

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Public Services Building

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State Director Barry Bushue Bureau of Land Management 1220 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Portland, OR 97204

April 4, 2024

Dear Director Bushue:

Clackamas County requests cooperating agency status for development of new resource management plans (RMPs) for Western Oregon led by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The Association of O&C Counties (AOCC) has twice requested cooperating agency status on Clackamas County's behalf, but BLM has not formally responded to either request. After AOCC's annual meeting, we now understand from that BLM will only consider requests from individual counties to join as cooperating agencies for the RMPs.

Individual O&C Counties were granted cooperating agency status—with AOCC serving as the designated representative—during the RMP processes from 2004-2008, and again from 2012-2016. Clackamas County wishes for AOCC to be its designated representative for the current RMP process.

We look forward to your response to this request for cooperating agency status. Please make sure to provide a copy of BLM's response to AOCC as our designated representative.

Sincerely,

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Tootie Smith, Chair On Behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

CC: Doug Robertson, AOCC Executive Director