

I. Staff Report and Agri-tourism Ordinance

STAFF REPORT
YAMHILL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

HEARING DATE: December 16, 2025

DOCKET NO.: E-15-25

REQUEST: The applicant is requesting an approval to allow up to six (6) agri-tourism events per calendar year on the property located at 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd., Yamhill.

APPLICANT: Eloheh/Eagle Wing/Randy Woodley

OWNER: Edith and Randy Woodley

TAX LOT: 2428-700

LOCATION: 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd., Yamhill

ZONE DESIGNATION: EF-40, Exclusive Farm use

REVIEW CRITERIA: Section 1013.01(A)(3) of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance and Oregon Revised Statute 215.296

COMMENTS: SWCD – No comments received to date.
Public Works – No comment.
Yamhill Fire – Requires fire access road and turnaround.
Watermaster – No comments received to date.
Yamhill County Health Dept. – No comments received to date.
Yamhill County Sanitarian – Requires portable toilets.
Yamhill County Building Dept. – No comments received to date.
DLCD – No comments received to date.
Friends of Yamhill County – See letter dated October 17, 2025
Barbara Drake and William Beckman – See letter received October 20, 2025.
Karen Brock and David Brock – See letter received October 20, 2025.
Richard Crepe and Sonja Crepe – See letter received October 20, 2025.

FINDINGS:

A. Background Facts

1. *Lot Size:* 9.44- acres
2. *Access:* NW Lilac Hill Rd. and NW Goodrich Rd.
3. *On-Site Land Use:* The subject parcel currently has a manufactured dwelling, a garage, a shop building, and a pole barn.

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4. *Surrounding Land Use and Zoning:* The surrounding properties to the north, south and west are all zoned EF-40 Exclusive Farm District and are generally farm parcels which contain orchards, vineyards and forested areas. To the east the surrounding properties are zoned EF-80 Exclusive Farm District and include farming operations such as vineyards, and hay fields.
5. *Water:* Provided by an on-site well.
6. *Sewage Disposal:* There is an on-site sand filter septic system serving the dwelling. The County Sanitarian commented that the septic system cannot be used for any event and will require 3 portable toilets and hand washing stations.
7. *Fire Protection:* Yamhill Rural Fire District.
8. *Previous Actions:* Lot of Record Dwelling approval, docket LOR-15-94
9. *Applicant's Request:* To host up to six (6) agritourism events per calendar year. Each event will be no more than 72 hours in length, and on-site camping is proposed for those in attendance. The attendees will vary from event to event but are estimated to be less than 24 guest per event.

B. Ordinance Provisions and Analysis

1. Yamhill County Ordinance 871 adopted Subsection 1013 to the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance which allows certain "Agri-Tourism" events on farmland when such activities are related to and supportive of agriculture. The application was made under Subsection 1013.01(A)(3) of the *Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance* which states:

In the alternative to 1, 2 above, up to 6 events on a tract may be permitted in a calendar year subject to the following:

- a. *The events or activities are incidental and subordinate to existing farm use of the tract;*

Regarding criterion (a), the applicant has stated that the proposed events are essential to supporting the non-profit's mission of providing an educational facility focused on regenerative farming as a spiritual practice. The applicant indicated that the farming on the subject parcel includes seed production, vegetable garden, flowers, herbs and medicinal plants.

2. *Shall comply with Section 1013.01 (A) (3) (b) through (h);*

- b. *Shall not, individually, exceed 72 consecutive hours;*

Regarding criterion (b), the the events, individually, shall not exceed 72 hours. This will, be listed as a condition of approval.

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3. *c. One of the six events may allow the artificial amplification of voice or music from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m..*

Regarding criterion (c), the applicant indicates that there will not be any amplification of voice or music so that will be made a conditions of approval.

4. *d. Shall comply with ORS 215.296;*

Regarding criterion (d), see Section C. of this staff report, below.

5. *e. Shall occur outdoors, in temporary structures, or in existing permitted structures. Shall not require or involve the construction, use or occupancy of a new permanent structure in conjunction with the activities or events;*

Regarding criterion (e), the applicant has noted that the events will take place outdoors, and within the existing buildings and temporary structures. Previous events have been held in a barn that has not been inspected and approved to host events. Any use of the barn or other buildings on site to be used by the public will be required to obtain building and septic permits and inspections prior to their use.

6. *f. Shall comply with any applicable health and fire and life safety requirements;*

Criterion (f) requires the consideration of all health and fire and life and safety requirements as well as traffic safety and parking.

Sanitation: The County Sanitarian has stated that the existing septic system is very minimal and would not be capable of supporting events. She has indicated that if the events are limited then temporary portable sanitation units (aka "porta-potties") may be used. Given the limited size of the existing septic system, the applicant is required to use portable toilets for the events.

Food handling: Food service will need to be permitted and approved by the Public Health Department.

Parking and Access: The applicant noted that there is an area available for up to 26 parking spaces at the identified parking areas, denoted as Parking "P" on the site plan submitted with the application. With a maximum expected attendance for the events to be no more than 26 people, the 26 parking spaces identified by the applicant offers sufficient space to satisfy parking requirements. Access to the facility is from an existing driveway off NW Goodrich Rd and NW Lilac Hill Rd. A condition of approval will require that an emergency access plan, approved by the Yamhill Rural Fire District, shall be submitted to the Planning Department. A condition of approval will ensure that the parking areas identified on the site plan, are used to satisfy all parking needs. Additionally, the Fire Chief noted, that "they would like the facility to have a commercial fire access road. This needs to be unobstructed all-weather driving surface capable of supporting a fire engine or ambulance. We would need an unobstructed turn around to go with the road."

Traffic Safety: The property has direct access to NW Goodrich Rd and NW Lilac Hill Road. As noted above, the new fire access road, and turn around will need to be inspected and approved by the Yamhill Fire Department.

7. *(g) Shall not, in combination with other agri-tourism or other commercial events or activities in the area, materially alter the stability of the land use pattern in the area; and*

Regarding criterion (g), the surrounding area consists primarily of farm uses including hay and grass seed production, orchards, and established vineyard with some rural residences. The applicants proposed six (6) events per calendar year does not provide evidence that it will not materially alter the stability of the land use pattern in the area.

8. *(h) Must comply with any conditions established for:*

(i). The types of events or activities that are authorized during each calendar year, including the number and duration of events and activities, the anticipated daily attendance and the hours of operation;

(ii). The location of existing structures and the location of proposed temporary structures to be used in connection with the events or activities;

(iii). The location of access and egress and parking facilities to be used in connection with the events or activities;

(iv). Traffic management, including the projected number of vehicles and any anticipated use of public roads; and

(v). Sanitation and solid waste.

The applicant has stated that the events will comply with any conditions established under criterion (h) and these standards have been addressed in the above findings.

9. *c. Shall occur on a lot or parcel that complies with the acknowledged minimum lot or parcel size;*

The parcel is 9.44 acres in a zone with a 40-acre minimum lot size. The original application was to host 18 events, but the request could not satisfy this criterion, so the applicant modified the application to request only six events.

10. *(i) Permits approved under this subsection expire one year from the date of approval but may be renewed for four-year periods subject to an application for renewal, public notice and public comment as part of the review process; and demonstration of compliance with conditions of approval and the standards of this subsection.*

Regarding criteria (i) above, this application approval will be for one year with the option for renewal in four-year intervals.

11. *Overnight camping may be allowed for the duration of the one yearly activity or event approved under Section 1013.01(A)(2), (3) or (4). Applications involving overnight camping shall be subject to the Type B procedures set forth in Section 1301.*

While the applicant has established elements for on-site camping on the property, camping under this provision is only allowed for one event per year. A condition of approval will allow overnight camping for the duration of one yearly activity or event.

C. Oregon Revised Statute 215.296

1. Criterion (d) requires compliance with Oregon Revised Statute 215.296 which states:
 1. *The use will not force significant change in accepted farming or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.*
 2. *The use will not significantly increase the cost of accepted farming or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.*

The applicant's proposed use is primarily educational in nature, rather than agricultural. Agritourism applications—particularly those involving six annual events—are intended to support "commercial farm use," as defined in applicable regulations. The application does not directly address the accepted farming or forest practices on surrounding lands but rather presents a comparison between the proposed use and other uses approved in the surrounding farm zone. In addition, public notice was sent to neighboring property owners and several submitted comments into the record, but none of the commenters listed concerns of the proposed events with their specific farm and forest operation, but rather general concerns of the impact of 18 events in the area.

CONCLUSIONS FOR APPROVAL:

1. The original request was modified to allow up to six (6) agri-tourism events per calendar year.
2. The request is consistent with the Agri-Tourism Event approval criteria of Section 1013.01(A)(4) of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance (YCZO).
3. Based on the evidence in the record, the request is consistent with the requirements of ORS 215.296.

DECISION:

Based upon the above findings and conclusions, the request by Eloheh/Eagle Wings, to host up to six (6) agri-tourism events in a calendar year on a Tax Lot 2428-00700, is hereby approved with the following conditions:

1. The events shall substantially conform to what was described in the application.
2. The events shall not, individually, exceed 72 consecutive hours.
3. The events shall not begin before 9:00 a.m. or end later than 10:00 p.m.
4. The maximum attendance for each event shall not exceed 24 attendees.
5. The maximum number of vehicles at any one time shall not exceed 25 vehicles at any one time during an event. An emergency access and management plan shall be approved by the Yamhill Fire Department prior to the hosting of events.
6. There shall be no parking permitted along the right-of-way.
7. The artificial amplification of voice or music is not permitted with this approval.
8. A **single**, annual event may allow on-site camping. The applicant shall notify the Planning Department of the date of the annual on-site camping event.
9. Any food service provided shall be by a licensed caterer or approved by the Public Health Department. The phone number for the Public Health Department is 503-434-7525.
10. This approval is personal to the Applicant and is not transferred by, or transferrable with conveyance of the tract.
11. Portable toilets may be used to satisfy the toilet needs of event guests. For the size and duration of the proposed events (24 maximum guests) 3 portable toilets, one of which must be ADA compliant, are required. For multi-day events, the portable toilets must be serviced at least daily. Portable hand washing facilities are also required to be provided. The existing septic system serving the home is not to be utilized for events.
12. The events shall occur outdoors, in existing structures that are **permitted** for public use or in temporary structures. Prior to holding events, use of any of the existing buildings shall be approved for event use by the Yamhill County Building Official. Any temporary structures which the public is allowed to enter shall be inspected by the Yamhill Rural Fire Department.

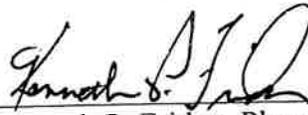
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13. This approval shall expire one year from the date of this letter but may be renewed for a four- year period subject to a renewal application and compliance with the above conditions of approval and the standards of Section 1013 of the YCZO. Please be aware that the renewal would need to be filed before the expiration date of December 19, 2026.

DATED AND SIGNED this 18th day of December, 2025, at McMinnville, Oregon.



Kenneth P. Friday, Planning Director
Yamhill County Planning and Development

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SECTION 1013 – SPECIAL USE REQUIREMENTS

1013. AGRI-TOURISM USE PERMITS

[Added 5/24/12; Ord. 871]

Agri-tourism and other commercial events or activities related to and supportive of agriculture may be approved in an area zoned for exclusive farm use subject to the standards and criteria in this section. Any permitted event or activity is personal to the applicant and is not transferred by, or transferrable with, a conveyance of the tract.

1013.01 Standards and Criteria.

A. The following provisions shall apply to agri-tourism use permits:

1. One expedited, agri-tourism or other commercial event or activity on a tract may be permitted in a calendar year subject to the following:
 - a. The event or activity is incidental and subordinate to existing farm use on the tract and;
 - b. Shall not begin before 6 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.;
 - c. Shall not involve more than 100 attendees or 50 vehicles;
 - d. Shall not include the artificial amplification of music;
 - e. Shall occur outdoors, in temporary structures, or in existing permitted structures. Shall not require or involve the construction, use or occupancy of a new permanent structure in conjunction with the activity or event;
 - f. Shall be located on a tract of at least 10 acres unless the owners or residents of adjoining properties consent, in writing, to the location; and
 - g. Shall comply with any applicable health and fire and life safety requirements.

An expedited, single event or activity is not a land use decision as defined in ORS 197.015 and, therefore, does not require public notice.

2. In the alternative to 1 above, one agri-tourism or other commercial event or activity on a tract may be permitted in a calendar year subject to the following:
 - a. The event or activity is incidental and subordinate to existing farm use on the tract and;
 - b. Shall not exceed 72 consecutive hours;
 - c. Maximum attendance shall not exceed 500 people;
 - d. The maximum number of motor vehicles parked at the site shall not exceed 250;

- e. May allow the artificial amplification of voice or music from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.;
- f. Shall comply with ORS 215.296;

For convenience, ORS 215.296 requires the applicant to show that the use will not:

“(a) Force a significant change in accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use; or

“(b) Significantly increase the cost of accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use”

g. Shall occur outdoors, in temporary structures, or in existing permitted structures. Shall not require or involve the construction, use or occupancy of a new permanent structure in conjunction with the activity or event;

h. Shall comply with any applicable health and fire and life safety requirements;

i. Shall comply with any conditions established for hours of operation, access, egress and parking, a traffic management plan that identifies the projected number of vehicles and any anticipated use of public roads, and sanitation and solid waste.

3. In the alternative to 1 and 2 above, up to six events or activities on a tract may be permitted in a calendar year subject to the following:

a. The events or activities are incidental and subordinate to existing farm use on the tract and;

b. Shall not, individually, exceed 72 consecutive hours;

c. One of the six events may allow the artificial amplification of voice or music from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

d. Shall comply with ORS 215.296;

For convenience, ORS 215.296 requires the applicant to show that the use will not:

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“(b) Significantly increase the cost of accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use”

e. Shall occur outdoors, in temporary structures, or in existing permitted structures. Shall not require or involve the construction, use or occupancy of a new permanent structure in conjunction with the activities or events;

f. Shall comply with any applicable health and fire and life safety requirements;

g. Shall not, in combination with other agri-tourism or other commercial events or activities authorized in the area, materially alter the stability of the land use pattern in the area; and

h. Must comply with any conditions established for:

(i). The types of events or activities that are authorized during each calendar year, including the number and duration of events and activities, the anticipated daily attendance and the hours of operation;

(ii). The location of existing structures and the location of proposed temporary structures to be used in connection with the events or activities;

(iii). The location of access and egress and parking facilities to be used in connection with the events or activities;

(iv). Traffic management, including the projected number of vehicles and any anticipated use of public roads; and

(v). Sanitation and solid waste.

i. Permits approved under this subsection expire one year from the date of approval but may be renewed for four-year periods subject to an application for renewal and demonstration of compliance with conditions of approval and the standards of this subsection.

4. In the alternative to 1, 2 and 3 above, up to 18 events on a tract may be permitted in a calendar year subject to the following:

a. The events or activities are incidental and subordinate to existing commercial farm use of the tract and are necessary to support the commercial farm uses or the commercial agricultural enterprises in the area and;

b. Shall comply with Section 1013.01 (A) (3) (b) through (h) above;

c. Shall occur on a lot or parcel that complies with the acknowledged minimum lot or parcel size;

d. Permits approved under this subsection expire one year from the date of approval;

e. Such permits may be renewed at four year intervals subject to:

(i). An application for renewal;

(ii). Public notice and public comment as part of the review process; and

(iii). Demonstration of compliance with conditions of approval and the standards of this subsection.

5. Overnight camping may be allowed for the duration of the one yearly activity or event approved under Section 1013.01(A)(2), (3) or (4). Applications involving overnight camping shall be subject to the Type B procedures set forth in Section 1301.

6. Temporary structures authorized under this Section shall be removed at the end of the activity or event. Additionally, no alteration of the land shall be allowed in connection with an activity or event authorized under this Section, including but not limited to, grading, filling or paving.
7. The events and activities permitted in this Section are in addition to other authorizations that may be provided by law, except that outdoor mass gathering and other gatherings, as those terms are used in ORS 197.015 (10)(d), do not include agri-tourism or other commercial events or activities.

