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**Re: Rural Accessory Dwelling Units / SB 644-4 / 2023 Legislation**

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners strongly supports SB 644-4 amendments that allow SB 391 to proceed without limitations imposed by the Oregon Department of Forestry's (ODF) wildfire mapping efforts under SB 762. Deschutes County, like the rest of Oregon, has a major housing shortage. It is reasonable, given our region's vulnerability to wildfire, while ODF finalizes its wildfire maps, to require all rural accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to be fire hardened subject to R327 of the State Residential Specialty Code.

Sincerely,

Peter Gutowsky, Director