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Dear Mr. Russell:

Let me begin by apologizing for missing the panel discussion on Rural Economic Development Opportunities held last Thursday evening. As we have discussed, I had an unavoidable conflict come up. It sounds like it was an interesting discussion and I regret not being available to attend.

Local planning programs in Oregon operate under a system of state statutes and administrative rules. This is particularly true of rural planning programs administered by counties. While there may be minor differences due to local implementation measures (ie., review protocols, land use fees, etc...) or local policy choices to be more restrictive than state law, the fundamental framework remains intact. Put another way, county planning programs essentially operate from the same playbook.

Oregon Revised Statutes are the principal source for uses that may be considered on lands planned and zoned for exclusive farm use. ORS 215.283(1), (2) and (3) identify many farm and nonfarm related activities that can produce economic benefits at the local level. These uses range from wineries and farm stands to agritourism. ORS Chapter 215 also includes provisions for uses like home occupations and guest ranches. Please see ORS 215.448 and ORS 215.461, respectively.

County decisions on lands planned and zoned for exclusive farm use are annually provided to the department. This information is published in our Farm and Forest Reports, which we are required to furnish every two years. The most recent report was issued in November 2020 and covered the 2018-2019 period. The information included in this report shows the total number of land use decisions made during that time, as well as, county by county figures. For example, Table 5. of the most current report shows that 51 "Commercial Activities in Conjunction with Farm Use" were approved in Oregon in 2018-2019. Deschutes and Jefferson counties each contributed a single approval in this category while Crook County had none. A link to the report is provided below. Previous copies are available upon request.

[https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/Publications/2018-2019\\_Farm\\_Forest\\_Report.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/Publications/2018-2019_Farm_Forest_Report.pdf)

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I hope this information is helpful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to further assist Deschutes County in this regard. Feel free to contact me directly by phone at 541-325-6928 or by email at [jon.jinings@dlcd.oregon.gov](mailto:jon.jinings@dlcd.oregon.gov).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Jinings". The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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