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Annabelle Jaramillo, Commissioner

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Mr. John Huston, Designated Federal Official  
Bureau of Land Management  
Salem District Office  
1717 Fabry Road SE  
Salem, Oregon 97306

RE: Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (as reauthorized as part of Public Law 114-10), NW Oregon RAC, Title II FY 2014 Project Funding Recommendations

Dear Mr. Huston:

Based on the proceedings from the Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting held on March 9-11, 2016, we recommend funding the Title II projects identified herein using Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act FY 2014 funds. It is our understanding that all projects recommended for funding meet the purposes of the Act and are in the public interest.

In consultation with you, as the Designated Federal Official (DFO), and Bureau of Land Management staff, the RAC has determined that the five specific requirements essential for approval and funding identified in Section 204 (a) of the Act have been, or will be met in the following manner:

- 1. Compliance with all applicable Federal law and regulations:**  
Has or will be certified by the appropriate line manager by his/her signature of the individual National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision document required for each project.
- 2. Consistency with applicable Resource Management Plan:**  
All projects are consistent with the current RMP/ROD (June 1995) which incorporates the Northwest Forest Plan (April 1994).

- 3. The RAC process will be consistent with the requirements of the Act:**  
The RAC meeting was held in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and NW Oregon RAC Charter requirements. A quorum was present at the meeting on March 9-11, 2016. All projects that were recommended for funding received majority support from all three RAC membership categories. Public notices for these meetings were published in the Federal Register and a public forum time was incorporated into the agenda.
- 4. Applications for these projects were submitted to the RAC for their review consistent with the Act's requirements.** The Title II project applications contained the following information required for projects to be funded and were provided to all RAC members prior to the scheduled meetings:

  - Purpose of the project
  - Description of how the project meets the purposes of the Act
  - Statement of how the project benefits O&C Lands and resources
  - Expected duration and costs of the project
  - Expected beneficial outcomes
  - Monitoring plan
- 5. Projects will improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems and/or will restore and improve land health and water quality.**  
All projects recommended for funding will contribute to improve existing infrastructure, aquatic or terrestrial habitat ecosystems, and water quality, watershed, or forest health.

Please find attached the complete list of projects recommended for your approval.

Sincerely,



Annabelle Jaramillo  
Northwest Oregon BLM Resource Advisory Council Chairperson

Encl: FY 2014 NW Oregon Resource Advisory Council SRS  
Title II Funds Distribution

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