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Attention Messrs. John Lilly and Gerry Hutson

Dear Messrs. Lilly and Hutson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the South Redmond Tract Draft Land Use and Management Plan. After reviewing the report of the South Redmond Collaborative Planning Group one area of concern stands out. None of the four development scenarios appear to have adequate access to the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center (DCFE) grounds from US HWY 97. Currently the DCFE is served by US HWY 97 through the Yew Avenue interchange. ODOT recognizes this to be a "failed" interchange. The DCFE hosts a lot of events and creates a lot of traffic. It is the region's largest attraction. The volume of traffic flowing in and out of the DCFE grounds will only increase in the future. It does not make sense to wind DCFE traffic, from existing US HWY 97 or from the planned US HWY 97 Phase 2 Realignment, through surface streets to access the DCFE grounds, as the current scenarios show. Rather, it would appear to be desirable to have direct access to the DCFE grounds from an interchange of the US HWY 97 Phase 2 Realignment.

Sincerely,

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