

John Jezuit

From: Sandy & Alan House <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:55 PM
To: Chris Paasch; Court Boice; Sue Gold; John Jezuit
Cc: Bob Morrow
Subject: I Support the Floras Lake Land W=Swap

Categories: Orange Category

Sandy House
Langlois OR Resident

John Jezuit

From: Ann Vileisis <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:15 PM
To: Chris Paasch; Court Boice; Sue Gold
Cc: John Jezuit; Julie Schmelzer
Subject: Agenda Item 7A Floras Lake lands exchange proposal
Attachments: KAS to Curry BOC, Floras Lake land exchange_3.12.2019.pdf
Categories: Orange Category

Dear Commissioners Paasch, Boice, and Gold,

I ask that you please consider my letter regarding the proposed Floras Lake land exchange proposal, item 7A, on your meeting agenda tomorrow.

All best,

Ann

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John Jezuit

From: Peter Graff <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 4:44 PM
To: John Jezuit
Subject: Fwd: Floras Lake Land Swap: Please proceed with either Alternative 1 or 2
Categories: Orange Category

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Graff <(b) (1) (A)>
Subject: Floras Lake Land Swap: Please proceed with either Alternative 1 or 2
Date: March 12, 2019 at 4:31:57 PM PDT
To: PaaschC@co.curry.or.us

Dear Commisioners,

My wife and I are taxpayers in Curry County and have been living in Port Orford for about 10 years. We greatly enjoy being able to walk throughout the North County and in particular the area south of Floras Lake and in the vicinity of Blacklock Point. We participated in the public meeting/workshop in Langlois in 2017, at which the desire for conservation—as opposed to development—of the area was virtually unanimous.

We realize the County's critical need for revenue, but have to agree that development of the area is not feasible due to access problems and the fact that roads and development of the area would destroy the very primitive nature of the area that makes it so appealing. It truly is "another world," and it would be a great shame for the County to disrupt it in a misguided effort at turning a profit beyond what can be realized from the parcel on Hwy. 101 which the County will receive.

We strongly urge the Board to move ahead with final negotiations with OPRD on proceeding with either of their Alternatives 1 or 2, rather than kicking that can down the road again.

Sincerely, Peter Graff

John Jezuit

From: DEANNA MCDERMOTT <(b) (1) (A) >
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 4:41 PM
To: John Jezuit
Subject: Floras Lake Land Swam

Categories: Orange Category

Dear Commissioner Jezuit

I have lived in Langlois area for more than 40 years and think that Floras Lake and the surrounding areas should be preserved as is. The adjacent wetlands are vital for the local flora and fauna, for example. The land in question should be traded as to keep anyone from trying to develop or log it. A kayak or other camp in keeping with the spirit of the Lake would be great.

So I urge you to consider the plans as presented, preferably plan B, but plan A also acceptable.

Thank you. Deanna McDermott

John Jezuit

From: Stevan Morrow <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:13 PM
To: John Jezuit
Subject: Flores Lake land Swap

Categories: Orange Category

As a frequent visitor to visit my brother who lives in the area, we often go down to Flores Lake, a beautiful part of the area. Please make responsible decisions regarding this beautiful area.

Thank you

Respectfully

Stevan W. Morrow

Sent from my iPhone

John Jezuit

From: Tiffany Dierx <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Sue Gold
Cc: John Jezuit
Subject: Proposed exchange of State Park Property for County Land South of Floras Lake
Categories: Orange Category

Hello Commissioner Gold,

My name is Tiffany Dierx. I moved into Langlois last August, I am amazed and feel very fortunate to be so close to Floras Lake and the beautiful ocean! I have not seen a more unique area!

This Proposed exchange of State Park Property for County Land South of Floras Lake is a great way to conserve the beauty and natural feeling of Floras Lake and expand on keeping as much land around Floras Lake in pristine condition for us all and future generations to love!

