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RE: No Further Action Determination
Silver Falls State Park
LUST #24-93-4076

Dear Darrell Monk:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the available information for the Silver Falls State Park site, including the closure report entitled *UST Decommissioning with Samples*, dated May 4th, 1993, which was submitted to DEQ by On-Line Construction Co. on your behalf. The Silver Falls State Park address is 20024 Silver Falls Hwy Sublimity, Oregon 97385, Marion County, Tax Lot 081E24.

DEQ has determined that remedial action to address environmental contamination at Silver Falls State Park is complete, and no further action is required. This determination is a result of our evaluation and judgment based on the DEQ regulations and the facts as we now understand them including the following:

- This site had two 4,000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs), one used to store gasoline and the other diesel.
- Affected media were soil and groundwater. The cause of the release is unknown.
- On March 13th, 1993, On-Line Construction Co. began decommissioning the tanks. They ensured that the power to the pumps was off and located all buried utility lines. The gasoline tank, located four feet below the surface under asphalt pavement, was excavated to the top and all accessory lines were disconnected and drained. The tank was pumped, residual product placed in storage barrels, and then pumped again after removal from the excavation. Approximately 35 gallons of gasoline were removed. Work then began on the diesel tank.
- The diesel tank was pumped prior to excavation. After exposing the tank top, the piping was removed and drained. Excavation resumed and the tank was safely removed. It was pumped one final time to remove residual fuel and sludge. 39 gallons of diesel were collected.
- Both tanks were rendered non-explosive with CO₂ gas, cleaned, and hauled to Western Recycling.
- Following tank removal, the excavation was inspected for contamination. No odor or staining was present in the soils, but small sheen spots were observed on the water surface. Cees Oil Co. pumped 3,000 gallons of water from the excavation on March 17th, 1993.
- On March 19th, On-Line Construction Co. returned to collect samples, including soil samples from the four side walls at the original soil/water interface and a water sample taken by bailer. Contamination was not found in any of the samples, and all tests returned a non-detect result.

- The excavation was inspected and showed no soil contamination; however, an oily sheen was observed. Water was pumped from the excavation, samples were collected from the recharged groundwater, and no contamination was detected. Backfilling was completed on March 28th, 1993. The site is evaluated as a Level Two under the Soil Matrix guidelines.

Based on the available information, soil and groundwater conditions at Silver Falls State Park are currently protective of public health and the environment in accordance with Oregon environmental cleanup law, Oregon Administrative Rules 340-122-0205 through 340-122-0360. The site requires no further action unless new or previously undisclosed information becomes available, or there are changes in site development or land and water uses, or more contamination is discovered. DEQ has updated the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) database to reflect this decision.

This letter only applies to the release(s) discussed above. If any contaminated media is encountered in the future, it must be handled and disposed of in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

A copy of the On-Line Construction Co. closure report supporting this No Further Action decision can be viewed at <https://ordeq.org/LUST24-93-4076>. DEQ recommends keeping a copy of all the documentation associated with this remedial action with the permanent facility records. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Donahower at (503) 314-4720, or via email at peter.donahower@deq.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Figure 1: Site Diagram
Figure 2: Location Map

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Figure 1: Site Diagram

SILVER FALLS STATE PARK

CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR ABOVE GROUND FUEL TANK

MARION COUNTY

1" = 20'

