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Comments: I would like to express my outrage at the current land exchange agreement between the USFS and the Mt. Hood Meadows LLC. It absolutely does not follow the original intent of the proposal made years ago by the Oregon Congressional delegation and public. Instead, it gives a private company grossly undervalued land in Government Camp AND allows them to keep for future development 160 acres of land adjacent to a beloved Wilderness area and Tilly Jane Historic District.

With this deal, the USFS is deceiving the public by using data from an extremely inaccurate Alabama-based appraisal of the land in Government Camp, accepting the lot value of a measly $26.000, when lots are currently selling for at least $250,000. In addition, the original intent of this land exchange was to protect the N. Side of Mt. Hood from the development of a destination resort. By allowing Mt. Hood Meadows to keep the 160 acres to develop as they please, the North side of Mt. Hood will no longer retain its wild character due to stresses from the additional traffic and pollution. More development on the North side of the mountain is absolutely incompatible with the goal of protecting this land.

I demand the current agreement be tossed out, an accurate appraisal of the land in Government Camp be made and most importantly the original intent of protecting from further development the North Side of Mt. Hood be implemented.