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Oregon State Board of Agriculture

RE: Public Comments on *Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands*

Friends of Douglas County is a grassroots organization that advocates for the preservation of farm and forest lands in Douglas County. We would like to voice our concerns on the increasing number of agri-tourism and entertainment activities occurring on ag lands. We do not oppose such activities, but believe there needs to be balance between the activities and the resource use of the land.

Friends of Douglas County specifically wants to urge the continued inclusion in the resolutions to reflect that agri-tourism events and activities:

- Be incidental to the overall predominate resource use of the land.
- Be directly related to the products raised on the farm.
- Be required that activities will not significantly impact the farm practices on adjacent and nearby resource properties.

Friends of Douglas County supports a repeat of the Resolution 310 numbers 1-6, and would like to see the addition of a monitoring for compliance and enforcement resolution. Surrounding farmers should not be responsible for monitoring these events. When conditions are not followed and surrounding farmers are negatively impacted, damages should be paid by the agri-tourism venue.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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