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Subject: Environmental Assessment Notice of Availability for the Proposed Willamette National Cemetery Development Project located in Marion County, Oregon; VA NEPA ID # EAXX-029-40-NCA-1756327369

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

To fulfill its mission to honor Veterans and ensure continued interment availability, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has determined that there is a need to expand Veteran burial options in central and northern parts of the West of the Cascade Range in Oregon. VA's Proposed Action is to acquire approximately 300 acres of land located at 3515 Howell Prairie Road SE, Salem, Oregon to replace the existing Willamette National Cemetery (Figure 1). The additional land will support the development of future gravesites and facilities to meet the National Cemetery Administration's goal of providing eligible Veterans and their family members with reasonable access to VA interment options. The location is being selected to serve the region between the Tahoma National Cemetery in Washington and the Roseburg National Cemetery in Roseburg, Oregon (Figure 2). These benefits are provided by VA under the National Cemetery Act of 1973 and Chapter 24 of Title 38, United States Code.

VA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. The Draft EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. § 4321- 4370) and VA's NEPA regulations (38 C.F.R. Part 26). Review copies of the Draft EA are available online at <https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/index.asp> or at the Salem Public Library located at 585 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97301.

A National Environmental Policy Act public meeting will be held on April 30, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. PT and at 5:00 p.m. PT at the Salem Public Library, Loucks Auditorium at 585 Liberty Street SE Salem, Oregon 97301. VA invites the public to attend and participate in either meeting.

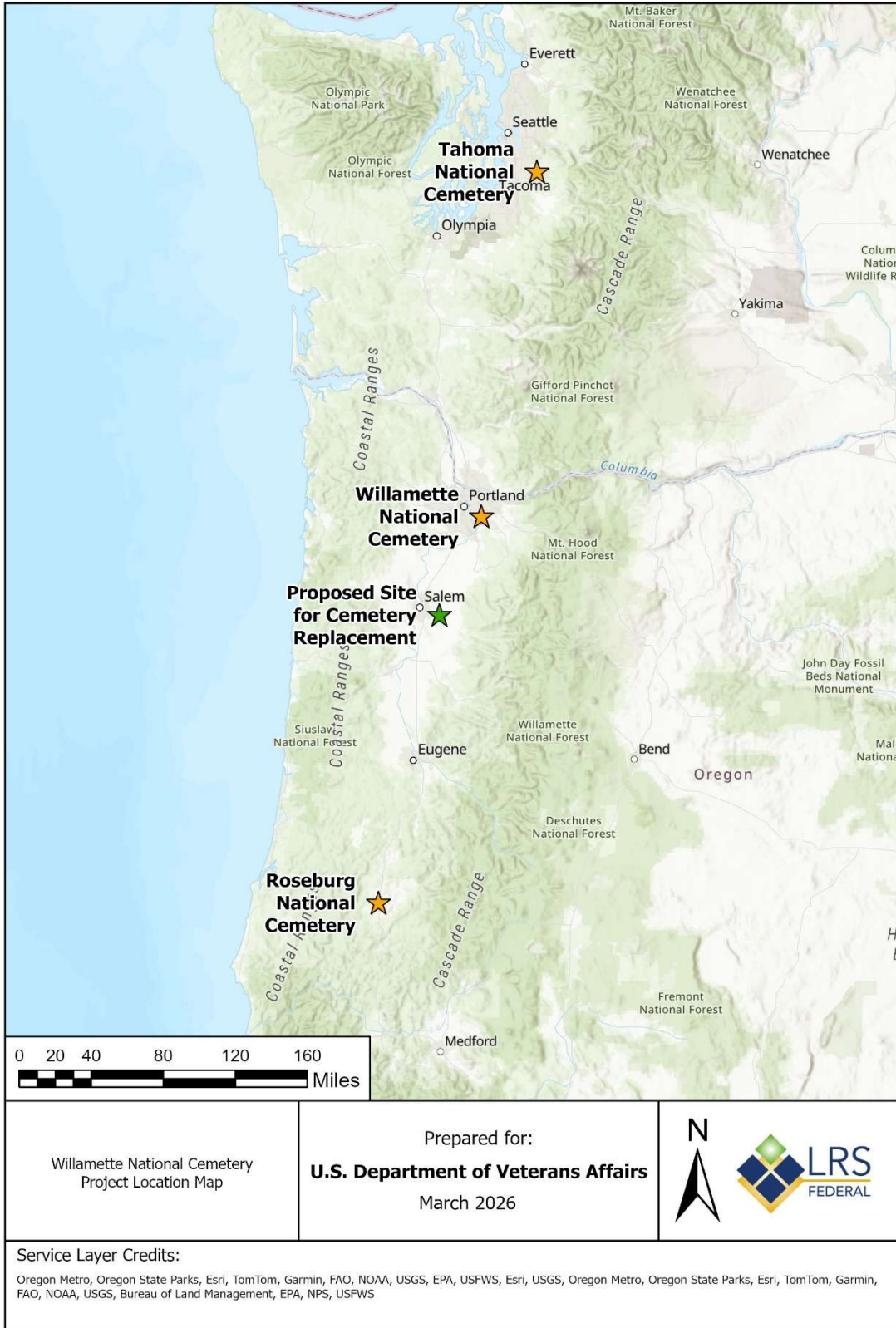
Please submit any requests for additional information, questions, or comments on the Draft EA via email to [vacoenvironment@va.gov](mailto:vacoenvironment@va.gov) with the subject line "Willamette National Cemetery Draft EA" within 30 days following publication of this notice. VA will summarize and address substantive comments in the Final EA.

Respectfully,

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Figure 1. Site Vicinity Map



**Figure 2. Project Location Map**