

Beltz acquisition proposal

Public comments

Compiled for Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission

June 25, 2014, Klamath Falls business meeting



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June 28, 2014

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission
725 Summer St NE Suite C
Salem OR 97301

RE: June 25, 2014 Commission Meeting
Sand Lake Initiative - Beltz Farm Acquisition (Action Item)

Dear Commission Members:

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners wishes to go on record and ask you to support the Department's request to acquire what is called the Beltz Farm Property located in southern Tillamook County near the unincorporated community of Tierra Del Mar.

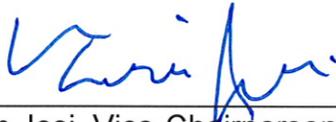
We have been involved in this proposed acquisition for some time now. Your Director, Lisa VanLaanen, has been most helpful in making sure to involve this Board, this county and interest groups in the proposal as it has moved along. Your staff has reached out to the Tillamook Farm Bureau, State Farm Bureau, residents of Tierra Del Mar and most recently held a public meeting in Pacific City on June 16. Two County Commissioners attended the public meeting to listen to the public input regarding this proposal.

Based upon what we have heard from the local Farm Bureau, public comments and our own personal opinions on this matter, we unanimously support the acquisition of this parcel by OPRD and look forward to assisting the Department in developing the Master Plan for the future of this site. We have been assured by the Department that they will work with the county to offset the loss of property tax revenue following acquisition of this property from Eco Trust. We ask and respectively request that the department work closely with the adjacent farmer who is currently leasing a portion of the property in question for grass farming on the east side of Sand Lake road so he may continue to lease the pasture ground.

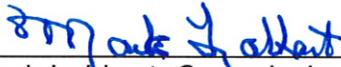
Last but not least, we would like to say that it has been a pleasure to work with your new Director Ms. VanLaanen. She has done a very good job of insuring that the local community is involved in providing input to staff and listening to us. OPRD is a key player and partner in our local communities and we appreciate the collaboration she and her staff have demonstrated with us and look forward to working on future projects in Tillamook County with her department.

Sincerely,

TILLAMOOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Mark Labhart, Commissioner



Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watersheds Council

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June 16, 2014

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Coastal Program and Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program
Division of Habitat and Resource Conservation
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 840
Arlington, Virginia 22203

RE: Beltz farm property, Tillamook County Oregon

Folks,

The Nestucca-Neskowin Watersheds Council (Council) strongly supports the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) request for funds to help acquire the Beltz Farm property. This 300 plus acre property has significant naturally-functioning estuary and ocean shore lands. The Council supports the OPRD goal of permanently preserved state natural area.

The Council will support the proposed acquisition with volunteer education & outreach projects about invasive species, recreation and other restoration-related topics. The Council can commit to \$500 of in kind support from such activities. A recent Sand Lake example can be seen on the Council website front page.

We encourage your support of the OPRD request.

Regards,

Alex Sifford
Council Coordinator

cc: NNWC Board



NATIVE FISH SOCIETY

Advancing the Recovery of Native, Wild Fish in Their Homewaters

June 7, 2014

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission
725 Summer St. S. E., Suite C
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Commission Members:

Subject: Acquisition of the Beltz Farm property

The Native Fish Society is a regional wild fish advocacy organization with over 700 members throughout the Pacific Northwest. We work to protect and restore wild native fish and their habitat. The public acquisition of the Beltz Farm property along the south shore of the Sand Lake estuary is something that we have supported for many years and are extremely pleased to see that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is considering the purchase of this land.

The Sand Lake estuary is one of the least developed intact estuaries in Oregon. By purchasing the Beltz Farm property, the state will be protecting a critically important component of the ecosystem and providing a buffer between the estuary and the residential development to the south at Tierra del Mar.

The Native Fish Society strongly supports this acquisition and hopes that the land will be managed in the future for its natural values by managing the land as a natural area, with the only development being a few foot trails through the property to allow public access.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.

Sincerely,

Jim Myron, Lobbyist
The Native Fish Society

From: hyvasti@msn.com

To: oprd.publiccomment@oregon.gov; oprdipubliccomment@oregon.gov

Subject: beltz farm june 16th meeting in p.c.

Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2014 21:26:55 -0700

My wife and I , our children and dogs have hiked the trails at Beltz farm for a number of years. And now our grandchildren hike with us, they enjoy the woods and the huckleberries. We live close and hike all the trails in the area. Beltz farm is unique unto itself. Including its own pair of coyotes. The dune system forest is more mature in one place and with dense and young shore pines and spruce coming up to the fore dune in another. Bob Straub has its own character as does Whalen Island and of the three that we hike Beltz farm is my favorite. I was so pleased to hear, just recently, that maybe it won't become a golf course after all . Halleuyah!!!

Sincerely ,

Terry and Norma Goss

24675 Sandlake Rd.

June 16, 2014

For: Chris Havel, Oregon Parks and Recreation Communication and Research Division
Lisa Van Laanen, Oregon Parks and Recreation Director
Vanessa R. DeMoe, Assistant to Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

Subject: Beltz Farm Acquisition

GOOD DAY:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the possible acquisition of the Beltz Farm. There is a very long history of hundreds of people involved with protecting and preserving the diverse ecosystem of the Beltz Farm and the Sand Lake estuary. It is imperative that the Beltz Farm retain its natural character and that if purchased by Oregon Parks and Recreation, no developed recreation, such as camping or horseback riding, be considered for this unspoiled setting. The Beltz Farm and its attributes are way too significant to even consider developing into a campsite.

