

# Discussions continue on future prison location

■ **SITE:** Tonight's meeting will address concerns and questions about the four proposed sites in the county

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Lane County will have a prison, but the only question is where.

The saga regarding the possibility of having a prison in Eugene continues as the Oregon Department of Corrections tries to pin down a site in Lane County where a men's medium security state prison could be built.

The Department of Corrections is meeting with city and county officials tonight to discuss four proposed sites and to answer any questions or concerns people may have, said Perrin Damon, spokeswoman for the Department of Corrections. The meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Eugene City Council Chambers at 777 Pearl St.

The Department of Corrections is required by law to have a meeting to update local officials on the prison site selection process. The department has held three informational meetings.

"The Department of Corrections is really going out of its way to let elected officials have an opportunity to ask questions," said Jim Johnson, a prison committee member in Eugene.

Four sites have been suggested as possible prison sites in Lane County. The Meadow View site located on Hwy. 99 across from the airport was recommended in December. Gov. Kitzhaber requested additional site options, so the process began all over again.

One other site is located in Eugene. The Dillard Road site is located west of Interstate 5 near the solid waste site, Johnson said.

The third site, Mill Iron, is lo-

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

■ **APRIL 14:** Department of Corrections will nominate prison sites

■ **MAY 11-13:** The Prison Siting Authority will hold public meetings

■ **MAY 19:** Prison Siting Authority must submit their site recommendations

■ **JUNE 3:** Gov. Kitzhaber must name a prison site by this date

■ **1999-2000:** Construction on new prison will begin

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cated within the Urban Growth Boundary of Junction City, while the final proposed site is the Jasper Road site which is located in Springfield.

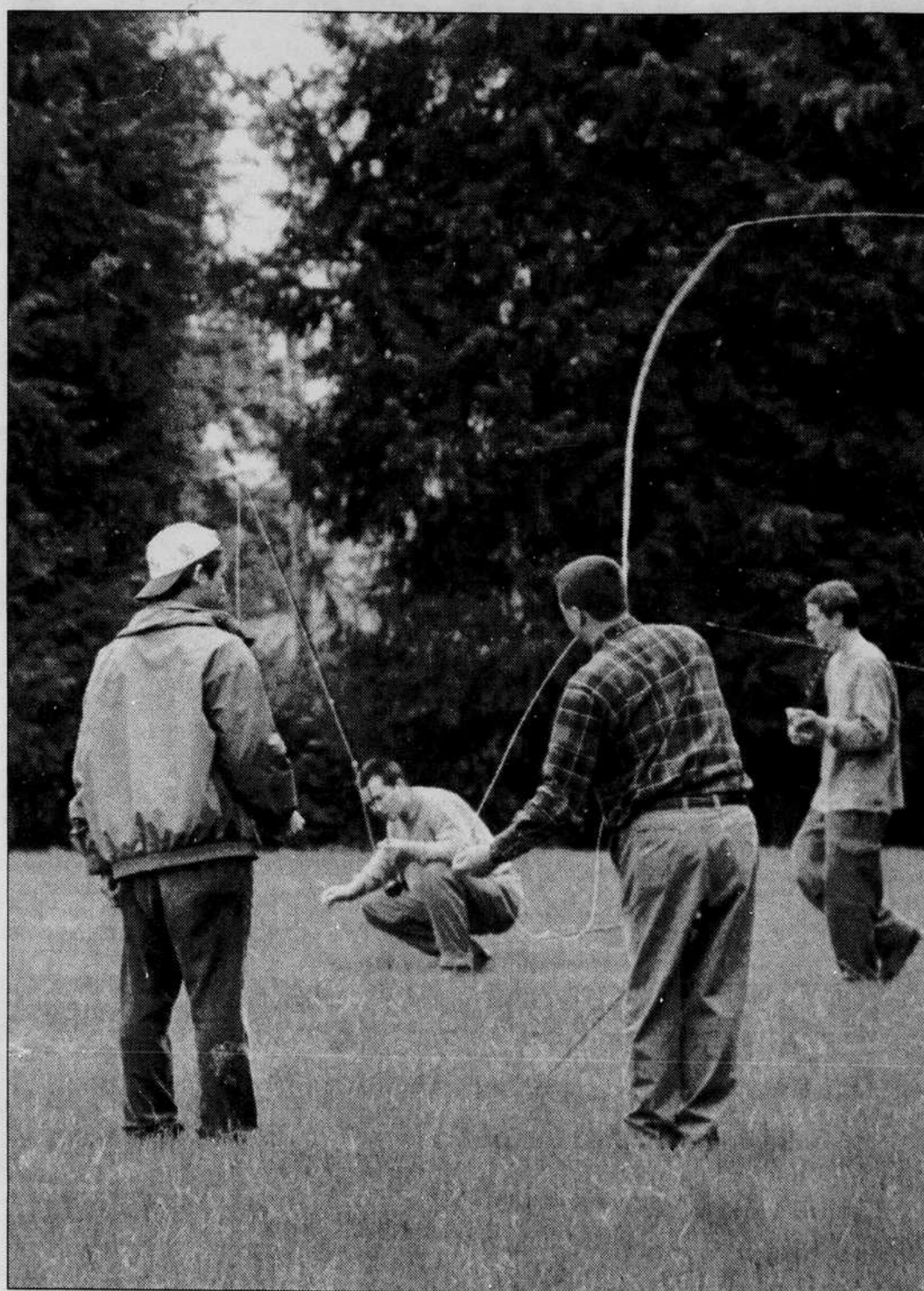
Johnson said the Department of Corrections will possibly narrow the list down to three sites by Monday.

"I fully expect the Jasper Road site to be dropped," Johnson said. The other three will be reviewed by the Prison Siting Authority.

The 1,500-bed facility is one of seven prisons slated for construction over the next six years as part of a statewide expansion project.

The \$1 billion expansion project is a result of projected increases in prison population because of Measure 11, which created mandatory prison sentences and would increase the number of people in jail and the length of their sentences.

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