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Dear Directors Sumption, Hinz, Garrett and Interim Executive Director Eliason,

I am informed that your agencies have been making great strides toward achieving the planning objectives for the Oregon Coast Trail (OCT) as outlined in HB 3149 legislation from the 2017 Legislative session. The efforts that your coordination team have made toward developing an action plan to complete the OCT have been well focused, and I believe the elevated, neutral forum of Oregon Solutions is ideal for helping to establish the governance structure for finalizing an action plan and moving forward with implementation. Therefore, I am pleased to designate the necessary governance determination process as an Oregon Solutions Project. I am designating State Representative David Brock Smith and Oregon Parks Commissioner Doug Deur to lead this effort as co-conveners.

My understanding is the action plan will address gaps in the trail and related safety issues through a partnership with the AOC's County Solutions Program. The agreement on the governance structure will provide the OCT a coordinated framework for adopting and advancing the implementation of the action 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 Trail.



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

Sincerely,

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Governor Kate Brown

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