The data and research I have collected for the past 30 years on the protection of the Beltz Farm from development is presented to you, hoping you will take this information seriously when making your decision, not only on the purchase, but the future of the Beltz Farm. Luckily, I did not have to present to the Tillamook County Commissioners this large volume of research on opposition to the Pacific Gales Golf Course Proposal. However, what would have been introduced to the County Commissioners, I wish to introduce to you, Oregon Parks and Recreation and to your Commission. Also, a video of the beauty of the Beltz Farm is presented to you. Ron Bourke, a wildlife and nature videographer and a Tierra Del Mar home owner, spent many hours creating this wonderful video to present to all who were interested in the preservation of the Beltz Farm. I presented his video to an Oregon Shores annual meeting, at which time I met and spoke extensively with Dave Wright (then OPRD Administrator for Resource Management and Planning Division) about protecting the Beltz Farm from development. I also hope you enjoy photos I have taken over the past 40 years of the Beltz Farm's flora and fauna.

I recommend preservation above all other uses for the Beltz Farm, however, the naturalness of this area could be enjoyed without habitat degradation. I can envision the Beltz Farm and the Sand Lake estuary becoming a coastal interpretive center, much like the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. The historic old Judge Beltz house and/or the second house on the property could accommodate an information center and offer classes specifically associated with Beltz Farm's qualities. Classes could emphasize: ecology of the estuary; dune, forest, wetland, marsh education; native botany research and identification; study of salmon and other fish species historically present in the estuary, Reneke and Beltz creeks; restoration of fish habitat; archaeology and artifact research (Native American objects have been found by locals dating back to the 1940's and 1950's); snowy plover reintroduction; bird identification; animal tracking; mushroom and lichen education; photography and painting classes on the flora and fauna of the Beltz Farm/Sand Lake estuary); summer science classes for children; trail development and maintenance offered to volunteers; watershed and water monitoring education (relating to the Nestucca, Neskowin, Sand Lake Watershed Council, the Beltz farm land east of Sandlake Road would be an ideal area for the growing of streamside plants used in watershed restoration projects).

Listed above are just a few possibilities that the Beltz Farm and the Sand Lake estuary could offer to adults, school children, educators, scientists, etc.. These activities would enrich our lives and bring immense appreciation for the beauty and the unspoiled jewel found in the Beltz Farm.

Please vote yes for the acquisition of the Beltz Farm so we can, once and for all, know she is safe from destructive development.

Sincerely,

Lynda Steiner
9165 S.W. Elrose Court, Tigard, Oregon 97224 phone 503-639-0951

From: [Larry L rouse](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Re: Beltz property meeting follow-up
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2014 2:06:05 PM

To Chris Havel OPRD from Larry L. Rouse 35535 Riverview Drive, Pacific City, Oregon 97135.

Assistant Directory, I am very much in favor of the Beltz Farm property being a part of the Oregon State Parks Department. Properties of this type are rare and the chance to put into public domain even more so. Future generations of visitors to the Oregon Coast will be able to enjoy a jewel that cannot be replicated if we act now.

Thank you for taking my comment. Larry L. Rouse

From: [Paul Yeiter](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#); [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz property acquisition proposal
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2014 2:38:22 PM

To all concerned,

I wholly support the purchase of Beltz Farm by the State of Oregon for a new state park.

I am a Pacific City resident and often walk the property. There is a large variety of flora and fauna and quite solitude on my hikes.

There is limited parking now at the trail head (an upgrade would be wonderful).

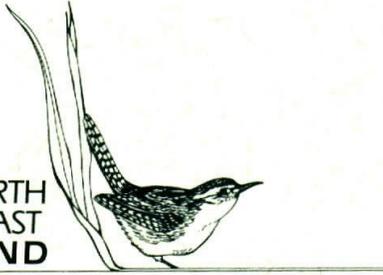
This property is unique and should be preserved for all to enjoy. There is no way the property should be sold to big development (that has been talked about in the past).

Thank you for listening,

Paul Yeiter
PO Box 879
Pacific City, OR 97135

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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To whom it may concern,

The North Coast Land Conservancy (NCLC) is very supportive of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's (ORPD) acquisition of Beltz Farm. Protection of Beltz Farm will continue a pattern of protecting one of Oregon's most pristine resources, the Sand Lake Estuary. The Sand Lake Estuary is part of a NCLC focused estuaries initiative as it is one of only five estuaries zoned "Natural" on the Oregon coast, allowing minimal development around the estuary. The acquisition of Beltz Farm will strengthen the green infrastructure of the estuary by complementing previously protected areas, such as the Clay Meyer State Natural Area, the 167 acre Sand Lake Wetlands which was recently purchased by NCLC with the help of ORPD and a National Coastal Wetlands Grant, and Bradley Bog natural area. NCLC is a willing partner of ORPD and will contribute in-kind funds to aid in estuary planning and restoration opportunities. North Coast Land Conservancy is excited about the possibility of Beltz Farm being protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Voelke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katie Voelke

Katie Voelke
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North Coast Land Conservancy
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File Code: 2600/2500

Date: June 16, 2014

Katie Duzik
Natural Resource Specialist
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Region
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Seal Rock, OR 97376

Dear Katie Duzik,

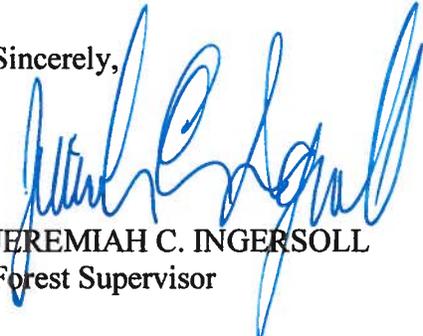
The Siuslaw National Forest supports the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) grant application to acquire 387 acres of coastal estuarine habitat within the Sand Lake estuary.

