



Proposed Administrative Rules for City Lands in Bull Run

A New Process for Assessing
and Mitigating Environmental
Impacts of Water Bureau
Projects

Council Hearing
December 2021

How we got here

City Charter Amendment

Directed Water Bureau to “seek to avoid, then minimize and mitigate” environmental impacts of bureau projects on City land in Bull Run Closure Area

Draft Administrative Rules

Define how Water Bureau will identify potential impacts and, when needed, document actions to avoid or reduce significant impacts

2020

2019

2021

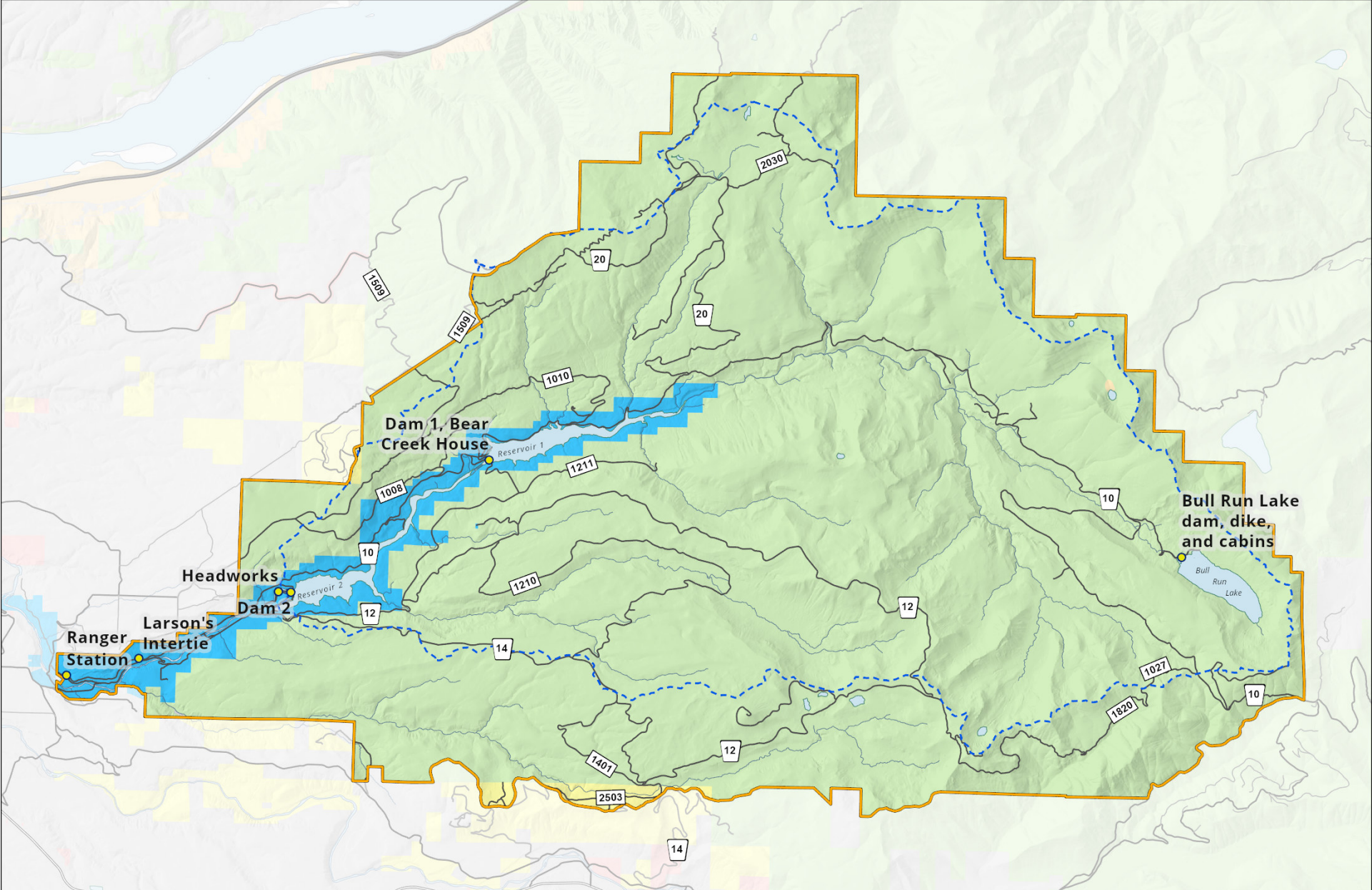
City Code Updates

Added new requirement to prepare documents that identify and avoid or reduce potential impacts

Why a Council Hearing Today?

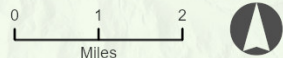
The 2020 Title 21 Update Ordinance authorized Director Solmer to adopt the rules.

The Council action today is to vote on accepting the Report to Council, not to adopt the rules.



City Ownership in Bull Run Closure Area

- City Facilities
- City of Portland
- BLM
- Closure Boundary
- USFS
- Private



Goals

01

Protect City lands in a manner consistent with adjacent federal lands in Bull Run

02

Consider potential impacts early so that they can be avoided or reduced when designing City projects

03

Increase transparency of City protection measures by making documents available for review and comment

What the draft rules do



Define which types of projects require detailed assessment using new process



Define which types of routine projects are exempted because they are addressed by current protections



Define what questions need to be answered to identify potential impacts



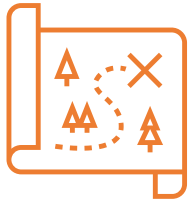
Define how actions to avoid or reduce potential significant impacts are to be documented



Range of potential impacts

- Water Flow and Water Quality
- Fish and Wildlife
- Riparian Reserves
- Vegetation
- Soils and Hillslopes
- Cultural Resources
- Noise and Disturbance
- Fire Risk
- Hazardous Materials

Water Bureau Projects



Water Bureau publishes online a list of active projects four times per year



Purpose of the list is to disclose the activities occurring within the Bull Run Closure Area



Examples of typical Water Bureau projects:
road repairs, culvert replacements, water pipeline replacements, repairs or replacements of dam-related equipment

How
impacts will
be
avoided or
reduced

Comply with **existing** City, County, State and Federal requirements

Apply **existing** Water Bureau standard operating procedures

Apply **existing** regulatory compliance plans

Develop and apply **new** standard operating procedures and regulatory compliance plans

Examples of existing City requirements

Bull Run Closure Area Special Requirements (contract provisions)

Tree Protection SOP

Invasive Plants SOP

Aquatic Invasive Species SOP

Wet Weather Construction SOP

Hazardous Materials Spill Reporting, Storage and Disposal SOP

Northern Spotted Owl Guidelines

Fire Season Requirements

Bull Run Water Supply Habitat Conservation Plan

Schedule and process for adopting the rules

City Council directed the Water Bureau to adopt these rules by December 31, 2021.

The Title 21 ordinance directed the Water Bureau to hold a Council hearing prior to adopting the rules.

Director Solmer will adopt the rules prior to the December 31 deadline.