Some very convincing and thoughtful key points I have read:

The beauty of the lake will continue to attract visitors to the Boice Cope County Park, which is a source of revenue for the county. This is a way to build on the growing tourism economy we have at the lake related to windsurfing and access to the coast trail.

The County will get 33 acres of land that is accessible by Hwy 101 and can be used for a county forest, for public safety, or housing --rather than continuing to hold unusable land.

The county has spent a lot of time on this area that has been confirmed to be very challenging to develop owing to wetlands and lack of public access. This trade is a good way to get property that could be a revenue source.

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I strongly support moving forward with this Proposed exchange of State Park Property for County Land South of Floras Lake. To not move forward with this proposal of land exchange which has been developing for years, would be tragically going backwards, when this landswap is beneficial to all who love the fantastic uniqueness surrounding Floras Lake and the lake it self!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Tiffany Dierx

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John Jezuit

From: Tiffany Dierx [B] [5] (1) (A) >
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:10 PM
To: Court Boice
Cc: John Jezuit
Subject: Proposed exchange of State Park Property for County Land South of Floras Lake

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Hello Commissioner Boice,

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From: Tiffany Dierx <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:07 PM
To: Chris Paasch
Cc: John Jezuit
Subject: Proposed exchange of State Park Property for County Land South of Floras Lake
Categories: Orange Category

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John Jezuit

From: marshhavenfarm <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 2:07 PM
To: Chris Paasch; Court Boice; Sue Gold; John Jezuit
Subject: Floras Lake Land swap

Categories: Orange Category

Regarding the proposed land swap with state lands at south end of Floras Lake. I SUPPORT this.. Voting is tomorrow March 13,2019.
Thank you, Eileen Mulligan
Langlois, Oregon 97450

John Jezuit

From: Ulrich Lau <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 1:11 PM
To: John Jezuit
Subject: Floras Lake lands --important Board of Commissioners meeting on this Wednesday morning

Categories: Orange Category

Dear Commissioner Jezuit,

My name is Ulrich Lau and my family has property on Floras Lake since 1979 (92949 and 92950 Lakeshore Drive). We care a lot about our Floras Lake lands, since this area is where our children are growing up to enjoy the beauty of nature and have the possibility of exploring the entire Floras Lake State Park and the many trails leading to and from Black Lock. Our Langlois and especially Floras Lake community is growing, which is good for county revenue.

Our family has been watching this fiasco for years and we really would like to see the current commissioners move ahead with this land swap, which is the best deal for our local community. We strongly support this move for the following points:

- *This land swap is a win-win for Curry County.* The County will get 33 acres of land that is accessible by Hwy 101 and can be used for a county forest, for public safety, or housing --rather than continuing to hold unusable land.
- State Parks will be a good steward for lands adjacent to the lake and to Floras Lake Natural area and will help to conserve the scenic values of the lake for future generations --this will be a gold star for Curry County and our important tourism economy.
- The beauty of the lake will continue to attract visitors to the Boice Cope County Park, which is a source of revenue for the county. This is a way to build on the growing tourism economy we have at the lake related to windsurfing and access to the coast trail.

To not move ahead with this swap that has been in the works for so long—and recommended by citizen committees and public processes—would be moving backwards and not forwards.

The county has spent so much time on this area that has been confirmed to be very challenging to develop owing to wetlands and lack of public access. This trade is a good way to get finally get a property that could be a revenue source.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Ulrich and Juliane Lau

(b) (1) (A)

Langlois, OR 97450

John Jezuit

From: Eric Jarvis <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:55 AM
To: Chris Paasch; Court Boice; Sue Gold; John Jezuit
Subject: Please support Floras Lake Land Swap, Alternative 2

Categories: Orange Category

Dear Curry County Commissioners,

Thank you so much for considering the Floras Lake Land Swap at tomorrow's meeting. I strongly support moving forward with this land swap, and I favor Alternative 2 that includes the Conservation Easement.