This land, known as the Beltz farm, provides a unique, relatively intact estuary where 3 stream systems meet the ocean. In Oregon there are 36 major estuaries, only 5 of the 36 are classified as "natural". In most other estuarine areas in Oregon, the pressures of development and agriculture have impacted the hydrology and associated habitats of these tidal systems.

At the Beltz farm the historic agricultural impacts are minimal. Native plants thrive and open channels for fresh and salt water mixing are intact. We support the protection of such an area, as there are few that remain in such good condition.

Our interest as National Forest land managers in the protection of this estuary includes the offset of storm water surge and reduced impacts to important infrastructure necessary for us to access National Forest land to the north and to the south of this estuary that an intact tidal system would provide. In addition we acknowledge the tremendous benefits to native fish and wildlife species that the purchase of the Beltz farm would bring to the local area and adjacent National Forest Lands. We are a willing partner to OPRD and our hydrology, fisheries and wildlife specialists are excited to offer their support and time to understanding the resources of Beltz Farm and its association with neighboring National Forest System Lands.

Sincerely,



JEREMIAH C. INGERSOLL
Forest Supervisor

cc: George Buckingham, Kami S Ellingson, Deanna R Williams, Christine L Hirsch, Jeff Uebel



From: [Ielean rouse](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Farm
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2014 5:23:35 PM

Hello Chris. I attended the Oregon State Parks meeting Monday night at the Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City. I voiced my opinion at that time: I am in favor of Oregon State Parks buying the Beltz Farm from EcoTrust and keeping the landscape pristine.

In reading letters of opposition, I am dismayed as to how misinformed citizens can be.

I looked for the amount of taxes paid on this farm and could not find it. I believe the property has probably been farm deferred for many years and the amount paid is minimal.

The idea that a golf course would bring living wage jobs is naïve.

The state acquiring this farm is only positive to the area and Oregon.

This purchase will be positive for generations to come. Open space is invaluable to citizens and nature.

Thank you,
Ielean Rouse, Pacific City, Oregon
503-965-3600

From: [Hansen, Roy](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Farm Acquisition by OPRD
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2014 6:50:06 PM

Hello Chris,

I am a Pacific City Resident and I sincerely support acquiring the Beltz property for a state park, as long as the land is maintained in its pristine condition. I frequently kayak in Sand Lake, and I truly appreciate the quiet and unspoiled state of this wonderful estuary.

In fact, I have been coming to Sand Lake throughout my whole life (almost 60 years), for various forms of recreation.

While fixing roads and other public works are certainly important, we have to preserve our natural areas.

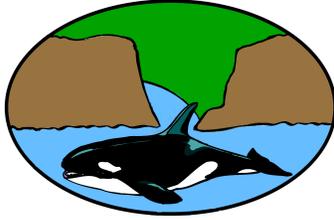
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Roy Hansen
Pacific City resident

Roy Hansen
Mentor Graphics Customer Support
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Protecting the Oregon Coast

June 19, 2014

Lisa van Laanen, Director
Members, Parks and Recreation Commission
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer St. NE, Suite C
Salem, OR 97301

Sent via email to Chris Havel: chris.havel@oregon.gov

Re: Beltz property purchase

Dear Ms. van Laanen and Members of the Parks Commission,

A key item on the agenda for the Commission's Klamath Falls meeting on June 25 is action on the purchase of the 357-acre Beltz property in Tillamook County for a state park.

Oregon Coast Alliance strongly supports the purchase of the Beltz property by OPRD, and completion of all the necessary steps to make it possible for the Department to acquire the property from Ecotrust in a timely manner.

Support for protection of the Beltz property is high in Tillamook County and among many nearby residents, as the June 16th open house meeting in Pacific City made clear. ORCA has, along with many other individuals and organizations, long hoped this property would come into OPRD's hands for conservation.

The entire property needs to be protected, both the acreage east and west of Sand Lake Road. The western portion contains the important complex of dunes, wetlands and marsh. The eastern 113 acres contains meadows, forest and uplands. This upland parcel has always been vulnerable, because of the views that could be obtained from housing or other development located there. It is an essential part of the proposed park, both to buffer the west-side property, and to complement it with additional habitat types not seen in the west-side parcels. It is satisfying to see that OPRD agrees with this analysis and will be acquiring the entire parcel.

There is, in general, strong support from surrounding residents for management of the Beltz property in a very undeveloped manner, without high-density camping, major-use

trails or large-scale parking areas. Thus far the Parks Department has signaled that this light approach is the direction they will pursue, and ORCA hopes this will remain the case through the master planning process subsequent to the purchase.

It is a pleasure to be writing a second letter of enthusiastic recommendation for the Beltz property, which has been a hoped-for conservation acquisition for at least thirty years.

Please let Oregon Coast Alliance know if we may help in completing this transaction. We also hope to remain involved in later planning opportunities, once the Beltz property has become a state park at last.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cameron La Follette

Cameron La Follette

Land Use Director

From: [Carol Doyle](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Farm Property
Date: Friday, June 20, 2014 3:14:19 AM

As a property owner and full time resident of Pacific City I agree whole heartedly that the Beltz Farm property in south Tillamook County should be preserved as an Oregon State Park.

Thank you.

