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Subject: Response to Multnomah County Staff Report

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This letter is in response to Multnomah County Department of Community Services Staff Report dated November 19, 2021 for the proposed M49 Dwelling to be located at 13221 NW McNamee Road (Case #T3-2021-14603).

We agree to the erosion control requirements and we have removed the fence and gates and added extra trees on the slope bringing the total number of trees in our plan to 39. This will increase forest canopy and mitigate Himalayan blackberry encroachment. We have been working with West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation on blackberry mitigation. One method that was suggested was to adding more trees to the slope where the blackberries are being removed as is shown on the updated plan. The mitigation area is all native plants and will be a balance of food for animals and wildflowers for bees. We will provide mitigation in the additional areas marked on the map if required to.

We will seed clover on the flat areas, and then plant the huckleberry and blueberries on top of the clover with the western serviceberry trees at the center of the blueberry maze. The stargazing mound will be seeded with clover and the native wildflower mix from Heritage seedlings. The area behind the bench will have blueblossom, rosa nutkana, baldhip rose, and red currant. We will seed the slope in the spring with the Heritage seedlings native wildflower mix and then plant California hazelnut, elderberry, Saskatoon serviceberry, vine maple there. There was never a forest on the slope to begin with so that is why we are not planting a forest.

Sincerely yours,

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