



Sauvie Island Beaches Parking and Traffic

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Agenda

- Intro to Sauvie Island
- Background on the traffic problem
- ODFW's proposed solution
- ODFW's request to Columbia County



Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

- Established in 1947 with primary objectives of protecting and improving waterfowl habitat and providing a public hunting area
- 11,564 acres
- Located in Columbia and Multnomah Counties, south of the confluence of the Columbia River and Multnomah Channel, approximately 12 miles from downtown Portland
- Public use on the wildlife area is about 990,000 visitor days per year
- Sauvie Island Beaches receive about 55% of the public use



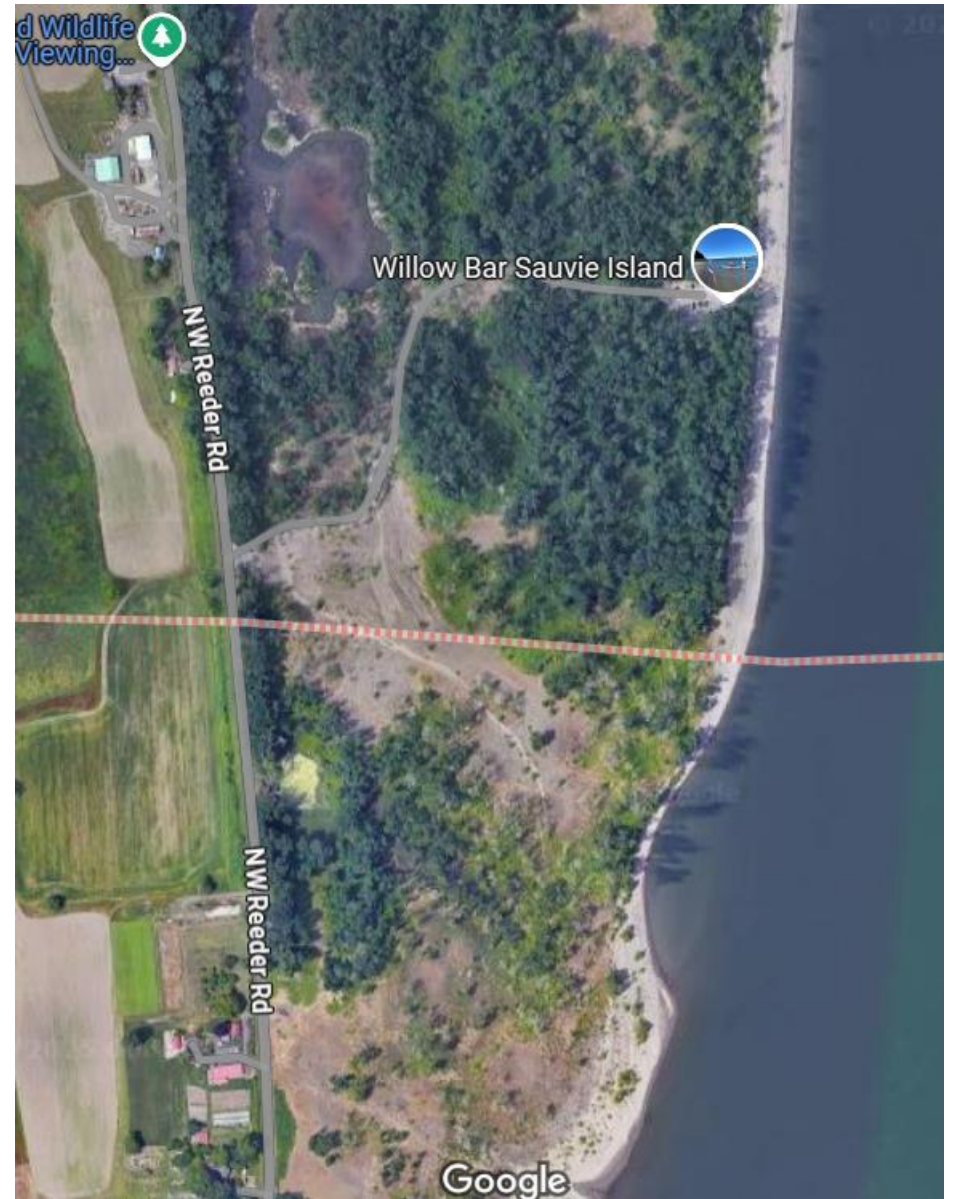
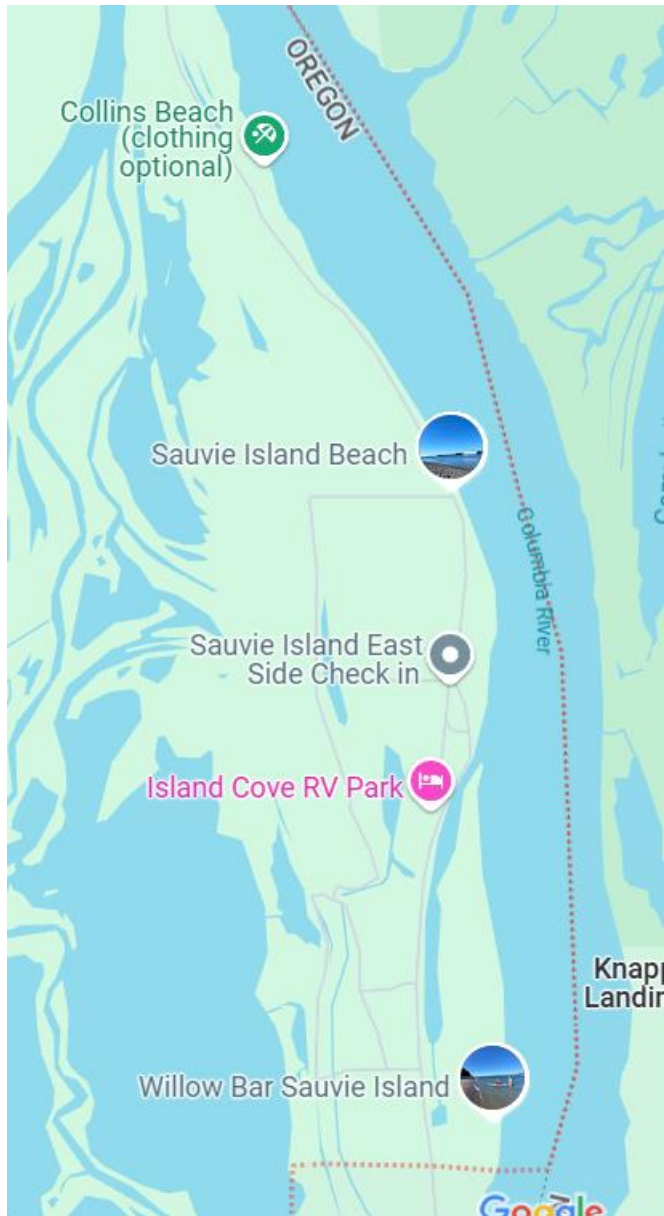




