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Subject: Letter of Support for the Upper Deschutes River Coalition

To Whom It May Concern:

Deschutes County and Project Wildfire support the proposal submitted by the Upper Deschutes River Coalition for funding from The Collins Foundation for \$25,000. The project proposed by the Upper Deschutes River Coalition will achieve multiple goals set forth in their 2013 Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Activities proposed would increase cooperation between private and public entities, create a more resilient landscape, and reduce hazardous fuels in an area that directly borders the most at risk wildland urban interface communities in the Upper Deschutes River Basin.

Working across boundaries in local wildland urban interface communities will yield secondary benefits such as increased trust in public agencies, better neighbor relationships, and a healthier, more resilient landscape. This proposal is a proactive step toward central Oregon residents and the Deschutes National Forest being able to safely live with wildland fire.

Sincerely,

THE DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Alan Unger, Chair

Tammy Baney, Commissioner

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