

## **Department of State Lands**

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State Land Board

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TO: INTERESTED PARTY

FROM: Oregon Department of State Lands

RE: BLM Classification Decision for In Lieu Lands

Tobias Read State Treasurer

When Oregon became a state in 1859, the federal government granted Sections 16 and 36 of every township to the state for the support of its public schools. However, not all of these lands of sections 16 and 36 were available because the land was already settled or otherwise reserved. Therefore, the federal government was required to provide other lands in lieu of Sections 16 and 36. There remain approximately 1,400 acres of these "In Lieu" lands owed to Oregon from the federal government.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is working with the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) to identify In Lieu lands. Attached is the BLM Proposed Classification Decision, which is a public notice that two forestland properties in Linn County have been identified to meet criteria for In Lieu lands owed to the State of Oregon, and are described as follows:

BLM Identifier: OROR 70353; DSL Application 64522-LA Willamette Meridian, T. 14 S., R. 1 E., sec.26, SE1/4NE1/4. 40.5 acres.

BLM Identifier: OROR 70385; DSL Application 64523-LA Willamette Meridian, T. 12 S., R. 4 E., sec.30, SE1/4SW1/4; sec. 31, Lot 1, NE1/4NW1/4. 121.6 acres

This notice is to inform you that both a federal and state comment period is open on the consideration of these lands as potential In Lieu school lands for transferring from the BLM to Oregon Department of State Lands. The Department will collect public comments until 5:00 pm on April 9, 2024.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may email the Department of State Lands Real Property Program at <a href="mailto:realproperty@dsl.state.or.us">realproperty@dsl.state.or.us</a>, or contact the Real Property Program in writing at:

Oregon Department of State Lands Real Property Program 951 SW Simpson Ave., Ste. 104 Bend, OR 97702

Alternatively, or additionally, you may contact the BLM, as indicated in the linked notice.