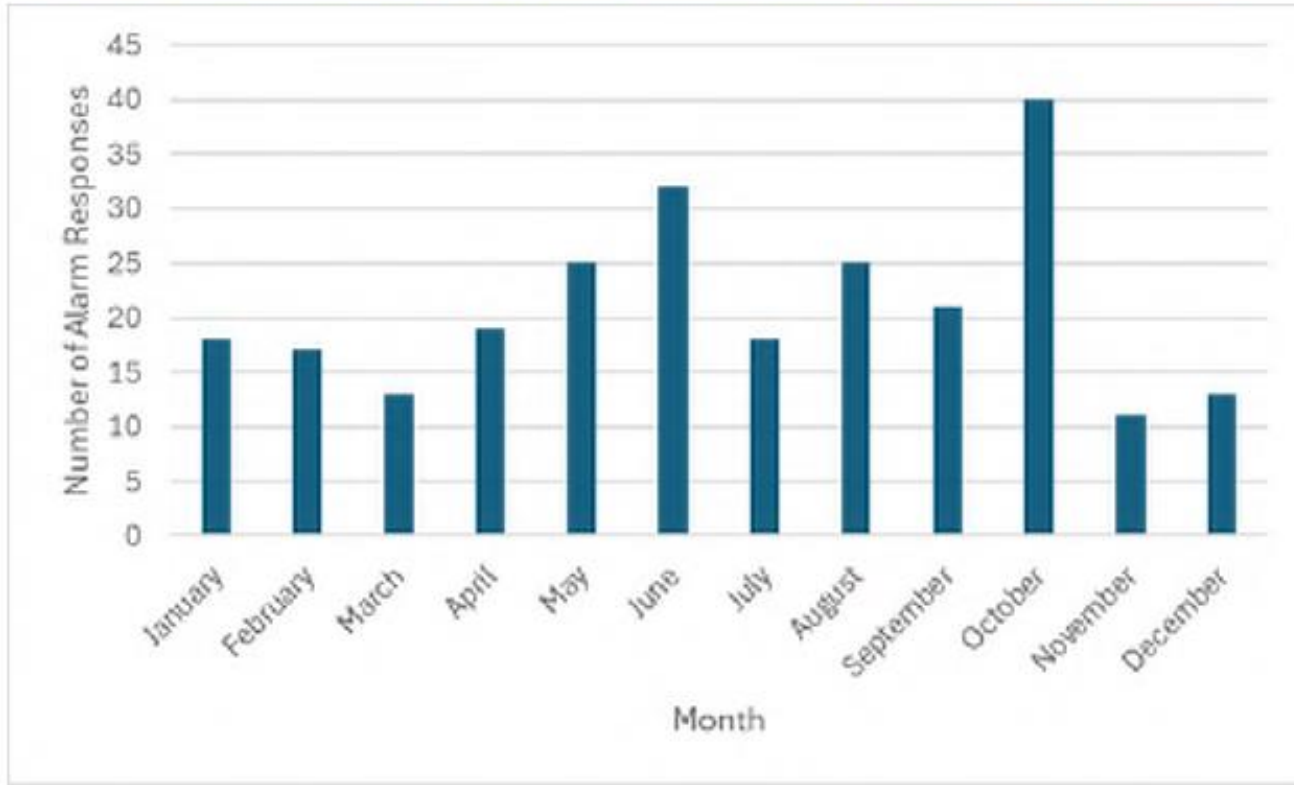








Figure 43 – Sauvie Island Fire Department Alarm Responses by Month (2021 and 2023)



