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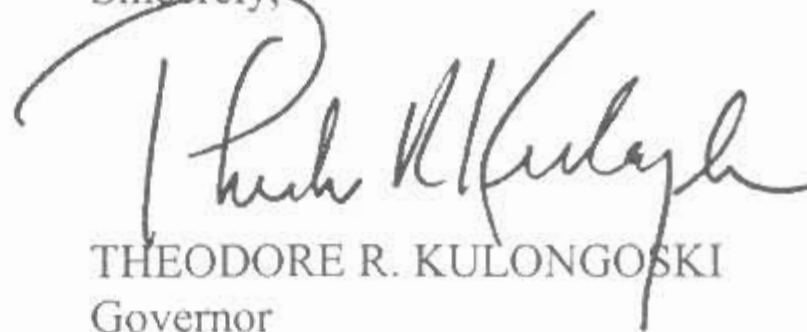
Dear Commissioner Boswell, Mayor Kite-Martin, Ms. Snyder and Ms. Walker:

Your letter requesting the Wallowa County Hands on Lands project to be designated as an Oregon Solutions project has reached me and because the project supports Oregon's economic, social, and environmental objectives and by this letter, I designate this as an Oregon Solutions project. I also appoint Ben Boswell to serve as the project convener.

I appreciate that you have brought this project to my attention. Maintaining public lands, building healthy watersheds, reducing hazardous fuels in the forest, creating jobs and training a workforce are all very critical issues for many communities. By engaging state agencies, the local jurisdictions, non-profits and businesses, the outcome will be sustainable for the community and also has the potential to serve as a model for other communities in this state and for other parts of the country.

The Oregon Solutions approach will help you accelerate the pace of the project, overcome potential impediments early on and bring effective partners to the table. The Oregon Solutions staff will help you assemble a team of public and private partners to develop an integrated strategy, and to sign a "Declaration of Cooperation" for the project. I am enthusiastic about the potential of this project and ask that you please keep me updated on future progress.

Sincerely,



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