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Decision Update: BLM Classification Decision for In-Lieu Lands in Deschutes County

Dear Interested Party,

A parcel of land owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) located near Burgess Road in La Pine will be transferred to the Department of State Lands (the Department).

The federal government owes the State of Oregon approximately 1,477 acres of federal lands “in-lieu” of school lands not granted upon statehood in 1859. The Department has been coordinating with the BLM on land selection and has identified an 80-acre forested property in the urban growth boundary of La Pine. Currently zoned RMF (Residential, Multi-Family), this allows for residential development at densities of 5 to 40 units per acre. The BLM has internal actions and approvals to complete, but the transfer is anticipated between July and September 2025. To accept this transfer, the cost to the Department is \$0.

About the Land(s)

- The parcel’s legal location is listed as: **80 acres in Township 21S, Range 10E, Section 35, Tax Lot 100.**
- The transaction number for this sale is **64934-LA**
- The parcel is classified as *constitutional land dedicated to the Common School Fund*, lands that were granted to Oregon by the federal government for the purpose of generating revenues for the Common School Fund, which benefits K-12 education.

Additional Background

The State Land Board approved the transfer of this parcel on June 10, 2025, following a due diligence process in which the Department collected information about the land and comments from the public to help inform a decision. The public comment period for this transaction is now closed. Updated information and maps can be found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Land/Pages/Sales.aspx>

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