SAUVIE ISLAND WILDLIFE AREA
BEACH USE PLAN

September 1993

Approved: _____



Date: _____

Sept. 24, 1993

**SAUVIE ISLAND WILDLIFE
AREA:**

Traffic, Access, and Parking Study

January 2025

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SIWA Beach User Days

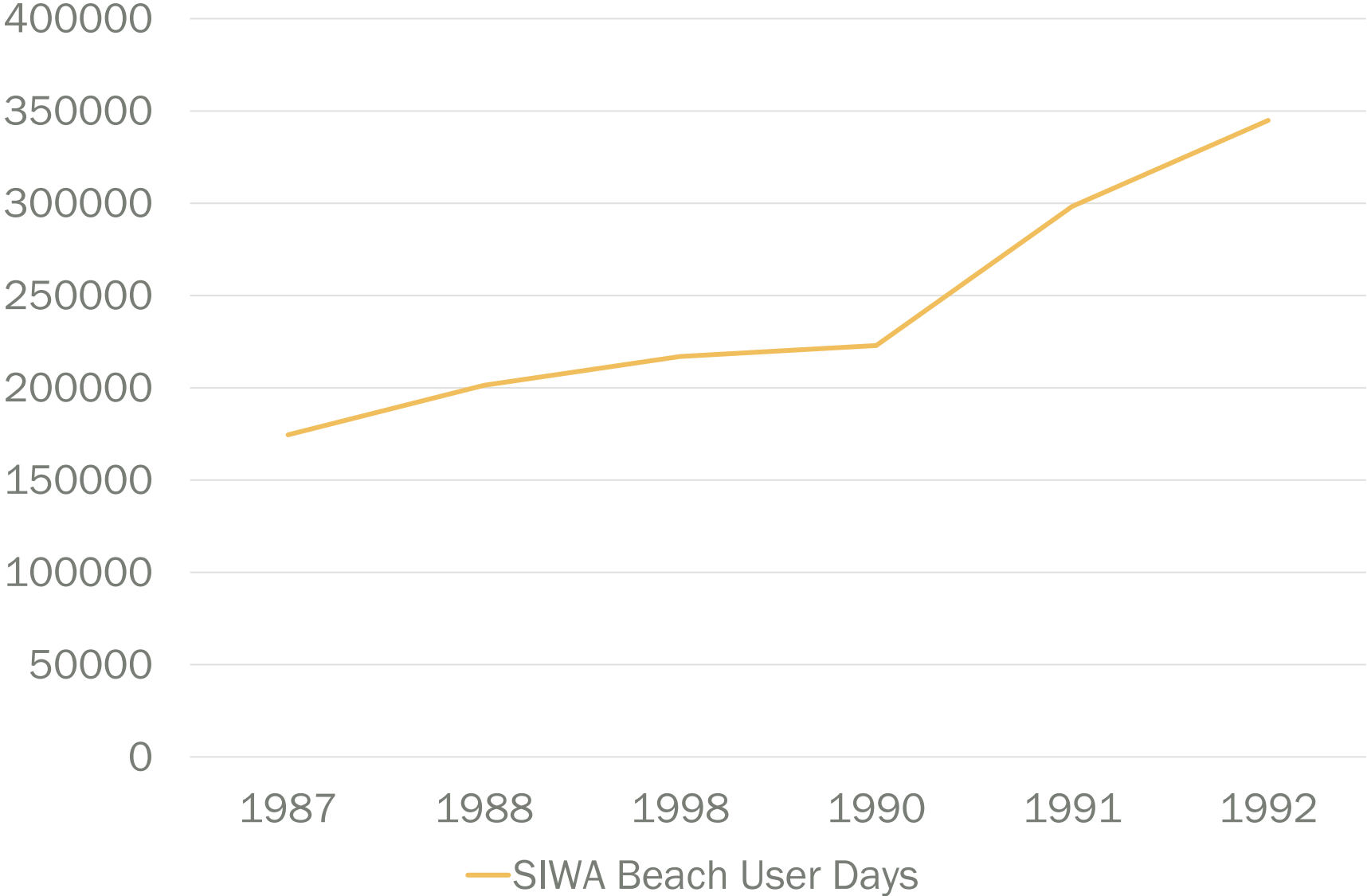


Figure 11 – Daily Traffic vs. Temperatures (2022)

