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Subject: Re: support SB 863
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To: evacsupport@ocvsag.org
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Christine H.
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Dear Sara Gelser,

As a long time recreational user of the Fitton Green Natural Area and soon to be resident of the Oak Creek community, I support SB 863 with the exception of granting the Rural Fire Protection District the power to acquire real property by exercising eminent domain actions.

(a) Acquire real property or an easement, by purchase or exercise of the powers of eminent domain in the manner provided by ORS chapter 35, for the purpose of establishing a fire evacuation route.

With the rise of wildfires in other surrounding areas, we are very much at risk here with only 2 ways out of the Oak Creek neighborhood. One is an evacuation route, partial graveled, through Fitton Green; and the other is to exit on the main road out to 53rd avenue. The oak creek neighborhood serves approximately 1000 residents along with people recreating in the area, which on a descend weekend would be around 400 recreationists. I believe, given what we have seen this last year, that only 2 ways out of this neighborhood (one being an unmaintained evac route) is not enough to safely evacuate everyone including recreational users should a fire occur.

Please support and revise SB 863 so that our Rural Fire Protection District is authorized to acquire real property or an easement, by purchase ONLY, to construct or maintain fire evacuation route or to participate in agreement related to fire evacuation route.

Thank you,

Christine H.