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Dear John,

Thank you for your presentation and discussion of Concept F that you gave to the South Redmond Collaborative Group on Feb. 28. The land use patterns make sense and the County appreciates the buffering south of the fairgrounds. The route of 19th Street through the DSL property looks good, presuming at-grade crossing of the rail spur would be approved by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Rail Unit.

The County, while supportive of the overall DSL proposal, remains concerned about the depiction of 19th Street south of the DSL property. The depicted alignment is inconsistent with extensive previous planning efforts and the intent of both the Road Department and Planning Division. To re-emphasize, 19th Street in its first phase will go east of the railroad tracks to connect to Deschutes Market Road. The location of the future 19th Street corridor was identified in a years-long planning process with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the other members of the South Redmond Collaborative Team. The alignment is part of the now adopted Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan. We are working with BLM on a 19th Street corridor that is east of the tracks as we proceed through our ~\$500,000 environmental study and preliminary engineering.

While it certainly makes sense to have a future connection to the Quarry/97 interchange as Concept F depicts, that would be done at a later time. The County recognizes the importance of a Quarry interchange as it would serve the western corridor of Helmholz as well as the DSL site. Still, the DSL proposal needs to display the 19th Street alignment east of the tracks. The County trusts DSL will defer to the County on the location of where a future road under County jurisdiction will lay upon County land. We truly do appreciate all the work DSL has done to coordinate on this issue and the many, many modifications you have made to your South Redmond tract plans based on input from the County and others. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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