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Northwest Region

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October 10, 2023

Carly & Beugh Fullerton 3451 Old Fort Rd. Klamath Falls, OR 97601

RE: Annual Inspection for Parcel AM

North Ridge Estates Superfund Site

ECSI No. 5987

Dear Carly & Beugh Fullerton:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality completed an annual inspection of the protective cap on your property located at 3451 Old Fort Road during the week of July 3, 2023. The protective cap appears to be in good condition with a few minor areas to watch. Enclosed for your information is a summary of the inspection.

This letter provides notice of the following violation:

1. **Erosion.** A gully and rills were noted during the inspection. This condition was also previously identified during the 2021 and 2022 annual inspections.

Corrective Action. Backfill, smooth out and vegetate the areas identified by November 12, 2003.

DEQ will perform an inspection the week of November 13, 2023 to confirm the gully and rills were repaired.

The two foot soil cover must be maintained to remain protective. The Easement and Equitable Servitude recorded with Klamath County requires you to maintain and keep the protective caps in good repair. In the event repairs are not performed, DEQ may perform the corrective action at your expense in accordance with Paragraph 4.1 of the Easement and Equitable Servitude.

The next inspection will be performed in June 2024. Please continue to contact DEQ prior to any disturbing any of the protective caps on your property with the exception of soil disturbances less then 2 feet below the ground surface. A fact sheet with additional information is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 503-860-3943, or via email at Katie. Daugherty@deq.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

Katie Daugherty, R.G. Project Manager

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NWR Cleanup Section

Enclosures

Digging at the North Ridge Estates Superfund Site

What do I need to do or know?

- 1) Perform all other normal permitting and utility locates as you would for any other project.
- 2) Be familiar with the types of protectives caps at North Ridge Estates. The protective cap is intended to prevent people's exposure to any remaining asbestoscontaminated materials, including asbestos fibers in soil. Protective caps include:
 - A two-foot layer of clean soil with vegetation
 - Asphalt and concrete surfaces, such as garage concrete floor or basement concrete floor
 - Boulders
 - Black liners installed below covered porches and in home crawl spaces
 - Orange liners below the soil cap
- 3) Review the terms of the Easement and Equitable Servitude (EES) document recorded on the deed of your property. Determine if your planned activity is within the area covered by restrictions outlined in the EES. Some properties on the edge of the Superfund site only have a portion of the property restricted. *General rule of thumb: if the area was excavated during the Superfund Cleanup, the area is restricted.* Can't find your EES? Contact the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) project manager and they will email you a copy.
- 4) All activities or uses that could jeopardize the function of the protective cap, are prohibited without prior written approval from the DEQ.
- 5) Follow the steps below for your specific activity.

I want to dig less than two feet - what are the required steps?

- 1) Minor activities are allowed within the *soil protective cap*, such as installing fence posts, planting, or other activities that go no deeper than two feet below the ground surface without prior written approval from DEQ.
- 2) You must fully restore the cap to the surface after the activities are completed.
- 3) Stop immediately and call the DEQ project manager if you see an orange liner. *No matter the depth!* You are entering an asbestos contamination zone and risk exposure to asbestos if you continue.



Example of Orange Liner. 2018. Installing marker barrier consisting of rock base and orange liner on Parcel B prior to covering with clean soil.



Example of Black Liner. 2018. Black liner with rock to hold in place on Parcel A.

I want to dig deeper than two feet, dig below a black or orange liner, dig through asphalt or concrete, or move boulders on my property - what are the required steps?

1) Fill out the *North Ridge Estates Earthwork Notification and Reporting Form* and submit this form to the DEQ project manager. Can't find the form? Contact the project manager and they will email you a copy.

The project manager will review the information provided in the form and work with you to determine the conditions under which your work may be performed.

If your work will breach the cap, you must, at your own expense, use an Oregon-licensed asbestos abatement company during any action that may disturb a contaminated area. Any excavated material, including soil, will be required to be disposed at a landfill. If the liner is damaged during work, you must replace it at your expense.

2) Once work is complete, fill out the reporting section of the *North Ridge Estates Earthwork Notification and Reporting Form* and return to the DEQ project manager.