My wife and I recently purchased a retirement home in Old Sheep Ranch just east of 101 near Floras Lake. One of the reasons we chose to live in this area is the access to unrivaled wild areas such as Floras Lake and the surrounding lands. Such areas attract tourists and retirees to the area, which have a major economic benefit to the County. We strongly believe that the scenic beauty of these areas should be preserved for generations to come.

It sounds like this land swap has been under discussion for a very long time. It is time to finally move ahead with this. Either option on the table would be a huge win-win for the County, but we favor Alternative 2.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our input.

Eric and Thale Jarvis
(b) (1) (A) (b) (1) (A) Langlois OR

John Jezuit

From: Bob Morrow <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:30 AM
To: Chris Paasch; Court Boice; Sue Gold
Cc: John Jezuit
Subject: Floras Lake Land Swap Alternative Two - Please Approve

Categories: Orange Category

Dear Commissioners,

Please approve the land swap proposed by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). Both options offer fair proposals that align with the wishes of the community. A land swap benefits Curry County by turning unusable land into an asset that can generate an income stream for the county for decades. Of the options proposed the optimal choice for long term goals is Alternative Two.

On Thursday, April 27, 2017 students from Pacific High School organized and hosted a community workshop on Floras Lake in the Langlois Lions Hall. Doors opened at 5:15 pm and nearly 200 citizens of North County including Commissioner Boice attended. Former Planning Director Carolyn Johnson's e-mail of May 3, 2017 reviewed the Floras Lake meeting and she opened with;

"It was clear that meeting participant consensus was for passive recreation and preservation of the natural resources of this special place."

A land swap with OPRD would move the county forward to accomplishing this goal.

On Wednesday September 27, 2017 The Curry County Board of Commissioners heard Director Johnson's report on Floras Lake and pursued evaluating "development, logging, conservation and recreation options." The result of all that effort led us to the Land Swap Proposal before you.

In 2007 Curry County commissioned the "Irwin Report" also known as the "Cape Blanco Airport Area Economic Development Feasibility Study" in a comprehensive ninety pages it was determined that a land swap of county property was a viable option. Concluding that "The regions natural beauty and associated assets has a potential return well beyond that of development..." and that "tourism is now the world's largest industry, with nature tourism the fastest growing segment!"

As populations increase and with-it density, the value and profitability of green space will only increase. Pressure from urban areas is making tall trees and clear waters a high value item which tourists are happily paying to enjoy. Consider Yosemite Valley as a comparable.

The land swap proposed will begin a process that will be lauded 100 years from now for the vision of exchanging and preserving landlocked wetland on the south shore of Floras Lake for property that will generate a steady income stream for Curry County going forward while enhancing tourism.

Alternative Two of the proposed Land Swap with OPRD should be approved by you as it will benefit all and hurt none.

Sincerely,

Bob Morrow

Langlois Property Owner and Resident

Please add my letter to the public record

John Jezuit

From: Penny Suess <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:30 AM
To: Chris Paasch; Court Boice; Sue Gold
Cc: John Jezuit
Subject: Proposed Floras Lake Land Exchange with Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept.

Categories: Orange Category

Penelope Suess

(b) (1) (A)

March 12, 2019

TO: Christopher Paasch, Court Boice, and Sue Gold
Curry County Commissioners

VIA e-mail

Regarding Proposed Floras Lake Land Exchange with Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept.

Dear Commissioners:

Along with many residents of North County, I am pleased that there has been great progress toward preserving natural areas south of Floras Lake. I commend the Board of Commissioners for pursuing this exchange with OPRD, and I urge you all now to close the deal. It is clear that North County wants the land for recreation, that OPRD is ready and willing to assume ownership, and that the Floras Lake area is otherwise undevelopable for a number of reasons.

Curry County should accept the Port Orford Cedar property offered by OPRD in exchange for a portion of its holdings around Floras Lake. The POC parcel, located on Highway 101, has a far greater potential for economic benefit.

