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RE: Acquisition of properties in the lower Tenmile Creek Basin, Yachats, OR

Dear Paul,

The Pacific Seabird Group (PSG) supports the Portland Audubon Society in the acquisition or facilitation of acquisitions of private lands in the lower Tenmile Creek Basin to aid populations of Silverspot Butterfly, Coho Salmon, and, in the future, Marbled Murrelets. These lands will be key to current and future connectivity of private and federal forests within the basin and protection of the creek corridor.

The PSG is an international, non-profit, scientific organization that was founded in 1972 to promote the knowledge, study, and conservation of Pacific seabirds. It has a membership drawn from the entire Pacific basin. Among PSG's members are biologists and scientists who have research interests in Pacific seabirds, government officials who manage seabird refuges and populations, and individuals who are interested in marine conservation. PSG members serve as scientific experts and conservation leaders within their local communities, nationally and around the world.

The Marbled Murrelet is federally and state (OR) listed as Threatened. Any conservation actions that will provide for the survival and recovery of this unique species are critical. Acquisition and preservation of additional lands along the Tenmile Creek Basin will significantly contribute to the conservation of murrelets in the region. Adding both current and future habitat in close proximity to the coast is especially important to murrelet recovery efforts.

Please let us know if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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