1013.02 APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications filed under Section 1013.01 (A)(2) and (3) shall be subject to the Type A application procedure set forth in Section 1301. Applications filed under Section 1013.01 (A)(4) shall be subject to the Type B procedure set forth in Section 1301.

ORS 215.441

Use of real property for religious activities

- (1) If a church, synagogue, temple, mosque, chapel, meeting house or other nonresidential place of worship is allowed on real property under state law and rules and local zoning ordinances and regulations, a county shall allow the reasonable use of the real property for activities customarily associated with the practices of the religious activity, including:
 - (a) Worship services.
 - (b) Religion classes.
 - (c) Weddings.
 - (d) Funerals.
 - (e) Meal programs.
 - (f) Child care, but not including private or parochial school education for prekindergarten through grade 12 or higher education.
- (2) A county may:
 - (a) Subject real property described in subsection (1) of this section to reasonable regulations, including site review or design review, concerning the physical characteristics of the uses authorized under subsection (1) of this section; **or**
 - (b) Prohibit or restrict the use of real property by a place of worship described in subsection (1) of this section if the county finds that the level of service of public facilities, including transportation, water supply, sewer and storm drain systems is not adequate to serve the place of worship described in subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a county may allow a private or parochial school for prekindergarten through grade 12 or higher education to be sited under applicable state law and rules and local zoning ordinances and regulations. [2001 c.886 §2; 2017 c.745 §7; 2019 c.640 §19; 2021 c.385 §4; 2021 c.446 §4]

Location: https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_215.441

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42 U.S. Code § 2000cc - Protection of land use as religious exercise

U.S. Code Notes

(a) SUBSTANTIAL BURDENS

(1) GENERAL RULE

No government shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person, including a religious assembly or institution, unless the government demonstrates that imposition of the burden on that person, assembly, or institution—

(A) is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and

(B) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.



Statement of the Department of Justice on the Land-Use Provisions of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA)

The Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), 42 U.S.C. § 2000cc et seq., is a civil rights law that protects individuals and religious institutions from discriminatory and unduly burdensome land use regulations.¹ After hearings in which Congress found that religious assemblies and institutions were disproportionately affected, and in fact often were actively discriminated against, in local land use decisions, Congress passed RLUIPA unanimously in 2000. President Clinton signed RLUIPA into law on September 22, 2000.

Congress found that zoning authorities were frequently placing excessive or unreasonable burdens on the ability of congregations and individuals to exercise their faith with little to no justification and in violation of the Constitution. Congress further found that religious institutions often faced both subtle and overt discrimination in zoning, particularly minority, newer, smaller, or unfamiliar religious groups and denominations.²

Congress also found that, as a whole, religious institutions were treated worse than comparable secular institutions by zoning codes and zoning authorities. As RLUIPA's Senate sponsors, Senator Hatch and the late Senator Kennedy, said in their joint statement issued upon the bill's passage: "Zoning codes frequently exclude churches in places where they permit theaters, meetings halls, and other places where large groups of people assemble for secular purposes. . . . Churches have been denied the right to meet in rented storefronts, in abandoned schools, in converted funeral homes, theaters, and skating rinks—in all sorts of buildings that were permitted when they generated traffic for secular purposes."³

Congress further found that zoning authorities frequently were placing excessive burdens on the ability of congregations and individuals to exercise their faiths without sufficient justification, in violation of the Constitution.

¹ This Statement deals with RLUIPA's land use provisions. Another section of RLUIPA protects the religious freedom of persons confined to prisons and certain other institutions.

² 146 CONG. REC. S7774 (daily ed. July 27, 2000) (joint statement of Senators Hatch and Kennedy).

³ *Id.* at S7774-75.

RLUIPA provides a number of important protections for the religious freedom of persons, places of worship, religious schools, and other religious assemblies and institutions, including:

- *Protection against substantial burdens on religious exercise:* Section 2(a) of RLUIPA prohibits the implementation of any land use regulation that imposes a “substantial burden” on the religious exercise of a person or institution except where justified by a “compelling governmental interest” that the government pursues in the least restrictive way possible.
- *Protection against unequal treatment for religious assemblies and institutions:* Section 2(b)(1) of RLUIPA provides that religious assemblies and institutions must be treated at least as well as nonreligious assemblies and institutions.
- *Protection against religious or denominational discrimination:* Section 2(b)(2) of RLUIPA prohibits discrimination “against any assembly or institution on the basis of religion or religious denomination.”
- *Protection against total exclusion of religious assemblies:* Section 2(b)(3)(A) of RLUIPA provides that governments must not totally exclude religious assemblies from a jurisdiction.
- *Protection against unreasonable limitation of religious assemblies:* Section 2(b)(3)(B) of RLUIPA provides that government must not unreasonably limit “religious assemblies, institutions, or structures within a jurisdiction.”

RLUIPA’s protections can be enforced by the Department of Justice or by private lawsuits. In the ten years since its passage, RLUIPA has been applied in a wide variety of contexts and has been the subject of substantial litigation in the courts. It is a complex statute, with five separate provisions that protect religious exercise in different but sometimes overlapping ways. In order to assist persons and institutions in understanding their rights under RLUIPA, and to assist municipalities and other government entities in meeting the requirements imposed on them by RLUIPA, the Department of Justice has created this summary and accompanying questions and answers.

Date: September 22, 2010

Questions and Answers on the Land-Use Provisions of RLUIPA

1. Who is protected and what types of activities are covered by RLUIPA?

RLUIPA protects the religious exercise of “persons,” defined to include religious assemblies and institutions in addition to individuals. RLUIPA has been used, for

example, to protect houses of worship, individuals holding prayer meetings in their homes, religious schools, religious retreat centers, faith-based homeless shelters, soup kitchens, group homes, and other social services.

2. What does “religious exercise” include?

RLUIPA provides in Section 8 that “religious exercise” includes any exercise of religion, “whether or not compelled by, or central to, a system of religious belief.” Thus a county or municipality cannot avoid the force of RLUIPA by asserting that a particular religious activity is something that a religious group merely wants to do rather than something that it must do. For example, a town could not claim that Wednesday prayer meetings are not religious exercise because they are less central to a church’s beliefs or less compulsory than Sunday worship services.

RLUIPA also specifies in Section 8 that “[t]he use, building, or conversion of real property for the purpose of religious exercise shall be considered to be religious exercise . . .” This provision makes clear that construction or expansion of places of worship and other properties used for religious exercise purposes is religious exercise under RLUIPA.

Religious exercise covers a wide range of activities, including operation of homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and other social services; accessory uses such as fellowship halls, parish halls and similar buildings or rooms used for meetings, religious education, and similar functions; operation of a religious retreat center in a house; religious gatherings in homes; and construction or expansion of schools, even where the facilities would be used for both secular and religious educational activities.

3. Who is bound by RLUIPA’s requirements?

RLUIPA applies to states (including state departments and agencies) and their subdivisions such as counties, municipalities, villages, towns, cities, city councils, planning boards, zoning boards and zoning appeals boards. RLUIPA does not cover the actions of private citizens unless acting under color of state law, such as government employees. RLUIPA does not apply to the federal government, though another similar law, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb, does.

4. Does RLUIPA exempt religious assemblies and institutions from local zoning laws?

No. RLUIPA is not a blanket exemption from zoning laws. As a general matter, religious institutions must apply for the same permits, follow the same requirements, and go through the same land-use processes as other land users. RLUIPA does not pre-empt or replace the normal zoning code. Rather, it imposes a number of safeguards and

requirements on local governments regarding zoning that impact religious uses by requiring that:

- the zoning law or its application not substantially burden religious exercise without compelling justification pursued through the least restrictive means,
- the zoning law not treat religious uses less favorably than nonreligious assemblies and institutions,
- the law not discriminate based on religion or religious denomination, and
- the jurisdiction not totally or unreasonably restrict religious uses.

When there is a conflict between RLUIPA and the zoning code or how it is applied, RLUIPA, as a federal civil rights law, takes precedence and the zoning law must give way.

So long as a municipality applies its codes uniformly and does not impose an unjustified substantial burden on religious exercise, it may apply traditional zoning concerns – such as regulations addressing traffic, hours of use, parking, maximum capacity, intensity of use, setbacks, frontage – to religious uses just as they are applied to any other land uses.

5. Are there occasions when a religious assembly or institution does not have to apply for zoning approval, and appeal any denial, before it has recourse to RLUIPA?

As a practical matter, applying for a zoning permit, special use permit, conditional use permit, special exception, variance, rezoning, or other zoning procedure, and appealing within that system in case of denials, is often the fastest and most efficient way to obtain ultimate approval. Religious institutions and local governments are encouraged to attempt to resolve disputes through established zoning processes.

In some circumstances courts have held that religious institutions need not make an application or appeal before filing a RLUIPA lawsuit. These include settings where further application or appeal would be futile under the circumstances, or there would be excessive delay, uncertainty or expense, or if the application requirements are discriminatory on their face.

6. RLUIPA applies to any “land use regulation.” What does that mean?

RLUIPA defines land use regulation as a “zoning or landmarking law . . . that limits or restricts a claimant’s use or development of land.” Zoning law encompasses laws, ordinances or codes that determine what type of building or land use can be located in what areas and under what conditions. Landmark preservation laws are restrictions that municipalities place on specific buildings or sites to preserve those that are deemed significant for historical, architectural, or cultural reasons. RLUIPA’s definition of land use regulation, however, does not extend to every type of law involving land, such as fire

codes, ordinances requiring use of municipal sewer connections, laws regarding property taxes, most landlord-tenant laws, laws governing trespass, and others.

7. Does RLUIPA apply to local governments using eminent domain to take property owned by religious institutions?

“Eminent domain” refers to government taking of private property for public use with just compensation. As a general matter, it is not a zoning or landmarking law, and thus RLUIPA will not apply. However, where municipalities have tried to use eminent domain to short-circuit the zoning process for places of worship that have applied for zoning approval, courts have found that such actions may be covered by RLUIPA.

8. Can places of worship still be landmarked?

Yes, places of worship can be landmarked. However, like any other land-use regulation, landmarking designations that impose a substantial burden on religious exercise must be justified by compelling government interests and pursued in the least restrictive means. Also, landmarking regulations must not be applied discriminatorily.

9. What kinds of burdens on religious exercise are “substantial burdens” under RLUIPA?

The substantial burden inquiry is fact-intensive, and looks at the degree to which a zoning or landmarking restriction is likely to impair the ability of a person or group to engage in the religious exercise in question. Whether a particular restriction or set of restrictions will be a substantial burden on a complainant’s religious exercise will vary based on context, such as the size and resources of the burdened party, the actual religious needs of an individual or religious congregation, the level of current or imminent space constraints, whether alternative properties are reasonably available, the history of a complainant’s efforts to locate within a community, the absence of good faith by the zoning authorities, and many other factors.

Generally, when a municipality takes one of the following types of actions, it may constitute a substantial burden on religious exercise under RLUIPA:

- effectively barring the use of a particular property for religious activity;
- imposing a significantly great restriction on religious use of a property; or
- creating significant delay, uncertainty, or expense in constructing or expanding a place of worship, religious school, or other religious facility.

Courts have, for example, found substantial burdens on religious exercise in a denial of a church construction permit due to onerous off-street parking requirements imposed by a city, a permit condition requiring a religious retreat center to operate as a bed-and-breakfast, a denial of construction of a parish center, a denial of expansion plans for a religious school, and a denial of the ability to convert a building’s storage space to religious use.

Conversely, courts have found no substantial burden violation when a church was denied the amount of off-street parking it would have preferred when there were reasonable parking alternatives available, when a religious high school was denied the ability to operate a commercial fitness center and dance studio out of a portion of its building, and when a church was barred from demolishing an adjacent landmarked building it had purchased in order to construct a family life center, as there was other space on the church's campus that would be suitable.

10. RLUIPA contains a complicated description about when the “substantial burden” section will apply. Just when does the “substantial burden” test apply in a particular case?

RLUIPA applies the substantial burden test to zoning or landmarking laws that have procedures in place under which the government makes “individualized assessments of the proposed uses for the property involved.” By their nature, zoning or landmarking decisions typically involve such “individualized assessments.” Individualized assessments are present when the government looks at and considers the particular details of a proposed land use in deciding whether to permit or deny the use. It thus will cover most applications for variances, special use permits, special exceptions, rezoning requests, conditional use permits, zoning appeals, and similar applications for relief, since these all ordinarily involve the government reviewing the facts and making discretionary determinations whether to grant or reject an application. A denial of a building or occupancy permit based *solely* on a mechanical, objective basis with no discretion on the part of the decision maker would not be an individualized assessment and thus would not require the application of the substantial burden test. Practically, however, such purely “ministerial” situations are extremely rare in zoning disputes.

Even if a zoning or landmarking case did not involve an individualized assessment, the substantial burden test still applies if the use at issue impacts interstate commerce, such as construction or expansion projects, or if there is federal funding involved.

11. What are examples of compelling interests that will permit local governments to impose substantial burdens on religious exercise?

A government cannot impose a substantial burden on religious exercise *unless* it has a compelling governmental interest for doing so that is pursued through means that are the least restrictive of religious freedom possible. “Compelling interest” is a legal term meaning interests “of the highest order.” Government interests that are merely reasonably or even significantly important are insufficient. Courts have ruled that municipal interests in revenue generation, economic development or eliminating congestion, are not compelling. The burden of proving that an interest is compelling lies squarely on the local government.

Examples of interests that may be compelling are those related to preserving public health and safety. For example, safety concerns relating to traffic can be compelling.

However, a county or municipality cannot simply point to an interest in traffic safety in the abstract as a compelling interest justifying a substantial burden on religious exercise. Rather, the government must show that it has a compelling interest in achieving that interest through the particular restriction at issue, such as safety interests in regulating traffic flow on the particular street at issue.

Even where an interest is compelling, it must be pursued through the least restrictive means. If there is another way that the government could achieve the same compelling interest that would impose a lesser burden on religious exercise, it must choose that way rather than the more burdensome way.

12. What does RLUIPA require of government with regard to the treatment of religious assemblies and institutions as well as nonreligious assemblies and institutions?

Section 2(b)(1) of RLUIPA contains a provision, known as the “equal terms provision.” It provides that “[n]o government shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that treats a religious assembly or institution on less than equal terms with a nonreligious assembly or institution.” This section extends to ordinances that on their face treat religious assemblies or institutions on less than equal terms, as well as ordinances that, although facially neutral, are applied in a manner that treat religious assemblies or institutions on less than equal terms than nonreligious assemblies or institutions.

Congress enacted this provision to address the problem of zoning codes, either facially or in application, excluding places of worship where secular assemblies are permitted. The legislative history points to the problem of houses of worship being excluded where theaters, meeting halls, private clubs, and other secular assembly places are permitted.

Determining if a religious assembly is treated on “less than equal terms” than a secular assembly or institution requires a comparison of how the two types of entities are treated in a zoning code. Courts have differed regarding how such a comparison is made, and thus the precise legal test for determining when this section is violated will vary depending on the judicial circuit in which the case arises.

Courts have found the equal terms section violated in situations where places of worship were forbidden but private clubs were permitted, where religious assemblies were forbidden but auditoriums, assembly halls, community centers, senior citizen centers, civic clubs, day care centers, and other assemblies were permitted, and where places of worship were forbidden but community centers, fraternal associations, and political clubs were permitted.

Regardless of the legal test employed in a particular jurisdiction, however, local governments can avoid violating this section of RLUIPA by ensuring that their regulations focus on external factors such as size, impact on traffic and parking, intensity

of use, hours of operation, noise, and similar objective criteria in regulating land uses, rather than focusing on the content of the speech and assembly activities being regulated.

