1	OAR 660-033-0130		
2	OAK 000 000 0 100		
3	(38) A proposal to site a photovoltaic solar power	The division 38 language is	Should the existing
4	generation facility except for a photovoltaic solar	otherwise unchanged. This	Division 38 method
5	power generation facility in Eastern Oregon	method remains available	for Eastern Oregon
6	subject to the provisions of subsections	with no changes for Eastern	solar remain
7	(45)(a)(B) and (C) shall be subject to the	Oregon counties and solar	completely
8	following definitions and provisions:	developers.	unchanged? Or
9			should additional
10	(45)(a) A county may review a proposed		conditions regarding
11	photovoltaic solar power generation facility on		wildfire and soil
12	agricultural land in Eastern Oregon under one of		health, perhaps other
13	the following three alternatives:		things, be added?
14	(4) 4	T	
15	(A) A county may review a proposed photovoltaic	The section (38) existing	
16	solar power generation facility on agricultural	method, unchanged.	
17	land under the provisions of OAR 660-033-		
18 19	0130(38).		
20	(B) If a county has not adopted a program under	A county has the option of	
21	the provisions of OAR 660-023-0195, a county	using this method under OAR	Clear delineation
22	may review a proposed photovoltaic solar power	660-033-0130(45) or adopting	between three
23	generation facility on agricultural land reviewed in	a program under OAR 660-	methods for
24	Eastern Oregon under the provisions of	023-0195.	considering solar in
25	subsections (b) through (l) of this section; or		Eastern Oregon.
26	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Does this work?
27	(C) A county may review a proposed photovoltaic	This is the third option, going	
28	solar power generation facility on agricultural	to OAR 660-023-0195 for a	
29	land reviewed in Eastern Oregon under the	more individualized county	
30	provisions of OAR 660-023-0195.	program re: solar	
31		development.	
32 33	/b\ A managed to gite a mbatavaltais calor mayor		The deposition and in
34	(b) A proposal to site a photovoltaic solar power generation facility under OAR 660-038-	These definitions are the same as in Section (38)	The department is not aware of any
35	0130(45)(a)(B) shall be subject to the following	except as indicated.	problems with any of
36	definitions and provisions:	except as maicated.	these definitions.
37	delimitions and provisions.		triede deminions.
38	(A) "Arable land" means land in a tract that is	A key point to remember: all	
39	predominantly cultivated or, if not currently	of the soils definition that	
40	cultivated, predominantly comprised of arable	involve "land" mean that a	
41	soils.	parcel of land is looked at as	
42		a whole, and if a majority of	
43	(B) "Arable soils" means soils that are suitable for	the soils are "high-value,"	
44	cultivation as determined by the governing body	"arable," or "nonarable," then	
44	or its designate based on substantial evidence in	the whole parcel is classified	
46	the record of a local land use application, but	as that category, despite the	
47	"arable soils" does not include high-value	existence of a minority of	
48 49	farmland soils described at ORS 195.300(10) unless otherwise stated.	soils in the parcel in another	
50	עוווכסס טנווכו שוסכ סנמנכע.	category.	
51	(C) "Eastern Oregon" means that portion of the		
52	State of Oregon lying east of a line beginning at		
53	the intersection of the northern boundary of the	New definition added.	
54	state and the western boundary of Wasco		

