



“Stewardship and Advocacy”

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Chair Clem and Members of the Committee,

The Chetco River Watershed Council (CRWC) has many concerns regarding the direction of urban growth expansion by the City of Brookings into hazard zones along the lower Chetco River floodplain. Two future high density housing developments are of particular concern including 59 houses planned to be built in a designated floodway and another 100+ home development adjacent to the HWY 101 bridge over the Chetco River.

The planned 59 home Mahar/Tribble development is in a designated ‘floodway’ and floods on a regular basis. The 100+ housing development adjacent to the 101 Bridge continues to be filled to elevate the property just above the 100 year flood delineation. Long time residents have raised their concerns having witnessed flood events in these areas. In the past I have attempted to provide photo-documentation of recent flooding in these areas to an unreceptive Brookings City Council.

By implementing Goal 7, HB 2633 would require the City of Brookings to protect future residents from development on steep slopes and flood events in the Chetco River floodplain. The LCDC should adopt these administrative rules implementing Goal 7 to ensure that the Cities and local governments take natural hazards like landslides, flooding, and tsunamis into account when planning for future expansion.

The CRWC, along with other conservation groups and citizens, support passage of Goal 7. This would protect residents and property from inappropriate development and support the critical ecological values of floodplains. The Oregon coast is one of the most important areas of the state for hazards planning, and the Chetco River is one of the most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

Carl Page
Chair
Chetco River Watershed Council

