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Dear Director Decker and Director VanLaanen:

I am informed that your agencies have been making great strides toward achieving the planning objectives for the Salmonberry Trail as outlined in Senate Bill 1516. The efforts that your core group of stakeholders have made toward adopting a Concept Plan within the 86-mile rail corridor between the city of Banks and the Tillamook Air Museum have been well spent, and I believe the neutral forum of Oregon Solutions is ideal for helping to establish the governance structure for the Salmonberry Coalition moving forward. Therefore, I am pleased to designate this short-term governance determination process as an Oregon Solutions Project and I am designating both of you in your roles as key agency directors to lead this effort as co-conveners.

The agreement on the governance structure will provide the Coalition with a template for advancing the implementation of the concept plan including how to reach collaborative agreements on overall project priorities and management functions. The governance plan should also identify the means to perpetually engage a broad group of key stakeholders from the public, private, and non-profit sectors in the ongoing efforts to achieve implementation of the plan in an orderly and timely manner. Lastly, this effort should identify fiscal responsibilities and opportunities for management, capital construction, and maintenance of the corridor. This appears to be an excellent intergovernmental Oregon Solutions project.

Please keep my office updated on this effort and thank you for the identification of this important collaboration. This project addresses important priorities in the state for tourism, recreation, and environmental education.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

cc: Betsy Johnson, State Senator  
Mark Ellsworth, North Coast Regional Solutions Coordinator  
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