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•	4	Petitioner,)	LUBA NO. 83-011			
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1 COX, Board Member.

2 NATURE OF PROCEEDING

Petitioner has appealed a Klamath County land use decision which became final on December 30, 1982. The order grants a conditional use permit for operation of a "personal use airport" on exclusive farm use (EFU) land. Generally, petitioner is contending that the use allowed exceeds the definition of personal use airport.

9 ALLEGATIONS OF ERROR

Petitioner sets forth eight assignments of error which can 10 be summarized as contending (1) that the conditional use 11 permitted exceeds the meaning of a personal use airport which 12 is authorized on EFU land by ORS 215.213(2)(q); (2) Klamath 13 County failed to take a statewide goal 2, part II exception to 14 statewide goal 3; (3) Klamath County failed to properly apply 15 its comprehensive plan regarding development on Class I-IV 16 soils and violated the county zoning ordinance requiring that 17 conditional use permit findings show the proposed use does not 18 adversely affect neighboring uses; and (4) the order violates 19 statewide goal 5 because the site area has been determined to 20 be a wildlife habitat but no evaluation was made of the 21 economic, social, environmental and energy consequences of the 22 proposed conflicting use. 23

24 FACTS

25 Respondent Bigby and Rajnus, doing business as Juniper
26 Hills Airport, applied for a conditional use permit to operate
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a "personal use airport" on agricultural land in the Poe Valley 1 The requested conditional use permit would 2 of Klamath County. have allowed the applicants to conduct commercial activities 3 including aircraft sales and rentals; aircraft maintenance; 4 flight instruction and parking for up to 20 airplanes belonging 5 to other than the owners of the airport. The Oregon State 6 Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, gave 7 preliminary indication it would grant certain exceptions to the 8 activities commonly allowed on personal use airports through 9 waiver action pursuant to ORS 215.213(2)(g). The waiver action 10 would seemingly allow the conduct of some of the above 11 mentioned commercial activities at the site if the county 12 granted a permit for such activity. The exact activities to 13 have been allowed by the waivers are not clear from the record. 14 The airport site occupies land consisting predominantly of 15 SCS Class II, III and IV soils which have been previously put 16 to agricultural use. It is part of a larger farm owned by 17 George Rajnus and identified as exclusive farm use (EFU) land. 18 The Poe Valley is a major agricultural area of Klamath County; 19 it consists of irrigated crop land producing grain, potatoes 20

and hay; has pasture land for cattle, several large dairy operations, and numerous residences. There are three existing airports within the area of the subject property, those being Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, 13 miles away; Malin Airport, 9 miles away; and Tule Lake Airport, 10 miles away. The county, in adopting the hearings officers order with amendments, found Page 3

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2 "is for a commercial recreational business to provide a living for E. A. Bigby; it is only secondarily 3 related to agriculture. This fact is confirmed by the testimony of Mr. Bigby that the purpose of the request 4 herein is so that he can work at his trade in the aviation field and thereby make a living. * * * The 5 testimony shows that the use of this air strip for agricultural purposes would be minimal compared to the 6 requested commercial uses of aircraft sales and rentals, aircraft maintenance, flight instruction, 7 parking for non-owner aircraft. There has been no showing by the applicants that the commercial 8 operation requested are necessary for agricultural The only need shown for such a commercial purposes. 9 operation is to provide financial support for Mr. Any agricultural needs of the owners can be Bigby. 10 met by the use of the air strip as approved hereinabove." Record 98.

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12 Juniper Hills Airport had been in business for about one 13 year before the application herein contested was submitted. 14 during that time the applicants had advertised and conducted on 15 site the above mentioned commercial activities. Some area 16 farmers objected to the airport and the nature of the flight 17 activity because of its effect on livestock. The hearings 18 officer made findings, which apparently were adopted by the 19 Klamath County Board of Commissioners (Record 10), that the 20 airfield had already

21 "had adverse affects on the living and working environment of Poe Valley. * * * It is apparent from
22 the record that a certain percentage of pilots do engage in low flying and harrassment, and further, it
23 is at best difficult to identify such planes so as to report their activity and insure that it would be
24 stopped." (Record 99).

