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RE: Coquille Valley Wildlife Area Management

Dear Ms. <sup>Sharon</sup> Waterman:

This letter is in response to your recent request for a letter of assurance related to potential impacts to your adjacent properties resulting from the restoration and management of Coquille Valley Wildlife Area.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) proposes to restore and operate the Winter Lake Unit of the Coquille Valley Wildlife Area (CVWA) in a manner that is compatible with neighboring land use. Specific management goals and objectives will be presented to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission for approval in April this year.

Within the management plan and through the public outreach meetings, ODFW has made a commitment to use adaptive management to ensure ODFW initiated actions related to wetland restoration and water level management within the wildlife area will not adversely modify hydrology on neighboring properties. In addition, as part of our vision statement, the draft management plan states that: *"Management of CVWA will protect, enhance, and restore aquatic, riparian and upland habitats in the Coquille Valley in a manner that is compatible with neighboring land use."*

Thank you for communicating your concerns. Please let me know if you have any additional questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Curt Melcher  
Director  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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