Congressmen Blumenauer and Walden's Mt. Hood Legislation

COOPER SPUR- GOVERNMENT CAMP MEDIATED SETTLEMENT

- The Cooper Spur – Government Camp Mediated Settlement (Settlement) represents the culmination of 30 years of effort by local residents, citizens and businesses from throughout Oregon and Washington to protect the north side of Mt. Hood. This legislation acknowledges the numerous public hearings in which broad public support has been voiced for the protection of Mt. Hood and the consummation of the Settlement. The key provisions of the Settlement are:

Land Exchange:

- Mt. Hood Meadows shall convey to the Forest Service:
  - 770 acres at Cooper Spur, the special use permit which would have allowed the development of 1350 acres of the Cooper Spur Ski Area, and all buildings, furniture, fixtures and equipment at the Cooper Spur Ski Area. The apprised value of the private land and property to be conveyed is $5,535,000.

- The Forest Service shall convey to Mt. Hood Meadows
  - 120 acres of land managed by the Forest Service in Government Camp. The appraised value of the federal land to be conveyed is $3,810,000.

Protection of the Crystal Springs Watershed:

- This legislation establishes a special resources management unit to ensure protection of the water quality and quantity of the Crystal Springs watershed.

- The Forest Service is directed to adopt a management plan for the unit that provides for the activities specifically authorized, and protects the watershed from illegal dumping, human waste, fires, vandalism and other risks to water quality.

- The road to Cloud Cap Inn and the Tilly Jane A-Frame will remain open and accessible to the public.

- Nothing shall affect the use of or access to any private property in the Crystal Springs watershed by the property owners and their guests.

Treatment of Inn at Cooper Spur and the Cooper Spur Ski Area:

- The Forest Service, within 60 days, is directed to engage in a public process to select a new concessionaire for the Inn at Cooper Spur and the Cooper Spur Ski Area. The process will be collaborative with Mt. Hood Meadows, the Hood River Valley Residents Committee, the Cooper Spur Wild and Free Coalition, and the Hood River County Commission in selecting a new concessionaire.

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