13. What constitutes discrimination based on religion or religious denomination under RLUIPA?

Section 2(b)(2) of RLUIPA bars implementation of a land use regulation that discriminates on the basis of religion or religious denomination. This bar applies to application of land use regulations that facially discriminate, as well as applications of land use regulation that are facially neutral but which in fact discriminate based on religion or religious denomination. Thus if a zoning permit is denied because town officials do not like members of a particular religious group, or if for any other reason an applicant is denied a zoning permit that would have been given to it had it been part of a different religion or religious denomination, Section 2(b)(2) has been violated. Because this section applies to discrimination based on either religion *or religious denomination*, it can apply to situations where a city may not be discriminating against all members of a religion, but merely a particular sub-group or sect.

14. What does it mean for a local government to totally exclude religious uses from a jurisdiction?

Section 2(b)(3)(A) prohibits local governments from “totally exclud[ing] religious assemblies from a jurisdiction.” If a city, town or county had no location where religious uses are permitted, that would be a facial violation of Section 2(b)(3).

15. What does it mean for a local government to impose unreasonable limitations on a religious assembly, institution, or structure?

Section 2(b)(3)(B) prohibits land use regulations that “unreasonably limit[]” religious assemblies, institutions, or structures within a jurisdiction. This provision is violated if a municipality’s land use laws, or their application, deprive religious institutions and assemblies of reasonable opportunities to use and construct structures within that jurisdiction. A determination of reasonableness depends on a review of all of the facts in a particular jurisdiction, including the availability of land and the economics of religious organizations. Courts have found unreasonable limitations where regulations effectively left few sites for construction of houses of worship, such as through excessive frontage and spacing requirements, or have imposed steep and questionable expenses on applicants.

16. When must someone file suit under RLUIPA?

RLUIPA lawsuits brought by private plaintiffs must be filed in state or federal court within four years of the alleged RLUIPA violation.

17. What can a local government do to avoid liability under RLUIPA?

RLUIPA contains a “safe harbor” provision that protects a local government from application of RLUIPA’s enforcement provisions if it takes steps to ameliorate the violation. Section 4(e) provides that a local government can avoid the force of RLUIPA’s provisions by:

- changing the policy or practice that results in a substantial burden on religious exercise;
- retaining the policy or practice and exempting the substantially burdened religious exercise;
- providing exemptions from the policy or practice for applications that substantially burden religious exercise; or
- any other means that eliminates the substantial burden.

18. What is the Department of Justice’s role in enforcing RLUIPA?

The Department of Justice is authorized to file a lawsuit under RLUIPA for declaratory or injunctive relief, but not for damages. For example, the Department may bring suit seeking an order from a court requiring a municipality that has violated RLUIPA to amend its discriminatory zoning codes or grant specific zoning permits to a place of worship, religious school, or other religious use. However, the Department may not seek monetary awards on behalf of persons or institutions that have been injured. Those who have suffered monetary damages from RLUIPA violations must file individual suits.

The Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the Civil Rights Division has the delegated authority within the Department to investigate and bring RLUIPA lawsuits, both on its own and in conjunction with United States Attorney’s offices around the country. If you believe you have a potential RLUIPA violation case, you should bring it to the attention of the Department of Justice as soon as possible to allow adequate time for review.

The Department receives many complaints from individuals and groups whose rights under RLUIPA may have been violated. While it cannot bring suit in all cases, the Department may take a number of actions in addition to filing suit to resolve RLUIPA matters. The Department may involve the Community Relations Service (CRS) to address community unrest or discord. It may contact the municipality to educate it regarding its obligations under RLUIPA. It may file an amicus brief to weigh in on an important point of law. In deciding whether to file suit, the Department considers a number of factors including whether a case involves important or recurring issues, particularly serious violations of law, or if it is a case that will set precedent for future cases. Many of the Department’s cases have been resolved by negotiating consent decrees that lay out a municipality’s specific obligations to comply with the law. Aggrieved individuals and institutions are encouraged to seek private counsel to protect their rights, in addition to contacting the Department of Justice.

19. How can someone contact the Department of Justice about a RLUIPA matter?

The Civil Rights Division's Housing and Civil Enforcement Section may be reached by phone at:

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPEAL

E-25-15

Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice
Yamhill County Agri-Tourism Permit Conditions

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I. INTRODUCTION

Appellant Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice, a religious nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, a.k.a. “Eloheh/Eagles Wings” submits this statement in support of its appeal of conditions imposed on the December 19, 2025 agri-tourism permit under County File No. E-15-25 (“Permit”) for property at 6033 NW Lilac Hill Road, Yamhill, OR 97148 (“Property”).

This appeal is brought under Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance (YCZO) Section 1404.01 and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA), 42 U.S.C. § 2000cc, which provides that no government shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person or religious assembly, unless the government demonstrates that imposition of the burden furthers a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that interest.

Three Permit conditions impose substantial burdens on our religious exercise: (1) the limitation of overnight camping to one event per year (condition #8); (2) food service requirements that effectively prohibit serving food we grow ourselves (condition #9); and (3) sanitation requirements that treat source-separated urine as sewage despite scientific evidence to the contrary (condition #11). We also raise a threshold constitutional question: whether the regulatory framework applies to private gatherings of invited guests on private property at all.

II. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERTISE OF APPELLANTS

Before addressing the substance of this appeal, we establish our qualifications to speak authoritatively on matters of Indigenous spirituality, theology, and religious practice. Should the County or any reviewing body question whether the practices described herein constitute genuine religious exercise, we offer the following credentials.

A. Randy Woodley, PhD

Tribal Identity: Randy is a legally recognized descendant of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. His Indigenous identity is not claimed but lived—he has spent over thirty years serving Indigenous communities across North America and brings both scholarly expertise and lived cultural experience to questions of Indigenous spirituality.

Academic Credentials: Randy holds a PhD in Intercultural Studies. He served as a tenured professor at Portland Seminary of George Fox University, where he held the position of Distinguished Professor of Faith and Culture and served as Director of Indigenous and Intercultural Studies. He now holds the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus—a designation recognizing exceptional contribution to his field. His academic work focuses specifically on Indigenous theology, spirituality, and the intersection of Indigenous wisdom with Western religious traditions.

Ordination: Randy is an ordained minister with the American Baptist Churches USA, one of the largest and oldest Baptist denominations in the United States. His ordination reflects recognition by a mainline Christian body of his call to ministry and his theological preparation for religious leadership.

Published Scholarship: Randy is the author of fourteen books on Indigenous theology, spirituality, and related subjects, published by academic and religious presses. These include:

Indigenous Theology and the Western Worldview: A Decolonized Approach to Christian Doctrine

Shalom and the Community of Creation: An Indigenous Vision

Becoming Rooted: One Hundred Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth

Living in Color: Embracing God's Passion for Ethnic Diversity

Decolonizing Evangelicalism

Mission and the Cultural Other

Journey to Eloheh: How Indigenous Values Bring Harmony & Wellbeing (co-authored with Edith Woodley)

These works have been reviewed in academic journals, assigned in seminary and university courses, and cited by other scholars. Randy's scholarship represents the leading edge of Indigenous theological reflection in North America.

B. Edith Woodley

Tribal Identity: Edith Woodley is Eastern Shoshone tribal member, raised in her tribal traditions and culture. She brings lived Indigenous experience and traditional knowledge that complements Dr. Woodley's academic expertise.

Published Work: Edith Woodley is co-author of *Journey to Eloheh: How Indigenous Values Bring Harmony & Wellbeing*, which draws on her Shoshone heritage and decades of experience in Indigenous community work.

Cultural Leadership: Edith has worked alongside Randy for over thirty years serving Indigenous communities, leading cultural programming, and teaching Indigenous perspectives on spirituality, land, and community.

C. Sho-Kee Cultural Consultants

We operate Sho-Kee Cultural Consultants, a professional cultural consulting firm that provides expertise on Indigenous matters to organizations, institutions, government agencies, and creative projects nationwide. Clients seek our guidance precisely because of our recognized expertise in Indigenous culture, spirituality, and worldview. The existence of this consulting practice—and the fact that institutions pay for our expertise—is itself evidence that we are recognized authorities on Indigenous spiritual and cultural matters.

D. Three Decades of Service

We have served Indigenous peoples and communities for over thirty years. This service has included pastoral ministry, teaching, cultural preservation work, community development, and advocacy. Our understanding of Indigenous spirituality is not theoretical but grounded in decades of relationship with Indigenous communities across North America.

E. Why This Matters

We establish these credentials because RLUIPA requires that the religious practices at issue be sincere. We are not newcomers claiming Indigenous spirituality for convenience. We are recognized experts—by academic institutions, by religious bodies, by publishing houses, by consulting clients, and by Indigenous communities themselves—on precisely the matters at issue in this appeal. When we describe what Indigenous religious practice requires, we speak with the authority of scholarship, ordination, tribal identity, and lived experience. We are, quite simply, the experts.

III. THE RELIGIOUS CHARACTER OF ELOHEH

Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice is a religious nonprofit organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The name "Eloheh" comes from the Cherokee word meaning harmony, peace, and right relationship with all creation. This is not merely a philosophical concept but the theological foundation of our religious practice.

Our mission is explicitly religious: to teach and practice Indigenous spirituality centered on sacred relationship with land, to transmit traditional ecological knowledge as spiritual discipline, and to provide space for ceremonies and teachings that require extended, immersive time on land that has been cultivated through years of prayer and relationship.

We operate on a 10-acre regenerative teaching farm in Oregon's Willamette Valley. The farm is not incidental to our religious mission—it is integral to it. In Indigenous theology, right relationship with land is spiritual practice. Seed keeping is ceremony. Planting is prayer. Harvest is thanksgiving made tangible. Fire stewardship using traditional methods is both ecological restoration and spiritual discipline. We cannot separate our "agricultural" activities from our "religious" activities because, in Indigenous worldview, they are one.

IV. ISSUE ONE: OVERNIGHT COMMUNAL GATHERING

The Permit Condition: Condition 8 to the Permit limits onsite camping to one event per year, as required by YCZO Section 1013.01.A.5.

The Burden: This restriction makes our religious practice impossible or severely limited. Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering that cannot be compressed into daytime-only events.

A. Time as Sacred Container

Western religious practice can often be compressed into discrete time blocks—an hour on Sunday morning, an evening Bible study. Indigenous spirituality does not work this way. Our ceremonies and teachings require participants to step out of Western clock-time and into natural time, experiencing the full cycle of a day: dawn, midday, dusk, night, and dawn again.

This is theological, not preferential. In Indigenous understanding, different spiritual realities are accessible at different times. Dawn carries teachings that midnight does not. The transition from day to night is itself a spiritual passage. When we compress gatherings into daytime-only events, we lose access to essential elements of the practice.

B. Ceremonies Requiring Overnight Presence

Sweat Lodge: Preparation begins hours before ceremony. The ceremony itself may last several hours. Afterward, participants need time to reintegrate and rest. The entire arc often spans twelve hours or more. Requiring participants to drive home immediately is spiritually disruptive—comparable to requiring someone to leave a hospital before anesthesia wears off.

Vision Quest and Prayer Vigils: These spiritual disciplines involve extended time, often through the night. A vision quest cannot be done in an afternoon. These are not optional additions but core practices for spiritual formation.

Seasonal Ceremonies: Ceremonies tied to solstice, equinox, planting, and harvest often require observing actual astronomical events—which may occur at any hour. A winter solstice ceremony honoring the longest night requires presence through that night.

Fire Keeping: Sacred fires are kept burning continuously through ceremonies that may last days. Tending fire through the night is itself spiritual discipline. You cannot tend a sacred fire and drive home at 10 PM.

Star Knowledge: We are blessed to have a Hawaiian elder who teaches traditional star identification and celestial navigation at Elohēh. This is Indigenous knowledge that guided Polynesian voyagers across thousands of miles of open ocean—knowledge now recognized by UNESCO. This teaching can only happen at night. There is no daytime alternative. If participants must leave at sundown, this teaching cannot occur.

Night-Only Stories: In many Indigenous traditions, certain sacred stories may only be told at night. This reflects understanding that stories carry power, that some teachings are meant to be received in darkness when the boundary between the ordinary and spirit world is thinner. These protocols have been observed for countless generations. We do not have authority to tell these stories during daylight simply because a land use regulation makes nighttime gathering inconvenient. If we cannot gather at night, these stories cannot be told at all.

C. Transmission of Traditional Knowledge

Indigenous knowledge systems were transmitted orally across generations through immersive time together. Elders did not deliver lectures; they lived alongside learners, and teaching happened in the context of shared life—working together, eating together, sitting by fire at night, waking at dawn to pray. This is how we learned from our elders. This is how we teach.

When people come to Eloheh to learn seed keeping, fire stewardship, or Indigenous approaches to land relationship, they are not attending a workshop. They are entering—briefly—into a way of life. That includes sleeping on the land, waking with the land, experiencing morning light and evening light, hearing night sounds, feeling temperature drop. These are not incidental to learning. They are the learning.

D. Community Formation as Spiritual Practice

In Indigenous theology, right relationship—Eloheh—extends to all our relations: land, waters, plants, animals, and one another. Spiritual community is formed by living together: cooking together, cleaning up together, sharing stories around fire, sleeping under the same sky, rising together to greet dawn. There is a qualitative spiritual difference between people who attend an event together and people who live together, even for a weekend. Extended time in intentional community is how strangers become relatives.

The camping restriction allows us one such gathering per year. For a religious practice centered on relationship and community, this is a severe limitation.

E. The County-Wide Burden

The camping restriction applies to all agri-tourism permits county-wide. There is no alternative site in Yamhill County where we could legally practice land-based Indigenous spirituality with overnight gatherings more than once yearly while also engaging in regenerative farming that is itself religious practice. The restriction does not merely burden us at Eloheh—it effectively prohibits this form of religious practice anywhere in the county.

Someone might suggest participants stay at nearby hotels. But this misunderstands the practice entirely. The point is not to attend sessions on our property; the point is to live on this land, in relationship with this land, as part of temporary but intentional spiritual community. Commuting from a hotel defeats the entire purpose. You cannot be in overnight relationship with land you leave every night.

V. ISSUE TWO: FOOD SERVICE AND SACRED FOOD

The Permit Condition: Condition 9 to the Permit requires that food service be provided by licensed caterers or be approved by the County, which in effect obligates Eloheh to use third-party caterers rather than serving food we grow ourselves.

The Burden: Sharing food we have grown on this land is central to our religious practice, not incidental to it. Requiring catered food eliminates a core element of Indigenous spirituality.

A. Sacred Food Cannot Be Catered

In Indigenous theology, food grown in sacred relationship with land is itself a form of communion. Seed keeping is ceremony. Planting is prayer. Harvest is thanksgiving made tangible. When we share food from Eloheh Farm with gathering participants, we are not merely providing sustenance—we are sharing the fruits of our spiritual practice and teaching others to understand food as gift from Creator rather than commodity from market.

This is not a church potluck where food is merely social. The food IS the practice.

B. No Caterer Can Provide What Our Practice Requires

The County may suggest we comply by using licensed caterers. But no caterer in Oregon—or anywhere we are aware of—provides organic, pesticide-free, traditionally-grown Indigenous foods raised through regenerative methods. The "alternative" the regulation assumes exists does not exist. We cannot purchase from a caterer what we grow through spiritual practice on land we have cultivated in relationship for years.

Requiring catered food would be analogous to requiring a church to use only store-bought communion elements because homemade bread does not meet commercial bakery standards. The substance matters. The source matters. The relationship between community and their food—grown through their own labor and prayer—is the point.

C. Food Sovereignty as Religious Exercise

Indigenous food sovereignty—the right and responsibility to grow, prepare, and share traditional foods—is inseparable from Indigenous spirituality. For generations, government policies disrupted Indigenous food systems: destruction of buffalo, forced relocation from traditional food-gathering lands, commodity food programs replacing traditional nutrition with processed alternatives.

Eloheh exists in part to restore what was taken: the spiritual practice of growing and sharing food in right relationship with creation. Requiring us to abandon our own food in favor of catered meals does not accommodate our religious practice—it replicates the historical pattern of policies that severed Indigenous peoples from their food traditions. We do not allege that the County intends this result, but RLUIPA exists precisely to address situations where facially neutral regulations burden religious exercise regardless of intent.