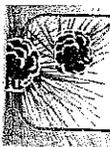
Carol Jewett Doyle
35565 High Road
Pacific City OR 97135-0684

From: [Bruce Ryan](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz property acquisition proposal
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2014 9:06:10 PM

I am a Pacific City resident and over the past 15 years have walked the Beltz paths with and without my dogs. It is where I take visitors from out of state. It has beauty like the Sand Lake dunes (a national area) but without vehicles. It is an important natural area--tied to Cape Kiwanda Natural Area and to Whalen and to the various public and private lands in between. Think wildlife corridor. Because it has not been 'improved' by development we can come closer to experiencing our native coastline here than elsewhere. It should be a State Park and not a golf course or other use for economic gain. The economic value or cost of this land is not its real value. Even if it is given over in part to camping. There were some very good points raised at the meeting which will be useful as State Parks considers how to use the land--what to do and what not to do.

As an aside, some local landowners will appreciate public access to Beltz trails which does not cross their land, I should think.

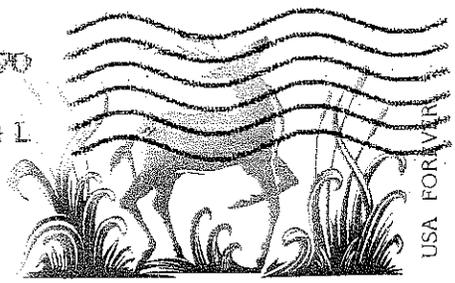
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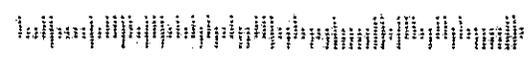
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State Parks and
Recreation Department

Oregon Parks & Recreation Commission
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Salem OR 97301

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Vanessa

Dear OPRD Commission,

6/17/2014

Please authorize the purchase of the Beltz
Property at your June meeting. I used to live
in the Tierra Del Mar area and regularly would
walk into the area and hoped that one day ^{it} would
enter into public ownership. Attending the public
meeting 6/17/2014 in Pacific City just affirmed
the "specialness" of the area. Again please
authorize the purchase.
David Wells Tillamook

From: [Dallas-Lawana](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Farm purchase
Date: Friday, June 20, 2014 11:25:16 AM

My wife & I strongly urge State Parks to purchase The Beltz Farm. This is unique property with estuary & tide flats that protects many wildlife, birds & salmon, along with spit frontage that needs to be protected. This is a gem that must be saved for all Oregonians to enjoy.

Dallas & LaWana Carotta

From: [Gene Johnson](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Farm
Date: Saturday, June 21, 2014 2:49:29 PM

This email is to express my support for the purchase by State Parks of the Beltz Farm property and for the preservation of this unique and fragile area. Although I appreciate some of the concerns expressed by other citizens, I think the positives of this purchase far outweigh the potential negatives.

Gene Johnson
Pacific City

From: [Gloria Vandehey](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: In support of State purchase of the Beltz Farm property, Sand lake estuary, Tillamook Oregon
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2014 8:53:24 AM

Dear Sir,

I am sending this email to register my support for a State purchase of the Beltz property, with the intent of maintaining the land in its natural condition, for all generations to enjoy. My husband and I walk our dog regularly around the Whalen Island area, and find it to be supremely peaceful and invigorating to see the natural beauty, and wildlife inhabiting the estuary.

I could write more about my enthusiasm and real desire to keep such areas free of commercial development, but I appreciate that you will have many emails to consider, therefore I will be brief, and remain in support of the State Purchase of the Beltz Farm land property, located to South of the Sand lake estuary.

Sincerely,
Gloria Vandehey

Sent from my iPad

From: [Sue](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Farm Acquisition
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2014 10:16:18 AM

Dear Mr. Havel,

I am a full-time resident of Pacific City.

I am writing to you in response to the acquisition by the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department of the Beltz Farm property. I am urging you to move forward with this purchase and help protect this special place from commercial or private development.

This is a wonderful natural area that generations can enjoy, it would be a real loss to have another of our special natural places taken over solely for monetary decisions. There are things in life more important than money, please consider all the advantages the community will derive from having another natural escape to enjoy with their families and friends, to observe nature and to protect our wildlife. That is something very valuable.

I hope it will be the intention of the Parks Department to allow this area to remain as undisturbed and natural as possible.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Johnson
P.O. Box 1080
Pacific City, OR 97135

Sent from my iPad

From: [Joani Moore](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Farm
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2014 5:06:12 PM

Dear Chris Havel,

Beltz Farm is a unique place. There are other places that can be developed for Malls and such but let's NOT give into developers who want to build and then leave the area. We must preserve (Beltz Farm) as it is. If not, there will be nothing left to pass onto our children.

Sincerely, Joani Moore

From: [James Mahoney](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Farm Acquisition
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2014 5:35:02 PM

Dear Mr. Havel:

We are home owners in Pacific City, and we visit the Sand Lake estuary many times in the course of the year. Having this relatively unspoiled area so close to our home is a great benefit to us. Now, we learn that even more area could be included. The Beltz Property! This seems to us to be a wonderful opportunity to preserve some of the few remaining acres of undeveloped coastal land. We sincerely hope that Oregon state Parks will seize this opportunity.

Please consider our strong support for the State to acquire these lands and to manage them for the future.

Sincerely,

James W. and Denise B. Mahoney
6210 Beachcomber Lane, Pacific city, OR
124 NW Utica Avenue, Bend, OR

From: [John Tenny](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz property acquisition proposal
Date: Friday, June 20, 2014 9:16:30 PM

This is a letter in favor of acquiring the Beltz property. There are many locations in Tillamook county that could be developed into commercial, privately owned concerns. The Beltz property is a prime example of the rarity of sites that will add to the character of Tillamook county as a beautiful and preserved place for local and tourist families to enjoy the beauty of our county. This is one of those decisions that will have long lasting benefits, and future generations will deeply appreciate the decision to solidify the Sandlake area as a place for all to enjoy.

