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## Wallowa County Fair Board:

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Please support HB 3173

County Fair Grounds are the back bones of many communities. This is most certainly the case in Wallowa County. Not only does it serve as a place for people to gather but also a place that provides essential Community services. This year our local health care district is offering the Covid 19 vaccines at the Cloverleaf Hall, because our County Fair Grounds is centrally located and large enough to accommodate and maintain the social distancing guidelines. Our Fairgrounds has served as an incident command post for wildfires, floods and natural catastrophic events.

The Wallowa County Event Center and Fairgrounds has a deep history in Wallowa County with the first Wallowa County Fair being held there in 1907. The Fairgrounds has the largest indoor meeting facility in our County, so many community events happen at our fairgrounds. In 2019, the following uses occurred at the Fairgrounds: Youth organizations/event 212 uses; Public 113 uses; Private 585 uses for a total of 910 times in one year! Some of these events were fundraisers for the community by the community.

Support of HB 3173 is much more than just supporting County Fairs, it is about supporting communities throughout Oregon, that are striving to support their youth education, maintain their heritage and culture to be shared at these County venues.

Thank you for supporting HB 3173.

Brinda Stanley, Chair Brinda Stanley Wallowa County Fair Board