VI. ISSUE THREE: COMPOSTING SANITATION SYSTEMS

The Permit Condition: Condition 11 of the Permit requires approval by Yamhill County Environmental Health for our composting toilet systems, with particular concern about our Separett urine-diverting toilets and the disposition of separated urine.

The Burden: Regulations treating source-separated urine as "sewage" apply a regulatory category designed for mixed waste to a substance that international health authorities recognize as safe for agricultural use. For Eloheh, closed-loop nutrient cycling is both ecological practice and spiritual discipline rooted in Indigenous values of reciprocity with the land.

A. The Separett System

We use Separett Villa urine-diverting toilets, manufactured in Sweden by a company with 50 years of experience in waterless sanitation. The toilet's design physically separates liquid waste from solid waste at the point of collection through a divided bowl. This is source separation—the two waste streams never mix.

Solid Waste: Fecal matter is collected in compostable bags. A fan draws moisture away, reducing volume and eliminating odor. We comply with Yamhill County requirements for burial at 2 feet depth for use only with flowers and shrubs.

Liquid Waste (Urine): Urine is directed through a separate outlet. Because it never contacts fecal matter, it retains the low-pathogen profile it has at excretion. We propose collecting separated urine for use in our compost system.

B. The Science: Urine Is Not Sewage

Health risks in human waste come primarily from feces, not urine. Peer-reviewed research states: "Urine presents less danger to human health in comparison to feces and contains few enteric microorganisms." One gram of feces contains approximately 100 million bacteria including *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, and various parasites. Urine is essentially sterile when excreted from a healthy person.

The World Health Organization has published extensive guidelines supporting urine diversion and agricultural reuse. For household-scale use where the same household produces and consumes crops, WHO guidelines indicate treatment is not required.

Sewage regulations were developed to address mixed human waste—urine and feces combined with flush water—which presents genuine health risks due to fecal pathogens. Applying these regulations to source-separated urine is a category error. When urine is separated from feces at the source and never contacts fecal matter, the pathogen concern that justifies sewage regulation is not present.

C. Closed-Loop Systems as Indigenous Practice

In Indigenous worldview, there is no "waste." Everything returns to the cycle. Nutrients from food we eat return to soil that grows more food. This closed-loop understanding is not merely ecological; it is spiritual—an expression of reciprocity and right relationship with creation. Using composting sanitation and returning nutrients to our land is consistent with the Indigenous values we teach and practice at Eloheh.

VII. THE THRESHOLD QUESTION: PRIVATE GATHERINGS VS. PUBLIC USE

Beyond the specific permit conditions, we raise a fundamental question: does this regulatory framework apply to Eloheh's proposed use at all?

A. We Are Not a Public Operation

The agri-tourism permit framework and associated regulations assume public use—operations that advertise, charge admission, and are open to whoever shows up. That is not what we do. People who come to Eloheh are friends and contacts who reach out to us and ask to bring a group. We have never advertised a public program where strangers enroll. These are invited guests at our home.

What is the legal difference between us having 16-18 friends over for a few days and feeding them, and anyone else hosting a large family reunion or church group at their home? People do this all the time without permits, caterers, or fire inspections.

B. Constitutional Protections

Private gatherings of friends on private property for religious and educational purposes implicate core constitutional protections:

First Amendment – Freedom of Assembly: "The right of the people peaceably to assemble" protects private gatherings of invited guests.

First Amendment – Freedom of Association: The Supreme Court recognizes rights of both "intimate association" (small, selective, relational groups) and "expressive association" (groups formed for protected speech or religion). Our gatherings fit both.

First Amendment – Free Exercise of Religion: The government regulating private religious gatherings on private property with invited guests triggers serious constitutional scrutiny.

Fourth Amendment – Sanctity of the Home: Our property is our home. The government's authority to regulate what we do with invited guests on our own property is constitutionally limited.

Fourteenth Amendment – Due Process: Substantive due process protects the right to direct our household, our privacy, and family autonomy—including whom we invite into our home.

C. The Question Never Answered

In correspondence with the Yamhill County Planning Director, we asked directly: "If friends come to volunteer on our farm, do I need a permit? If we allow college groups to come for a work-project, is a permit needed? What about gatherings to learn about our mission?" These questions were never answered.

The County has never clarified when private hospitality becomes regulated public use. We cannot comply with requirements that have never been defined. This ambiguity is itself a due process concern.

VIII. ADDITIONAL CONCERN: BURDEN THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION

In addition to the substantive permit conditions addressed above, we raise a concern about the process by which we arrived at this point. RLUIPA prohibits government from "imposing or implementing" land use regulations in a manner that substantially burdens religious exercise. Courts have interpreted the word "implement" to cover not just the regulations themselves but how they are applied—including procedural delays, unclear guidance, and misdirection that burden religious organizations.

A. The Church Path: Three Weeks Lost

On May 8, 2025, the Planning Director informed us he had "spent an hour yesterday talking with my land use attorney" and suggested we pursue becoming a "church" under ORS 215.441 as an alternative to an expensive zone change. We spent the following three weeks pursuing this option—contacting attorneys, researching requirements, requesting pre-application meetings.

On May 29, 2025, the Planning Director finally revealed: "In short, being a church does not allow overnight guests since it is, by definition and state statute, nonresidential." Our primary need—overnight gathering for religious ceremonies—could never have been met through the church path. A planning director who spent an hour with the county attorney should have known this before suggesting it. We lost three weeks and incurred costs pursuing an option that was never viable.

B. The Agri-Tourism Option: Not Presented Until We Found It

From December 2024 through May 2025, the Planning Department presented two options: a zone change at \$7,373 (which we were warned would be "appealed to LUBA by Friends of Yamhill County"), or the church path at \$2,740 (which turned out to be a dead end). The agri-tourism permit—the most obvious fit for a teaching farm hosting seasonal agricultural education events—was not mentioned until we discovered it ourselves through independent research in May 2025 and raised it with the county.

The Planning Director's stated role is to "present options." The most relevant and least burdensome option was not presented until we found it ourselves, six months into the process.

C. Solar Permit Withheld as Leverage

We applied for a solar permit for an agricultural building on EFU-40 land—a routine matter. The Planning Director refused to approve it unless we first resolved all other land use questions, and specifically conditioned approval on our "ceasing the food service and educational seminars on the property." Teaching and feeding people is what our religious nonprofit does.

We had communicated our financial constraints repeatedly: a \$100,000 bridge loan due March 24, 2026, dependent on completing the solar installation; potential loss of a \$33,000 grant if installation was delayed; summer solar savings window closing. The county was aware of the financial pressure created by delay, yet continued to withhold a routine permit as leverage for broader compliance.

D. Fundamental Questions Never Answered

We asked the Planning Director directly: "If friends come to volunteer on our farm, do I need a permit? If we allow college groups to come for a work-project, is a permit needed? What about gatherings to learn about our mission?" These questions were never answered. We still do not know where the county draws the line between private hospitality and regulated public use. We cannot comply with requirements that have never been defined.

E. The Burden of Implementation

The substantial burden test under RLUIPA asks whether government action puts "substantial pressure on an adherent to modify his behavior and to violate his beliefs." The county's implementation of its land use regulations—not just the regulations themselves—created substantial pressure on our religious organization:

- Financial pressure from delays while our bridge loan clock was running
- Wasted time and resources pursuing a path the county should have known was nonviable
- Failure to present the most appropriate permit option until we discovered it ourselves
- Use of an unrelated permit as leverage to force cessation of our core religious activities
- Refusal to clarify when private gatherings become regulated public use

We do not allege intentional discrimination. We do allege that the cumulative effect of the county's implementation of its land use regulations has substantially burdened our religious exercise in ways that RLUIPA was enacted to address.

VIII. RELIEF REQUESTED

Appellants respectfully request that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Find that the camping restriction as applied to Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice imposes a substantial burden on religious exercise within the meaning of RLUIPA, and modify the permit to allow overnight camping for religious gatherings at a frequency consistent with our religious practice;
2. Find that the food service requirements as applied to Eloheh impose a substantial burden on religious exercise, and grant a religious exemption permitting us to serve food grown on our farm to gathering participants;
3. Clarify that source-separated urine from our Separett composting toilet system may be used in our compost operation consistent with WHO guidelines and scientific evidence;
4. Clarify the threshold at which private gatherings of invited guests become regulated public use, or acknowledge that private religious gatherings fall outside the regulatory framework;
5. Provide such other relief as the Board deems just and appropriate.

CONCLUSION

Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice exists to practice and teach Indigenous spirituality centered on sacred relationship with land. The permit conditions at issue prevent us from conducting religious ceremonies and teachings that require extended overnight gathering, prohibit us from sharing sacred food we grow ourselves, and impose sewage regulations on sanitation practices consistent with international health guidelines and Indigenous values of closed-loop reciprocity.

We are not newcomers claiming Indigenous spirituality for regulatory convenience. We are recognized experts—by academic institutions, religious bodies, publishing houses, and Indigenous communities—on precisely the matters at issue. Randy Woodley’s expert opinion has been sought by Time Magazine, Christianity Today and Sojourner’s Magazine, The Huffington Post, PolitiFact, and other national venues. When we describe what Indigenous religious practice requires, we speak with the authority of scholarship, ordination, tribal identity, and between us, over a century of lived experience.

We ask the Board to recognize the religious nature of our work and provide appropriate accommodation under RLUIPA.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Woodley, PhD (Keetoowah)
Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Faith
and Culture
Co-Director, Eloheh Indigenous Center for
Earth Justice

Edith Woodley, (Eastern Shoshone)
Co-Director, Eloheh Indigenous Center for
Earth Justice

III. Pre-Application Correspondence

Ken Friday

From: Randy Woodley <eloheh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 10:44 AM
To: Ken Friday <fridayk@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Ag Building Use

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To: Ken Friday
Yamhill County Planning

Dear Mr. Friday,

Our Ag building at 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd., Yamhill, OR 97148 will only be used for agricultural purposes, not housing or gatherings of people. Thank you!

Randy S. Woodley
Eloheh Farm & Seeds
www.elohehseeds.com
859-321-9394

Ken Friday

Subject: FW: Eloheh farms Ag. building/bunk house

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Codiga <codigat@yamhillcounty.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 8:05 AM

To: Ken Friday <fridayk@yamhillcounty.gov>

Subject: FW:

Ken, I need to talk to you about this. It is on Lilac Hill RD, it is an ag building there is a bunk room upstairs, 3 woodstoves, and a kitchen food serving line.

Tim

-----Original Message-----

From: 9712644157@vzwpix.com <9712644157@vzwpix.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 3:10 PM

To: Tim Codiga <codigat@yamhillcounty.gov>

Subject:

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Agricultural Permit Application

YAMHILL COUNTY

525 NE 4th St., McMinnville, OR 97128
 planning@co.yamhill.or.us

Phone: (503) 434-7516
 Fax: (503) 434-7544

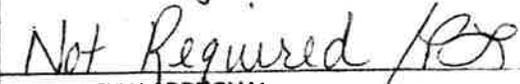
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Date: 10/28/2022

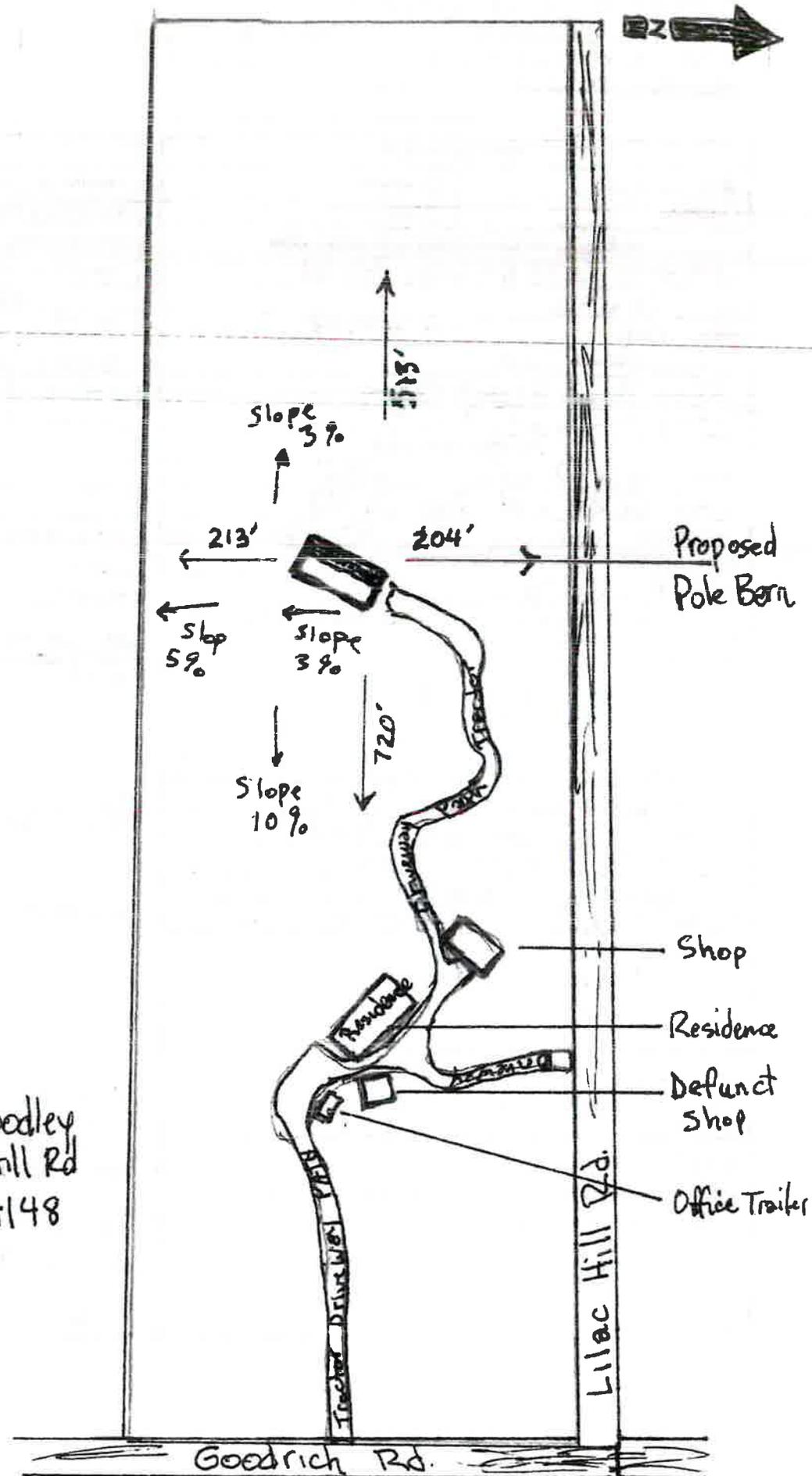
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City: Yamhill,	
State: OR	Zip: 97148
Cross street/directions to job site: Lilac Hill & Russell Creek	
Tax map/parcel no: R 2428-00700	
PROPERTY OWNER	
Name: Randy & Edith Woodley	
Address: 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd	
City/State/Zip: Yamhill OR 97148	
Phone: 859-321-9394	Fax: NA
Email: eloheh@gmail.com	
This installation is being made on farm or forest property owned by me or a member of my immediate family, and is exempt from licensing requirements under OAR 918-515-0010.	
Signature: 	
CONTRACTOR	
Name: Vincent Navarro Building Up Construction	
Address: 630 Depot St.	
City/State/Zip: Fairview OR 97024	
Phone: 503-919-1433	Fax: -NA-
Email: buildingupnw@gmail.com	
CCB license: 221973	Expiration date: 2/1/23
Signature: Vincent Navarro	
APPLICANT (if different)	
Name: same as owner	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Phone:	Fax:
Email:	
Signature:	

REQUIRED DATA
Valuation: \$110,000.
New Building Area: 2,160. sq. ft.
Existing Building Area: 0
Type of Construction: Pole Barn
DESCRIPTION OF WORK
Building Up Construction will supply all labor and materials for a 36x60 metal pole barn construction to begin in January

FEE SCHEDULE	
Zoning Compliance Fee	82.00
Amount Paid 11/4/22	\$87.00
Receipt # 921452 ck # 114	

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY	
ZONING: EF-40	
SETBACKS: Front: 30'	
Side: 30'	Rear: 30'
PLANNING APPROVAL:	
Conditions/remarks:	
PUBLIC WORKS APPROVAL: No changes	Existing Driveway Access
FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL:	Not Required 
SANITATION APPROVAL:	 11/4/2022

SITE PLAN



Randy & Edith Woodley
 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd
 Yamhill, OR 97148
 9.44 acres
 (Not to scale)

PLOT PLAN



Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development

525 NE 4th Street, McMinnville, OR 97128 ✦ Phone: 503-434-7516 ✦ Fax: 503-434-7544 ✦ TTY: 800-735-2900

AGRICULTURE & EQUINE PERMIT EXEMPTION

Information and Affidavit to be completed by the property owner or lease holder

Owner/Applicant name:

Randy & Edith Woodley

Site address:

6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd. Yamhill, OR 97148

Mailing address:

-same-

Phone/e-mail:

859-321-9394

Tax lot number:

R 2428 -00700

Zoning Designation:

EF-40

In order to determine what constitutes a farm under ORS 455.315, Yamhill County developed the following policy: In order to qualify for an agricultural building exemption the application must state that the structure will be used as part of the farm or forestry operation, some portion of the property shall be on a farm or forest deferral, and the property must be zoned for farm or forest use or both. In order to qualify for an equine facility exemption some portion of the property shall be receiving farm deferral and the zone in which the property is located must allow farm use.