Please do not pass up this opportunity.

Thanks,

John L. Tenny, Ph.D.
Pacific City, Oregon

From: [Gary Hanson](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz property acquisition proposal
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2014 8:56:34 PM

Dear Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission members,

As an Oregon citizen and full-time resident of Pacific City, I was thrilled to learn that Ecotrust had purchased the Beltz farm property and that OPRD obtained the option to finally acquire it after earlier negotiations had failed in previous years.

The acquisition of this property by OPRD is a tremendous opportunity that we would otherwise never have again to preserve one of the last remaining undeveloped parcels on the Oregon coast, and perhaps the only one that has been left in such a beautiful and wild condition, given the increased human foot traffic that all coastal properties inevitably receive. The purchase will also greatly enhance the long-term value of the nearby Whalen Island property within Sand Lake Estuary that was also wisely placed back into public hands back in 2000. Together, the southern half of the Sand Lake Estuary will remain an essentially undisturbed gem on the Oregon coast, and perhaps the northern half will also remain preserved through other concurrent preservation efforts.

I am not aware of any other coastline properties on the Oregon coast that have remained in such a pristine condition, nor one with such a diversity of native species who, although they equally deserve protection from overdevelopment, understandably cannot participate in this OPRD public comments process. I assume that your decision will be based partly on OPRD's long-term goals and objectives, partly on your available budget (I am glad to hear that the money is already budgeted!), and partly on the public comments that you receive. So, on behalf of myself and all of the native species that currently either live on the Beltz farm property or pass through it during their forages for food and shelter (all of whom are unable to send you any emails for themselves), I sincerely urge you to decide **in favor** of proceeding with this very important and appropriate acquisition.

In addition, assuming you decide to proceed with the purchase, I trust that an appropriate public process will be pursued to clarify and assess the objectives and plans for maintaining the property once it is placed back in public hands. There will be many opportunities to increase the benefits that will obtain to all species as a result of this public purchase.

Thank you very much for your great work on this project!

Best regards,
Gary

Gary Hanson
PO BOX 776
Pacific City, OR 97135

From: heronlanding123@gmail.com
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Farm
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 9:40:48 AM

I support the purchase of Beltz farm and hope it will only contain walking trails and no development. Residents and visitors are always looking for new trails. Wonderful for tourism and local residents.

Sent from Windows Mail



OREGON SHORES
CONSERVATION COALITION

Lisa Van Laanen, Director
Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer St. N.E. Suite C
Salem, OR, 97301

June 23, 2014

Dear Director Van Laanen, Chair Graves and members of the Commission,

The Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition would like to reiterate our support for purchase of the Beltz Farm property on the Sand Lake spit by the department, and for managing the area to conserve its natural qualities and enable Oregonians and others to enjoy this environment while hiking, birding and engaging in other low-impact activities.

Acquisition of the Beltz Farm is Oregon Shores' highest priority for expansion of public lands in the Oregon coastal region. Our members in Tillamook County vigorously support purchase of the land by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and support its management as a natural area.

This property is the most important oceanfront parcel in private hands on the north coast, and acquiring the land for the State Parks system will constitute a vital public benefit. Managed for minimum development (i.e., a parking lot and restrooms), the area will afford abundant opportunities for recreation, education and solitude, while at the same time conserving habitat for a variety of key species and protecting the Sand Lake estuarine ecosystem. We therefore urge the Parks and Recreation Commission to complete the purchase.

We are aware that some voices have been raised, expressing a desire that the property instead be left in private hands for "development." Preservation of the Sand Lake spit is of very high priority to Oregon Shores. Were OPRD not to purchase the Beltz Farm and were it exposed to development proposals, Oregon Shores can be counted on to oppose such plans on grounds ranging from land use, to water quality and quantity, to wetland and threatened species protection, to public easement. Management of the property as a natural area by State Parks would be by far the best outcome.

Sincerely,

Phillip Johnson, Executive Director

From: Shannon.markee-gaine
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Property
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 12:54:18 PM

Dear State Park Commissioners,

My husband and I live on the east side of Sandlake rd. above Sand Lake estuary, we moved here in 1998, and fell in love with this area, mostly due to hiking and spending time on the Beltz farm area. We now have two children who enjoy hiking around Sand lake estuary, they both go to school at Nestucca Valley Elementary, I am a volunteer at the school. I worked at the Pelican Pub for 6 years until my first child was born, my husband owns a successful wine and beer wholesale company based out of McMinnville, we own our home and chose to live here because the beauty of the area. We think the small school system is great, and that we have a lot in common with the other parents, we choose to live here because of the beauty and the community. We have friends and family who come to visit us from all over the country, and they too have fallen in love with the Sand Lake/Beltz Farm area.

I hope that you choose to preserve the area by making it a state park, so that future generations can enjoy the beauty, it is worth it.

Sincerely,

Shannon and Tony Gaine

From: [A. D. Potempa](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#); [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#); oprpubliccomment@oregon.gov
Subject: Purchase of the Beltz Property by the State Parks
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 1:51:05 PM

I support the purchase of this pristine property for the sake of preserving public use. It is short sighted to believe that this property should be used for anything other than the enjoyment of the public. Sometimes decisions need to be made for the right reason rather it being a financial decision. Think what it would be like if Oswald West and Robert Straub did not stand up for the rights of public access. This property needs to be preserved for future generations.

