

# Beltz acquisition proposal

Public comments

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Compiled for Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission

June 25, 2014, Klamath Falls business meeting



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**HISTORY**  
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*Discovery*

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*Land of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze*

June 28, 2014

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission  
725 Summer St NE Suite C  
Salem OR 97301

RE: June 25, 2014 Commission Meeting  
Sand Lake Initiative - Beltz Farm Acquisition (Action Item)

Dear Commission Members:

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners wishes to go on record and ask you to support the Department's request to acquire what is called the Beltz Farm Property located in southern Tillamook County near the unincorporated community of Tierra Del Mar.

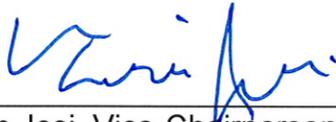
We have been involved in this proposed acquisition for some time now. Your Director, Lisa VanLaanen, has been most helpful in making sure to involve this Board, this county and interest groups in the proposal as it has moved along. Your staff has reached out to the Tillamook Farm Bureau, State Farm Bureau, residents of Tierra Del Mar and most recently held a public meeting in Pacific City on June 16. Two County Commissioners attended the public meeting to listen to the public input regarding this proposal.

Based upon what we have heard from the local Farm Bureau, public comments and our own personal opinions on this matter, we unanimously support the acquisition of this parcel by OPRD and look forward to assisting the Department in developing the Master Plan for the future of this site. We have been assured by the Department that they will work with the county to offset the loss of property tax revenue following acquisition of this property from Eco Trust. We ask and respectively request that the department work closely with the adjacent farmer who is currently leasing a portion of the property in question for grass farming on the east side of Sand Lake road so he may continue to lease the pasture ground.

Last but not least, we would like to say that it has been a pleasure to work with your new Director Ms. VanLaanen. She has done a very good job of insuring that the local community is involved in providing input to staff and listening to us. OPRD is a key player and partner in our local communities and we appreciate the collaboration she and her staff have demonstrated with us and look forward to working on future projects in Tillamook County with her department.

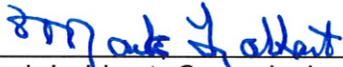
Sincerely,

TILLAMOOK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Tim Josi, Vice-Chairperson



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Mark Labhart, Commissioner



## **Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watersheds Council**

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PO Box 86 Pacific City, OR 97135 ❖ (503) 965-2200 tel & fax ❖ [www.nestuccawaters.org](http://www.nestuccawaters.org)

June 16, 2014

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Coastal Program and Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program  
Division of Habitat and Resource Conservation  
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 840  
Arlington, Virginia 22203

**RE: Beltz farm property, Tillamook County Oregon**

Folks,

The Nestucca-Neskowin Watersheds Council (Council) strongly supports the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) request for funds to help acquire the Beltz Farm property. This 300 plus acre property has significant naturally-functioning estuary and ocean shore lands. The Council supports the OPRD goal of permanently preserved state natural area.

The Council will support the proposed acquisition with volunteer education & outreach projects about invasive species, recreation and other restoration-related topics. The Council can commit to \$500 of in kind support from such activities. A recent Sand Lake example can be seen on the Council website front page.

We encourage your support of the OPRD request.

Regards,

Alex Sifford  
Council Coordinator

cc: NNWC Board



# NATIVE FISH SOCIETY

*Advancing the Recovery of Native, Wild Fish in Their Homewaters*

June 7, 2014

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission  
725 Summer St. S. E., Suite C  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Commission Members:

Subject: Acquisition of the Beltz Farm property

The Native Fish Society is a regional wild fish advocacy organization with over 700 members throughout the Pacific Northwest. We work to protect and restore wild native fish and their habitat. The public acquisition of the Beltz Farm property along the south shore of the Sand Lake estuary is something that we have supported for many years and are extremely pleased to see that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is considering the purchase of this land.

The Sand Lake estuary is one of the least developed intact estuaries in Oregon. By purchasing the Beltz Farm property, the state will be protecting a critically important component of the ecosystem and providing a buffer between the estuary and the residential development to the south at Tierra del Mar.

