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Hello Ian Davidson:

Regarding HB 3417 Regional Solutions

1. Goal 5 Requirement of Updating Wildlife inventories must be part of regional solutions.

Wildlife inventories should be of best current science and included as a working document

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2. Rural populations must be represented at the table not just cities or County commissioners (who in my county live in cities)

3. **30 day notice is better for public inclusion**

4. **The environmental community must have a seat at the table ***

5. **Water resources is too precious to manage regionally and should be managed at the State Level only.**

6. All agencies (County & State) are short staffed and underfunded: who pays for this added regional solutions process? and where will the money come from? Shouldn't the region wanting a regional solution pay for it?

7. **Benchmarks must show net benefit and net economic benefit not just economic benefit.** New jobs should be **living wage jobs for the region.**

8. **The boundary of a regional solutions region should be a benchmark that relates to other State boundaries and benchmarks for data comparison.**

See how Oregon Department of Transportation views **Central Oregon region 4:**

<<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TDATA/gis/docs/regionmaps/regionmap.pdf>>

In the recent State of Oregon Economic Development Department report on Job Vacancy, the state of Oregon identifies 10 counties to be Central Oregon: these are Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler.

<http://www.flashalertnewswire.net/images/news/2015-03/930/82913/Job_Vacancy_Survey_2014_News_Release.pdf>

<<http://www.bendbulletin.com/business/3031006-151/central-oregon-job-vacancies-trail-rest-of-the#>>

9. The Regional Solutions program defines the Central Oregon region as 3 counties: Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County, and whilst this may represent a easier to manage regional solution area, the question I have is how will this program be tracked and on whose dime?

Thanks for considering my input

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+ During the Jefferson County Comp Plan update done in 2007 the mid 1980's wildlife inventories were adopted. (30 year old data).

In Deschutes County currently wildlife inventories date to 1984, 1999 and 1992. Below you will see how wildlife inventories are being stalled thru other development actions.

* Deschutes County continues to postpone updating wildlife maps : It is using 16-31 year old data maps even though 1-6 year old data is available.

It is insufficient to adopt old wildlife maps and call this updating of an inventory.

We need updated wildlife maps especially as big game (deer and elk) have moved where urban populations have built.

"The last time Deschutes County did a wildlife inventory update was 2009, since that time three new wildlife habitat inventories are in our community.

Updated inventories are needed so that regional solutions can grow in appropriate places and not encroach into sensitive areas. Critical habitat for Oregon spotted frog, a federally threatened species April 2015; 2) Core Area and Low Density habitat for sage-grouse, a candidate species under the federal ESA; and, 3) Big game habitat for deer and elk winter range Last summer, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife informed Deschutes County and the City of Bend of a 2009 Big Game Deer and Elk Winter Range Habitat inventory. The City of Bend is obligated to consider this information as it relates to the Urban Growth Boundary remand (OAR 660-024-0020). The City of Bend's UGB remand proposal is expected in Spring 2016.

If updating the County's Goal 5 wildlife habitat inventories is a BOCC priority, CDD recommends a phased approach. Staff retains capacity to update the Comprehensive Plan and implementing ordinances for the Oregon spotted frog and sage grouse. Both items are already on the Planning Division's FY 2014-2015 work plan. Regarding Big game habitat for deer and elk winter range, staff recommends postponing this effort until the South County Goal 11 Exception and Bend UGB remand are completed."

<http://www.deschutes.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_county_commissioners/meeting/1002/cdd_wor_k_plan_update.pdf>