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I had never filmed in Oregon before. I had filmed in many other states : California/New Mexico/Illinois/Nevada/Massachusetts/Texas, and when I was considering where to film our feature last year, I emailed the film office and got an email from Tim Williams within 10 minutes of my email. That doesn't happen in other states! You usually get emailed a week later or longer or sometimes never!

He went into so much detail and answered SO many questions. We had been deciding between Colorado / Washington or Oregon for our film and after speaking with Tim - it was a no brainer, honestly. He explained all the resources we'd have at our fingertips. And I can confirm all he said was true as we have completed filming our film in September of 2024.

One example of how they went above and beyond for us - when we were already shooting we could NOT find a proper exterior location to match a certain interior location. We had searched in prep for and were really getting down to the wire. Tim and his team personally looked on their site and through their connections to find an exterior location to work for us. They even spoke and vouched for our film for us to locations. I'm telling you, that NEVER would happen in California, where I reside.

I couldn't be more happier to have shot in Oregon. I tell everyone about my experience with the film office and how easy they made it for us. Filming is hard in general so when you have a film office set up in the way they are and you can have easy access to, it's priceless. I will definitely be filming anything I can in Oregon moving forward.