The Native Fish Society strongly supports this acquisition and hopes that the land will be managed in the future for its natural values by managing the land as a natural area, with the only development being a few foot trails through the property to allow public access.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.

Sincerely,

Jim Myron, Lobbyist  
The Native Fish Society

From: hyvasti@msn.com

To: oprd.publiccomment@oregon.gov; oprdipubliccomment@oregon.gov

Subject: beltz farm june 16th meeting in p.c.

Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2014 21:26:55 -0700

My wife and I , our children and dogs have hiked the trails at Beltz farm for a number of years. And now our grandchildren hike with us, they enjoy the woods and the huckleberries. We live close and hike all the trails in the area. Beltz farm is unique unto itself. Including its own pair of coyotes. The dune system forest is more mature in one place and with dense and young shore pines and spruce coming up to the fore dune in another. Bob Straub has its own character as does Whalen Island and of the three that we hike Beltz farm is my favorite. I was so pleased to hear, just recently, that maybe it won't become a golf course after all . Halleuyah!!!

Sincerely ,

Terry and Norma Goss

24675 Sandlake Rd.

June 16, 2014

For: Chris Havel, Oregon Parks and Recreation Communication and Research Division  
Lisa Van Laanen, Oregon Parks and Recreation Director  
Vanessa R. DeMoe, Assistant to Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

Subject: Beltz Farm Acquisition

GOOD DAY:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the possible acquisition of the Beltz Farm. There is a very long history of hundreds of people involved with protecting and preserving the diverse ecosystem of the Beltz Farm and the Sand Lake estuary. It is imperative that the Beltz Farm retain its natural character and that if purchased by Oregon Parks and Recreation, no developed recreation, such as camping or horseback riding, be considered for this unspoiled setting. The Beltz Farm and its attributes are way too significant to even consider developing into a campsite.

The data and research I have collected for the past 30 years on the protection of the Beltz Farm from development is presented to you, hoping you will take this information seriously when making your decision, not only on the purchase, but the future of the Beltz Farm. Luckily, I did not have to present to the Tillamook County Commissioners this large volume of research on opposition to the Pacific Gales Golf Course Proposal. However, what would have been introduced to the County Commissioners, I wish to introduce to you, Oregon Parks and Recreation and to your Commission. Also, a video of the beauty of the Beltz Farm is presented to you. Ron Bourke, a wildlife and nature videographer and a Tierra Del Mar home owner, spent many hours creating this wonderful video to present to all who were interested in the preservation of the Beltz Farm. I presented his video to an Oregon Shores annual meeting, at which time I met and spoke extensively with Dave Wright (then OPRD Administrator for Resource Management and Planning Division) about protecting the Beltz Farm from development. I also hope you enjoy photos I have taken over the past 40 years of the Beltz Farm's flora and fauna.

I recommend preservation above all other uses for the Beltz Farm, however, the naturalness of this area could be enjoyed without habitat degradation. I can envision the Beltz Farm and the Sand Lake estuary becoming a coastal interpretive center, much like the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. The historic old Judge Beltz house and/or the second house on the property could accommodate an information center and offer classes specifically associated with Beltz Farm's qualities. Classes could emphasize: ecology of the estuary; dune, forest, wetland, marsh education; native botany research and identification; study of salmon and other fish species historically present in the estuary, Reneke and Beltz creeks; restoration of fish habitat; archaeology and artifact research (Native American objects have been found by locals dating back to the 1940's and 1950's); snowy plover reintroduction; bird identification; animal tracking; mushroom and lichen education; photography and painting classes on the flora and fauna of the Beltz Farm/Sand Lake estuary); summer science classes for children; trail development and maintenance offered to volunteers; watershed and water monitoring education (relating to the Nestucca, Neskowin, Sand Lake Watershed Council, the Beltz farm land east of Sandlake Road would be an ideal area for the growing of streamside plants used in watershed restoration projects).

Listed above are just a few possibilities that the Beltz Farm and the Sand Lake estuary could offer to adults, school children, educators, scientists, etc.. These activities would enrich our lives and bring immense appreciation for the beauty and the unspoiled jewel found in the Beltz Farm.

