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To: Oregon House Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery

Thanks to the members for their attention to those affected by the 2020 wildfires. Many of us rebuilding our lives are having difficulty dealing with Land Use planning and regulations unprepared for dealing with catastrophes of this scale.

As you develop your path forward, I would like to advocate for attention to an issue that has apparently fallen through the cracks.

I grew up in the McKenzie River valley and have owned 36 acres of F-2 property near Vida for 40 years. This property was planted to hazelnuts in the 1940's. This orchard and an accessory machine shed built around 1965, pre-date current land use planning. I subsequently built an additional accessory Ag storage building 30 years ago. I retired from farming about 5 years ago after the filbert blight severely affected my orchard. I converted from farm deferral to wildlife habitat after developing a Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Plan in cooperation with ODFW. I utilized my accessory buildings and farming equipment to implement that plan.

The buildings and equipment were all lost in the Holiday Fire. Even though the WHCMP is an accepted and valuable use of F-2 zoning in Lane County, the current interpretation of Land Use regulations would limit any rebuild to 10X12' structures because the Wildlife Habitat is not a commercial use.

I have heard the the legislature may address the very important Ag and residential concerns, but I hope your efforts also recognize other beneficial uses of F-2 lands.

Thank you for your service.

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