25 After review of the hearings officer's decision the County 26 Commission modified or removed, restrictions which had been Page 4

placed upon flight volume, record keeping, maintenance of 1 planes belonging to other than airport owners, maximum number 2 of planes to be parked at the site and flight training. The 3 Board of Commissioners thereby permitted maintenance and repair 4 activity on an unlimited number of non-airport owner aircraft; 5 the parking on site of as many as 15 non-airport owner aircraft 6 at any one time and; the offering of flight instruction. The 7 board specifically stated, however, that the airport should not 8 charge for such flight instruction. The hearings officer's 9 limit of 300 takeoffs and landings per year was removed and the 10 commissioners imposed no new limit. Finally the applicant was 11 allowed to offer the airport services to single engine aircraft 12 of up to 3,500 pounds gross weight. 13

14 DECISION

15 Petitioner's assignments of error relating to ORS

16 215.213(2)(g).

17 ORS 215.213(2)(g) states:

18 "The following nonfarm uses may be established, subject to the approval of the governing body or its
 19 designate in any area zoned for exclusive farm use:

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"(q) Personal-use airport for airplanes and helicopter 21 pads, including associated hangar, maintenance and service facilities. A personal-use airport 22 as used in this section means an airstrip restricted, except for aircraft emergencies, to 23 use by the owner, and, on an infrequent and occasional basis, by invited guests, and by 24 commercial aviation activities in connection with agricultural operations. No aircraft may be 25 based on a personal-use airport other than those owned or controlled by the owner 26

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of the airstrip. Exceptions to the activities 1 permitted under this definition may be granted 2 through waiver action by the Aeronautics Division in specific instances. A personal-use airport 3 lawfully existing as of September 13, 1975, shall continue to be permitted subject to any 4 applicable regulations of the Aeronautics Division." 5 Under this assignment of error, petitioner argues: 6 7 1. The personal use airport contemplated by ORS 8 215.213(2)(q) does not include carrying on a business 9 of repairing, maintaining and basing aircraft not 10 belonging to the owner of the airstrip. 11 12 2. The combined permission to park up to 15 non-airport 13 owner aircraft at a time, allowing the owner to 14 maintain and repair planes other than his own, and 15 permission to offer flight instruction exceeds the 16 meaning of occasional and infrequent use by guests as 17 used in the personal-use airport statute. 18 19 The uses permitted by Klamath County do not constitute 3. 20 "commercial aviation activities in connection with 21 agricultural operations" when the only connection with 22 agricultural activities consists of an indirect 23 association between aircraft owners and the ownership 24 of a farm or ranch. The airstrip is not available for 25 commercial agricultural activities such as spraying, 26

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1 2 dusting and seeding.

4. The authority of the Aeronautics Division to grant the
exceptions or waiver contemplated in ORS 215.213(2)(g)
without further guidelines is either invalid or it
requires that the agency exercise its authority in
accordance with the statewide planning goals and for
the purpose of carrying out the policy in its
statutory framework.

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Taking these arguments in no specific order, we first 11 address petitioner's concerns regarding the role played by the 12 State of Oregon, Department of Transportation, Aeronautics 13 Division when it granted, through waiver action, exceptions to 14 the activities permitted under the definition of personal use 15 The responsibility to apply land use goals and make airport. 16 decisions in accordance with comprehensive plans has been 17 placed upon the county's shoulders by statute and through 18 authority delegated to the Land Conservation and Development 19 The ultimate responsibility for approval of Commission. 20 activities on EFU land rests with the county (ORS 215.213). 21 ORS 215.213(2)(g) envisions a dual procedure for allowing 22 personal use airports within an EFU zone. Such airports must 23 meet the definition found in ORS 215.213(2)(g) and their 24 placement must meet land use requirements. In general the 25 Aeronautics Division makes the first decision and the county 26

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the second. The existence of an exceptions provision in 2 215.213(2)(g) does not alter this basic division of 3 responsibility.

