

Please do not pass SB 16. Once gone, large farming and ranching parcels are gone forever, and Oregon's wonderful land use system is undermined. This bill is not needed. Malheur County's agricultural industry is in the top five for the state, and is a big jobs provider. The Urban Reserves are what should be used for housing developments, not agricultural lands, especially not agricultural lands that would create housing projects at risk of wildfires. Instead of creating housing developments on farm and ranch land, the state should help grow agricultural related businesses to create more jobs and help new farms. This is a bad bill in many ways, and is not forward thinking.