Richard Potempa, Pacific City permanent resident

From: [Carolyn McVicker](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: proposed Beltz property acquisition
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 1:49:01 PM

June 23, 2014

Dear Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission members,

I urge you to move forward with the purchase of the Beltz property by State Parks.

Tillamook County is unique. The rural character of Tillamook County has been maintained along side farming, forestry and fisheries industries. And in many places as unincorporated communities with very active citizen groups. Large tracts of land have been available for development or preservation, and over the last 20 years, it appears there has been a balance of both preservation and development. For in the last 20 years, Tillamook County has become a destination resort for many Oregonians.

The Beltz property is a gem that should be preserved for future generations. As part of the Sand Lake Estuary that drains eight small streams, the property is part of an unusual ecosystem that includes many special plants and habitat for an amazing and diverse animal and bird population. I worked diligently with the team in acquiring Whalen Island . It is my opinion that the Beltz property is as important, if not more, than Whalen Island.

Please move forward with this project.

From an Oregon citizen and full time resident and property owner in Pacific City.

Sincerely,
Carolyn R. McVicker

From: [Sharon Axtell](#)
To: "opr.d.publiccomment@oregon.gov"; Chris.Havel@oregon.gov"
Subject: BELTZ PROPERTY PURCHASE
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 3:40:40 PM

I am writing to support the Oregon State property purchase of what is known as the Beltz Farm property in Sand Lake for conversion to a state park.

This is a wonderful estuary area that will be preserved for use by all citizens of Oregon.

Thank you.

Sharon Axtell
sharona@pcasafety.com

From: [Jim Myron](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Re: Beltz update
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 4:26:02 PM
Importance: High

Thanks, Chris,

Just received this email via Jim's site.

My family owned a cabin at Tierra Del Mar for 60 years. I grew up walking the beach and with local friends and relatives playing, hiking, bird watching, plant identifying, picking berries in the woods of this land. Two questions from those immersed in this area's land, sea, estuary, plants and animals and stones: 1) Has an archeological study been done of the site by State Parks? 2) Has a native plant study been done? I know of at least one archeological site, formerly open sand dunes, now much vegetated. At least 3 native orchids grow under various conditions, as well as Indian Pipe. United Plant Savers have identified the special roles these unusual small plants fulfill in their overall ecosystem due to their unique fungal relationships connecting them with the roots of native trees and other plants. Another such plant is Indian Paintbrush. Disturbance of the sites where these plants are located destroys the links supporting the health of the overall ecosystem—with consequences we humans presently have no idea of because research is lacking.

I support State Parks acquiring this jewel of a coastal estuary and associated uplands. The opportunities to learn more about the world we live in provided by this undeveloped area seem limitless to me. Of special concern is the information which could possibly be obtained about earlier major earthquakes and tsunamis, especially in relation to earlier Tillamook First Nation villages and fishing/clamming/berrying sites.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathleen Simpson Myron
former Tierra Del Mar property owner

From: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 1:36 PM
To: chrishavel@gmail.com
Subject: Beltz update

This is one final update before the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission meets Wednesday, June 25 to deliberate on purchase of the Beltz property. Meeting notes from our community meetings, and all email comments so far, are online at <http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/pages/commission-beltz.aspx>. I'll take any other comments that come to oprd.publiccomment@oregon.gov by 4 p.m. today, June 23, and deliver them to the commission. For those of you who have already taken the time to send us

your feedback – both pro and con – thank you.

After the meeting, I'll send you a note to let you know the result.

Thanks.

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Chris, Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept.

From: [Paul Carlson](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD; HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Cc: ["Carolyn McVicker"](#)
Subject: Beltz Property Purchase
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 3:18:21 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I am writing to support the Oregon State Parks purchase of what is known as the Beltz Farm property in Sand Lake for conversion to a State Park. This is a wonderful estuary area that must be preserved for use by all citizens of Oregon.

Thank You,



Paul Carlson, CIH
PCA Health & Safety
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www.pcasafety.com
C 503.880.4573

From: [Garry Link](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Acquisition of Beltz Property
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 2:24:01 PM

Dear Chris,

This is a quick note to urge you go ahead with the acquisition of the Rentz property. I'm a resident of Pacific City and have seen a steady increase in the usage of the beach here. There is an ever increasing shortage of parking and developed campsites here. Illegal camping on the beaches is becoming a real problem because of garbage and human waste. The acquisition of the Beltz property will increase the amount of State beach property and prevent it from being commercially developed. This is a unique opportunity to add the property to the Oregon State Parks system.

It might not make sense to develop the Rentz property as a State park campground after the acquisition, but adding the property to the State park system will open up other possibilities for campground development, perhaps at McPhillips beach or Bob Straub.

If the money is available for acquisition, I can see no downside to purchasing the property.

Thanks,

Garry Link
503 801 2224
garrylink@charter.net

From: [Gale Ousele](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz property acquisition proposal
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 2:44:17 PM

I am a south Tillamook county resident and I am STRONGLY in FAVOR of the acquisition of the Belts Farm property by ORPD.

Any tax revenues lost will be far outweighed by tourist revenue spent in the area. Stewardship of this property by a public agency with a long-view to greatest benefit is the best thing I can wish for for this very special and beautiful place. Proximity to Whalen Island and it's minimal, supervised, primitive camp is a huge plus.

Thanks for and excellent public meeting in Pacific City.