Please vote yes for the acquisition of the Beltz Farm so we can, once and for all, know she is safe from destructive development.

Sincerely,

Lynda Steiner  
9165 S.W. Elrose Court, Tigard, Oregon 97224 phone 503-639-0951

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**June 11, 2014**

**Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept**

**Dear Commissioners,**

This letter was written to assist your vote on June 25<sup>th</sup>. I am a homeowner north of Pacific City. Please do not approve another state park in south Tillamook County on the Beltz Farm property. Other uses for the land have been suggested that will improve the economy in Tillamook County and that will respect the ecosystem. In other similar instances, the conditions required for development have enhanced and added value to special areas like this one. Please allow these options to be pursued. Existing environmental regulations will insure the area is kept intact and pristine; we don't need another park to enforce those regulations. I am an avid kayaker, hiker and birdwatcher and believe we need responsible environmentally compatible development in our county. This county is beautiful, and needs to be discovered, not constrained.

Other issues to consider:

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I hope you will vote to support our county and not to support outside special interest.  
Thank you!

Name: Thomas Murphy



Address: 29965 Nantucket Drive, Pacific City

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*Commissioners Deni Belz Form to account  
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*97035*

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*We need \$ to go to jobs & education!*

Name:

*Cathy Griffith Cathy J*

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*Pacific City OR 97135*

*3103447057 / 503 965 3632*

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503 905 3632

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Name: James Keith  
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6-15-14

Dear Commissioners,

The coming proposal to use lottery funds to buy property for another state park, is in my opinion a bad idea. This would be the third park in the area, and would cost the county of Tillamook more money to maintain it. If this private property is taken out of the property tax base, it will cost the county and create a decrease in revenue for the county. If the property would be developed by a potential destination resort, the amount of jobs created would substantially help our unemployment issues. Construction, service industry jobs, and a higher tax to be generated would help the county in a variety of ways. Again, please consider the fiscal health of the county and the fact we already have two state parks in the area.

Angela Smith  
6510 Megan's View Point  
Cloverdale, OR.  
97112

June 2, 2014

In regard to your possible acquisition of the Beltz property for the purposes of a state park,  
I feel we have enough parks at the present time to try to provide funding for.

To take on another such endeavor would only lead to more financial outlay for the state and you are  
already spending more than you should at this time.

I feel you need to put your house in order and be responsible land owners.

It is with this in mind that I feel the commissioners should pass on this particular project.

Diane Keith

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Russell Lopez

Address:

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Name: Dan Fitch

Address: 18970 Blanchard Rd Clowderdale

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Name:

Gary Stang

Address:

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Wanda McNeil

Address:

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State Park where - Motor Homes - 5th wheels  
will be driving our roads & damaging the  
already poor roads -*

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William D. Baker

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Name: Charles R McNeill

Address: POB 341 Hebo, Ore 97122

Look at Netarts Bay the boat launch!  
~~and~~ there's chuck Holes 18" Deep  
at the Top of the boat Launch and  
parking lot. They need to put money  
into what they already have.

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Name:

Vicki A Baker

Address:

18950 BLANCHARD RD CLOVEDALE, OR 97112

To the Parks and Recreation Commissioners

JUNE 16, 2014

Please turn down allowing the Sandlake Lake Beltz farm become a state park.

Attached is a list of the many government owned properties. Our parks are often sitting empty with no visitors. Last Thursday at 4 p.m., June 12, I toured all the parks in the area and found them empty of visitors. Except for the summer months they are seldom used. We do not need another State Park!

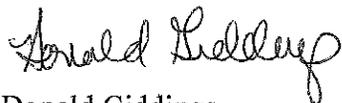
I purchased a large parcel of land 15 years ago to develop into residential an area. This provided employment, taxes and steady work for many of our local people.