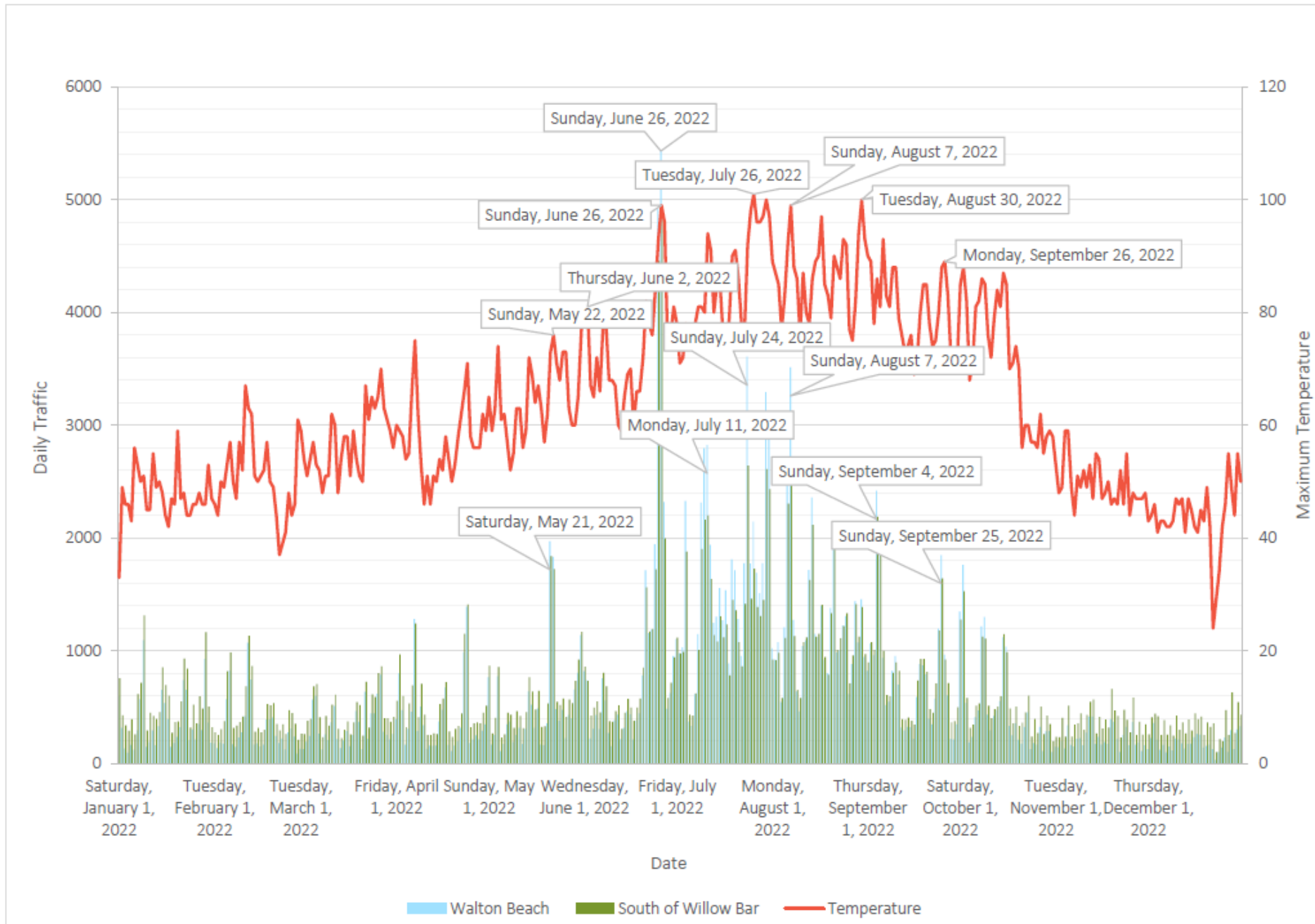