1. Is the property on a farm or forest tax deferral program? Yes No
2. Is the primary purpose of your farmland to obtain a profit in money? Yes No
3. Is the predominant purpose of this land to grow and harvest trees of a marketable species? Yes No
4. Will your agricultural structure be used by 10 or more people at any one time, or by the general public? Yes No
5. Will your equine structure have 10 or more people at any one time? Yes No - NA-
6. Is the parcel located in the flood zone? Yes No
7. Which of the following systems will the proposed structure have? (a separate permit is required for each system)
 Electrical Mechanical Plumbing Septic None off grid
8. Describe the intended use of the proposed building:

Agricultural storage and processing of primarily seeds.
Also used to store fruits, vegetables & farm equipment. Some
use as a greenhouse and shade house for plants.

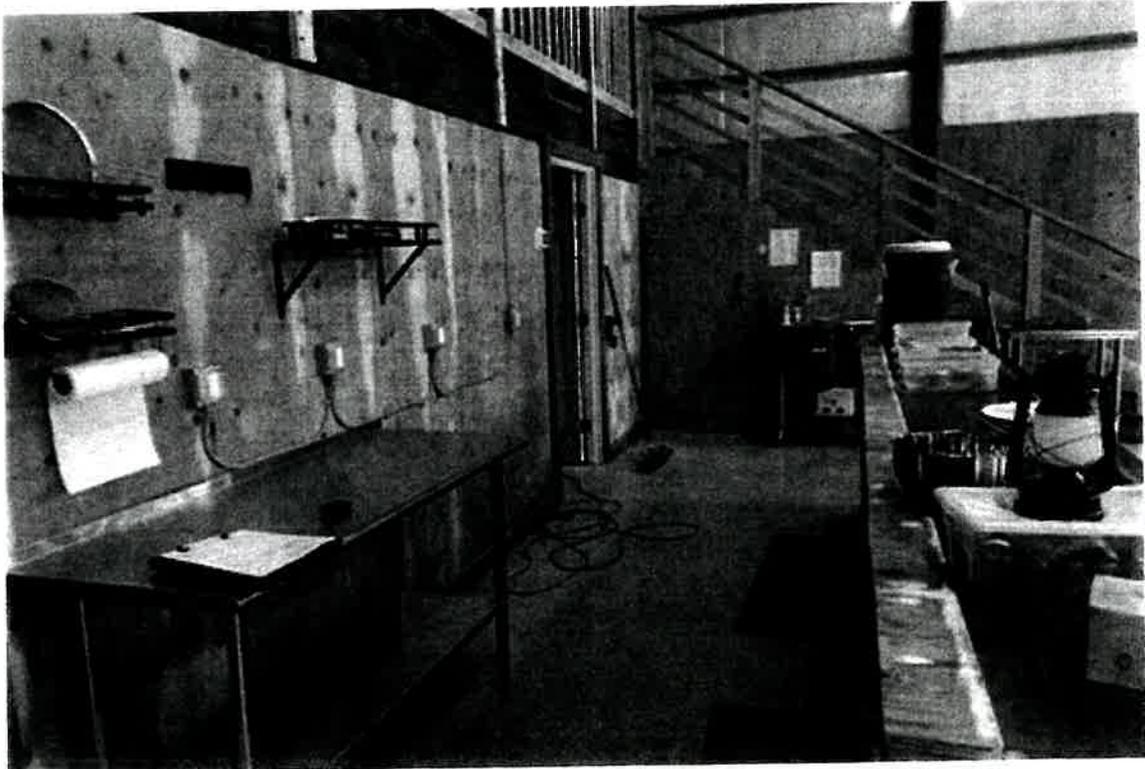
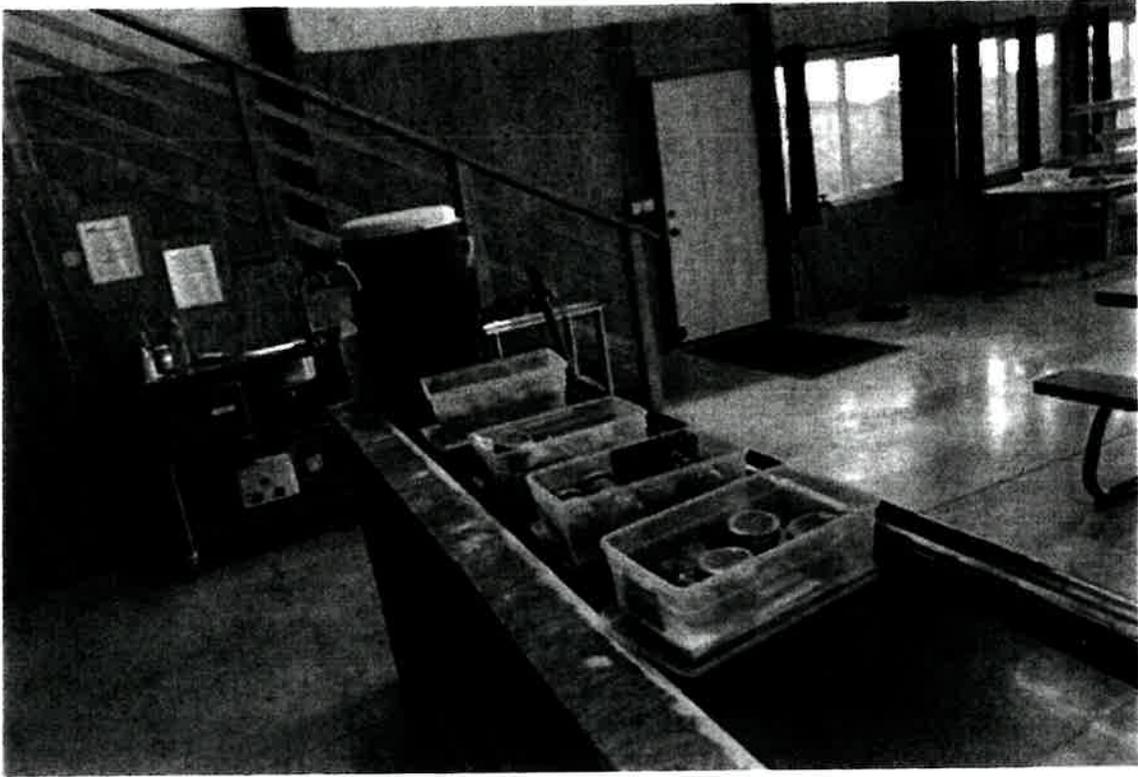
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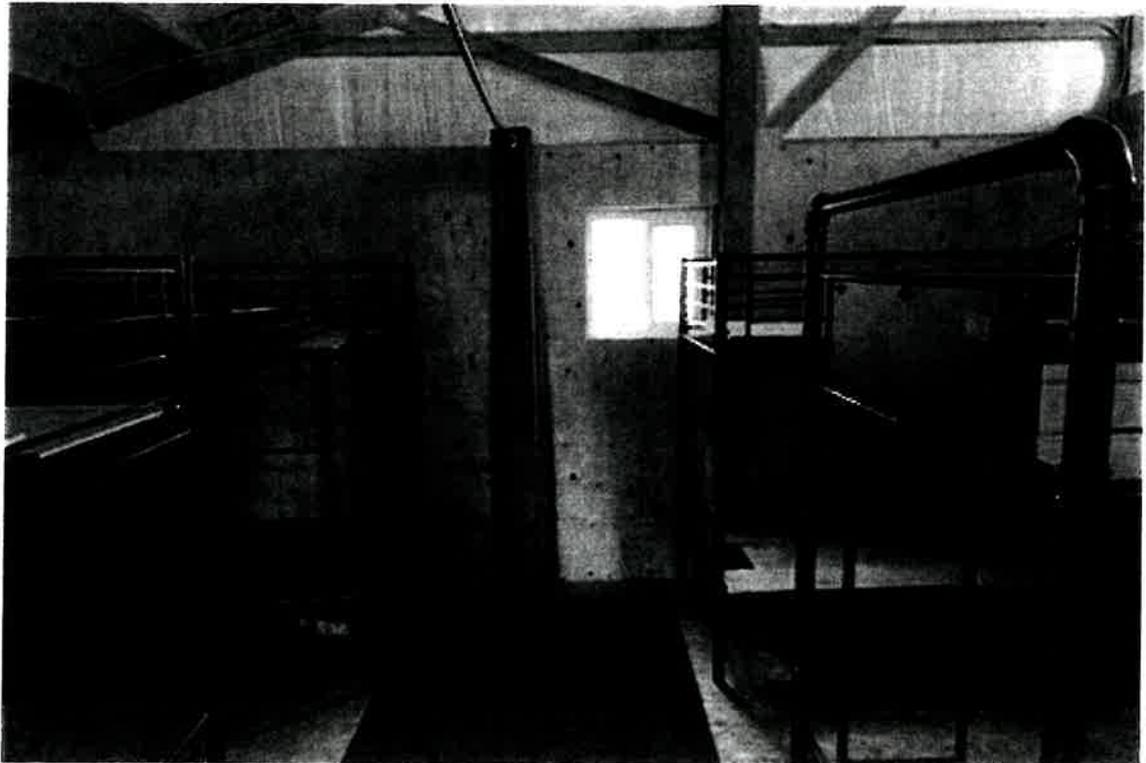
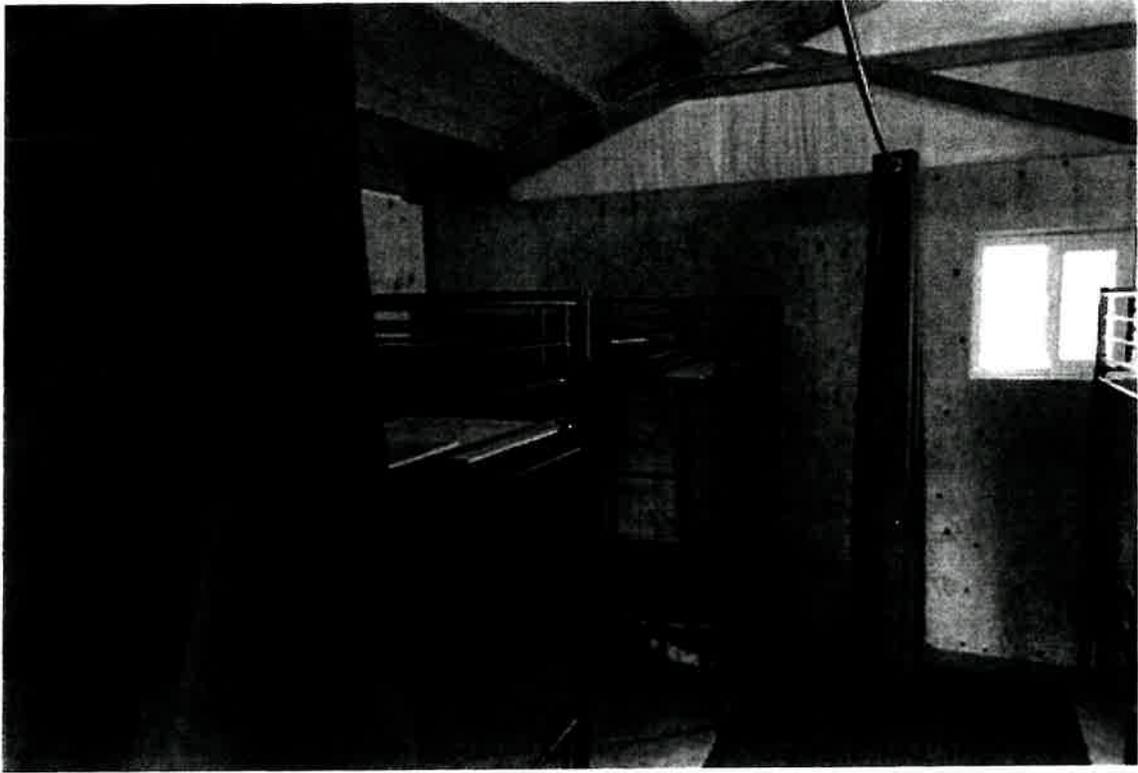
Storage, maintenance, and repair of farm or forest machinery, supplies, and equipment used on this farm or forest property. List equipment and/or items stored:

Raising, harvesting, or selling of crops or forest products raised on this farm or forest.

Feeding, breeding, management, and sale of livestock, poultry, fur bearing animals, or honeybees on this farm.

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM







Ken Friday

From: Ken Friday
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 1:44 PM
To: Tim Codiga; John Codiga
Subject: Concerns about Event Center

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<https://www.eloheh.org/imagine>

Please look at the above video. And please read his October fundraising post noted below:



Randy Woodley Author/Speaker

October 30, 2024 · 🌐

It's time to boost Eloheh to the next level! The completion of the Learning Center allows us to host more people for our ongoing schools and eventually, conferences! And now we are up for a huge grant for solar power for the Learning Center, but to be eligible, the Learning Center has to be connected to the grid.

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We need to raise \$55,000 by December 15th, however, through the generosity of one donor who believes strongly in what we are doing, we already have \$25,557 in hand. We need to raise the remaining \$29,443 in the next six weeks.

Please give generously today. No donation is too small. Just as many small steps add up to a long journey, donations of all sizes will add up to our goal! Thank you for helping us spread indigenous values so we can all live in harmony with the whole community of creation. As Lisa Sharon Harper recently said on her podcast about the message the Woodleys bring: "This is the medicine the world so desperately needs."

Ken Friday

From: Ken Friday
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 5:11 PM
To: 'Randy Woodley'
Subject: RE: Eloheh Solar

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I did receive this e-mail.

You had previously stated, "I hope you will consider allowing us to go ahead with the solar installation while we are in the process of changing the zoning." I would consider that option, with certain conditions, but we presently have no application for any land use approval.

Please be aware that I have tried to find another option. Since a zone change is so difficult and time consuming to process, I am trying to find other options for you to apply under. I spent an hour yesterday talking with my land use attorney and she suggested I find out if you felt the use would qualify as a church. These are listed in ORS 215.441 and are subject to OAR 660-033-0130(2) which states:

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(c) Existing facilities wholly within a farm use zone may be maintained, enhanced or expanded on the same tract, subject to other requirements of law, but enclosed existing structures within a farm use zone within three miles of an urban growth boundary may not be expanded beyond the requirements of this rule.

