



NON-RESOURCE LANDS PROGRAM



PANEL DISCUSSION:
DESCHUTES COUNTY
AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY AND
POTENTIAL IMPACTS



Deschutes County Planning Commission
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Non-Resource Lands Program

- Potential New Comprehensive Plan Designation and Zone
- Considered for lands that do not meet the definition of agricultural lands found in Statewide Planning Goal 3 and administrative rules due to:
 - Poor soil conditions
 - Lack of irrigation
 - Climate conditions
 - Other relevant factors, including but not limited to past use.



Introductory Panel Discussion

- History of Agricultural Land Use Regulation in Oregon and Deschutes County
- Included Representatives From:
 - Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
 - Oregon Department of Agriculture
 - Deschutes County



Deschutes County Agriculture Panel

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Matt Cyrus	Deschutes County Farm Bureau
Liz Dickson	Central Oregon Irrigation District Legal Counsel
Tammy Harty	Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District
Jon Jinings	Dept. of Land Conservation and Development

Agriculture Panel Talking Points

- Land characteristics that support or present barriers to productive agriculture operations in Deschutes County.
- Potential impacts (positive/negative/neutral) of establishing a non-resource lands designation and zone option.
- Other Consideration

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Next Steps...

- Develop a framework based on:
 - ▣ Information provided during the panel discussions
 - ▣ Existing non-resource land programs in Crook and Jackson counties
 - ▣ The Southern Oregon Pilot Project for Regional Farm and Forest Land Conservation
 - ▣ Recent, relevant hearings officer decisions
- Framework will be presented to the Planning Commission in January
- Comprehensive public outreach campaign to solicit feedback