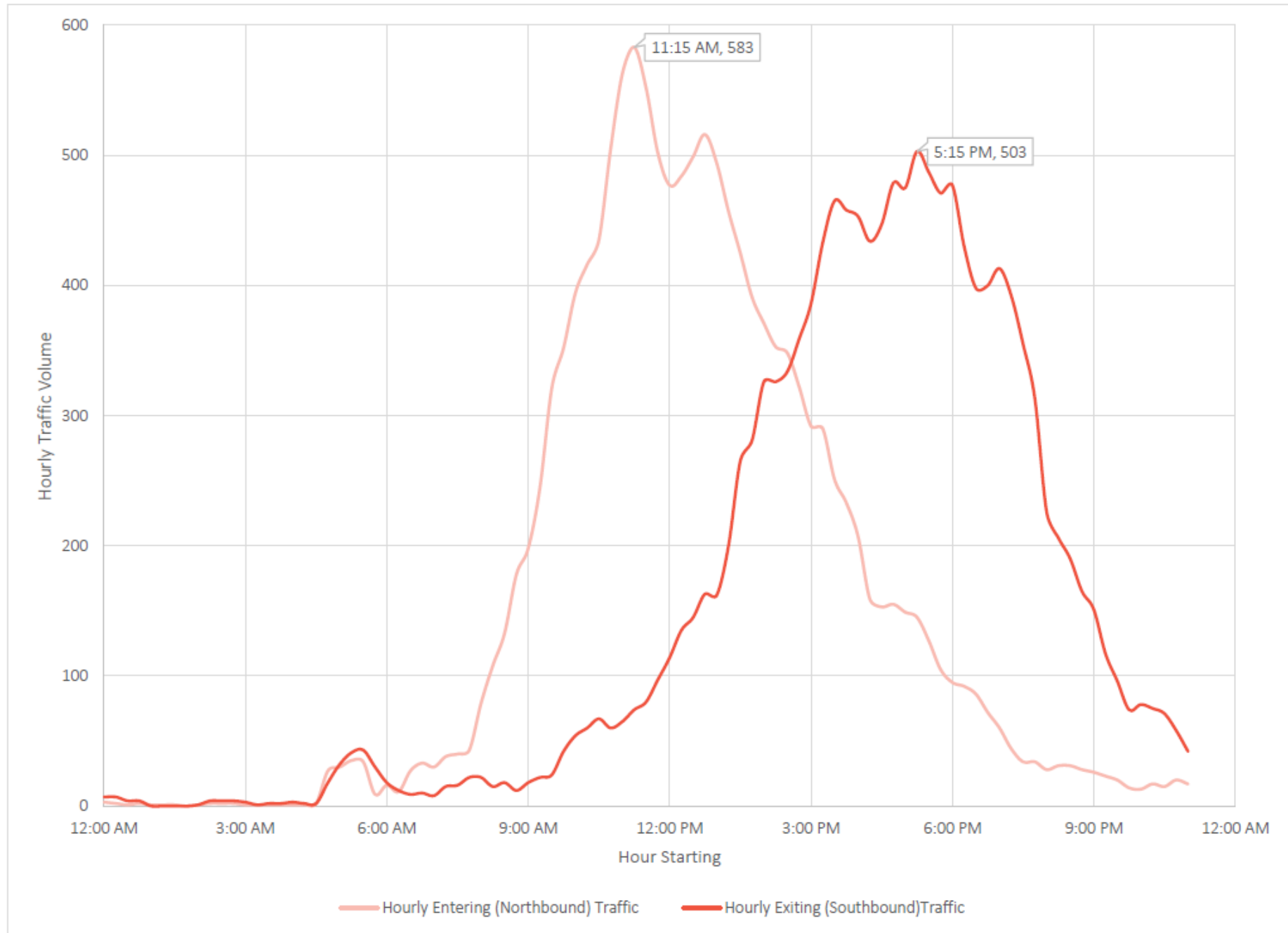


