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Oregon Department of State Lands  
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Ms. Pustis,

Today I became aware of the Stockade Block AMP proposal, part of which could entail leasing of state lands for recreational activities. I feel that this is unacceptable. It could "lock up" an area rich in wildlife (sage grouse, mule deer, elk, antelope, coyote, quail, and chukkar to mention a few) for a privileged few and keep the general public from enjoying the tremendous hunting, hiking, camping, and birding opportunities. These are state lands and state owned wildlife. We, as citizens of Oregon, should ALL have the right to enjoy the recreational activities available on its public lands. Allowing state lands to be leased by private individuals for their personal gain while restricting access by the general public would set a precedent that Oregon is for sale to the highest bidder!! The economy has dealt a tough blow to Oregon, but this would be an unrealistic means to try and generate funds.

These lands, and other state lands like it, are used by members of numerous recreational groups which help the economy of many rural communities through the purchase of various supplies and services. If these lands become "off limits" to the general public, there will be a decrease in the annual recreational funds that are normally obtained by these communities. There are much more appropriate, and acceptable in my opinion, options if an increase in funds from use of state lands is necessary (camping fees, recreational use fees, state land use fee on hunting and fishing licenses, etc.). A point that should not be taken likely is the decrease in the quality of life and recreational activities that will occur if these lands are leased and access by the general public is restricted.

With proper oversight, I do not oppose leasing state lands for grazing, energy generation/development, or mineral exploration and procurement. However, I do oppose any lease that will restrict my access and use of state lands. My rights should be the same as any other individual or recreational group – no more and no less. Therefore, I strongly oppose any lease of state lands that will restrict access and use of these lands by any recreational group or individual.

Sincerely,

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