AUGUST 7, 1992

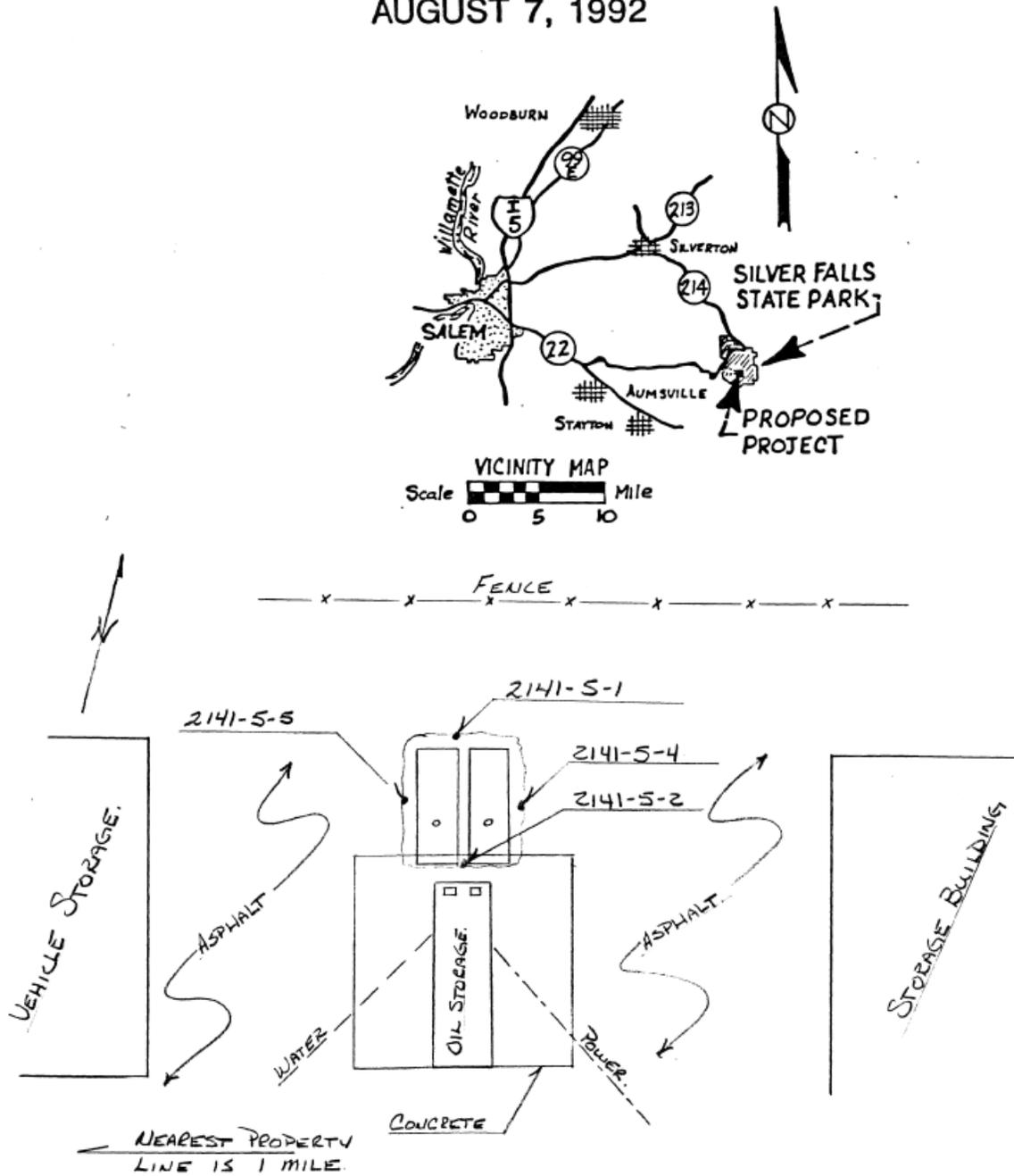


Figure 2: Location Map

Dogs on the Trails

Some areas in the park may be off-limits to pets when you visit. Please check the signs when you arrive.

