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Dear Sirs:

I just recently became of aware of considerations to lease recreational opportunities on parcels of state lands as mentioned in Stockade Block Plan. Succinctly, I am adamantly opposed to any such endeavor. Oregon's public lands have long been a valuable component of our recreational opportunities, and Oregon's taxpayers have contributed to the management of those lands for an equivalent period. Transfer of hunting/fishing or other pursuits like birding, rock hounding, hiking, sight-seeing, etc to control by the private sector on these holdings would be great disservice to Oregon's residents and non-residents as well. Awarding such rights to the highest bidders would create considerable confusion for users, because privileges or rights that successful bidders elected to exercise would likely change on an almost annual basis. Restriction of trespass rights may also block passage to other large public holdings as well. Oregon has a long history of serving its people by granting access to its coastlines, riverbanks, forests, and rangelands. Marketing of those opportunities will most certainly degrade our quality of life and the perceptions that others have our state.

Thank you for this opportunity,

Dave Ganskopp