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House Committee on Natural Resources
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon

Dear House Committee on Natural Resources:

We own a cow/calf cattle ranch located in Grant County in Eastern Oregon. The John Day River runs through our property for approximately two miles. We are very concerned about the impact HB 2835 will have on our agricultural business.

It would be catastrophic to our business for the public to have access through our agriculture fields to the John Day River. These fields are used to hold cattle during calving season, for general cattle grazing and hay production. Public access would cause a disruption with cattle calving with the potential to cause the death of a calf or the cow and would also present a danger to people crossing the field. Access during general cattle grazing would cause agitation within the cattle herd with pressure put on fences. Access during hay production would result in smashed grass that would be difficult or impossible for the swather to cut resulting in reduced hay production. All of the above scenarios would create a financial loss to our business.

In conclusion, we oppose HB 2835 and urge the legislature to protect private land property rights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken & Pat Holliday". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" and "L".

Ken & Pat Holliday
Holliday Land & Livestock, Inc.