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**Governor taps DLCD's Richard Whitman; LCDC appoints Jerry Lidz as acting director of DLCD**

Governor Kitzhaber appointed DLCD's director Richard Whitman to serve as his interim Natural Resources Advisor. "I am excited that Richard will be joining my team as my Natural Resources Advisor," said Governor Kitzhaber. "Richard's expertise and experience are unmatched. I can't think of a better person to ensure stewardship of Oregon's natural wealth is a cornerstone of our effort to build a more prosperous state."

The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) has appointed Jerry Lidz acting director of DLCD. Jerry will be in the acting director role effective Monday, March 7 through June 2011. "DLCD is at the hub of so many efforts to maintain and enhance Oregon's best qualities," Jerry commented. "I'm excited by the opportunity to work with dedicated people on so many important and innovative projects."

Jerry Lidz comes to DLCD with substantial experience in both state and local government. He held several positions in the Department of Justice, including Attorney-in-Charge of the Natural Resources Section. In 2009-10, he served as Solicitor General, head of the Appellate Division of the Oregon Department of Justice. For more than 13 years, he also worked as a city attorney for cities ranging in size from 1500 to 150,000, most recently in the Eugene City Attorney's office. He is a past president of the Oregon City Attorneys Association.

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