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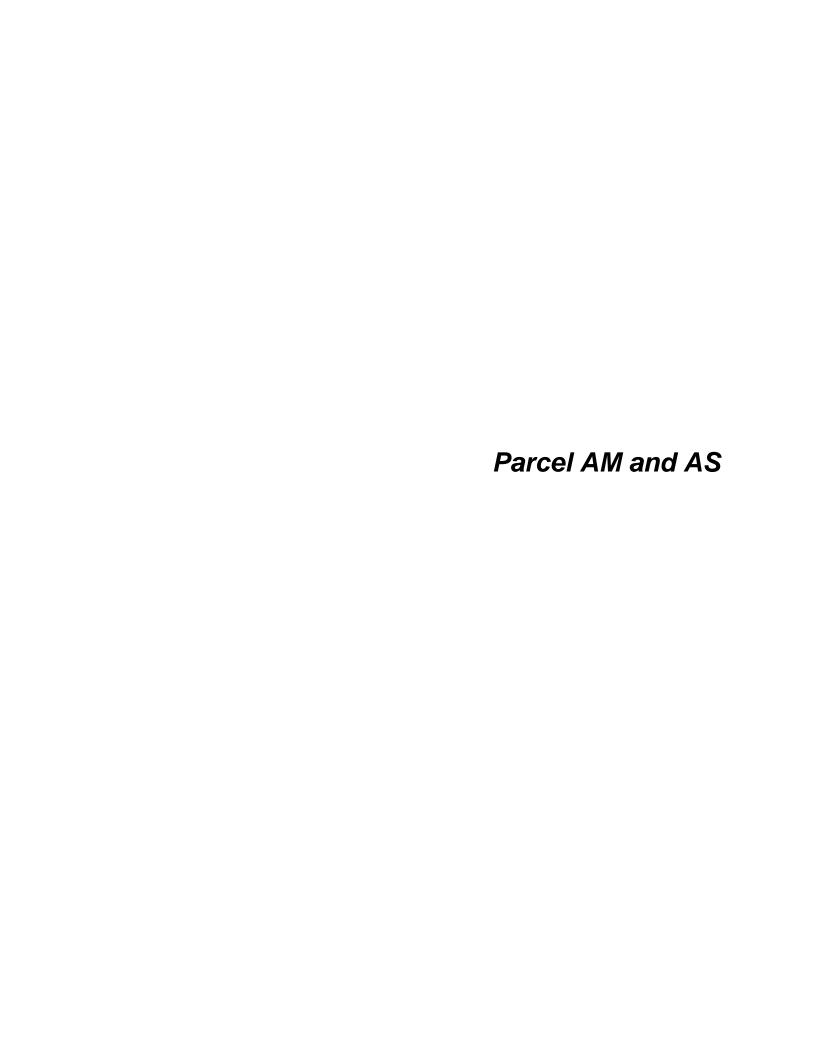
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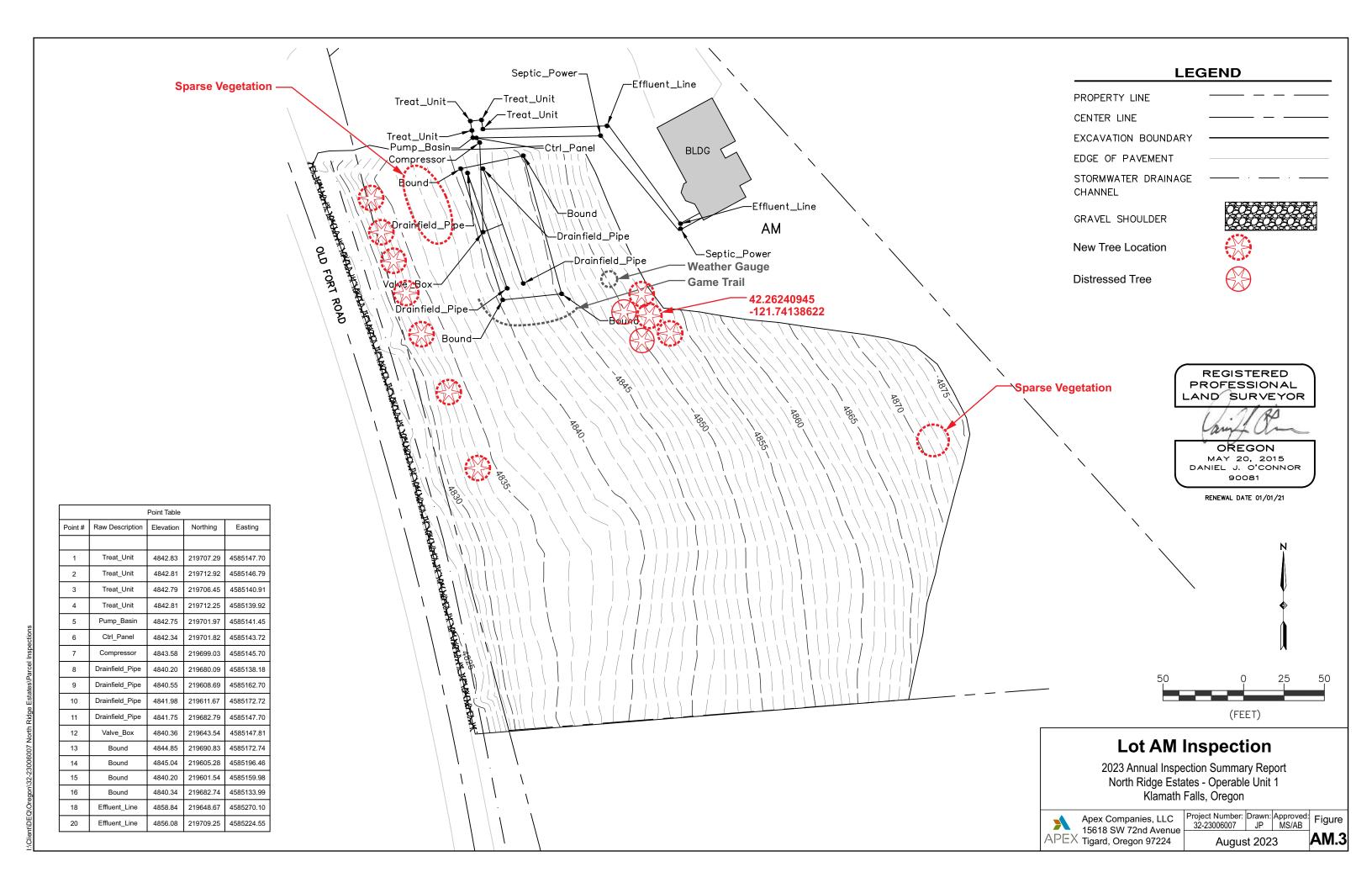
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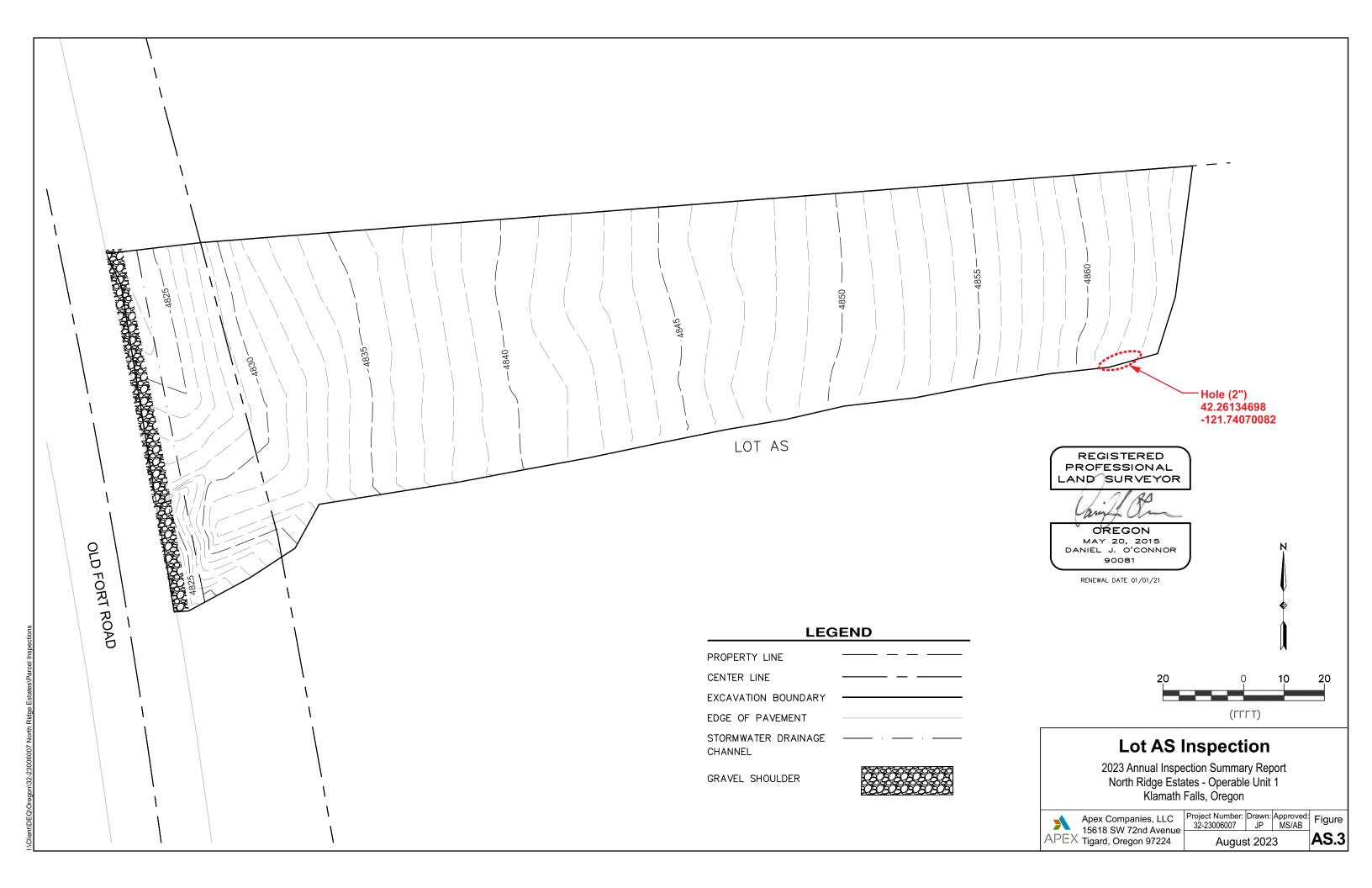


