

Summer 2017 Olsen Property Update—

Public Access—Feather River Land Trust (FRLT) has been working with a local surveyor/civil engineer to complete the encroachment permit with Cal Trans to develop a gravel parking area south of Highway 36. The engineer is completing the planning portion of the project. FRLT will hire a local contractor to complete the rolled gravel parking area. This project will provide visitors a safe, legal point to access the Olsen property. After the surface has been installed, FRLT will install signage that will introduce and orient visitors to the property. Members of the Olsen Management Group are eager to have a large post and beam entrance structure constructed after the parking area, encroachment apron have been completed.

Barn Stabilization—FRLT has entered into a contract with Lopez Construction of Lake Almanor to stabilize the barn. This project will include the removal and replacement of the northern, eastern and southern portions of the existing foundation. In addition to the foundation work, the contractor will make repairs to the roof and fascia on the southern portion of the barn. They will also install new siding on the southern gable end of the barn.

Utilities--FRLT is planning on running a water line to the barn that will be supplied by the Chester Public Utilities District (CPUD).

Management Plan –FRLT develops land management plans (LMP) for all the properties we own and monitor, part of our role as a nationally accredited land trust. FRLT worked closely with the Olsen Management Group (OMG), with the FRLT Stewardship Committee, with local resource professionals and others to develop the LMP for the Olsen property. FRLT’s Board of Directors approved the plan and it is now the primary guidance document for the management of the property.

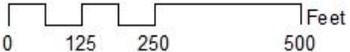
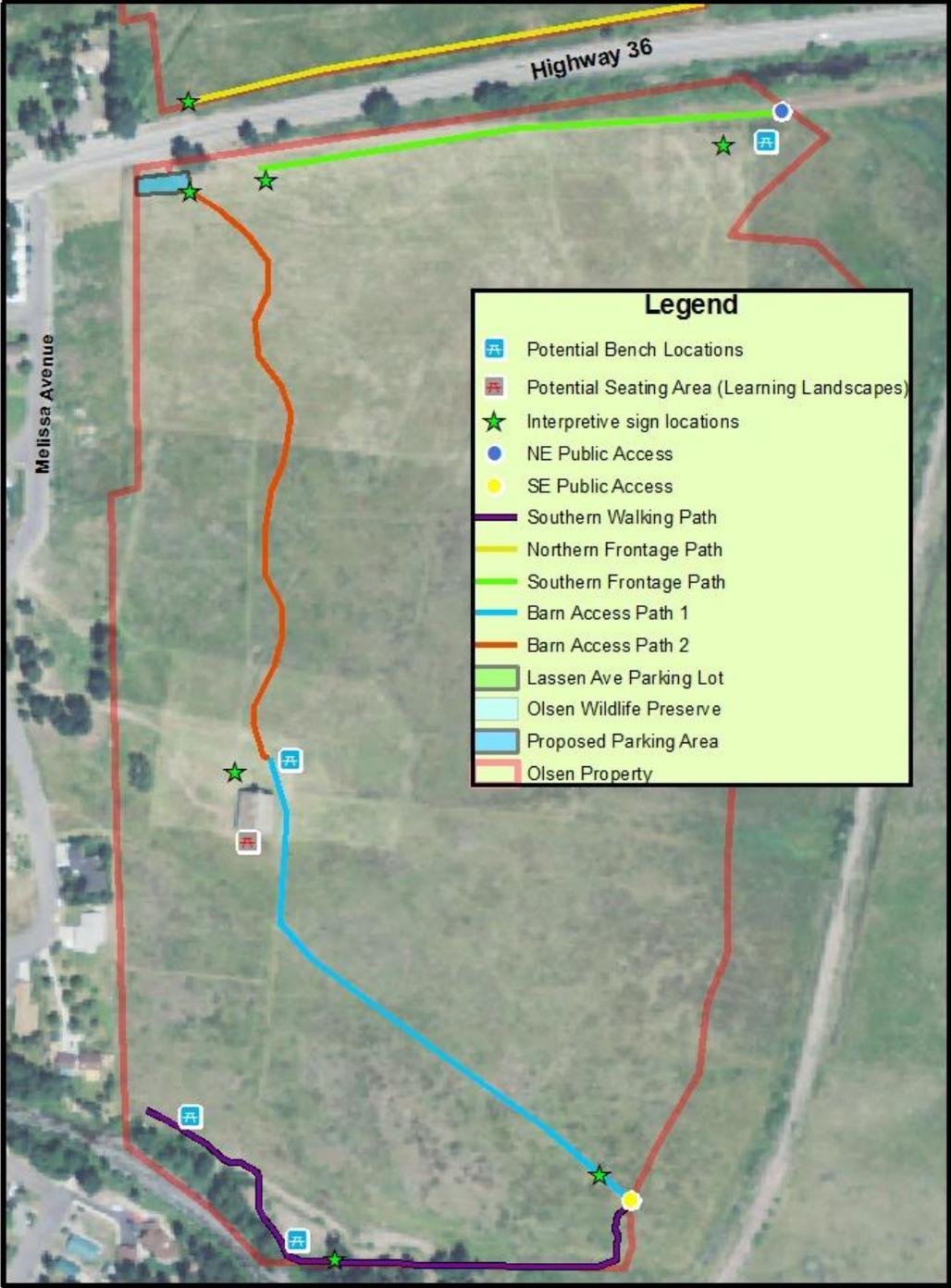
Fundraising—FRLT staff, local volunteers and key donors actively campaigned to raise funds for the implementation of the projects listed above. Over \$100K was raised during our “Raising the Barn” campaign that wrapped up in Fall of 2016. Funds will be used by FRLT to cover costs associated with the management of the property as well as costs associated with project implementation (permitting, concrete, water lines, contractors, signs and public access improvements).

Despite our successful fundraising to date, we will need ongoing support for this excellent project. The Olsen Barn Meadow is now part of FRLT’s 2020 Vision Campaign focused on conserving, stewarding and increasing public access for the special places of the Feather River region. Please consider making a gift to FRLT to support work like that for the Olsen Barn Meadow

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Olsen Visioning Map--South



Map by Feather River Land Trust
September 29, 2016; Scale 1:3,000

Olsen Visioning Map--North