Gale Ousele
503 392-3927
poodlefur2embarqmail.com
8105 Slab creek Road
Neskowin, Or 97149

From: [Wink Gross](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz property acquisition proposal
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 2:44:28 PM

We strongly support the acquisition of the Beltz Farm property by the State Parks division. We are home owners in Tierra del Mar and have hiked the Beltz Farm property for over 20 years. We have recorded 169 species of birds while walking the property, including Snowy Plover, Short-eared Owl, Bald Eagle, White-tailed Kite and Peregrine Falcon. The estuary is used by large flocks of shorebirds, herons and egrets, particularly in migration. We also have seen Black Bear, River Otter, Coyote, and Brush Rabbit. We believe the property should be kept "as is", with only the addition of a parking area, toilet on Sandlake Road and access (e.g., boardwalk) to the east end of the Beltz Farm Dike.

We also feel it is important to restrict motorized traffic completely, both from the beach and from Sandlake Road onto the property.

It does occur to us that perhaps the property east of Sandlake Road has limited appeal as part of a state park. Perhaps it would make sense for the state to sell that portion, unless it can be shown to be important to the operation of the property on the west side of Sandlake Road.

Sincerely,

Wink Gross and Becki Marsh
5745 Austin Ave
Tierra del Mar

mailing address: 4665 NW Seblar Terrace
Portland, OR 97210

From: [Joe Walicki](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Cc: [Mary Kelly](#)
Subject: Belts property
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 3:33:03 PM

To whom it may concern:

We would like to go on record supporting the concept of a state park for the Beltz property. We have visited the area when a developer wanted to make it a golf course. The highest and best use of the valuable coastal property is to preserve it for the citizens of Oregon and all future generations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Kelly
Joe Walicki
Property owners in Tillamook County

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tracy and York Johnson](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz Property Acquisition
Date: Monday, June 23, 2014 4:01:37 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly support OPRD pursuing acquisition of the Beltz property. The majority of the western portion of the property contains sensitive natural resources such as fresh and saltwater wetlands and mature dune communities, with an adjacent upland section that would support a small parking lot for trail access. Preservation of the property would be a great asset for current and future residents of Tillamook County and Oregon. Please acquire this land and preserve it for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tracy Johnson
6705 Diercks Rd
Tillamook, OR 97141

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June 11, 2014

Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept

Dear Commissioners,

This letter was written to assist your vote on June 25th. I am a homeowner north of Pacific City. Please do not approve another state park in south Tillamook County on the Beltz Farm property. Other uses for the land have been suggested that will improve the economy in Tillamook County and that will respect the ecosystem. In other similar instances, the conditions required for development have enhanced and added value to special areas like this one. Please allow these options to be pursued. Existing environmental regulations will insure the area is kept intact and pristine; we don't need another park to enforce those regulations. I am an avid kayaker, hiker and birdwatcher and believe we need responsible environmentally compatible development in our county. This county is beautiful, and needs to be discovered, not constrained.

Other issues to consider:

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I hope you will vote to support our county and not to support outside special interest.
Thank you!

Name: Thomas Murphy



Address: 29965 Nantucket Drive, Pacific City

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6-15-14

Dear Commissioners,

The coming proposal to use lottery funds to buy property for another state park, is in my opinion a bad idea. This would be the third park in the area, and would cost the county of Tillamook more money to maintain it. If this private property is taken out of the property tax base, it will cost the county and create a decrease in revenue for the county. If the property would be developed by a potential destination resort, the amount of jobs created would substantially help our unemployment issues. Construction, service industry jobs, and a higher tax to be generated would help the county in a variety of ways. Again, please consider the fiscal health of the county and the fact we already have two state parks in the area.

Angela Smith
6510 Megan's View Point
Cloverdale, OR.
97112

June 2, 2014

In regard to your possible acquisition of the Beltz property for the purposes of a state park,
I feel we have enough parks at the present time to try to provide funding for.

To take on another such endeavor would only lead to more financial outlay for the state and you are
already spending more than you should at this time.

I feel you need to put your house in order and be responsible land owners.

It is with this in mind that I feel the commissioners should pass on this particular project.

Diane Keith

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Name:

Wanda McNeil

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Name: Charles R McNeill

Address: POB 341 Hebo, Ore 97122

Look at Netarts Bay the boat launch!
~~and~~ there's chuck Holes 18" Deep
at the Top of the boat Launch and
parking lot. They need to put money
into what they already have.

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Name:

Vicki A Baker

Address:

18950 BLANCHARD RD CLOVERDALE, OR 97112

To the Parks and Recreation Commissioners

JUNE 16, 2014

Please turn down allowing the Sandlake Lake Beltz farm become a state park.

Attached is a list of the many government owned properties. Our parks are often sitting empty with no visitors. Last Thursday at 4 p.m., June 12, I toured all the parks in the area and found them empty of visitors. Except for the summer months they are seldom used. We do not need another State Park!

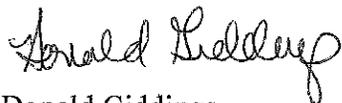
I purchased a large parcel of land 15 years ago to develop into residential an area. This provided employment, taxes and steady work for many of our local people.

I have found out that there is a drug issue in the schools and also with school children and adults as well. This may be one of the major reasons for all the shootings Our school children do not have developed minds and the drugs are damaging their minds as they minds have not matured. We need to have a program in the schools to help these children need to say no to drugs. The parents of these Children are also lacking in parent skills regarding this matter. Some of the adults in our area are packaging food for the children to have on weekends as the parents have no jobs and no food. My wife cooks food for families and delivers it often for individuals who need food.

Please do not allow \$2,000,000 plus to go to purchase of land we do not need as it will only cost the tax payers money as I see that the government sometimes has no funds to take care of all of the land the government presently owns around the Sandlake/Belz farm that is presently in an application for you to fund thru lottery funds. Let's spend it where it is needed...Schools. I see that you already spend 57 percent but we need more. Also how about the roads? It is not on the schedule for lottery funds but should be!

