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Notice of Proposed Amendments to Administrative Rules Regarding Metro Urban and Rural Reserves

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TO: Interested Persons
FROM: The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) is considering amendments to administrative rules regarding urban and rural reserves in the Portland Metro area. The proposed amendments to rules under OAR 660-027-0070 would modify provisions that currently prohibit counties from making certain amendments to plans and land use regulations currently applied to areas designated as urban or rural reserves. The proposed amended rules would continue most restrictions on future amendments to plans and land use regulations in reserves, but would authorize certain future amendments related to:

- Regional roads and other transportation facilities
- Changing farm zoning to forest zoning, or forest zoning to farm zoning, and
- Changing allowed uses on rural parcels currently zoned industrial, residential or commercial under a previous "exception" to LCDC's farmland and/or forest land protection requirements.

LCDC will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed rule amendments in Salem on September 2, 2010. The meeting, which includes other agenda items, will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Agriculture Building, 635 Capitol Street NE, Salem. Interested persons may address LCDC concerning the proposal at that time, or may provide written comments. Written comments in advance are encouraged, and comments received prior to 20 will be attached to the packet of materials mailed to LCDC in advance of the hearing. Written comments will be accepted until the close of the hearing on September 2, 2010.

Address written comments to the Chair of the Land Conservation and Development Commission care of Casaria Tuttle at the department's address above, or email comments to casaria.r.tuttle@state.or.us. Fax comments to 503-378-5518.

After completion of public testimony on September 2, LCDC may adopt amendments to these rules. If so, the amendments would become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State approximately September 20, 2010. A draft and other information about the proposed rules and the process leading up to the proposal is posted on DLCD's website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/rulemaking.shtml>

If you have questions about the proposed rule amendments and this rule amendment process, please contact Bob Rindy at (503) 373-0050 Ext. 229; email bob.rindy@state.or.us.