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4 The exception provision grants the Aeronautics Division the 5 authority to waive certain restrictions placed upon personal 6 use airports. Under OAR 738-20-025(4), upon receiving an 7 application for site approval for a personal use airport, the 8 Aeronautics Division makes an initial investigation. If the 9 proposed airport is compatible with the State Aviation System 10 Plan and the Aeronautics Division is satisfied that aeronautic 11 safety standards for the site as well as adjoining property, 12 will be met, the Division will issue a provisional site 13 approval. The provisional site approval is then forwarded to 14 the appropriate local planning or zoning body for review and 15 The local zoning or planning body makes the comment. 16 determination of statewide planning goal and statute 17 applicability. In other words, even though the Aeronautics 18 Division has decided to grant an exception to a "personal use 19 airport" requirement, it continues to remain the county's 20 responsibility to determine whether to allow the airport with 21 the exceptions on EFU property. The governing body has the 22 option to approve the personal use airport, with the granted 23 exceptions, or approve the airport with conditions which may be 24 more restrictive than the standards imposed by the Aeronautics 25 Division. In no case, however, may the approval of the county 26 governing body allow activities which are not allowed by ORS Page 8

215.213(2)(g), or are less restrictive than those granted by
 the Aeronautics Division. Therefore, the duty and obligation
 to apply the land use statutes and goals rests with the
 county. The State Department of Transportation Aeronautics
 Division has so interpreted its mandate. (Brief of State of
 Oregon, Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division,
 pages 3 and 4).

With the foregoing in mind, we then look to the decision of 8 the Klamath County Board of Commissioners to grant the proposed 9 Under Section 2(q) of ORS 215.213 the approval of a 10 use. personal use airport in any area zoned for exclusive farm use 11 is subject to the approval of the governing body or its 12 designate. This Board has held, consistent with the Court of 13 Appeals, that the conditional use permit ordinance is an 14 appropriate standard to apply in evaluating such non-farm use 15 requests. Klamath County's conditional use ordinance is found 16 17 in article 44 of its development code. Generally, the standards to be applied in granting a conditional use permit in 18 19 Klamath County deal with whether the use is conditionally permitted in the zone in which it is proposed; the location, 20 size, design and operating characteristics of the proposed use 21 22 are in conformance with the comprehensive plan; the use will be compatible with and will not adversely affect uses on abutting 23 properties and surrounding neighborhoods with consideration 24 being given to harmony; and providing a convenient and 25 26 functional living, working and shopping, etc. nature in its Page 9

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2	In reviewing the county's findings in this matter, we have				
3	difficulty understanding exactly what the county has found.				
4	The Board of County Commissioners adopted the hearings				
5	officer's findings with alterations. Specifically, the Board				
6	of Commissioners concludes on record page 10:				
7	"Having considered the record placed before it and the				
8	arguments made at its hearings on November 22 and December 2, 1982, the Klamath County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the findings of fact and conclusions of law and conditions made by the Hearings Officer in his order of September 14, 1982 except as amended above."				
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11	The "above" amendments for the most part are changes in				
12	conditions originally placed upon the permit by the hearings				
13	officer.				
14	The Board of Commissioners summarized what the hearings				
15	officer had done when it stated:				
15 16	"The Klamath County Hearings Officer reviewed the				
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of a personal use airport into a public airport. Development of such commercial uses would be more appropriately done with an application for a zone change." Record 4.

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4 In addition, the Board of Commissioners found some of the 5 conditions imposed by the hearings officer to be "unnecessarily 6 restrictive." It modified or eliminated certain conditions and 7 imposed others believing it had kept the activities at the 8 airport consistent with the intent of ORS 215.213(2)(g) and had 9 also assured compatibility with surrounding agricultural uses. 10 Those permitted activities are, however, of a commercial nature.

