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Deer Ridge Correctional Institution successfully moves population

On Tuesday, February 23, 774 adults in custody at the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution (DRCI) in Madras were shifted from the minimum-custody facility to the medium-custody facility, as planned. This move was in response to the October 2015 prison population forecast generated by the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis (OEA), which shows an increased need for additional men's beds.



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The DRCI medium facility has greater capacity and will operate as a minimum facility. This means, even though the facility was designed for medium-custody housing, it will only house minimum-custody inmates. The Department of Corrections will staff it as with any minimum-custody facility. The DRCI minimum facility will no longer house inmates at this time, but the building will be utilized for program space and Oregon Corrections Enterprises work opportunities.

DRCI was built as a multi-custody facility four miles east of Madras in Central Oregon. The minimum facility began receiving inmates in September 2007. DRCI provides a range of correctional programs and services including, education, drug and alcohol treatment, mental health treatment, cognitive programs, and inmate work crews.

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