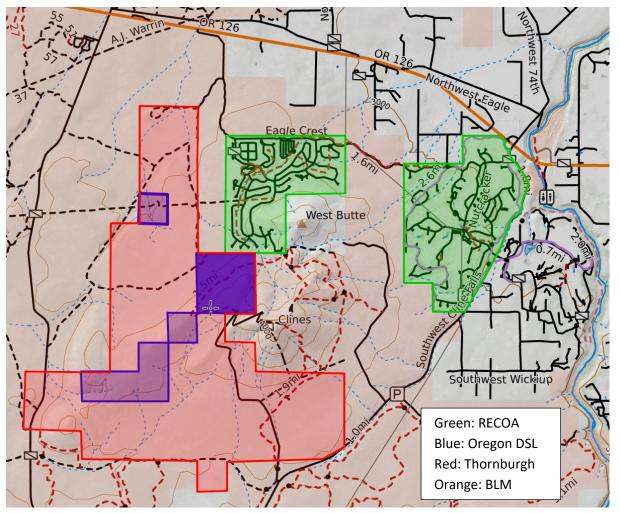
The RECOA Board has been advised of the potential sale of 400 acres of property that adjoins RECOA. This property is frequently used by many owners for hiking and recreation. The intended buyer is the developer of the massive Thornburgh development, who will incorporate the property into their development.

If this sale happens it will bring the Thornburgh development right up to the Eagle Crest fence line and almost up to the summit of Cline Buttes.

The recent Thornburgh construction work adjacent to Cline Falls Highway has cut off access to Cline Buttes from that direction. This proposed sale would cut off even more access for Eagle Crest homeowners to the Cline Buttes Recreation Area.



The property being sold is currently managed and owned by the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL). Many believe the proposed sale is contrary to the mission of DSL and will certainly not benefit Eagle Crest homeowners who currently use the property for recreation purposes.

In the map above you can see how large the Thornburgh development is and how the deep blue shaded land (160 acres) currently owned by the DSL is in no way essential to the development of the already huge amount of land that they have.

So, what can homeowners do about this?

Before 3/17/2022 comments can be sent to:

realproperty@state.or.gov

You must reference transaction number 63509-LS

You can get more information and submit comments through this web page: <u>https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Land/Pages/Sales.aspx</u>

There is also a public Zoom meeting on March 10th at 6pm to discuss this sale.

This meeting can be accessed at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86820212686?pwd=RHBONE9UWXNMMIhtT1g4V TZGRE9CUT09

The following email from DSL outlines the current process of reviewing the sale of the 400 acres.

From: DSL Realproperty * DSL
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:04 AM
To: DSL Realproperty * DSL <<u>Realproperty.DSL@dsl.oregon.gov</u>>
Subject: Opportunity to Comment on Potential State Land Sale

We are reaching out to inform you that the Department of State Lands is reviewing a request to sell parcels of state-owned land located near Cline Butte in Deschutes County.

The parcels are north of Tumalo and southeast of Eagle Crest resort. Many of the parcels are located adjacent to tax lots owned by the purchase applicant, Central Land & Cattle Company, LLC. The legal location of the parcels is listed as: approximately 400 acres in Township 15 South, Range 12 East, Sections 17, 20, 21, 29 and 30, Tax Lots 5101, 5102, 5103, 5104, 5200 and 5300.

The transaction number for this potential sale is 63509-LS

How to Provide Public Comment

You may provide public comment on the potential sale by **March 17, 2022**. Comments may be submitted by mail, email, web form or during public meetings. For current information and to

submit a comment, please visit the Oregon Department of State Lands webpage at: <u>https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Land/Pages/Sales.aspx</u>.

Virtual Public Meeting and Hearing

A public meeting and hearing will held via Zoom to provide more information on the potential sale and accept public comment. The meeting and hearing will take place **March 10 from 6-8 p.m**. During the meeting, DSL will provide an overview of the potential sale and discuss information gathered as part of due diligence. The meeting will be directly followed by a hearing, during which the public may provide comments. For information on how to join the public meeting and hearing, visit <u>https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Land/Pages/Sales.aspx</u>.

Background

On October 12, 2021, the Oregon State Land Board directed its administrative agency, the Department of State Lands, to examine the potential sale of the land. The parcels are classified as *Common School Fund Trust Land*, lands that were granted to Oregon by the federal government for the purpose of generating revenue for the Common School Fund, which benefits K-12 education.

In addition to public comment, numerous studies will be undertaken to evaluate the property and identify potential financial, natural resource, recreational, or cultural resource impacts of the sale.

Once the public comment period has ended and reports from studies have been received, information gathered will be provided to the State Land Board, which will make the final decision about the transaction.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may email the Department of State Lands Real Property Program at <u>realproperty@state.or.us</u>, or contact the Real Property Program in writing at:

Oregon Department of State Lands Real Property Program 951 SW Simpson Ave., Suite #104 Bend, OR 97702

About the Department of State Lands: The Department of State Lands manages approximately 750,000 acres of lands and assets across Oregon on behalf of the State Land Board. Revenue from leases, easements, and other authorizations to use these resources benefit Oregon's Common School Fund, which distributes tens of millions of dollars to Oregon K-12 schools every year. In 2021, the Common School Fund provided approximately \$60 million to Oregon's public schools.