

## Board of County Commissioners

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Oregon Department of State Lands Attn: South Redmond Tract Land Use and Management Plan Comments 775 Summer St. NE Ste. 100 Salem OR 97301-1279

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners is submitting this letter in response to your request for comments on the South Redmond Tract Land Use and Management Plan.

Deschutes County hopes to acquire from DSL up to 240 acres immediately south of the Fair and Expo Center. It would be our preference that the 20 acres shown on the Land Management Concept drawing dated March 26, 2008, as "Possible Disposal to Oregon Military Dept." should be located south of the tract identified for possible exchange to Deschutes County

Ownership of 240 acres by the county would assure a non-residential buffer south of the fairgrounds. We believe such a buffer should be an essential element in any future uses of the property.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.

Sincerely,

DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tammy Melton, Commissioner

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