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John E. Lilly, Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** South Redmond Tract Land Use and Management Plan

Dear John:

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed land use plan and commends the Department of State Lands (DSL) for its responsiveness to transportation issues raised by ODOT and others during the course of the plan development. The creation of 100-acre industrial lots will fill an identified need for energy-related businesses seeking large-acre industrial lands and we support the adoption of the plan.

As you are well aware, there will continue to be transportation considerations to be addressed as the plan moves through the implementation stages, including the urban growth boundary expansion, rezone and site plan processes. The most significant transportation issue is the future realignment of US 97 and we appreciate DSL's inclusion of the conceptual alignment in the plan. I would emphasize that US 97 Phase 2, at this point, is both conceptual and unfunded.

As stated in the plan, the future alignment of US 97--in its current conceptual form--would "negate development opportunities" for the 80 acres of Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation (ODPR) property included in the plan as a long-term, aspirational acquisition. Development of the ODPR property would have some challenges anyway given ODOT's endeavors to provide alternative access for the rural properties in the US 97 Bend-Redmond corridor consistent with ODOT access management policies. We look forward to working with DSL and ODPR to ensure that any future development of the ODPR property can be accomplished with appropriate and safe access.

Again, I would like to express ODOT's appreciation for DSL's concern for the state and local transportation system. ODOT will continue to work with DSL as the South Redmond Tract Land Use and Management Plan moves through the land development process. We look forward to the successful development of the South Redmond Tract with energy-related industrial uses.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (541) 388-6437.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bryant", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James R. Bryant

Ecc: Robert W. Bryant, ODOT Region 4 Manager  
Janet Brown, Regional Coordinator, Governor's Economic Revitalization Team  
Gary Farnsworth, ODOT Central Oregon Area Manager