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1	County, thence southerly along the western		
2	boundaries of the counties of Wasco, Jefferson,		
3	Deschutes and Klamath to the southern		
4	boundary of the state.		
5	boundary of the state.		
6	(D) "High-value farmland means land described		
7	in ORS 195.300(10).		
8	111 0100 100.000(10).		
9	(E) "Nonarable land" means land in a tract that is		
10	predominantly not cultivated and predominantly		
11	comprised of nonarable soils.		
12	comprised of floridiable soils.		
13	(F) "Nonarable soils" means soils that are not		
14	suitable for cultivation. Soils with an NRCS		
15	agricultural capability class V–VIII and no history		
16	of irrigation shall be considered nonarable in all		
17	cases. The governing body or its designate may		
18	determine other soils, including soils with a past		
19	history of irrigation, to be nonarable based on		
20	substantial evidence in the record of a local land		
21	use application.		
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23	(G) "Photovoltaic solar power generation facility"		
24	includes, but is not limited to, an assembly of		
25	equipment that converts sunlight into electricity		
26	and then stores, transfers, or both, that		
27	electricity. This includes photovoltaic modules,		
28	mounting and solar tracking equipment,		
29	foundations, inverters, wiring, storage devices		
30	and other components. Photovoltaic solar power		
31	generation facilities also include electrical cable		
32	collection systems connecting the photovoltaic		
33	solar generation facility to a transmission line, all		
34	necessary grid integration equipment, new or		
35	expanded private roads constructed to serve the		
36	photovoltaic solar power generation facility,		
37	office, operation and maintenance buildings,	This language added	
38	staging areas and all other necessary	regarding temporary	
39	appurtenances, including but not limited to on-	workforce housing comes	
40	site and off-site facilities for temporary workforce	from the existing definition in	
41	housing for workers constructing a photovoltaic	the department's	
42	solar power generation facility. For purposes of	administrative rules governing	
43	applying the acreage standards of this section, a	wind energy.	
44	photovoltaic solar power generation facility		
44	includes all existing and proposed facilities on a		
46	single tract, as well as any existing and proposed		
47	facilities determined to be under common		
48	ownership on lands with fewer than 1320 feet of		
49	separation from the tract on which the new		
50	facility is proposed to be sited. Projects		
51	connected to the same parent company or		
52	individuals shall be considered to be in common		
53	ownership, regardless of the operating business		
30	structure. A photovoltaic solar power generation		
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1 2 3 4 5 6	facility does not include a net metering project established consistent with ORS 757.300 and OAR chapter 860, division 39 or a Feed-in-Tariff project established consistent with ORS 757.365 and OAR chapter 860, division 84.		
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	(c)(A) A county shall consider applications for a proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facility pursuant to OAR 660-033-0130(45)(a)(B) unless a county has either:  (i) Approved a program for significant solar photovoltaic resource areas under the provisions of OAR 660-023-0195; or  (ii) Taken action through the county elected body, either prior to, or after the effective date of this rule that declines to consider photovoltaic solar power generation facilities under OAR 660-033-0130(45)(a)(B).	This is the "opt out" provision  — the county will directly apply the rules in this section unless they take action, through the county elected body, to "opt out." It would not require a post- acknowledgment plan amendment, thus would not be a land use decision.	Should counties have to formally opt out of the rules, otherwise apply the "sites" rules in this section directly?
22 23 24 25 26	(B) A county may choose to consider photovoltaic solar power generation facilities under OAR 660-033-0130(45)(a)(A) or (C).	The existing rules in Section (38) and the program adoption in 660-023-0195 are entirely voluntary for counties.	The department is not aware of any issues with this provision.
27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41	(d) A county may approve a photovoltaic solar power generation facility under OAR 660-033-0130(45)(a)(B) as follows:  (A) On high-value farmland that qualifies for an exemption pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d)(D)(vii) of this section and that is not otherwise limited by the provisions of subsection (d)(D)(vi) of this section, the facility may not use, occupy, or cover more than 160 acres.	A very limited allowance on high value farmlands, see language below for details.  The maximum that these rules can allow on high value farmland is 240 acres per ORS 215.446. This number is lower to encourage counties and solar developers toward the 660-023-0195 "program" method.	Are these the correct restrictions for any solar development on high-value farmland pursuant to these rules?
43 44 44 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54	<ul> <li>(B) On arable land, the photovoltaic solar power generation facility may not use, occupy, or cover more than 1,280 acres.</li> <li>(C) On non-arable land, the photovoltaic solar power generation facility may not use, occupy, or cover more than 1,920 acres.</li> </ul>	This is simpler than the provisions in OAR 660-023-0195 and is half the maximum that these rules can allow (2,560 acres).  This is simpler than the provisions in OAR 660-023-0195 and is half the maximum that these rules can allow (3,840 acres).	Are these numbers appropriate to encourage counties and solar developers who want even larger sites to use the 660-023 method?

