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RACIAL EQUITY STATEMENT:

The Oregon Department of State Lands is committed to the fair, just, and unbiased treatment of people of all races. Actively identifying and addressing inequities to ensure inclusive public service is one of the Department's core values.

Evaluating who proposed administrative rules will impact, and how the rules may impact some groups of people differently than others, is essential to providing equitable service. During the rulemaking process for Wetland Delineation Report Requirements and Jurisdictional Determinations rules, the Department and the Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) examined the following to ultimately determine the impacts the proposed rules may have on racial equity:

- What persons and groups are subject to the rules?
 - RAC discussion identified several groups affected by the rules: property owners, developers, natural resource consultants, and state and other municipal agencies.
- What issues are the rules seeking to address? Which racial groups are likely to be affected by those issues?
 - The rules seek to address common reasons Department staff need to request additional information, conduct multiple site visits, or reject wetland delineation reports. All Oregon property owners, regardless of race, are likely to be affected by these rule changes. The changes will ensure information received is consistent and in a modern format to allow for more efficient review and easier sharing that helps the public identify approximate locations of wetlands and other waters and avoid unintended impacts.
- Ultimately, what impacts do these rules have on racial equity?
 - The Department has determined, in agreement with the RAC and through careful consideration and evaluation, that these rules are unlikely to impact racial equity in Oregon.