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Parks & Recreation to Hold Public Open Houses for Bureau of Land Management Parcel Transfer

August 7, 2018, Jackson, WY – The Jackson/Teton County Parks & Recreation Department will hold three public open houses over the next three months to solicit public input that will inform the process of a land transfer from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to Teton County. This process will focus on BLM parcels 9 and 10 (map included at the end of this document).

The first public open house will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the Old Wilson Schoolhouse. The next two open houses will take place on Wednesday, September 12, and Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

The Recreation and Public Purposes Act articulates the process for a land transfer from the BLM to unit of government such as Teton County. In order to complete a transfer, a schematic master plan must be completed, which is essentially a blueprint for the features and uses that will be on the land. To that end, Parks & Recreation has prioritized public input and feedback to ensure that the parcels can serve the community in the best way possible.

“At this first open house, our main goals are to provide a solid understanding to the public of the size and scope of the parcels, and then to brainstorm with community members about what they could become,” said Steve Ashworth, Parks & Recreation Director.

In addition to the open houses, some community surveying is being planned to gain additional input, and the Parks & Recreation Department will provide regular updates to the community about the project’s progress.

Following the site program scoping that will take place at the first open house, the second open house will focus on reviewing site program recommendations, and the third open house will focus on finalizing schematic site development concepts. Once this portion of the process is completed, meetings and workshops will take place with the Board of County Commissioners to finalize the schematic master plan.

Updates will be provided to the public throughout the process.

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BLM Parcels 9 & 10

(north of Emily Stevens Park, east bank of the Snake River)

