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Sen. Kathleen Taylor, Co-Chair Rep. Jeff Reardon, Co-Chair Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources 900 Court St. NE, H-178 Salem, OR, 97301

Dear Co-Chairs,

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to present our request for authorization to apply for funding from the U.S. Geologic Survey's (USGS) Three-Dimensional Elevation Program (3DEP) for additional lidar data acquisition on May 24, 2021. We wanted to provide information in response to Rep. Holvey's inquiry about lidar data collection on the Holiday Farm Fire. ODF did not include the Holiday Farm Fire in its proposal to USGS 3DEP because other public agencies, namely the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) and Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB), are already planning a lidar collection project on the portion of the McKenzie Watershed impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire.

We reached out to our colleagues at LCOG and EWEB, who graciously provided details on their lidar data collection project. LCOG and EWEB were awarded a separate USGS 3DEP grant to fund their data collection efforts and are working to procure a vendor to acquire and post-process the lidar data. We have attached a map detailing the LCOG/EWEB project's acquisition area, superimposed on the footprint of the Holiday Farm Fire.

We greatly appreciate the subcommittee's support for our grant proposal to USGS 3DEP. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Joint Lane Council of Governments -Eugene Water and Electric Board Lidar Acquisition on the Holiday Farm Fire