Bike Path

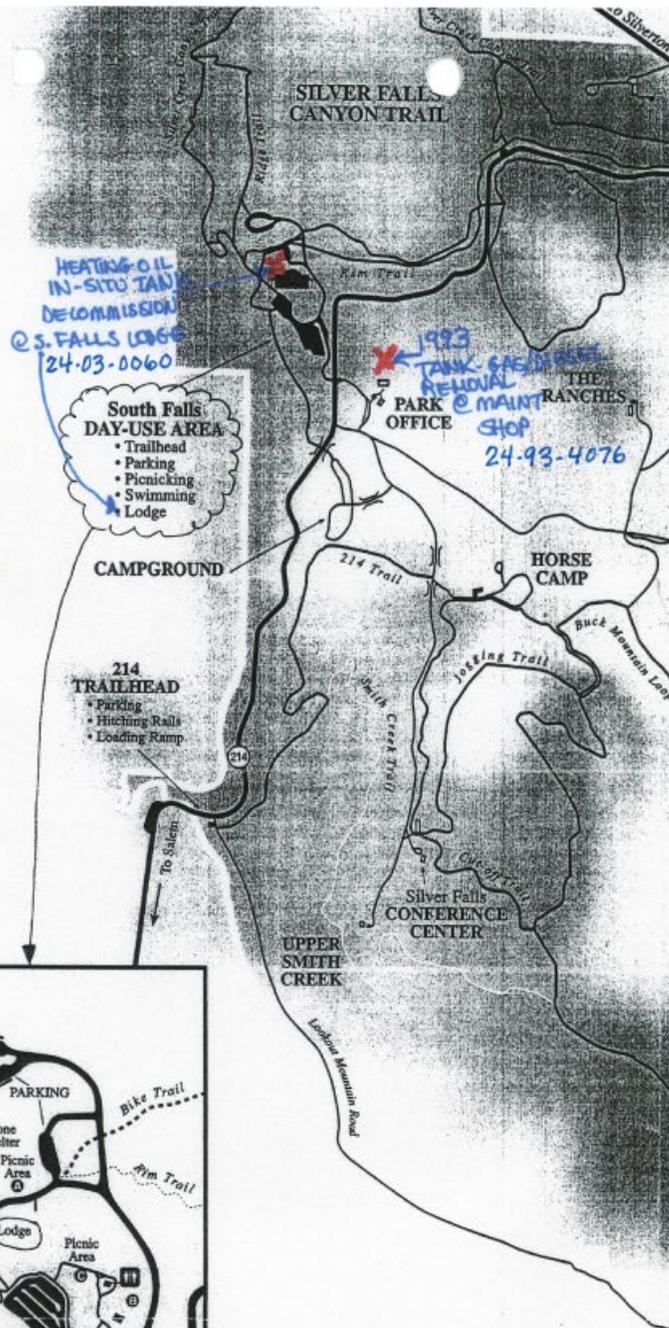
Silver Falls State Park features a four-mile paved bike path. It begins at the overnight campground, follows the south fork of Silver Creek past the swimming area, and crosses a bridge into the day-use area past the South Falls Lodge. The path continues through wooded areas and parallels the hiking trail. Then the path crosses highway 214, forms a loop through a large meadow and returns.

Horse & Hiking Trail

The park has 14 miles of trails designed for horseback riders. The trailhead near the southwest entrance of the park has hitching rails, a loading ramp and parking. The trail system winds through the southern half of the park. The trails are crisscrossed so that you can make your walk or ride as short or as long as you like. Come to Howard Creek and enjoy the pleasure of horseback riding through the forest along with deer and other wildlife that may cross your trail.

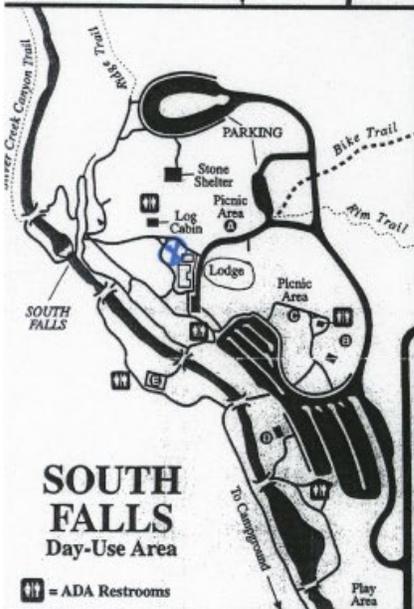
Horse Rentals

Horse rentals are available from the end of May through September, and weather permitting, during the off-season. Call 503-873-3890 for more information.



South Falls DAY-USE AREA
 • Trailhead
 • Parking
 • Picnicking
 • Swimming
 • Lodge

214 TRAILHEAD
 • Parking
 • Hitching Rails
 • Loading Ramp



SOUTH FALLS Day-Use Area

= ADA Restrooms