

**Exhibit F**  
**Wheeler II Acquisition**

**Supplemental**  
**Public Correspondence received as of**  
**February 9, 2017**

ODFW Comments

RE: Wheeler II Property Acquisition, 2/10/2017 ODFW Commission Meeting

Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to approve acquisition of the "Wheeler II" property adjacent to the Coquille Valley Wildlife Area (CVWA). The acquisition would add key elements to the CVWA restoration work, and is coming from a willing private owner. My siblings and I are fourth generation ranchers in the area just south of the Coquille River Valley. We have done multiple conservation projects on our ranches, in cooperation with ODFW and other agencies and NGOs, and I have followed the progress of the CVWA for the last few years.

Though there would continue to be limited tidal exchange in the summer season, the project would allow for increased water in the winter months, which supports habitat for salmon and multiple waterfowl, among other wildlife. The ODFW management plans include ongoing grazing to control invasive weeds, revegetation and other restoration work, and preservation of remaining wetland functions. The project also will provide significant wildlife-oriented recreation and education opportunities.

I appreciate the chance to comment, and hope you will support this acquisition.

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