irregular configuration or configurations that

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1 2	prevent them from being independently managed for farm use.	From draft OAR 660-023- 0195(3)(k)(G).	
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 6 17 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 6 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34	(vii) Agricultural lands protected under Goal 3 with an appurtenant water right on January 1, 2024. This subsection does not apply if the ability to use the appurtenant water right to irrigate subject property becomes limited or prohibited due to a situation that is beyond the control of the water right holder including but not limited to: prolonged drought, critical groundwater designations or other state regulatory action, reduced federal contract allocations, and other similar regulatory circumstances. If retained, the appurtenant water right has been transferred to another portion of the subject property, tract or another property and maintained for agricultural purposes.  (viii) Sites where the construction and operation of the photovoltaic solar power generation facility will result in significant adverse impacts to Historic, Cultural or Archaeological Resources that cannot be mitigated pursuant to the provisions of OAR 660-023-0195(5).	Consistent with language included at draft OAR 660-023-0195(3)(k)(H).	The base language in OAR 660-023- 0195(5) is still under consultation with SHPO and Tribes.
	<ul> <li>(e) Approval of a proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facility under OAR 660-033-0130(45)(a)(B) is subject to the following requirements:</li> <li>(A) The proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facility is located in an area with the following characteristics:</li> </ul>	This language is imported from the language negotiated in OAR 660-023-0195.	The department does not see including the ability of counties ot vary "significant" solar areas as in the OAR 660-9023-0195 rules, since these rules are to be
35 36 37	(i) Topography with a slope that is predominantly 15% or less;		directly applied by counties.
38 39 40 41	(ii) An estimated Annual Solar Utility-Scale Capacity Factor of 19 percent or greater; and		
42 43 44	(iii) Location predominantly within 10 miles of a transmission line with a rating of 69 KV or above.		
44 44 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53	(B) For a proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facility on high-value farmland, the application shall include a cumulative impacts analysis as set forth in OAR 660-033-0130(38)(h)(G), except that the acreage threshold for the analysis set forth in OAR 660-033-0130(38(h)(G)(i) and (ii) shall be 300 acres and the impact area set forth in OAR 660-033-0130(38)(h)G) would be a distance of 2.5 miles.	This requirement is already in section (38) but would be modified here to reflect larger acreage totals and a corresponding larger impact area. The numbers in section (38) are 48 acres and one mile radius, reflecting conditions and sizes primarily in Western Oregon.	Should these requirements from Section (38), which apply to all solar development today, be carried over to this section, and if so, should the numbers be enlarged to reflect

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1	(C) For a proposed photovoltaic solar power		larger projects in
2	generation facility on arable land, the application	This requirement is already in	Eastern Oregon?
3	shall include a cumulative impacts analysis as	section (38) but would be	
4	set forth in OAR 660-033-0138(i)(D) except that	modified here to reflect larger	
5	the acreage threshold for the analysis set forth in	acreage totals and a	
6	OAR 660-033-0130(38(i)(D)(i) and (ii) shall be	corresponding larger impact	
7	2,000 acres and the impact area set forth in OAR	area. The numbers in section	
8	660-033-0130(38)(h)G) would be a distance of	(38) are 80 acres and one	
9	five miles.	mile radius.	
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11	(D) The proposed photovoltaic solar power	The reference here is to the	The department does
12	generation facility shall take measures to mitigate	"one-time cash payment"	not see a good way
13	agricultural impacts as set forth in OAR 660-023-	section for agricultural	to allow the county
14	0195(4) (B) and (C).	mitigation in OAR 660-023-	discretion found in
15	0193(4) (b) and (c).	0195(4). This is simpler and	parallel provisions in
16			OAR 660-023-0195,
17		more objective for counties	·
18		and solar developers to	since this would be
19		implement.	directly applied by the
20			counties.
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22	(E) The proposed photovoltaic solar power	The reference here is to the	,
23	generation facility shall take measures to provide	simpler and less subjective	Same comment as
24	community benefits as set forth in OAR 660-023-	option for community benefits	directly above.
25	0195(6)(b).	in OAR 660-023-0195(6).	
26		This is simpler and more	
27		objective for counties and	
28		solar developers to	
29		implement.	
30			
31			
32	(F) The proposed photovoltaic solar power	While shorter, this is basically	
33	generation facility shall mitigate potential impacts	the requirement that is also in	
34	to fish and wildlife habitat pursuant to the	OAR 660-023-0195.	
35	requirements of ORS 215.446(3)(a).		
36			
37	(G) The proposed photovoltaic solar power	This would need to be done	
38	generation facility shall mitigate potential impacts	for every application	This section is
39	to historic, cultural, and archeological resources	submitted – to make an	currently undergoing
40	pursuant to the requirements of OAR 660-023-	individualized determination	consultation with
41	0195(5).	as to which of the three	SHPO and Tribes, so
42		categories (no impacts,	is not final.
43		mitigated impacts, not	
44		allowed) the site falls into.	
44			
46	(H) (i) The application will ensure that	These provisions are new.	The department is
47	considerations for the amount, type, and location	,	not aware of any
48	of temporary workforce housing have been		issues with this
49	made. This provision may be satisfied by the		provision.
50	submittal and county approval of a workforce		*
51	housing plan prepared by an adequately qualified		
52	individual, that demonstrates how temporary		
53	workforce housing resulting in a benefit to the		
54	local community will be accommodated or that		