This would require a Site Design Review and a Miscellaneous land use application to show that the use qualifies under ORS 215.441 and OAR 660-033-0120. The application fee for a Site Design Review and Misc.

Land Use application is \$2,740.00. The Site Design Review criteria can be found in 1101.02 which can be found at:

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If you make a land use application and take other steps to come into compliance (like ceasing the food service and educational seminars on the property), then I could sign-off on the solar permit with the understanding that you would be proceeding at your own risk as land use applications are always an uncertain process.

I hope this helps.

Ken Friday
Planning Director
503-434-7516

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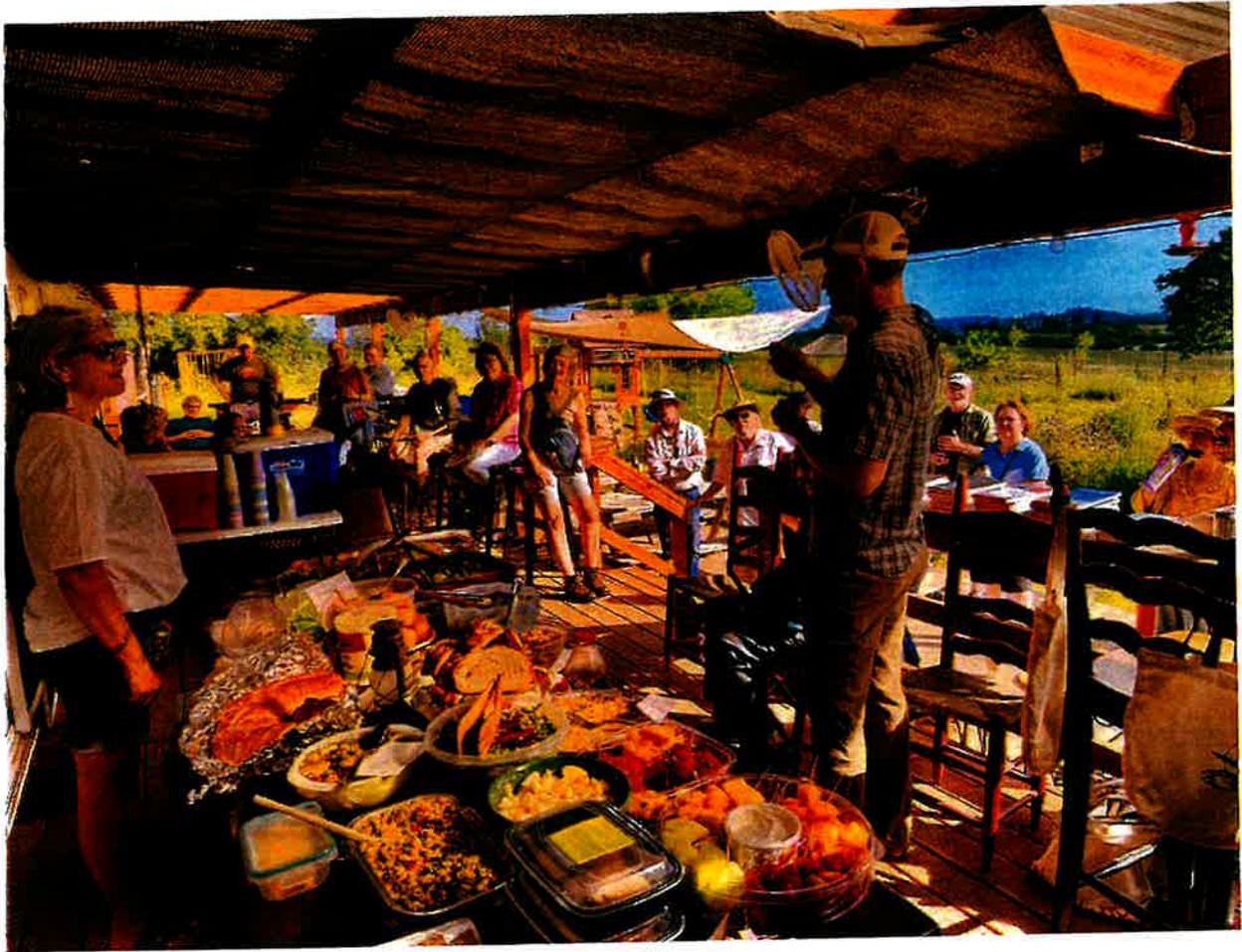
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Ken Friday

From: Ken Friday
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 10:15 AM
To: Randy Woodley
Cc: Carl Wamser; Lenore Three Stars; Edith L Woodley; Jim Sequeira; Erna Stubblefield; Joshua Grace; Ken loyd; Fern Cloud; Bruce Crawford
Subject: RE: The Agri-tourism option
Importance: High
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Can you please send me a copy of your grant application for your solar facility? I need that information so I can respond to you regarding your request for the solar permit.

As for your plan to host agri-tourism events, Yamhill County has adopted these provisions in Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance 1013 which can be found at:

<https://www.yamhillcounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8514/Zoning-Ordinance-Section-1013-Agri-Tourism-Use-Permits-PDF>

The application for agri-tourism events can be found at:

<https://www.yamhillcounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9027/Agri-Tourism-Event-Permit-Application-PDF>

Please note that under our code only one of the approved yearly events could allow overnight camping.

I hope this helps.

From: Randy Woodley <eloheh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 5:26 PM
To: Ken Friday <fridayk@yamhillcounty.gov>
Cc: Carl Wamser <wamserc@pdx.edu>; Lenore Three Stars <lenore.three.stars@gmail.com>; Edith L Woodley <el.woodley@gmail.com>; Jim Sequeira <jim@cascadeview.org>; Erna Stubblefield <erna.hackett@gmail.com>; Joshua Grace <grace.joshua@gmail.com>; Ken loyd <kenloyd141@gmail.com>; Fern Cloud <ferncloud@hotmail.com>; Bruce Crawford <bigdaddio58@yahoo.com>
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Mr Ken Friday
Yamhill County Planning & Zoning

Dear Mr Friday,

I hope you have received my email sent on May 17th of this year. I wonder when we might receive a response to the application? As I have stated, we are under severe financial pressure to move ahead as soon as possible and our stated use poses no threat to violating Yamhill County ordinances or zoning. Thank you.

On a related matter, I may have found a better option for us all without having to change our zoning, that of a Temporary Use Permit. According to what I read, this sounds like a valid option for our Farm-school. As I read it, an **Agri-Tourism Event Permit** appears to be our best pathway and our schools are seasonal.

I see that Yamhill County has a specific "Agri-Tourism Event Permit Application" and "Agri-Tourism Event Renewal Application" forms and Oregon law allows up to 18 agri-tourism events per calendar year on EFU land.

Key Requirements for Agri-Tourism Events:

1. **Annual Limit:** Maximum of 18 events or activities in a calendar year ORS 215.283 – Uses permitted in exclusive farm use zones in nonmarginal lands counties; rules
2. **Duration:** Each event cannot exceed 72 consecutive hours ORS 215.283 – Uses permitted in exclusive farm use zones in nonmarginal lands counties; rules
3. **Must be Agricultural:** Events must be "incidental and subordinate to existing commercial farm use of the tract and are necessary to support the commercial farm uses or the commercial agricultural enterprises in the area" ORS 215.283 – Uses permitted in exclusive farm use zones in nonmarginal lands counties; rules
4. **Attendance Limits:** Maximum attendance of 500 people and 250 vehicles at the site ORS 215.283 – Uses permitted in exclusive farm use zones in nonmarginal lands counties; rules

Given that we operate Eloheh Seeds and focus on sustainability and regenerative practices, our farm school activities would likely qualify as agri-tourism events that support our commercial farm use, among other subjects, through:

- **Educational workshops** (seed saving, sustainable farming techniques)
- **Farm-to-table events** (showcasing our crops)
- **Overnight farm stays** (as part of multi-day educational programs)

On the requirements,

1. We would have only six to eight events per year.
2. We would have less than less than 72 hour stays.
3. Our events are incidental and subordinate to our commercial farm use and are necessary to support the work.
4. Our attendance would be exceedingly below the stated limits of people and vehicles.

We can work out feeding people in whatever way suits the county. Catering through local restaurants or hiring a licensed food truck seem like sound options, perhaps there are more? I would want to hear from the county to be sure we are in code.

Our seed business and educational mission seems to me to align well with the "supportive of agriculture" requirement, especially given our focus on teaching sustainable farming practices. I look forward to hearing your opinion on the matter. I especially would like to resolve these issues without having to consult attorneys. I hope we can come to an arrangement soon. I would like to request a pre-meeting if this process seems reasonable to you.

In terms of approval of the Solar permit, I hope to hear from you very soon.

Thank you for all your help.

Randy Woodley

Eloheh/Eagle's Wings

Cc: Eloheh Board, Mr. Carl Wamser, Mr. Bruce Crawford

Ken Friday

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Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 11:08 AM
To: Randy Woodley
Cc: Carl Wamser; Lenore Three Stars; Edith L Woodley; Jim Sequeira; Erna Stubblefield; Joshua Grace; Ken loyd; Fern Cloud; Bruce Crawford
Subject: RE: The Agri-tourism option

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I am fine with meeting with you to answer your questions. The main thing I want you to be aware of is that while I can present you with options, I cannot act as your land use consultant. As such, I do not know what is best for your situation and am not advising you to take any particular path.

As you have mentioned wanting to do overnight stays at the farm the one additional thing I would suggest doing is to talk with the building official and sanitarian to get an idea of the costs to bring the building(s) up to code and to install septic system(s) for the intended use. They will need to know the number of people intended to stay on the farm and the number expected in the buildings/teepees and yurt (and any future facilities you would want to construct). The county sanitarian is Suzanne Richardson (503-434-7516) and the Building Official is Tim Codiga (503-434-7516)

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To: Ken Friday <fridayk@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Re: The Agri-tourism option

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The gatherings have not been in the building, but they will be eventually we hope given the proper zoning, but I understand your point.

Also, the solar field does not just power the building, but it accumulates savings for the rest of the farm.

Given your stance, though, it sounds like becoming a church will be the fastest way for us to obtain the solar permit. So can we schedule a time to sit down for the initial conversation so we understand what is entailed and the ramifications, and obtain the permit application?

Randy Woodley

Sent from my iPhone

On May 27, 2025, at 8:38 AM, Ken Friday <fridayk@yamhillcounty.gov> wrote:

Thank you for confirming that the use of the property is to have the public in and to host events. I don't know if you recall, but last year an electrician came into our office to pull a permit to wire the agricultural use building as a "farm bunkhouse." At that time, I contacted you to be sure you understood that the agricultural building was not approved as a bunkhouse or for hosting public events. I tried to make it clear that land use and building permit approvals were required if you wished to pursue these activities. You assured me that no housing nor gatherings of people would take place in the agricultural building. Your e-mail stated,

To: Ken Friday
Yamhill County Planning

Dear Mr. Friday,

Our Ag building at 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd., Yamhill, OR 97148 will only be used for agricultural purposes, not housing or gatherings of people. Thank you!

Randy S. Woodley
Eloheh Farm & Seeds
www.elohehseeds.com
859-321-9394

Based on this statement our office issued the permit. From the evidence that I have and the statements you have made it appears that this "agricultural use only" building has been in use for public gatherings, and overnight accommodations. I am basing this in part on the fundraising statements you posted on the Facebook page.

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These statements lead me to conclude that the barn has continued to be used as an event center and bunkhouse. In the most recent e-mail you stated, "As you know, we ended up building a 36x60 agricultural building that could also serve as a bunkhouse for workers." I think this statement illustrates the misunderstanding. The agricultural building was **not** built to serve as a bunkhouse for workers. The agricultural building was only permitted to be used to store farm equipment. A building used as an event center to host gatherings or for housing workers is required to be inspected and meet building safety standards. In

addition, the property is zoned EF-40 Exclusive Farm use which is a very restrictive zone. Before the building can be modified for these uses a land use approval or zone change is required to be obtained. Neither land use approval nor building permits and inspections these have been sought for hosting a school or providing camping or housing accommodations on this property.

In order for our office to issue a permit, a land use approval and proper permitting is required for the use. This is especially important as you are intending to bring both the public and school children onto the property. Based on both the grant application and electrical permit request, the solar facility is intended for the learning center/bunkhouse. As such, you will need to obtain land use approval and initiate building permits for the facility the prior to our issuance of the solar permit. I have provided you some options to apply for these approvals. Let me know how you wish to proceed.

Ken Friday

From: Ken Friday
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 11:20 AM
To: 'David Petersen'
Subject: RE: Eloheh agri-tourism permit [IMAN-PDX.FID1319284]

Our ordinance only allows it for one yearly event. The standard is found in YCZO 1013.01(5)

The finding is on the top of page 5 of the staff report:

11. *Overnight camping may be allowed for the duration of the one yearly activity or event approved under Section 1013.01(A)(2), (3) or (4). Applications involving overnight camping shall be subject to the Type B procedures set forth in Section 1301.*

While the applicant has established elements for on-site camping on the property, camping under this provision is only allowed for one event per year. A condition of approval will allow overnight camping for the duration of one yearly activity or event.

From: David Petersen <david.petersen@tonkon.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 12:24 PM
To: Ken Friday <fridayk@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh agri-tourism permit [IMAN-PDX.FID1319284]

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Ken

Thank you for sending the approval letter. What is the justification for condition #8? The applicant requested permission for camping at all six events and I don't see any analysis as to why you've limited it to just one.

David J. Petersen | Tonkon Torp LLP (he/him)

Partner | Co-Chair Business Department
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Portland OR 97201
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IV. Original Application and Associated Documents

YAMHILL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
AGRI-TOURISM EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Docket E-15-25
 Date 9/22/25
 Rec'd by KMF
 Receipt # 938576 + 93857
 Fee 1,511.16

400 NE Baker Street, McMinnville, OR 97128 • Tel: 503-434-7516 • Fax: 503-434-7544

APPLICANT				LEGAL OWNER (IF DIFFERENT)			
Eloheh/Eagles Wings				same			
Last name	First	MI		Last name	First	MI	
Woodley	Randy	S		Woodley	Randy	S	
Mailing address (Street or PO Box)				Mailing address (Street or PO Box)			
6033 NW Lilac Rd				6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd			
City	State	Zip		City	State	Zip	
Yamhill	OR	97148		Yamhill	OR	97148	
Telephone				Telephone			
859-321-9394				859-321-9394			
E-mail address				E-mail address			
eloheh@gmail.com				eloheh@gmail.com			
If the applicant is not the legal owner, state interest in property:							
n/a							
PROPERTY INFORMATION							
Tax Lot(s): <u>2.4.28.0700</u>				Zone: <u>EF40</u>			
Site address: <u>6033 NW Lilac Rd., Yamhill, OR 97148</u>				<u>R2428-700</u>			
Size of Tract (include all adjacent tax lots) <u>9.44 ac</u>							

Please check the appropriate box:

- Expedited Single Event - \$98.00
 Single Event (Type A) - \$360.00
 Single Event (Type B) - \$935.00
 Six Events (Type A or B) - \$935.00
 18 Events (Type B) - \$1,370.00

# OF EVENTS PROPOSED: 18	ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE PER EVENT: 8-24
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- JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST** YCZO Section(s): 1013.01(A)(4)
 A Planner will assist you in identifying the review criteria that apply to your request. The review criteria are used to determine whether your application will be approved or denied. It is your responsibility to provide adequate written justification and any other evidence you feel is relevant to explain how your request complies with the review criteria. Failure to provide adequate justification may result in your application being denied or deemed incomplete until additional information is provided.
- TYPE OF EVENT** Indicate what will happen at your event(s); be specific on dates, times and activities; attach additional sheets if necessary: see attached narrative
- EXPLAIN HOW THE EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES ARE RELATED TO AND SUPPORTIVE OF AGRICULTURE:**
see attached narrative

4. WILL SOUND AMPLIFICATION BE USED AT ALL DURING THE EVENT(S)? [] YES [x] NO

If yes, please list dates and hours:

5. AGRICULTURAL USE Describe the existing farm use on the property (attach additional sheets if necessary):
see attached narrative

6. DESCRIBE HOW THE EVENT(S) WILL BE INCIDENTAL AND SUBORDINATE TO THE EXISTING FARM USE ON THE PROPERTY (attach additional sheets if necessary):

see attached narrative

7. EVENT(S) WILL TAKE PLACE Outdoors Temporary Structure(s) Existing Structures(s)
Please provide and show on site plan

8. LOCATION OF PROPOSED PARKING FOR THE EVENT(S) AND NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES (Show on site map):

see attached site plan 26 Total Existing Parking Spaces

9. FOR MAXIMUM 18 EVENT PERMITS, ON A PARCEL THAT COMPLIES WITH THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF THE ZONE, DESCRIBE HOW EVENTS WILL BE INCIDENTAL AND SUBORDINATE TO EXISTING COMMERCIAL FARM USE OF THE PROPERTY AND NECESSARY TO SUPPORT COMMERCIAL FARM USES OR COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES IN THE AREA (Attach additional sheets if necessary).

see attached narrative

10. Please list the type of buildings that are currently on the property (i.e. manufactured home, pole building, agricultural barn, etc.):

manufactured home, shop (pole), garage (pole), job site trailer, agricultural building (pole). All Existing

11. How will bathroom facilities be provided?

Existing bathrooms Portable Toilet Other _____
 Well City Other _____

12. How will water be provided?

13. What road will provide access to the property?

Lilac Hill Rd. and Goodrich Rd.

