



# Oregon

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State Land Board

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### Comment Opportunity: Potential Land Acquisition

Dear Interested Party,

Tobias Read

Secretary of State

The Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) has received a request for approval to complete the acquisition and transfer of two land parcels in Coos County to be managed under the authority of the South Slough Reserve Management Commission (Reserve).

Elizabeth Steiner

State Treasurer

The acquisition and transfer of management of the Deal and Triangle properties to the Reserve will ensure that critical habitat for threatened and endangered species is not only protected in perpetuity, but efforts to improve habitat for these species will be prioritized as well.

The Reserve submitted a full grant proposal to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in January 2025 for the purpose of restoration of the properties. The grant was recommended for full award to the Reserve in April 2025 and will be funded in October 2025; in the meantime we are moving forward with due diligence actions.

### About the Reserve

DSL oversees the Reserve on the southern Oregon coast. The Reserve manages nearly 7,000 acres of natural habitat which include open water channels, tidal and freshwater wetlands, riparian areas, and forested lands. This area is managed for long-term research, education, and public recreation with a focus on the stewardship and protection of natural and cultural resources.

### About the Land(s)

- The Deal parcel's legal location is listed as: 100 acres in Township 27S, Range 14W, Section 02. The property includes a section of Winchester Creek, 54 acres of wetland and 46 acres of upland forest.
- The Triangle parcel's legal location is listed as: 13 acres in Township 26S, Range 14W, Section 22, Tax Lot 1700. The property is located along Seven Devils Road and is within the South Slough watershed and adjacent to Reserve lands.
- Transaction number for this acquisition: **64932-LA**

### How to Provide Public Comment

The comment deadline is **July 17, 2025**:

- Online: <https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Land/Pages/Sales.aspx>
- Email: [realproperty@dsl.oregon.gov](mailto:realproperty@dsl.oregon.gov)
- Mail: Oregon Department of State Lands at 951 SW Simpson Ave., Suite #104, Bend, OR 97702

**Evaluating the Sale**

On April 9, 2024, the State Land Board authorized the Reserve, working through DSL, to support the acquisition of these properties through due diligence. This process involves gathering information on the land's market value, mineral and energy resources, wildlife, and cultural resources. DSL also asks for public comments. The Land Board uses this information to decide on the acquisition. DSL is interested in collecting information regarding the following:

- The presence, type and location of state or federally listed species (including threatened, endangered, candidate and sensitive species), and archeological and historic resources within the lands.
- Current or historic use of the lands for fishing or recreation.
- Existing public access to the water from lands, roads, or right of way across the lands.
- Importance of the lands to existing or future navigational needs.