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	such temporary housing is reasonably likely to occur. The plan need not obligate the applicant to financially secure the temporary housing. The approved plan shall be attached to the decision as a condition of approval.  (ii) On-site and off-site facilities for temporary workforce housing for workers constructing a photovoltaic solar power generation facility must be removed or converted to an allowed use under OAR 660-033-0130(19) or other statute or rule when project construction is complete.  (iii) Temporary workforce housing facilities not included in the initial approval may be considered through a minor amendment request filed after a decision to approve a photovoltaic solar power generation facility. A minor amendment request shall be subject to OAR 660-033-0130(5) and shall not have no effect on the original approval of the project.		
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 46 47 48 49 50 51 51 52 53 54 54 54 55 54 55 54 55 54 55 54 55 55	(I) The requirements of OAR 660-033-0130(38)(h)(A) through (D) have been satisfied for proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facilities on high-value farmland and arable land, and the requirements of OAR 660-033-0130(38)(h)(D) have been satisfied for proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facilities on nonarable land.	These are a direct reference to existing requirements for all solar development on high value and arable farmland. They read as follows in section (38):  (A) The proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facility will not create unnecessary negative impacts on agricultural operations conducted on any portion of the subject property not occupied by project components. Negative impacts could include, but are not limited to, the unnecessary construction of roads dividing a field or multiple fields in such a way that creates small or isolated pieces of property that are more difficult to farm, and placing photovoltaic solar power generation facility project components on lands in a manner that could disrupt common and accepted farming practices;  (B) The presence of a photovoltaic solar power generation facility will not result in unnecessary soil erosion or loss that could limit agricultural productivity on the subject property. This provision may be	Should these standards, which apply to solar developments throughout Oregon through Section 38, apply to projects in Eastern Oregon reviewed under this method?

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satisfied by the submittal and county approval of a soil and erosion control plan prepared by an adequately qualified individual, showing how unnecessary soil erosion will be avoided or remedied. The approved plan shall be attached to the decision as a condition of approval;  (C) Construction or maintenance activities will not result in unnecessary soil compaction that reduces the productivity of soil for crop production. This provision may be satisfied by the submittal and county approval of a plan prepared by an adequately qualified individual, showing how unnecessary soil compaction will be avoided or remedied in a timely manner through deep soil decompaction or other appropriate practices. The approved plan shall be attached to the decision as a condition of approval;  (D) Construction or maintenance activities will not result in the
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29 unabated introduction or spread
of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. This
provision may be estisfied by the
submittal and county approval of
a weed control plan prepared by
34 an adequately qualified individual that includes a long-term
36 maintenance agreement. The
37 approved plan shall be attached
to the decision as a condition of
39 approval;
40 41 (J) A county may condition approval of a While other conditions of Should new
proposed photovoltaic solar power generation approval aren't mandated by requirements
facility to address other issues, including but not these rules, a county is regarding wildlife a
limited to assuring that the design and operation   explicitly authorized to add   soil health should
of the facility will promote the prevention and other conditions, such as made mandatory of
mitigate the risk of wildfire. The county may wildfire risk mitigation. opposed to at the
approve a wildfire plan prepared by an discretion of the
adequately qualified individual that is consistent with the provisions identified at OAR 660,006
with the provisions identified at OAR 660-006- 0029(1)(d) and OAR 660-006-0035, and then
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51   attach implementation of that plan as a condition   52   of approval.
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54 (K) For a photovoltaic solar power generation  This language addresses two Should these
facility located on arable or nonarable lands, the   issues: 1) a site that is arable   requirements,

project is not located on arable soils unless it can land but contains some currently required of 2 be demonstrated that: nonarable soils; and 2) a site all solar 3 that is nonarable land but developments under (i) Siting the facility on nonarable soils present on 4 contains some arable soils. section (38), be 5 the subject tract would significantly reduce the required for projects 6 project's ability to operate successfully; or The express limitations on considered under 7 high value soils at (d)(D)(vi) these rules as well? 8 (ii) The proposed site is better suited to allow "Soils that are irrigated or not irrigated and classified prime, 9 continuation of an existing commercial farm or An alternative on ranching operation on the subject tract as unique, Class I or Class II...' 10 nonarable lands compared to other possible sites also located on are sufficient to make this would be to allow 11 12 the subject tract, including sites that are issue moot for high value development on comprised of nonarable soils; soils. arable soils within the 13 14 project site if those 15 In each case, this language soils would have 16 would require "first choice" for allowed solar 17 location of the solar facility on development under nonarable soils, unless the 18 the provisions of 19 applicant and county could OAR 660-023-0195 and not allow such 20 make one of the two findings 21 expressed in subsections (i) development if those 22 soils would not have and (ii). 23 allowed solar 24 The current language in development under 25 section (38) reads as follows: the provisions of 26 OAR 660-023-0195. (B) The project is not located on 27 those high-value farmland soils 28 listed in OAR 660-033-29 0020(8)(b)-(e) or arable soils 30 unless it can be demonstrated 31 that: 32 33 (i) Nonarable soils are not 34 available on the subject tract; 35 (ii) Siting the project on 36 nonarable soils present on the 37 subject tract would significantly 38 reduce the project's ability to 39 operate successfully; or 40 41 (iii) The proposed site is better 42 suited to allow continuation of an 43 existing commercial farm or 44 ranching operation on the subject tract than other possible sites 45 also located on the subject tract, 46 including those comprised of 47 nonarable soils; 48 49 50 51 52 (L) For a photovoltaic solar power generation facility located on nonarable lands no more than 53