Part I. General Site Information									2
	Site Name: North Ridge Estates		State/County: ODEQ Point of Contact				Oregon (Klamath County)	Parcel/Tax ID:	Parcels AM & AS
EPA Point of Contact Linda Meyer (206) 553-6636						Katie Daugherty (503) 860-3943			
Inspection Date: 7/5/2023				Person(s) Pe	erforming Inspection:	Alex Evernden (Apex Companies, LLC)	Person(s) Performing Inspection:		
	medy Performance Assessment	Yes	Yes		1				
Remedy Component	Potential Problem	(Repair Needed)	(Monitor/ No Repair)	No	N/A		If Yes, De	scribe Extent of Problem	Describe Potential Repair Solution
Protective Cap	Have rills developed deeper than 2 inches?			×		A rill approxi	imately 2 inches deep was observed near the wes	stern boundary. Will monitor during subsequent inspections. (Same as 2022)	
	Are the rills within a 10-foot interval?			×					
	Have gullies developed deeper than 6 inches?	X				A gully was o	observed on Parcel AM along the middle of the we	estern property line draining to the ditch along Old Fort Road. (Same as 2022)	Backfill gully to prevent further erosion.
	Have animals created burrows in the protective cap?			×					
	Have vehicles damaged the protective cap?			×					
	Any evidence of ACM on Site including areas where the protective cap is less than 2 feet (see as-built drawings) or within the dripline of the legacy trees?			×					
	Are there areas that show evidence of unstable slopes, subsidence, or slope failure? Are there signs of active bank erosion and/or lateral cutting?			×					
	Any visible ACM along the perimeter of the Site (where applicable)?			×					
Vegetation	Evidence of distressed or sparse vegetation? (sparse vegetation or greater than 10 percent of area and bare areas no greater than 100 square feet)	×					Sparse vegetation was noted on Parcel	I AM in the northern and eastern portions of the parcel.	Reseed areas and supply irrigation to support vegetation growth.
	Evidence of trees and shrubs in distress?		×				A total of 10 new trees were observed to be in he	ealthy condition; two newly planted trees show signs of distress.	
	Are there any stressed or dying trees that may impact or damage the protective cap when felled?			×					

