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DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS

Wheeler County Court
PO Box 447
401 Fourth Street
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October 23, 2026

Oregon Department of State Lands
Land Management Division
Salem, Oregon

Re: Intent to Apply for Purchase of Southern 10 Acres of Government Lot 4, Section 6, T09S, R24E, WM

Dear Oregon Department of State Lands,

Wheeler County hereby expresses its intent to apply for the purchase of the southern 10 acres, described as the S½S½ of Government Lot 4, Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 24 East, Willamette Meridian.

The County's proposed acquisition is intended to protect and preserve public access to an important natural water feature within Wheeler County. Securing public ownership of this property would help ensure continued public access to the site for recreation and enjoyment while preserving its value as a natural resource for residents and visitors.

Wheeler County intends to pursue this purchase contingent upon securing sufficient grant funding to cover the acquisition costs. The County is actively working to identify and obtain the necessary financial resources to make the purchase possible. The County's ability to proceed with the transaction will depend on the successful award of grant funds and the availability of sufficient funding to complete the acquisition.

Wheeler County appreciates the opportunity to express its intent to pursue this acquisition and looks forward to working with the Oregon Department of State Lands throughout the application and purchase process.

Sincerely,

N. Lynn Morley
Wheeler County Judge
Wheeler County, Oregon

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