Figure 18 – Projected June 26, 2022 Traffic Entering (Northbound)/Exiting (Southbound) SIWA at NW Reeder Road/NW Gillihan Road Intersection



Goals

- Improve human safety and emergency vehicle access
- Improve the user experience for beachgoers
- Reduce the investment of OSP time, so they can focus on enforcing fish and wildlife crimes
- Ensure access for landowners and their guests





Summer 2025 Pilot

- Enact a temporary ODFW rule that limits wildlife area parking off Reeder Road north of Rentenaar Road on weekends and state holidays starting July 4th*, 2025 through September 1, 2025 (Labor Day).
- Issue a limited number of free entry passes through ODFW's Electronic Licensing System.
- Establish a checkpoint at the intersection of Reeder Road and Rentenaar Road to control entry to Sauvie Island Beaches.
- Hire a third-party vendor to manage traffic and inform visitors without the proper permits that they do not have a legal parking spot and turn them away at the checkpoint.

**Information campaign and "soft launch" planned for June 28th & 29th.*



ODFW Tasks

- Communicate with businesses and residents
- Enact a temporary rule
- Develop outreach campaign for media and beach visitors
- Contract with a traffic management company
- Build checkpoint
- Develop the pass in our Electronic Licensing System
- **Request Columbia County approval to control traffic on Reeder Road**
- Evaluate progress through the summer



Columbia County Public Works Department Request

“It is the Public Works Director’s recommendation to have the Board adopt an order that, in order to travel Reeder Road beyond Rentenaar Road on Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays between the last Monday of June* and first Monday of September, an ODFW parking permit and entry pass is required. Vehicles would be required show their permit and pass at the ODFW checkpoint. The order would take effect upon ODFW posting signs on Reeder Road at the intersection with Rentenaar Road, and at the end of Reeder Road to the north. The Board Order could require specific conditions including requisite insurance and indemnities.

Because of the unique nature of this request, staff is asking the Board to review it and provide concurrence and direction to proceed or provide some other direction that the Board sees fit.”

**ODFW is planning an information campaign and "soft launch" June 28th & 29th.*



Thank you!



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