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Rocky McVay, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. McVay:

I am writing to withdraw Multnomah County from membership in the Association of Oregon O&C Counties (AOCC). Multnomah County will no longer be affiliated with or represented by AOCC, and will no longer contribute financially to AOCC. Please remove Multnomah County's name from your website and withdraw Multnomah County's name from any current or pending legal actions being taken by AOCC.

Multnomah County believes strongly that federal payments to offset losses in revenue from O&C lands should continue to Oregon O&C counties, and that these funds should be used for vital public services like schools and health care. We also believe that protecting critical habitats and special places like the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument are consistent with the uses of O&C lands and will lead to long term economic and ecological gains for Oregon.

Legal actions taken by AOCC to try and block the expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument by the Obama administration, however, are not consistent with this vision for our community. AOCC did not consult or notify Multnomah County when considering this legal action. Due to this lack of collaboration by AOCC and AOCC's ongoing opposition to reasonable environmental protection of public lands, Multnomah County has taken this action to terminate our membership.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Deborah Kafoury
Multnomah County Chair