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Oregon State Land Board  
775 Summer St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301-1279

Re: South Redmond Tract Land Use and Management Plan

Dear Land Board Members:

This letter is to express Deschutes County's support of the South Redmond Tract Land Use and Management Plan ("the Plan"). The single ownership of the South Redmond Tract ("the Tract") and its size and proximity to the City of Redmond and transportation systems make the Tract unique in the region. The Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center is an asset to the region and, with Juniper Golf Course, anchors the Tract. We believe that the land use and land management concepts described in the Plan are compatible with community interests and will provide the basis for the regional economic health we strive to maintain.


Deschutes County wishes to exchange land with the Department of State Lands and acquire approximately 238 acres south of the Fair and Expo Center. Ownership of that land by the County would assure a non-residential area south of the fairgrounds in order to maintain a buffer between fair and expo uses from other community uses.

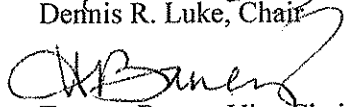
Finally, we support the collaborative planning process and look forward to continued participation, as this tract is urbanized and annexed into the City of Redmond. We encourage the State Land Board to instruct those agencies that have a role in this process to also support the overall venture to ensure its success.

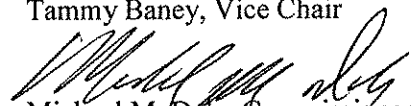
Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

  
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