We need and want visitors but the businesses that are created by tax payers also provide Recreation and activities for them. Our businesses are floundering. Please see the problems that buying more land with lottery dollars is not the goal. We need to create Jobs and educate our children. Let the tax payers create a healthy economy and stop spending money foolishly! PLEASE, VOTE NO! ON SPENDING LOTTERY MONEY TO PURCHASE THE SANDLAKE/BELTZ FARM!

Thank you



Donald Giddings
29920 Nantucket Drive
Cloverdale Oregon 97112

P.S. These funds should be used to repair existing parks - 30 to 40 million of existing repairs need to be addressed now!

ParcelID	OwnerNm	Acres	BareLandlr	JurisNm	LandUseC	LandUseD	LandUseSt	LandUseSt
'208509R	Sand Lake	9.51	TRUE	Cloverdale	540	Farm - Unz VAGR	VACANT A	
'213664R	Sand Lake	11	TRUE	Cloverdale	640	Forest - Ur ATIM	TIMBER	
'223252R	Sand Lake	9.5	TRUE	Cloverdale	400	Tract - Vac VMSC	VACANT M	
'307000R	U S A	40.41	TRUE	Cloverdale	970	Federally o MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307590R	County	33.16	TRUE	Cloverdale	950	County - Vi MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307607R	Oregon, St	121.32	TRUE		960	State owne MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307643R	U S A	280.41	TRUE	Cloverdale	970	Federally o MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307661R	County	1.91	FALSE	Cloverdale	951	County - In MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307689R	County	2	FALSE	Pacific City	951	County - In MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307714R	Oregon, St	38.68	FALSE	Pacific City	961	State owne MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307723R	County	1.86	TRUE	Pacific City	950	County - Vi MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'349493R	Sand Lake	14.15	TRUE	Cloverdale	540	Farm - Unz VAGR	VACANT A	
'349545R	Sand Lake	54.9	FALSE	Cloverdale	541	Farm - Unz AFAR	FARMS AN	
'353557R	Sand Lake	245.63	FALSE	Cloverdale	541	Farm - Unz AFAR	FARMS AN	
'365312R	Oregon, St	21.15	TRUE	Pacific City	960	State owne MGOV	GOVERNIV	

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Name: Barbara Sedden
Address: 30 999 Pacific City Oregon 97135

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1) WE ALREADY HAVE 2 STATE PARKS WITHIN 5 MILES OF EACH OTHER.

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- Does the State pay Tillamook County property taxes on the land if it becomes a State Park?
- What income is derived from our existing State Parks here in Tillamook County? **VIRTUALLY NONE**
- How often have you seen scores of visitors at our existing State Parks here in South County? **NO INTEREST**
- Will another State Park create numerous jobs to facilitate our unemployment issues? **NO MONEY FOR NEW EMPLOYEES**
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A "NEW" STATE PARK WON'T DO A THING FOR TOURISM. THERE IS NOTHING TO SEE.

Name: Laura Sameniuk

Address: 33501 Cape Kiwanda Dr., Pacific City, OR 97135

From: [Marjorie Stoughton](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beltz property acquisition proposal
Date: Sunday, June 08, 2014 5:18:13 PM

I do not feel the State needs to spend the money for this property. Whalen Island is not far away and is not always used. This area has enough state parks. Money would be better used for education in our public schools. This property would not add to the property tax revenue for Tillamook County. If the property is to be sold, it should be for a business that would pay property taxes and offer jobs to the community. Please reconsider how state monies should be spent. We have other estuaries in this area.

Margie Stoughton

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Name: Scott Murphy

Address: 8312 SW 45th Ave., Portland, OR 97219

June 11, 2014

Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept

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Thank you!

Name: Meredith Murphy



Address: 29965 Nantucket Drive, Pacific City, OR 97135

From: [Randy](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Cc: wildflowerdon@aol.com; "[Brenda Giddings](#)"; "[Mark Eastburn](#)"
Subject: Emailing: 140623233229_0001.tif
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Here is a list of Business in the town of Pacific City that DO NOT want another State Park.. they want some type of use that will promote tourism dollars outside of hiking trails that they already have so many of.

Once you folks pay DOWN the maintenance overburden on the Parks that are ALL READY in operation than go out and obtain more land but NOT until both the maintenance over burden is paid down and AFTER the County of Tillamook has some jobs for their community.

Randy Myers

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INFORMATIONAL PETITION

TO OREGON PARKS DEPARTMENT

COMMISSIONERS OF STATE PARK: We understand that you are considering purchasing the Beltz Farm property for yet another state park in Tillamook County. This will bring the total state park land to four state parks within the county; we disagree with this purchase. We believe the Beltz land would be far better utilized as land for economic growth that can generate tax revenue and promote tourism, rather than to add to a state park system that is grossly underfunded for park maintenance.

An eco-resort or a golf course are two of the possibilities for this land now, but we are open to your thoughts. Please reconsider this purchase and let's use the land for needed tourism growth in Tillamook County.

NAME (print)	IDEA	DATE	SIGNED
SARA O'NEIL		6/21/14	Sara O'Neil
ART HAYES		6/21/14	Art Hayes
Tammy Hayes		6/21/14	Tammy Hayes
Judith Schlicting		6/21/14	Judith Schlicting
Alberto Contreras		6/21/14	Alberto Contreras
Tiffany Akeld		6/21/14	Tiffany Akeld
Robin Faber		6/23/14	Robin Faber