THE APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT:

1. Completed application form, signed by the applicant and property owner (if different). The owner's signature must be notarized.
2. Site plan drawn to scale showing property lines, location and size of all existing buildings, existing and proposed access roads, existing and proposed parking and location and size of any proposed temporary structures.
3. Written justification of how the application complies with the approval criteria. If necessary, attach additional sheets to this form.
4. Filing fee (make check payable to Yamhill County).

NOTE: Fees are not transferrable or refundable.

I hereby declare under penalties of false swearing (ORS 162.075 and 162.085) that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that issuance of an approval based on this application will not excuse me from complying with other effective ordinances and laws regulating the use of the land and buildings.

I hereby grant permission for and consent to Yamhill County, its officers, agents, and employees coming upon the above-described property to gather information and inspect the property whenever it is reasonably necessary for the purpose of processing this application.

Randy Woodley 8/27/25
 Applicant's signature Date

 Property owner's signature (if different) Date

State of Oregon

County of Yamhill

Signed before me on this 27th day of August, 2025

by Randy Woodley



Sophia Jacobs
 Notary Public for Oregon
 My Commission expires March 31, 2026

Attachment to Agri-Tourism Event Permit Application

Applicant: Eloheh/Eagles Wings

Property: 6033 NW Lilac Road, Yamhill, OR

Question 1: JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST We seek agri-tourism events to fulfill our educational mission as Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice and Eloheh Farm and Seeds. We are a 501c3 religious organization/church recognized by the Justice Department of Oregon and the I.R.S. We are organized under the name Eloheh/Eagle's Wings #88-0427856. Our mission Statement reads: ***Eloheh teaches, inspires, guides, mentors and models through an Indigenous worldview, a co-sustaining, harmonious relationship between humanity, earth and Creator. Indigenous values guide all our decisions, while keeping the whole community of creation in mind.*** Our events directly support our non-profit's goal to teach Indigenous worldviews, decolonizing practices, and regenerative farming as spiritual practice. These events generate revenue supporting our farm operations and Indigenous entrepreneurship incubation.

This application meets all of the approval criteria of YCZO 1013.01(A)(4) as follows:

a. The events or activities are incidental and subordinate to existing commercial farm use of the tract and are necessary to support the commercial farm uses or the commercial agricultural enterprises of the area.

Response: See responses to Questions 3, 5, 6 and 9 below. This criterion is met.

b. Shall comply with YCZO Section 1013.01(A)(3)(b) through (h).

3(b). Shall not, individually, exceed 72 consecutive hours.

Response: Events shall take place on weekends starting no earlier than 3:00 pm on Thursday and ending no later than 1:00 pm Sunday, which is less than 72 consecutive hours. Specific dates will be determined based on demand and availability of instructors and attendees. This criterion is met.

3(c). One of the six events may allow the artificial amplification of voice or music

Response: No artificial sound amplification will be used for any event. This criterion is not applicable.

3(d). Shall comply with ORS 215.296.

ORS 215.296(a): The use will not force a significant change in accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.

Response: The sole focus of the planned events is to provide visitors with experience and training in the already existing farming practices occurring on site, so that they can further disseminate that knowledge in the agricultural community. As such there will be no change to existing farm practices on the subject property. It necessarily follows that no significant change will result in accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands as well. This criterion is met.

ORS 215.296(b): The use will not significantly increase the cost of accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.

Response: The sole focus of the planned events is to provide visitors with experience and training in the already existing farming practices occurring on site, so that they can further disseminate that knowledge in the agricultural community. As such there will be no change to existing farm practices on the subject property or the cost thereof. It necessarily follows that no significant increase will result to the cost of accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands as well. This criterion is met.

3(e). Shall occur outdoors, in temporary structures, or in existing permitted structures [and] shall not require or involve the construction, use or occupancy of a new permanent structure in conjunction with the activities or events.

Response: All activities will occur outdoors or in temporary or existing permitted structures. No new structures are required. See also application form item 7. This criterion is met.

3(f). Shall comply with any applicable health and fire and life safety requirements.

Response: Applicant will comply with all applicable health and fire and life safety requirements. This criterion is met.

3(g). Shall not, in combination with other agri-tourism or other commercial events or activities authorized in the area, materially alter the stability of the land use pattern in the area.

Response: The proposed events are in furtherance of the existing farming activities on the subject property, as explained in further detail elsewhere in this application narrative. As such, there will be no change to the use of the subject property, which necessarily means there will be no alteration of the current land use pattern in the area. This criterion is met.

3(h). Must comply with any conditions established [by the County].

Response: Acknowledged.

c. Shall occur on a lot or parcel that complies with the acknowledged minimum lot or parcel size.

Response: The subject parcel is a pre-existing legal lot consisting of 9.33 acres. The minimum size for new lots in the EF40 district is 40 acres, but pursuant to YCZO 402.09(B)(3), "any permitted or conditional use provided for in [the] district may be established on an existing lot" subject to satisfaction of applicable requirements. This criterion is met.

d. Permits approved under this subsection expire one year from the date of approval.

Response: Acknowledged.

e. Such permits may be renewed at four year intervals ...

Response: Acknowledged.

Question 2: TYPE OF EVENT Educational farm tours, workshops, and learning gatherings (March-October, primarily weekends): Indigenous farming methods and Traditional Indigenous Knowledge (TIK), seed-saving workshops, plant medicine walks, regenerative agriculture demonstrations, permaculture and biomimicry teachings, ceremonial plant cultivation, decolonizing and indigenizing theology discussions and the connection to the land, and seasonal harvest celebrations showcasing our heritage and Indigenous seed varieties. We intend to hold up to 18 events annually between March and October, with on-site overnight camping on Saturday, and occasionally some Thursday and Friday nights. We do not have set dates at this time since all groups contact us and request these services.

Question 3: HOW EVENTS RELATE TO AND SUPPORT AGRICULTURE Our events will support agriculture by directly demonstrating and teaching the regenerative agricultural practices we implement on Eloheh Farm. Visitors learn hands-on seed-saving from our Indigenous and heritage varieties, traditional Indigenous Knowledge about plant relationships, and regenerative farming as spiritual practice. This education creates informed consumers who support sustainable agriculture and carry forward Traditional Indigenous Knowledge to strengthen agricultural communities.

Question 5: AGRICULTURAL USE Eloheh Farm operates as a 10-acre regenerative teaching farm producing open-pollinated, Indigenous and heritage seeds specializing in varieties from Indigenous tribal peoples. We grow vegetables, herbs, staple crops, medicinal plants, wild-grows, and flowers. Current operations include approximately 5 acres in cultivation and 5 acres in managed native woodlands. We maintain pasture-raised layers, practice agroforestry, and follow our motto "Plant, Grow, Harvest, Share," giving to people in need.

Question 6: HOW EVENTS WILL BE INCIDENTAL AND SUBORDINATE Events most often occur during non-critical farming periods and directly showcase our active agricultural operations without disrupting daily farming. All visitors volunteer on the farm in some ways so they enhance production. Educational tours demonstrate our seed production, regenerative practices, and Indigenous farming methods currently implemented on the farm. Revenue

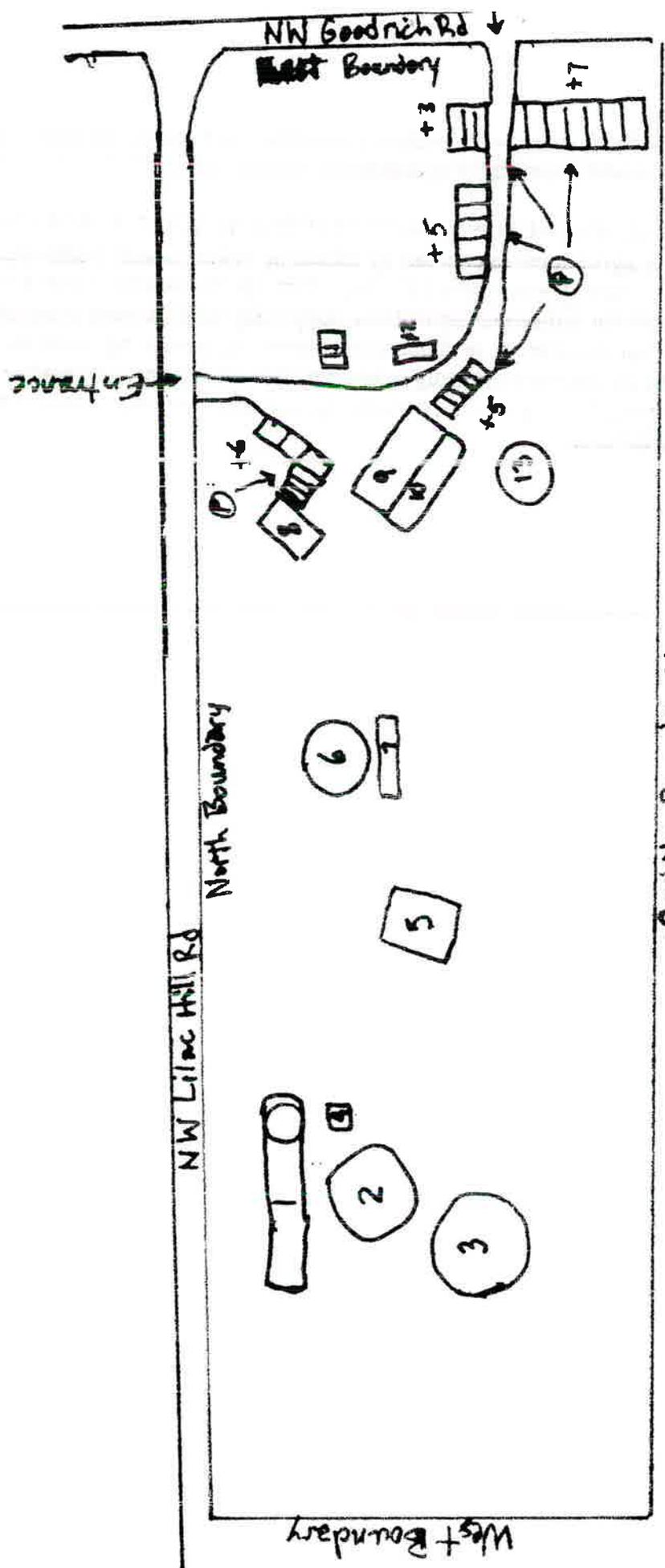
supports our agricultural infrastructure, seed production facilities, and equipment that enhances our farming capacity as a model regenerative operation.

Question 9: INCIDENTAL AND SUBORDINATE TO COMMERCIAL FARM USE Our events support commercial agricultural enterprises by educating visitors about Traditional Indigenous Knowledge that strengthens regional farming. Participants become customers for our Eloheh Seeds and advocates for Indigenous agriculture, supporting other farmers using similar practices. Revenue funds our commercial seed operation expansion, processing facilities, and agricultural equipment. As an incubator for Indigenous entrepreneurship and cooperative living, we model sustainable farming that supports the broader agricultural community while breaking destructive colonial dependencies.

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SITE PLAN
 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd.
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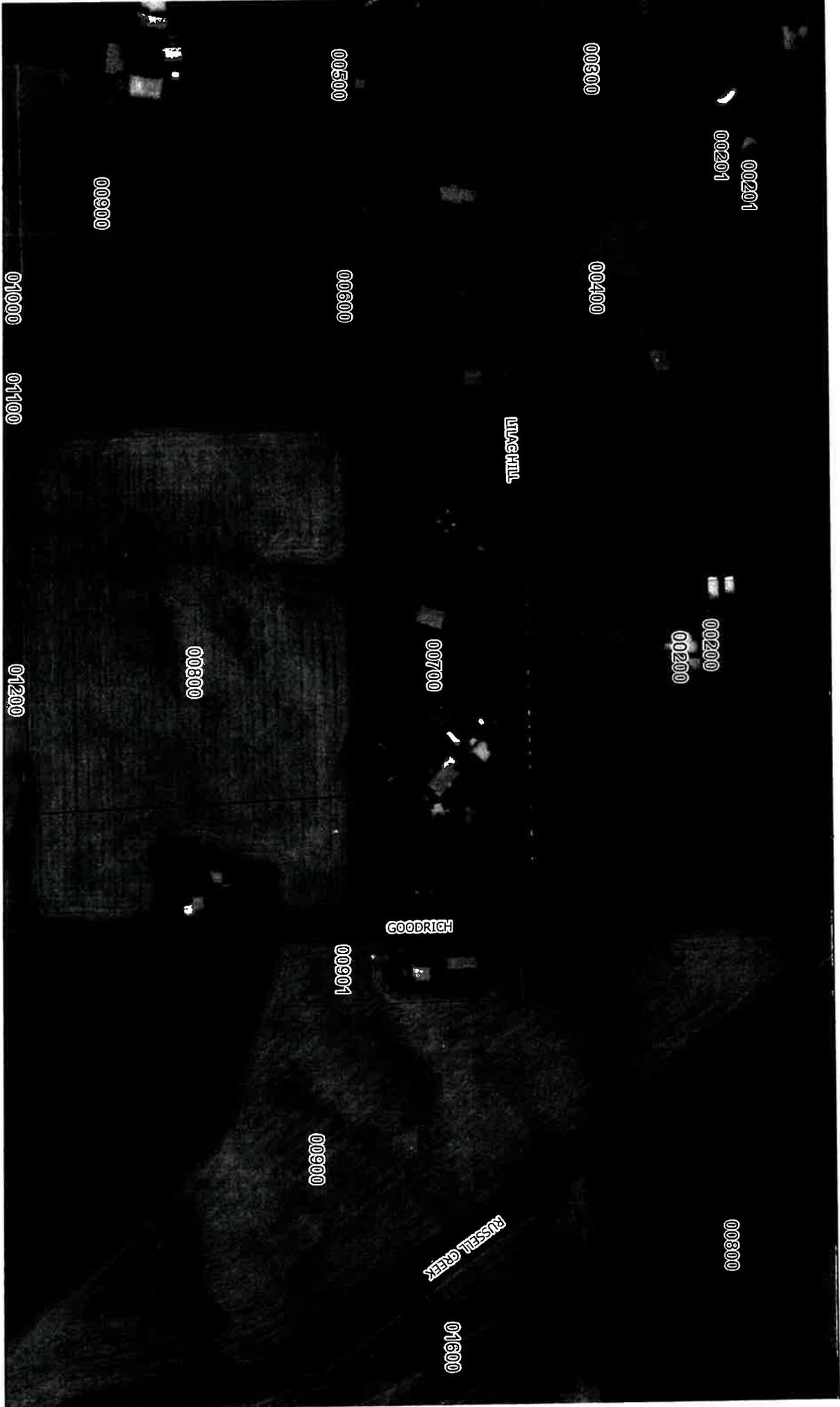
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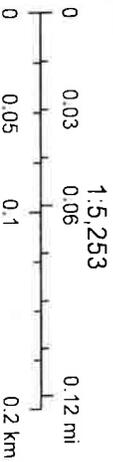
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October 1, 2025

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Please publish the following public notice in the October 3, 2025, edition of the News Register. Please bill this office and supply us with an affidavit of publication.