Operations and Maintenance Inspection Form

Ditches and Culverts	Obstructions observed in ditches or culverts that may impede conveyance of stormwater?		X		
	Damaged observed to riprap surface? Note if riprap is not intact or not effectively providing armor protection.		×		
	Are there any areas that show signs of excessive scour? (i.e., gullies forming along centerline of ditch)		×		
	Are culvert inlets and outlets damaged?		×		
Driveways and Walkways	Are the driveways showing signs of failure? (i.e., alligator cracking)			X	
	Are there any other signs of considerable damage to paved surfaces, other than normal wear and use?			X	
Access Controls and Decks	Are the liners inside crawlspaces and under covered decks damaged or punctured?			X	
	Are the liners exposed to UV radiation?			×	
	Where applicable, are access controls in place? Note damage.			X	
	Are changes to the access controls needed?			×	
Miscellaneous Features / Changes in Site Conditions / Misc.	Are there any new site features installed that have damaged the protective cap?		×		
			×		







Parcel AM – Northwest corner of Parcel, facing Southeast.



Parcel AM – Northeast corner of Parcel, facing Southwest.





Parcel AM – East central corner of the Parcel, facing South.



Parcel AM – Northeast corner of Parcel, facing Southwest.





Parcel AM – Southwest corner of Parcel, facing East.



Parcel AM – Newly planted Trees (distressed) in East Central corner of the Parcel.





Parcel AS – Southwest corner of Parcel, facing Northeast.



Parcel AS – Northeast corner of Parcel, facing Southeast.





Parcel AS – Northeast corner of Parcel, facing Southwest.



Parcel AS – Southeast corner of Parcel, facing Northwest.



Parcel AS



Parcel AS – Large Hole (2-feet deep) found on Southeast corner.