Alternative 1, which proposes trading both Lot 400 and an additional 20 acres to the east is the superior choice. Once the exchange is complete, no further action will be needed, and no further management will be necessary. If Alternative 2 is chosen, there will be ongoing, possibly costly, concerns in managing a conservation easement and potential dealings with inholders. It will not be as "clean" a deal.

Sincerely,

Penelope (Penny) Suess

Cc: John Jezuit

John Jezuit

From: Roger Rasmussen <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:54 AM
To: Chris Paasch; Court Boice; Sue Gold; John Jezuit
Subject: Land Swap position

Categories: Orange Category

3/12/2019

County Commissioners, others of who it concerns:

The county land swap represents a strategic resolution to the parodies that have taken place concerning the forested area about the south end of Floras Lake (aka Blacklock area). As a hiker, biker, windsurfer, and occasional mushroom gatherer residing in Port Orford, I can personally attest to the value of this area in its natural state. In my opinion, development of the land in any form simply does not add up to an increased social value. As time has passed in the last 14 years of living here, I have witnessed an increase in the number of persons enjoying that area for what it is, as evidenced by the number of vehicles parked in the lot on any day I have been there, as well as the smiling faces of passers-by I have encountered along the trails.

The acquisition of the area by State Parks will ensure its preservation, and the matter of whether something will be done commercially with the land will come to a close. One would only have to have attended the last public hearing about the proposed golf course that took place in Bandon years ago to remember what the public disposition was about Blacklock at that time. It was an overwhelming "no development". Since then, as additional persons have moved into this area, for the primary purpose of being here to enjoy this amazing natural setting, one can only conclude that this perspective has only grown stronger. In my memory, commercial development here has never been one of the values reflected by this community at large, as it has rarely ever gained that sort of inertia to carry out commercial projects to full completion. It is not a priority. We live in a geographically unique location, completely different from any other, and that is our true advantage to being here. Once we head down a direction of commercial development there will be no returning from it. All one has to do is look about. Let's avoid making this place the same as everywhere else, because it simply is not everywhere else. This citizen of PO is in support of the land swap.

R Rasmussen

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Roger Rasmussen

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John Jezuit

From: (b) (1) (A)
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:42 AM
To: John Jezuit
Subject: Lake Floras land swap

Categories: Orange Category

Hello,

I am Rowland Willis, a local wildlife photographer - www.rkwfineprints.com and frequent the Floras lake area through to Blacklock Rock regularly.

So, I am writing to express my full support of the proposed land-swap of the 70 acres by the HWY101.

Regards R. K. Willis

John Jezuit

From: VANESSA RUOTOLO <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:41 PM
To: John Jezuit
Subject: Floras Lake land swap

Categories: Orange Category

Dear Commissioner Jezuit,

My name is Vanessa Ruotolo and am the granddaughter of Guy and Maxine Mauney of Coquille, Oregon. In 1952 my grandparents built one of the first cabins on Floras Lake, designed by my great uncle, George Rockrise. My family and I have spent our summers at Floras Lake since 1966. I now bring my family every summer and every fall. My son, who is now 13, learned to swim, row and fish in Floras Lake. Like my siblings and me, my son learned to identify the variety of birds at the lake, is always so excited to see the bald eagles and their babies, is thrilled whenever he sees the otters swimming in the "long arm", and of course loves the little newts who swim along with him at our beach. We have all learned to love nature on our endless walks around Floras Lake.

We were thrilled to hear that the commissioners are moving ahead with the landswap. What a perfect solution to this issue that has had worried all of us for so long: 33 acres of land for the county and the natural area of our beloved Floras Lake preserved as a State Park for my child's and his children's future! It's a win-win. Thank you from all of us for realizing what a wonderful proposal this is and supporting what is so clearly the right decision for all.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Ruotolo
Richard Worn
Rex Worn

John Jezuit

From: Betsy Harrison <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:35 PM
To: Bets
Cc: John Jezuit
Subject: Floras Lake lands

Categories: Orange Category

Dear Commissioner,

My name is Betsy Harrison and I have lived in Langlois for 45 years. My grown children live here also and together we farm our family acreage. We all care deeply about the extraordinary region that we are fortunate to call home. We pay attention and we vote.

