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Chair Marsh and Committee Members
Housing and Homelessness Committee
900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Oppose HB 2422

Dear Chair Marsh and Committee Members,

Jefferson County Farm Bureau is a member of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF).

As a county farm bureau, we oppose HB 2422. We opposed SB 391 in 2021. The bill passed and that bill is not even fully in practice and the Home Builders and Oregon Property Owners Association want more “dirt” to build upon and for their clients to have a backyard as they stated when they testified. They also talked about only one percent of Oregon’s lands being used for housing. Please see the included map (provided from Association of Counties) on generalized zoning in Oregon.

In our opinion HB 2422 misses the point of addressing the housing crisis when looking at the problem in a holistic view. People that need housing need housing for their families that provide heat, water and services that most of us take for granted.

The original intent of HB 2422 is to look at increasing the development density in the rural residential areas in each county. There always needs to be time to allow the bills passed to work and in land use it is always key to allow citizen input because we are the ones that live in the areas that will be impacted.

Every session the legislature passes funding to aid in infrastructure (this session is no different) for water and sewer for rural areas, HB 2422 if passes will just continue to add to the need for funding to resolve the problem in rural areas.

Please, do not adopt HB 2422. Agriculture needs “dirt” to farm to feed families.

Sincerely,

Mickey Killingsworth

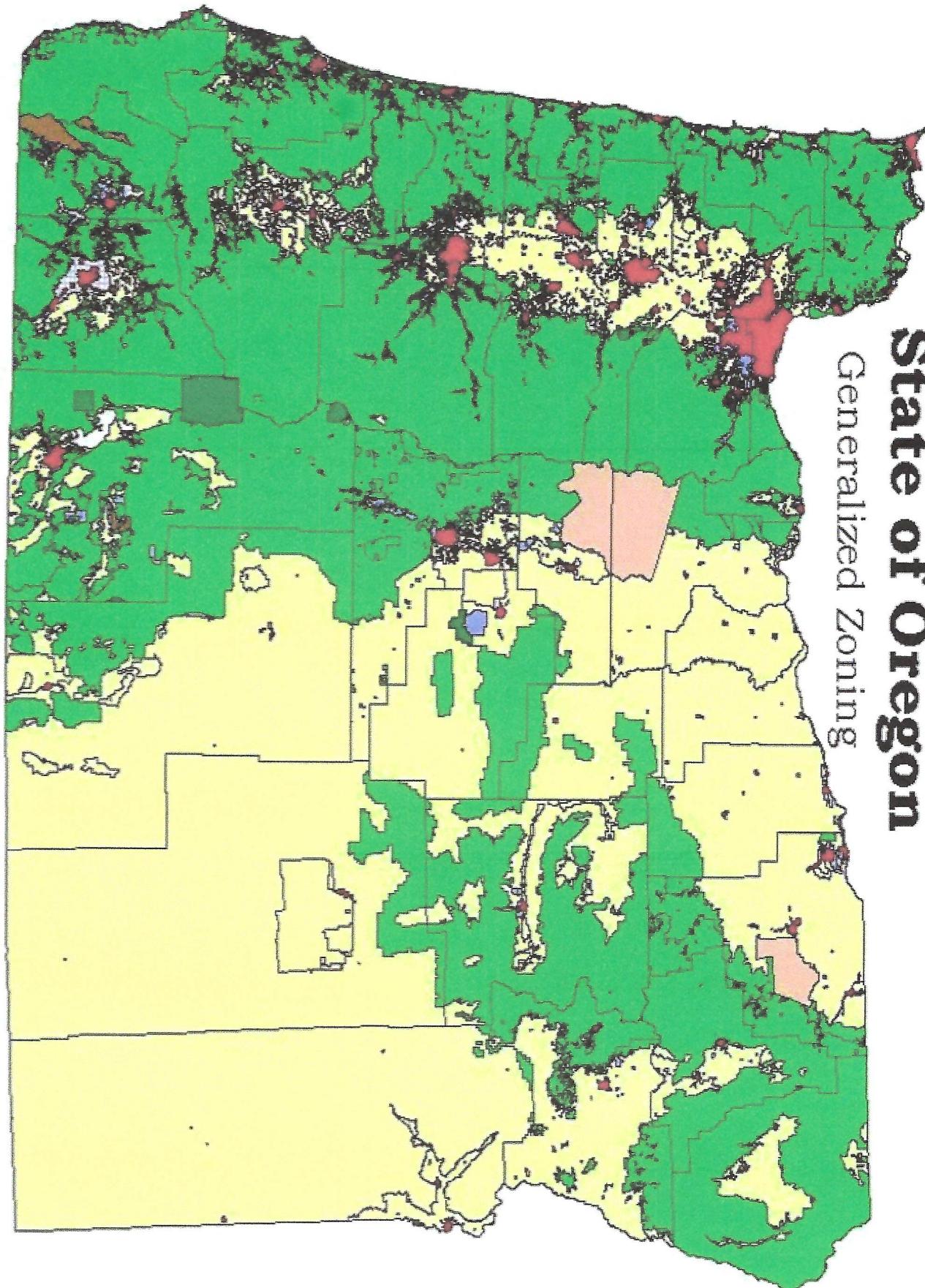
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Home of North Unit Irrigation District

State of Oregon

Generalized Zoning



Exclusive Farm Use
Forest
Rural Residential
Urban
Park / Recreation
Reservation
Non-Resource
Rural Commercial & Industrial
Rural Residential and Farm
[too mixed to depict accurately at this scale]