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Oregon Department of State Lands
Attention South Redmond Tract Land Use and Management Plan Comments
775 Summer St. NE Suite 100
Salem, Oregon 97301-1279

Re: South Redmond Tract – Draft Land Use and Management Plan

The City of Redmond would like to go on record to express our appreciation for the outreach effort and approach DSL has taken in the development of the South Redmond Tract Land Use and Management Plan. This has been a collaborative process involving the community as well as effected government entities. The resulting plan reflects the needs and desires of our community.

The plan, as envisioned, establishes an overall long term vision for the properties in question. The expectation for large lot industrial development, not available elsewhere in the state, is unique and much needed. Ultimately, this positions Central Oregon and Redmond for continued economic growth. Likewise, the opportunity to accommodate future expansions of the Deschutes County Fairgrounds and development of mixed use employment meets the community's long term needs. The Plan also accommodates the future needs of the Oregon National Guard.

The property will need to be included in the City of Redmond's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), and ultimately annexed, for development to occur. The UGB process is complex and time-intensive and the South Redmond Tract Plan recognizes this fact. Significant resources will need to be directed by DSL towards this effort to accommodate the timeline envisioned in the plan.

In closing, the City of Redmond is in support of the South Redmond Tract Land Use and Management Plan. The Plan reflects the comments and concerns expressed by the City Council and staff. The South Redmond Tract Land Use and Management Plan establish a long term picture for how the property can develop. The plan is important to the economic potential of Central Oregon and Redmond in particular.

Sincerely,



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