

Section 5.10 Goal Exception Statements

Background

The purpose of this section is to identify the lands where Deschutes County demonstrated an exception to meeting the requirements of the Statewide Planning Goals. The intent of goal exceptions is to allow some flexibility in rural areas under strictly defined circumstances. Goal exceptions are defined and regulated by Statewide Planning Goal 2 and Oregon Administrative Rule 660-004 (excerpt below).

660-004-0000(2) An exception is a decision to exclude certain land from the requirements of one or more applicable statewide goals in accordance with the process specified in Goal 2, Part II, Exceptions. The documentation for an exception must be set forth in a local government's comprehensive plan. Such documentation must support a conclusion that the standards for an exception have been met.

Statewide Planning Goals with Deschutes County Exceptions

- Goal 3 Agricultural Lands
- Goal 4 Forest Lands
- Goal 11 Public Facilities and Services
- Goal 14 Urbanization

Three types of exceptions are permitted by Oregon Administrative Rule 660-004

- Irrevocably committed
- Physically developed
- Reasons

The summary below identifies approved goal exceptions and identifies the adopting ordinance for those interested in further information. The ordinances listed are incorporated by reference into this Plan.

1979 Exceptions

Comprehensive Plan entire County – PL 20 - 1979

During the preparation of the 1979 Comprehensive Plan it was apparent that many rural lands had already received substantial development and were committed to non-resource uses. Areas were examined and identified where Goal 3 and 4 exceptions were taken. At this time exceptions to Goals 11 and 14 were not required.

The total area excepted was 41,556 acres. These lands were residentially developed, committed to development or needed for rural service centers.

Additional Exceptions

Bend Municipal Airport – Ordinances 80-203, 1980 and 80-222, 1980

The Bend Municipal Airport received an exception to Goal 3 to allow for the necessary and expected use of airport property.

La Pine UUC Boundary – Ordinance 98-001, 1998

Exceptions to Goals 3, 11 and 14 were taken to allow lands to be included in the La Pine UUC boundary and planned and zoned for commercial use.

Spring River Rural Service Center – Ordinances 90-009, 1990; 90-010, 1990; 96-022, 1996; 96-045,, 1996

A reasons exception was taken to Goal 14 to allow the establishment of the Spring River Rural Service Center on residentially designated lands.

Burgess Road and Highway 97 – Ordinance 97-060, 1997

An exception was taken to Goal 4 to allow for road improvements.

Rural Industrial Zone – Ordinances 2010-030, 2010; 2009-007, 2009

Two separate ordinances for rural industrial uses. The 2009 exception included an irrevocably committed exception to Goal 3 and a reasons exception to Goal 14 with a Limited Use Combining Zone for storage, crushing, processing, sale and distribution of minerals. The 2010 exception took a reasons exception to Goal 14 with a Limited Use Combining Zone for storage, crushing, processing, sale and distribution of minerals.

Prineville Railway – Ordinance 98-017

An exception was taken to Goal 3 to accommodate the relocation of the Redmond Railway Depot and the use of the site for an historic structure to be utilized in conjunction with the Crooked River Dinner Train operations.

Resort Communities – Ordinance 2001-047, 2001

An exception was taken to Goal 4 for Black Butte Ranch and Inn of the 7th Mountain/Widgi Creek during the designation of those communities as Resort Communities under OAR 660-22.

Barclay Meadows Business Park – Ordinance 2003-11, 2003

A reasons exception was taken to Goal 3 to include certain property within the Sisters Urban Growth Boundary.

Sisters School District # 6 – Ordinance 2003-11, 2003

A reasons exception was taken to Goal 3 to include certain property within the Sisters Urban Growth Boundary.

Sisters Organization of Activities and Recreation and Sisters School District #6 – Ordinance 2003-017, 2003

A reasons exception was taken to Goal 4 to include certain property within the Sisters Urban Growth Boundary.

