LOIS) Project. It is our understanding that interim plans for the site include amending the State-issued permit so that the site goes into an inactive status prior to being re-utilized for the Lake Oswego – Tigard Water Partnership Project.

Iron Mountain Park is an important and valuable community asset with a variety of natural resources on its 50 acres. It is also a site that is in need of significant restoration, maintenance, and invasive species removal in order to preserve its natural characteristic. The use of certain areas of the park for the LOIS and Water Partnership Projects provide a unique opportunity to pursue short term and long term restoration and planning efforts for the Park.

If this Iron Mountain staging area is to be re-utilized for the Water Partnership Project, NRAB proposes the following:

1. That the natural resources on the site (stream corridor, riparian area, wetlands) be mapped, delineated, and protected with proper buffering.
2. Rather than spending money on an interim restoration project (planting grass, removing boulders) if the area will be used again for the LO-Tigard Water Project staging area, apply those funds to a long-term restoration effort for this area upon completion of the utility work.
3. That in the interim, the parking area be restricted to the original size (before it was used as a staging area) through the use of boulders and/or screening; and that standard City park usage rules be followed.

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4. That any existing or new fencing be habitat friendly.
5. The Parks Department submit a National Park Grant proposal for a master/resource management plan for this park area and funding from the Water Partnership Project is used to enhance the area to a natural state that is better than its condition prior to its use as a staging area.
6. That the front area of the site (former Schramm property site) not be utilized if the staging area can be reduced in size.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and your continued support of the Natural Resources Advisory Board's mission and goals.

Please contact Doug Rich, NRAB Chair, or Denise Dailey, NRAB Vice Chair, with your questions or concerns.