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Department of Corrections Sustainability Plan Summary

The mission of the Oregon Department of Corrections is to promote public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior. We require sound fiscal management of public resources using outcome-oriented strategies. Employing the concepts of sustainability and sound fiscal management in our decision-making processes will result in enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Oregon.

The actions proposed to support this process include;

- Incorporate the concept of sustainability in the design of our new prisons – DOC intends to use geothermal heat (renewable energy source) at the Warner Creek Correctional Facility to be constructed in Lakeview.
- Minimize the environmental impact of our existing prisons – DOC intends to expand the composting program previously implemented at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to other sites.
- Maximize resource management – DOC intends to refine the use of the solar heating system installed at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, and investigate opportunities to implement solar heating at other institutions. DOC is committed to further reducing our total quantity and consumption rate of energy resources throughout the agency.
- Improving operational efficiency – DOC will implement strategic purchasing practices that balance short and long-term costs to obtain the best value for the citizens of Oregon. DOC will develop and distribute sustainability information to all agency staff and conduct training for target groups to improve our sustainability efforts.

The Department of Corrections will work cooperatively with potential agency partners to enhance sustainability within government and willingly share information and the results of our sustainability efforts.