ORS 215.213(2)(g) allows a personal-use airport to be 11 located on land zoned for exclusive farm use provided that 12 specific characteristics of the airport be maintained. The 13 order of the Board of Commissioners exceeds the scope of the 14 standards or conditions imposed on the conditional use airports 15 by the statute. As mentioned above, the use of the airport has 16 not been limited to use by the airport owner or an occasional 17 There has been no finding or condition imposed invited quest. 18 upon the activities of the Juniper Hills Airport that would 19 restrict the use of the airport to "commercial aviation 20 activities in connection with agricultural operations." Among 21 other things, the fact unlimited maintenance and repair can be 22 conducted on aircraft other than those owned or controlled by 23 the owner of the airstrip, without requiring that those 24 aircraft be used in connection with agricultural operations, 25 violates the statute. The failure to limit non-airport owner 26 11 Page

1 use of the facility to infrequent and occasional guests also 2 violates the statute. The parameter of what uses the ³ Aeronautics Division permitted is not in the record but it is 4 safe to say such unlimited use can not possibly be within the meaning of "personal use airport," when that term is used in making land use decisions. As such, the county has created ⁷ something other than a "personal use airport" as provided by ⁸ ORS 215.213(2)(g). We hold the subject airport is for other 9 than "personal use," and, therefore, ORS 215.213(2) has been 10 The operation allowed by the county is not one of violated. 11 the non-farm uses listed in that statute.

12 ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR NO. 2

13 Application of the Statewide Land Use Goals

Petitioner claims the contested permit allows activity on EFU land which does not preserve and maintain agricultural land. Therefore, petitioner argues, Statewide Goal 3 has been violated. Since Statewide Goal 3 is violated, the county was required to take a Goal 2, Part II exception but no exception was taken, argues petitioner.

20 Statewide Goal No. 3 states, in pertinent part:

 "Agriculture lands shall be preserved and maintained for farm use consistent with existing and future needs for agricultural products, forest and open space. These lands shall be inventoried and preserved by adopting exclusive farm use zones pursuant to ORS Chapter 215."

Farm use is defined in Statewide Goal 3 as: 25

26 "Farm use is as set forth in ORS 215.203 and includes the non-farm uses authorized by ORS 215.213."

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Agricultural land is defined as land predominantly Class I-VI soils and other lands which are suitable for farm use. Lands in other classes which are necessary to permit farm practices to be undertaken on adjacent and nearby lands are to be included as agricultural land in any event under the dictates of Statewide Goal 3.

7 The findings of the Board of Commissioners indicate the 8 soils on the property to be used by the airport consist of 9 predominantly SCS Class II, III and IV soils (Record 7; see 10 also Record 95). The Board of Commissioners also found that 11 the land use proposed was consistent with Statewide Goal 3 and 12 the county comprehensive plan. It held:

Personal-use airports, as here approved, are provided for in agricultural areas and nothing is being done to change the agricultural nature of the area."

As we held in the first assignment of error, the county erroneously found the use to be a "personal use airport." The use, therefore, is not a non-farm use allowed on agricultural land by ORS 215.213(2). Since the proposed use is not an allowable non-farm use, the only means by which the applicants could establish the "airport" on the subject property would be to take a Goal 2, Part II exception.

