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To: Private Forest Accords Mitigation Advisory Committee
From: Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts
Date: April 8, 2024

RE: Development of the Acquisitions/Easements offerings under the PFA Mitigation Fund

Members of the Mitigation Advisory Committee:

On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts (COLT), I would like to offer our congratulations on the recent funding recommendations made by the MAC and pledge our collaboration in the development of a robust land and easement acquisition pathway for the grant program. COLT is a network of 31 organizations working across Oregon on behalf of land, water, and people. Our members work closely with private landowners, watershed councils, Tribes, and state and federal agencies to protect and restore habitats in ways that advance the goals of the Oregon Conservation Strategy.

As one of the four major categories for mitigation identified within the Private Forest Accords, land protection can be an important first step in achieving the habitat goals for covered species, something that will be integral to an approved Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Grants for acquisitions under the PFA Mitigation Fund will provide great leverage for large scale habitat enhancement projects. COLT members have that experience of managing land, implementing collaborative restoration projects, and combining funds from a variety of sources to do both.

Thank you for the great work to date. Our members look forward to collaborating with you as you further develop the grant application and review process.

Sincerely,

Karsyn Kendrick
Conservation Program Manager



24 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS: Blue Mountain Land Trust • Center for Natural Lands Management • Columbia Land Trust
Deschutes Land Trust • Ducks Unlimited • Forest Park Conservancy • Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust
Greenbelt Land Trust • Klamath Lake Land Trust • Lower Nehalem Community Trust • McKenzie River Trust
North Coast Land Conservancy • Northwest Rangeland Trust • Oregon Agricultural Trust • Oregon Desert Land Trust
Pacific Forest Trust • Southern Oregon Land Conservancy • The Conservation Fund • The Nature Conservancy in Oregon
The Trust for Public Land • The Wetlands Conservancy • Wallowa Land Trust • Western Rivers Conservancy • Wild Rivers Land Trust

8 ASSOCIATE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS: Black Oregon Land Trust • Cerro Gordo Land Conservancy • Clackamas Soil & Water
Conservation District • East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District • Helvetia Community Association
Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District • View the Future • Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District