I have found out that there is a drug issue in the schools and also with school children and adults as well. This may be one of the major reasons for all the shootings Our school children do not have developed minds and the drugs are damaging their minds as they minds have not matured. We need to have a program in the schools to help these children need to say no to drugs. The parents of these Children are also lacking in parent skills regarding this matter. Some of the adults in our area are packaging food for the children to have on weekends as the parents have no jobs and no food. My wife cooks food for families and delivers it often for individuals who need food.

Please do not allow \$2,000,000 plus to go to purchase of land we do not need as it will only cost the tax payers money as I see that the government sometimes has no funds to take care of all of the land the government presently owns around the Sandlake/Belz farm that is presently in an application for you to fund thru lottery funds. Let's spend it where it is needed...Schools. I see that you already spend 57 percent but we need more. Also how about the roads? It is not on the schedule for lottery funds but should be!

We need and want visitors but the businesses that are created by tax payers also provide Recreation and activities for them. Our businesses are floundering. Please see the problems that buying more land with lottery dollars is not the goal. We need to create Jobs and educate our children. Let the tax payers create a healthy economy and stop spending money foolishly! PLEASE, VOTE NO! ON SPENDING LOTTERY MONEY TO PURCHASE THE SANDLAKE/BELTZ FARM!

Thank you



Donald Giddings  
29920 Nantucket Drive  
Cloverdale Oregon 97112

P.S. These funds should be used to repair existing parks - 30 to 40 million of existing repairs need to be addressed now!

ParcelID	OwnerNm	Acres	BareLandlr	JurisNm	LandUseC	LandUseD	LandUseSt	LandUseSt
'208509R	Sand Lake	9.51	TRUE	Cloverdale	540	Farm - Unz VAGR	VACANT A	
'213664R	Sand Lake	11	TRUE	Cloverdale	640	Forest - Ur ATIM	TIMBER	
'223252R	Sand Lake	9.5	TRUE	Cloverdale	400	Tract - Vac VMSC	VACANT M	
'307000R	U S A	40.41	TRUE	Cloverdale	970	Federally o MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307590R	County	33.16	TRUE	Cloverdale	950	County - Vi MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307607R	Oregon, St	121.32	TRUE		960	State owne MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307643R	U S A	280.41	TRUE	Cloverdale	970	Federally o MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307661R	County	1.91	FALSE	Cloverdale	951	County - In MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307689R	County	2	FALSE	Pacific City	951	County - In MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307714R	Oregon, St	38.68	FALSE	Pacific City	961	State owne MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'307723R	County	1.86	TRUE	Pacific City	950	County - Vi MGOV	GOVERNIV	
'349493R	Sand Lake	14.15	TRUE	Cloverdale	540	Farm - Unz VAGR	VACANT A	
'349545R	Sand Lake	54.9	FALSE	Cloverdale	541	Farm - Unz AFAR	FARMS AN	
'353557R	Sand Lake	245.63	FALSE	Cloverdale	541	Farm - Unz AFAR	FARMS AN	
'365312R	Oregon, St	21.15	TRUE	Pacific City	960	State owne MGOV	GOVERNIV	

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Name: Barbara Sedden  
Address: 30 999 Pacific City Oregon 97135

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parks which I was told was 30 to 40 million  
in expected repairs!*

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**A "NEW" STATE PARK WON'T DO A THING FOR TOURISM. THERE IS NOTHING TO SEE.**

Name:

Laura Sameniuk

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33501 Cape Kiwanda Dr., Pacific City, OR 97135

**From:** [Marjorie Stoughton](#)  
**To:** [PUBLICCOMMENT \\* OPRD](#)  
**Subject:** Beltz property acquisition proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, June 08, 2014 5:18:13 PM

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I do not feel the State needs to spend the money for this property. Whalen Island is not far away and is not always used. This area has enough state parks. Money would be better used for education in our public schools. This property would not add to the property tax revenue for Tillamook County. If the property is to be sold, it should be for a business that would pay property taxes and offer jobs to the community. Please reconsider how state monies should be spent. We have other estuaries in this area.

Margie Stoughton

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Name: Scott Murphy

Address: 8312 SW 45<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97219

**June 11, 2014**

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Thank you!

Name: Meredith Murphy



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