Oregon Water Wonderland Unit 2 Sewer District – Ordinances 2010-015, 2010; 2003-015, 2003

A reasons exception was taken to Goals 4 and 11 to allow uses approved by the Board of County Commissioners in PA-02-5 and ZC-02-3 as amended by PA-09-4.

City of Bend Urban Growth Boundary Amendment (Juniper Ridge) – Ordinance 97-060. 1997

An exception was taken to Goal 3 to allow an amendment of the Bend Urban Growth Boundary to incorporate 513 acres for industrial uses.

Joyce Coats Revocable Trust Johnson Road and Tumalo Reservoir Road Properties – Ordinance 2005-015, 2005

An irrevocably committed exception was taken to Goal 3 to allow a change of comprehensive plan designation from Surface Mining to Rural Residential Exception Area and zoning from Surface Mining to Multiple Use Agriculture for Surface Mine Sites 306 and 307.

Watson/Generation Development inc – Ordinance 2005-015

An exception was taken to Goal 3 to include a portion of agricultural property.

Oregon Department of Transportation – Ordinance 2005-019, 2005

An exception was taken to Goal 3 to include a portion of agricultural property.

Conklin/Eady Property – Ordinance 2005-035, 2005

An exception was taken to Goal 3 to include a portion of agricultural property.

City of Sisters Property – Ordinance 2005-037, 2005

An exception was taken to Goal 4 to include a portion of forest property.

McKenzie Meadows Property – Ordinance 2005-039, 2005

An exception was taken to Goal 4 to include a portion of forest property.

Bend Metro Park and Recreation District Properties – Ordinance 2006-025

A reasons exception was taken to Goal 3 to include a portion of agricultural property.

Harris and Nancy Kimble Property and Portion of CLR, Inc Property A.K.A. the Klippel Pit Property – Ordinance 2008-001, 2008

An irrevocably committed exception was taken to Goal 3 to allow reclassification and zoning from Surface Mine to Rural Residential Exception Area and Rural Residential 10 acre for Surface Mine Site 294.

Sunriver Service District, Sunriver Fire Department – Ordinance 2014-021, 2014

A reasons exception was taken to Goal 4 to include a portion of forest property. To ensure that the uses in the Sunriver Utility District Zone on the approximate 4.28 acre site of Tax Lot 102 on Deschutes County Assessor's Map 19-11-00 are limited in nature and scope to those justifying the exception to Goal 4 for the site, the Sunriver Forest (SUF) zoning on the subject site shall be subject to a Limited Use Combining Zone, which will limit the uses on the subject site to a fire training facility and access road for the Sunriver Service District and Sunriver Fire Department.

Frances Ramsey Trust Property – Ordinance 2014-027, 2014

An "irrevocably committed" exception was taken to Goal 14 to allow for reclassification and rezoning from agricultural property to Rural Industrial for a 2.65 acre portion of a parcel zoned EFU/RI.

Westside Transect Zone – Ordinances 2019 – 001, 2019

Reasons exceptions to Goals 3, 4, and 14 were taken to allow the application of the Westside Transect Zone to 717 acres of land on the west side of Bend between the urban area and the park and public lands to the west for the development of stewardship communities where low density residential communities are developed and managed to protect wildlife habitat and establish wildfire mitigation and prevention strategies.

City of Bend Outback Water Facility Sewer – Ordinance 2020-003, 2020

Reasons exception to Goal 11 was taken to allow use of an existing process water line to transport both process water and sewage on rural lands outside of the City of Bend Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The sewage transported is produced exclusively at the Bend Outback Water Facility.

McKenzie Meadow Village, LLC – Ordinance No. 2025-015

Reasons exception to Goal 4 was taken to allow for redesignation and rezoning from Forest/F2 to Rural Residential Exception Area/Multiple Use Agricultural (MUA10) for 58 acres adjacent to City of Sisters Urban Growth Boundary.