The exception provision of Goal 2, Part II states: "If the exception to the goal is adopted, then the compelling reasons and facts for that conclusion shall be completely set forth in the plan and shall include:

"(a) Why these other uses should be provided for;

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1	"(b) What alternative locations within the area could be used for the proposed uses;		
2	"(c) What are the long term environmental, economic,		
3	social and energy consequences to te locality, the region or the state from not applying the		
4	goal or permitting the alternative use;		
5	"(d) A finding that the proposed uses will be compatible with other adjacent uses."		
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7	The Klamath County Board of Commissioners, because it felt an		
8	exception was not necessary, did not address all the above		
9	required considerations. However, in adopting the hearings		
10	officer's findings, the Board of Commissioners found:		
11	"The use as requested by applicants is for a commercial recreational business to provide a living		
12	for E. A. Bigby; it is only secondarily related to agriculture. * * * The testimony shows that the use of		
13	this airstrip for agricultural purposes would be minimal compared to the requested commercial uses of		
14	aircraft sales and rentals, aircraft maintenance, flight instruction, parking for non-owner aircraft.		
15	There has been no showing by the applicants that the commercial operations requested are necessary for		
16	agricultural purposes. The only need shown for such a commercial operation is to provide financial support		
17	for Mr. Bigby." Record 98.		
18	There is no indication in the Board of Commissioners'		
19	findings that it disagreed with the stated purpose for which		
20	the "airport" was being established. We know of no situation		
21	in which the Land Conservation and Development Commission has		
22	granted an exception to Statewide Goal 3 to provide for a		
23	commercial use on agriculture land, based on the above found		
24	purpose. The desire to establish a means of income for Mr.		
25	Bigby does not amount to compelling reasons and fact to support		
26	an exception to the goal. In addition several alternative		
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locations for commercial service of aircraft were established 1 as set forth in the facts portion of this opinion. The 2 findings do not reveal why those alternative locations would 3 not sufficiently meet the demands of area agriculture, let 4 alone area demands for a commercial maintenance and repair 5 operation. Based on the foregoing, we find that Statewide Goal 6 3 has been violated and no sufficient exception has been taken 7 pursuant to Statewide Goal No. 2, Part II. 8

9 Statewide Goal No. 5

10 Petitioner claims that

11 "conflicting uses for Goal 5 wildlife habitat were identified but no determination of the economic, 12 social, environmental and energy consequences of the conflicting uses was made."

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Statewide Goal No. 5 requires that open space and natural 14 and scenic resources be protected and conserved. The goal 15 states that programs shall be provided that shall insure open 16 space, protect scenic and historic areas and natural resources 17 for future generations and promote healthy and visually 18 attractive environments in harmony with the natural landscape 19 character. It then requires that the quality and quantity of 20 some 12 categories of resources shall be inventoried. If 21 conflicting uses for such resources have been identified, then 22 the economic, social, environmental and energy consequences of 23 the conflicting uses shall be determined and programs developed 24 to achieve the goal of conserving open space and protecting 25 natural and scenic resources. 26

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We find that Statewide Goal 5 has been violated. Petitioner established that this is an area of wildlife habitat and, in fact, Petitioner Kennedy's ranch, comprising about 4,000 acres adjacent to the airstrip, is devoted to a program called "Operation Stronghold" designed for the preservation of bird species native to the area. (Record 158, 225-226, 371). The hearings officer's order contains findings of fact

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8 indicating the applicant's activities are not compatible with 9 the wildlife which resides in the surrounding areas. Those 10 findings include statements that the aviation activities "are 11 not compatible with the wildlife which reside in the Poe Valley 12 and in surrounding areas, and they would adversely affect such 13 wildlife." (Record 100) Further, the adopted findings 14 indicate that

15 "the uses requested by the applicants are not compatible with the wildlife in the surrounding area, and further, that the adverse effects on wildlife would occur not only immediately, but over a long period of time as well, and that the long term affects of allowing such an airstrip would be devastating to the wildlife. * * * The stronghold operation at Lost River Ranch was in existence before the applicants' request was made for this conditional use permit." (Record 100).

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The Board of Commissioners adopted the hearings officer's findings but added there was substantial but conflicting evidence on the issue and concluded that "adverse effects on wildlife may be discounted." It then went on to hold "this conditional use permit calls for a review of the airport at the end of one year. Any documented evidence of injury to stock, Page ¹⁶

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wildlife or people could lead to the modification or revocation of the permit." (Record 3). The net result of adopting and making the above findings becomes confused when the Board of Commissioners stated:

5 "The airport, with the exception of its one building, is essentially an open-space use. The Board finds 6 that the occasional landing or take-off of small aircraft would have no appreciable effect on open 7 space." (Emphasis added) Record 9.

