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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request:

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) requests approval to submit a grant application to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Endangered Species Recovery Lands Grant Program in the amount of \$1,200,000.

Agency Action:

USFWS awards annual matching grants under this Program to States and Territories for acquisition, restoration, and/or enhancement of wildlife habitats to aid in the recovery of federally-listed endangered or threatened species. This application is for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 grant cycle.

If awarded, the grant funds will be used to acquire 160 acres of forest land adjacent to Brian Booth State Park from a willing seller. Acquiring this land will advance the state's effort to meet acquisition goals set forth by Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission and add to a park visitor's experience while protecting wildlife habitat. This grant funded purchase aligns with OPRD's mission of natural resource protection and the Natural Areas Program transferred to OPRD by Senate Bill 58 (2011).

USFWS Endangered Species Recovery Lands Grant funds are federal funds that require a minimum 25% match with non-federal dollars or contributions. OPRD will provide the necessary match for this grant by leveraging past land acquisitions made with lottery funds. This acquisition and associated grant requirements will be met with existing OPRD staff.

The Department was notified of this grant opportunity on January 8 2014; applications are due March 14, 2014.



Action Requested:

OPRD requests approval to submit a \$1,200,000 grant application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Endangered Species Recovery Lands Grant Program. If the grant is awarded, the Department will request expenditure limitation from the appropriate Legislative Committee or the Emergency Board.

Legislation Affected:

None.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Vanlaanen", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Lisa Vanlaanen, Interim Director

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