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Subject: DCN: EST-00002406 - Invite to Secretary Zinke and his staff to visit the O&C timber assets in Western Oregon
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April 3, 2017

Secretary Ryan Zinke
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

By Email and Regular Mail

Re: Invitation to Visit and Inspect BLM's Western Oregon O&C Lands

Dear Secretary Zinke:

This Association (AOCC) represents Counties in Western Oregon within which lie the O&C lands, 2.1 million acres managed by the BLM that are legally unique and highly productive timberlands. These lands are managed under the O&C Act of 1937, 43 USC 1181a, and the revenue produced from the sale of timber is shared with the 18 O&C Counties pursuant to 43 USC 1181f. Unlike the National Forests, which are very large uninterrupted swaths of the landscape, the O&C lands are in a checkerboard of small parcels mostly 640 acres or less, intermingled with private industrial forest lands. The O&C lands are virtually the only commercially productive timberlands under the jurisdiction of the BLM. They are extremely important to the economic vitality of communities in Western Oregon.

AOCC would very much like to host you, other Department officials of your choosing, and your respective staffs, and invite you to visit Western Oregon to learn more about these important O&C timber assets. We have in mind a meeting, a meal, and a tour by land and airplane to give you a complete overview of the challenges and opportunities presented by this unique category of federal lands. We suggest August or September but will be very happy to accommodate any other time, earlier or later, that you might be available. We know how busy you are and we are at your disposal in connection with this invitation.

We are eager to meet with you and to work with you on O&C lands issues and hope you can make time to visit Western Oregon. Please ask members of your staff to contact AOCC's Executive Director, Rocky McVay, at 503-412-1624 to start discussing scheduling and other arrangements.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner Tim Freeman, Douglas County *By KAO*
AOCC President

cc: Jamie Connell, Oregon State Director

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May 14, 2017

Ryan Zinke, Secretary
Department of Interior
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Secretary Zinke:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to you for taking the time out of your evening to meet with the Oregon Farm Bureau Delegation and to listen to the concerns of Lee Bradshaw, the rancher whose property has been in the family since the late 1800's and who is impacted by the monument expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou by President Obama in December, 2016. Also, a special "thanks" to Daryl Wood for facilitating the introduction. Our having the opportunity to meet and talk to you at the Trump Hotel was the highlight of the OFB members DC trip and fit perfectly with one of the goals of the trip (monument designations).

As Oregon Farm Bureau 2nd Vice President and Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, I would like to extend an invitation to visit Oregon and meet with grassroots people like Lee Bradshaw to get a full understanding how federal government edicts impact the natural resource community and local government. I propose such a visit would include a visit to the Lee Bradshaw ranch including the permitted BLM and Forest Service property. I would also suggest an evening with Jackson County Farm Bureau to obtain a more thorough understanding of what the natural resource industry is dealing with concerning issues with various bureaus under your administration. ESA and its regulations are a huge concern.

Secondly, I would propose you come to Coos County. Just outside the city of Bandon is the Bandon Marsh and up the valley near Coquille is the Coquille Valley Wildlife Area which is proposed to be the largest wetland on the west coast. My goal would be for you to meet with the landowners who have been impacted by these projects funded by USFW. I, personally, have a story as we owned property adjacent to the Coquille Valley Wildlife Area and would like you to know why we ended up selling an integral part of our operation. This project proposal is continuing to impact adjacent landowners. I would propose a meeting with Coos-Curry Farm Bureau to discuss the many issues that impact timber and agriculture under your administration especially coho salmon.

While working with Coos County Commissioner Main on a local project, I mentioned my goal to extend an invitation for you to visit Oregon. Commissioner Main is also on the Board of Directors of the Association of O&C Counties (AOCC) and mentioned that they had also invited (see enclosed letter of invitation dated April 3, 2017) you and your representative staff to visit Western Oregon to learn more about region and the O&C timber assets. The Association would like to share with you the important role the lands in our counties and communities. I met with

Coos Commissioner Main and the Executive Director of AOCC, Rocky McVay to discuss this invitation and they have both signed onto this invitation.

Due to summer ranch work schedules, I propose such an Oregon visit be scheduled the last two weeks of August, anytime in September, or the first half of October. These dates also coincide with the suggested time frame from the AOCC. We sincerely believe such an Oregon visit would enlighten you and your staff as to the issues the county governments and the natural resource industries are experiencing. Regulation reform is a huge goal for all of us.

Thank you again for your time in DC. It was surely a pleasure meeting you and we look forward to working with you in the future and on an Oregon visit.

Respectfully,



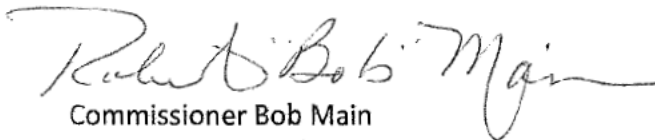
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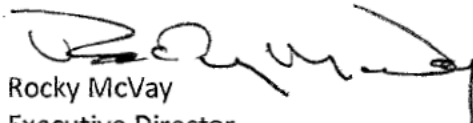
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Cynthia and Tim,

Attached you will find a letter from Sharon Waterman, 2nd Vice President of the Oregon Farm Bureau, Bob Main, Coos County Oregon Commissioner and myself inviting Secretary Zinke and his respective staff to visit Western Oregon. Also, you will find a letter of invitation to the Secretary dated April 3, 2017 from the Association of O&C Counties to visit Western Oregon. Please share these two letters with the appropriate scheduling persons for consideration of a possible visit to Oregon. Thank you,

Rocky McVay

Executive Director

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