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### Notice of Decision to Sell State-Owned Land

Dear Interested Party,

Elizabeth Steiner

State Treasurer

The Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) will sell a parcel of state-owned forestland to the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (Reserve) in Coos County. The Land Board approved the sale of 80-acres of State-owned forestland to the Reserve for \$780,000, and DSL will proceed to closing, ensure receipt of funds to the Common School Fund, and transfer management of the property to the Reserve by August 2026.

#### 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 parcel's legal location is listed as: 80 acres in Township 26S, Range14W, Section 36, Tax Lot 800.
- The parcel is located adjacent to the Reserve's southeastern boundary and is comprised of late-stage successional forest habitat and encompasses the headwaters of Tom's and Cox Creeks, both of which are tributaries of Winchester Creek, the main waterway of South Slough.

#### Additional Background

The State Land Board approved the sale of this parcel on June 9, 2026, following a due diligence process in which the Oregon Department of State Lands collected information about the land and comments from the public to help inform a sale decision. The public comment period for this sale is now closed. Updated information can be found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Land/Pages/Sales.aspx>

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