Over the past decade, the county has conducted several processes related to the Floras Lake lands. A large number of citizens have expressed support for the land swap option. Now that we have a proposal in hand and appraisals completed, it's time to move forward with this win-win solution. To not move ahead with this swap that has been in the works for so long—and recommended by citizen committees and public processes—would be moving backwards and not forwards.

I strongly support moving forward with this landswap.

Sincerely,
Betsy Harrison
Langlois

John Jezuit

From: Phoebe Skinner <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:03 PM
To: Chris Paasch; Court Boice; Sue Gold
Cc: John Jezuit
Subject: In Support of the Floras Lake Land Swap Proposal

Categories: Orange Category

Hello,

I am writing in support of the proposed Floras Lake Land Swap. I attended the 2017 public meeting in Langlois where my students served as facilitators to help the community members discuss possibilities for this land. Both options made by the OPRD appear to reflect the community's desired resolution as expressed at that meeting. I personally appreciate how it benefits the county financially, and give us the opportunity to work proactively with the state of Oregon to show that we are invested in our own growth and success.

Thank you for doing the work you do, and please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Phoebe Skinner

(b) (1) (A)

John Jezuit

From: Sylvia Ernst <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 6:34 PM
To: Chris Paasch; Court Boice; Sue Gold
Cc: John Jezuit
Subject: Yes to Flora's Lake Land Swap!

Categories: Orange Category

Dear Commissioners for Curry County,

I heard about the public meeting coming Wednesday about the land swap for some of the property adjacent to Flora's lake.

As a resident and home owner in Langlois I am all in favor for the land swap as it will help to keep our beautiful natural and rural north county attractive for those who live here but also for the many visitors and tourists from all over the world. They come here to experience the beauty of nature, the absence of city noise and dark night skies.

In the past there have been numerous public meetings about the topic and the local population was overwhelmingly in favor for preserving, not developing Blacklock point or areas close to the lake. The latest proposal, the land swap has wide support here with the local residents - who also have been quite outspoken against other alternatives.

Please allow me also to especially thank Commissioner Boyce for listening to the local community and having personally attended such meetings.

I can not visit the Wednesday meeting in person due to my work schedule but ask a vote for the land-swap with the state parks.

Thank you! - Sylvia Ernst, Langlois

John Jezuit

From: Michael Knibbs <(b) (1) (A)>
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 3:14 PM
To: Chris Paasch; Court Boice; Sue Gold; John Jezuit
Subject: Floras Lake Land Swap

Categories: Orange Category

Dear Representatives,

My wife Maggie and I have enjoyed Floras Lake for over twenty years, both as a recreational facility for kayaking and windsurfing and as a pristine nature reserve. And we are homeowners at Floras Lake.

We both participated in previous workshops that explored the best options to generate revenue, while maintaining the balance of ecological, environmental, and tourist needs of this sensitive area.

In these workshops, it was agreed that many of the proposals jeopardized the tourism brought by the park and camp-ground - which is at capacity from late spring through fall each year. The best option is represented by the land-swap which seems to be a 'win-win' without the risk of negatively impacting current revenue or environment.

We appreciate that new Representatives must assure due diligence and need time to assess the prior proposals and to explore any new options that they may see. However, it is hard to see that the options or their parameters have changed. It would be a shame to miss the opportunity to complete this land-swap in a timely manner.

We need strong stewardship now and ask for your help to ensure that this jewel on the Oregon coast is protected and made available to the generations to come.

Sincerely,

Mike and Maggie Knibbs

(b) (1) (A)

Langlois, OR 97450

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