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1	1,280 acres of the facility will be located on		
2	arable soils.		
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	(f) Notwithstanding any other rule in this division, a county may determine that ORS 215.296 and OAR 660-033-0130(5) for a proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facility are met when the applicable provisions of OAR 660-033-0130(45)(b) through (e) are found to be satisfied.	This is the provision that states compliance with these rules satisfies the "farm impacts" or "good neighbor" test set by the Legislature in ORS 215.296.	The department is not aware of any issues with this provision.
11	oadenea.		
12 13 14 15 16	(g) A county shall satisfy the requirements of OAR 660-023-0195(8)(a) and (b).	This is a reference to the Department of Defense airspace requirements in OAR 660-023-0195,	The department is not aware of any issues with this provision.
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44	<ul> <li>(h) A permit approved for a photovoltaic solar power generation facility shall be valid until commencement of construction or for six years, whichever is less. A county may grant up to two extensions for a period of up to 24 months each when an applicant makes a written request for an extension of the development approval period that is submitted to the county prior to the expiration of the approval period.</li> <li>(i) A county may grant a permit described in subsection (j) a third and final extension for period of up to 24 months if:</li> <li>(A) An applicant makes a written request for an extension of the development approval period prior to the expiration of the second extension granted under subsection (f) of this section;</li> <li>(B) The applicant states reasons that prevented the applicant from beginning or continuing development within the approval period; and</li> <li>(C) The county determines that the applicant was unable to begin or continue development during the approval period for reasons for which the applicant was not responsible.</li> </ul>	This is the time period before expiration of a permit language agreed to in Moro by the RAC.	The department is not aware of any issues with this provision.
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45 46 47 48 49 50 51	(j) In addition to other sources, a local government may rely on data from online mapping tools, such as that data included in the Oregon Renewable Energy Siting Assessment (ORESA), to inform determinations made under this rule.	This is language referencing using ORESA as an option.	The department is not aware of any issues with this provision.
52 53 54	(k) The county governing body or its designate shall require as a condition of approval for a photovoltaic solar power generation facility, that	These last two provisions are in Section (38) and are carried over to here.	The department is not aware of any

COMMENTARY

**DISCUSSION POINTS** 

1	the project owner sign and record in the deed		issues with this
2	records for the county a document binding the		provision.
3	project owner and the project owner's successors		
4	in interest, prohibiting them from pursuing a claim		
5	for relief or cause of action alleging injury from		
6	farming or forest practices as defined in ORS		
7	30.930(2) and (4).		
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9	(I) Nothing in this section shall prevent a county		
10	from requiring a bond or other security from a		
11	developer or otherwise imposing on a developer		
12	the responsibility for retiring the photovoltaic		
13	solar power generation facility.		
14	000 000 0445	Language and an article of	The demonstration
15 16	660-033-0145 Agricultura (Forget Zonge	Language regarding mixed	The department is
17	Agriculture/Forest Zones	farm-forest zoning districts	not aware of any issues with this
18	(1) Agriculture/forest zones may be established	agreed to by the RAC.	provision.
19	and uses allowed pursuant to OAR 660-006-		provision.
20	0050;		
21	0000,		
22	(2) Land divisions in agriculture/forest zones may		
23	be allowed as provided for under OAR 660-006-		
24	0055; and		
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26	(3) Land may be replanned or rezoned to an		
27	agriculture/forest zone pursuant to OAR 660-		
28	006-0057.		
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30	(4) A county in Eastern Oregon shall apply		
31	either OAR chapter 660, division 6 or 33		
32	standards for siting a photovoltaic solar		
33	power generation facility in an		
34	agriculture/forest zone based on the		
35	predominant use of the tract on January 1,		
36	2024.		