8 In the sentence just prior to the above statement the county9 found, however, that

"A review of the record shows no testimony pertaining to any open space, scenic, or historic areas that
 could be affected by this airport." (Record 9)

Putting together the findings and conclusions of the Board 12 of Commissioners with those adopted from the hearings officer's 13 order results in confusion as to exactly what the county 14 believes about this property. As we interpret the county's 15 findings, in light of the record, this land is apparently 16 governed by Statewide Goal 5. Therefore, while it was making 17 its decision to grant the "airport" it should have adopted 18 findings that identified the economic, social, environmental 19 and energy consequences of the use and developed programs to 20 achieve the protection of the open space. No such findings 21 exist and, therefore, we conclude that Statewide Goal 5 has 22 been violated. 23

24 Decision Violates County's Comprehensive Plan

25 Based on this Board's decisions on petitioner's first three 26 assignments of error, we conclude it is unnecessary to address Page 17

his allegations regarding Klamath County's comprehensive plan. Since the comprehensive plan has not yet been acknowledged, it would serve no purpose to address the plan more than we have The Board of County Commissioners failed to properly already. apply ORS 215.213(2)(g) as well as the statewide goals. То review the comprehensive plan in light of our decisions on those standards would be of little use.

Based on the foregoing, the December 30, 1982, decision of
the Klamath County Board of Commissioners granting Conditional
Use Permit No. 30-82 is reversed.²

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3	l The	provisions of the code are
4 5	"a.	The use is conditionally permitted in the zone in which it is proposed to be located;
6 7	"b.	The location, size, design and operating characteristics of the proposed use is [sic] in conformance with the Klamath County Comprehensive Plan;
8 9 .10	"c.	The location, size, design and operating characteristics of the proposed development will be compatible with and will not adversely affect the livability or appropriate development of abutting properties and surrounding
11 12		neighborhood. Consideration shall be given to harmony and scale, bulk, coverage and density; to availability of civic facilities and utilities;
13		to harmful effects upon desirable neighborhood character; to the generation of traffic and the capacity of surrounding streets; and to any other relevant impact of the development.
14 15 16	"d.	The location, design and site planning of the proposed development will provide a convenient and functional living, working and shopping or civic environment and will be as attractive as
17 18		the nature of the use and its location and setting warrant."
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20	2 The determin	LCDC returned the following statement in its
21	"The	Aeronautics Division has expressed concern about
22		effect of this opinion on its statutory authority er ORS 215.213(2)(g). As we read the opinion, it
23	autł	s not determine the scope of the Division's nority but only holds that in this case the County
24	defi	oved activities that exceed the statutory Inition of 'personal use airport'. Since the
25	cons	stion primarily involves a matter of statutory struction rather than goal policy, the Commission
26	woul	ld not object if LUBA wishes to clarify its opinion

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with respect to the Aeronautics Division's concerns, providing it does not produce a different result in the case." We appreciate the comment and add only that the commission (LCDC) is correct in its reading of the opinion. We adopted the Aeronautics Division own interpretation of its mandate and authority (see assignment no. 1). It is the local government's responsibility to determine in the context of land use laws whether a set of activities is allowed by ORS 215.213(g) as an acceptable non-farm use on EFU land. As the Aeronautics Division stated, the local government's definition of a personal use airport can be more restrictive than the Divisions. We have held that the Klamath County's definition should have been more restrictive based on the land use implications of that decision. Page

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Final Opinion 2 and Order for LUBA No. 83-011, on June 6, 1983, by mailing to said parties or their attorney a true copy thereof contained in 3 a sealed envelope with postage prepaid addressed to said 4 parties or their attorney as follows:

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