



KATE BROWN
Governor

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Mayor Linda Spencer
Butte Falls City Hall
431 Broad St
Butte Falls, OR 97522

Bill Thorndike
Medford Fabrication
1109 Court St.
Medford, OR 97501

Dear Mayor Spencer & Mr. Thorndike:

I received the request that the Butte Falls Community Forest be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. The collaborative effort between key regional stakeholders such as the City of Butte Falls, Jackson County, Butte Falls School District, public and private forest agencies, local businesses, and others will demonstrate how rural communities and agents can come together to create a sustainable economy through resilient forest management practices.

I am pleased to designate the Butte Falls Community Forest as an Oregon Solutions project and to appoint Bill Thorndike and Butte Falls Mayor Linda Spencer as the co-conveners, leading a team of public, private, and civic partners. With Oregon Solutions' support, the partners will continue to work toward creative solutions to develop a sustainable forest that engages the local residents and regional visitors in creating a vibrant and healthy rural community and economy.

Thank you for leading this collaborative project and the accomplishments demonstrated thus far. Please keep my office updated on this effort. Your work will support Oregonians living in the region and throughout the state, as well as provide an example of innovation for others.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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