Sincerely,



Kenneth P. Friday
Planning Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications are being reviewed by the Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development: **CTS-14-25**, a request by David Berdichevsky for conditional use approval to allow for the conversion/use of a portion of the single-family dwelling for use as a temporary health hardship dwelling for the care of Connie Mathis, by her daughter and son-in-law, David and Stephanie Berdichevsky during the term of her health hardship. The parcel is identified as Tax Lot 2323-2000 and is located at 21105 NE Finnigan Hill Rd, Hillsboro. This application is being reviewed based on Sections 402.04(A) and 1202.02 of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance. **E-15-25**, a request by Eloheh/Eagle Wings to allow up to eighteen (18) agritourism events, per calendar year on the property located at 6033 NW Lilac Rd., Yamhill. The number of attendees will vary from event to event but are estimated to be 24 or less guests per event. Each event will be no more than 72 hours in length, and on-site camping is proposed for those in attendance. The parcel is identified as Tax Lot 2428-700. This application is being reviewed based on criteria in Sections 1013 of the of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance and ORS 215.296. Interested persons may respond in writing by 5 p.m., October 20, 2025, to comment on, or to request these applications be considered at a public hearing. A request for a hearing must state the basis for the appeal and must be accompanied by a \$250 fee for each request. Dated October 1, 2025, by Ken Friday, Planning Director.

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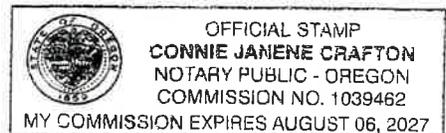
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being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Legal Clerk, of the NEWS-REGISTER, a newspaper of general circulation as defined by O.R.S. 193.010 and O.R.S. 193.020 published two times each week at McMinnville, County of Yamhill, State of Oregon, and that **Yamhill County Department of Planning & Development - Public Notice Dockets CTS-14-25 E-15-25 - October 31, 2025**

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10/7/2025 .

Notary Public for Oregon
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APPLICANT:

Eloheh / Eagles Wings
6033 NW Lilac Rd
Yamhill, OR 97148

I, Stephanie Curran, on the 3rd day of October, 2025

sent the attached public notice of Docket No. E-15-25 to the property owners identified by the PIN numbers listed above, and interested persons listed on this sheet.

STATE OF OREGON
County of Yamhill

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 6th day of October, 2025

by Stephanie Curran



Kat Faircloth
Notary Public For Oregon
My Commission Expires 9/29/29

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PROPERTY OWNER:	Edith and Randy Woodley
TAX LOT:	2428-00700
LOCATION:	6033 NW Lilac Rd., Yamhill
ZONE DESIGNATION:	EF-40, Exclusive Farm use
REVIEW CRITERIA:	Section 1013 of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance and ORS 215.296.

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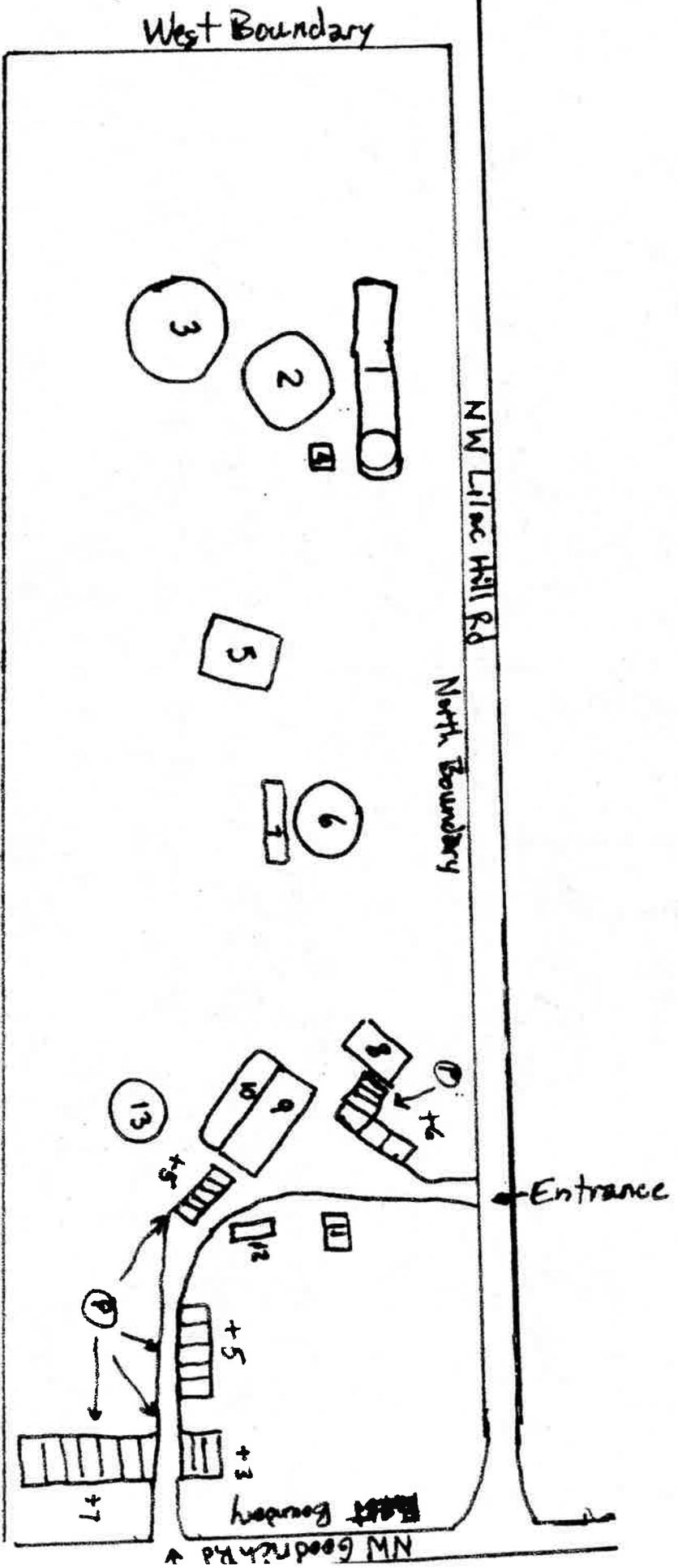
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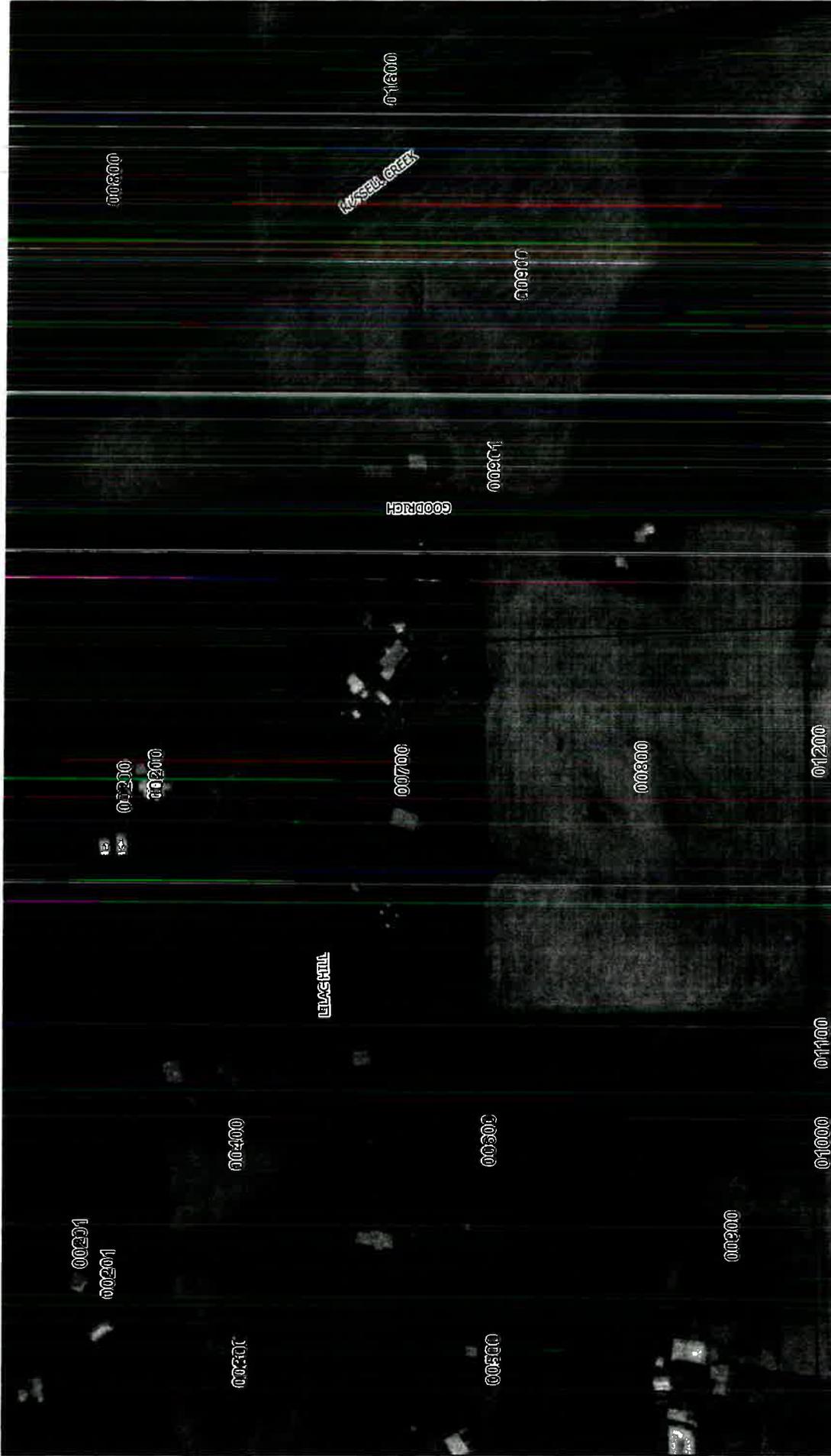


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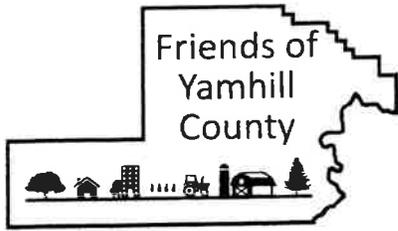
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Helping to shape the use of our natural resources to protect the quality of life in Yamhill County

Ken Friday, Planning Director
Tiffanie Willis, Associate Planner
400 NE Baker Street
McMinnville OR 97128

October 17, 2025

Re: E-15-25

Dear Tiffanie and Ken,

Friends of Yamhill County works to protect natural resources through the implementation of land use planning goals, policies, and laws that will maintain and improve the present and future quality of life in Yamhill County for both urban and rural residents.

We have reviewed docket E-15-25, an application by Eloheh/Eagle Wings/Randy Woodley to hold up to 18 agri-tourism events per calendar year on tax lot 2428-0070, a 9 acre parcel in an exclusive farm use zone that has a 40 acre minimum lot size. Each event would have a maximum duration of 72 hours (54 days total).

The application fails to meet the criteria for more than six events, although the parcel would potentially qualify for up to 6 annual events. We encourage the applicant to reduce the request to 6 annual events and address the less stringent criteria that apply to this lesser number. Based on our conversation with Mr. Woodley it is our understanding that he is amenable to doing so.

Per statute, ORS 215.284(d), a county may only authorize more than 6 annual agri-tourism or other commercial events or activities if, "the agri-tourism or other commercial events or activities:

- (A) Are incidental and subordinate to existing commercial farm use of the tract and are necessary to support the commercial farm uses or the commercial agricultural enterprises in the area;
- (B) Comply with the requirements of paragraph (c)(C), (D), (E) and (F) of this subsection;
- (C) Occur on a lot or parcel that complies with the acknowledged minimum lot or parcel size; and

(D) Do not exceed 18 events or activities in a calendar year.

This is a 9 acre parcel in a zone that has a 40 acre minimum lot size. It cannot comply with the clear bright line standard set forth above in subsection (C).

In addition, prior decisions from the Oregon Court of Appeals and the Land Use Board of Appeals establish clear case law. *Friends of Yamhill County v. Yamhill County (DeBenedetti)*, 80 Or LUBA (2019) and Court of Appeals 301 Or App 726 (2020). *Friends of Yamhill County v. Yamhill County (Picker)*, __ Or LUBA __ (LUBA No. 2023-057, December 20, 2023).

More than 6 annual events are only allowed if they are "necessary to support the commercial farm uses or the commercial agricultural enterprises in the area." The application fails to address this criterion. Per the appellate rulings cited above "the events [must be] essential in order to maintain the existence of either the commercial farm or the commercial agricultural enterprises in the area"

The events must also be "incidental and subordinate to existing commercial farm use on the tract." The application fails to make this demonstration, which would seemingly require some evidence regarding the extent of the existing commercial farm use.

Finally, the events "[m]ay not, in combination with other agri-tourism or other commercial events or activities authorized in the area, materially alter the stability of the land use pattern in the area." ORS 215.283(4)(c)(E). Case law establishes that meeting this criterion requires an identification of the area, identification of the other commercial activities authorized in the area, and then an analysis of the potential affects.

We hope these comments are helpful. Please include them in the official record of this proceeding and notify us of your decision in this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sid Friedman
Friends of Yamhill County

Cc: Randy Woodley

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PROPERTY OWNER: Edith and Randy Woodley

TAX LOT: 2428-00700

LOCATION: 6033 NW Lilac Rd., Yamhill

ZONE DESIGNATION: EF-40, Exclusive Farm use

REVIEW CRITERIA: Section 1013 of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance and ORS 215.296.



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*This proposal is not ready for approval.
 See attached response*

Bavhaya D. V. atze Name William Beckman Signature *William Beckman*

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RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL FOR A COMMERCIAL "AGRITOURISM" CAMPGROUND

DOCKET E-15-25 Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development

Edith and Randy Woodley's proposal for "agritourism events" and a commercial (money-making) campground on their property at 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd. Yamhill has not explained how they would deal with many problems including fire danger, shortage of usable water, lack of sewage facilities, waste removal, imposition on neighbors, and explanation for how the proposed campground would allow campers to bathe, clean, and eat. This proposal should not be approved. The current Zone designation EF-40 Exclusive Farm use should stay on record.

WATER. IS THERE ADEQUATE CLEAN WATER FOR THE NEEDS OF SUCH A LARGE ENCAMPMENT? Adequate wells are difficult to get in this area and are often salty. Many nearby landowners have paid to install and connect to local water systems from Yamhill or Cove Orchard Water Districts or have drilled extra wells to make sure they have enough water. Are the owners prepared to do this? Due to lack of water they have brought in 1 or 2 above ground tanks to hold water purchased and carried from other locations. The map in the proposal does not show bathing or cooking facilities which would require water. Are the 25 campers for each of the 18 camps expected to bathe, clean, or cook?

ARE THERE ADEQUATE SEWAGE ACCOMODATIONS FOR THIS LARGE GROUP OF CAMPERS? Previous owner, Jo James, applied for a new septic system and was denied due to inadequate drainage. She consequently set up a permitted small above-ground septic tank not shown on the proposal map. Is it still there? What are the current sewage accommodations on the property? The accompanying map appears campers would walk to composting toilets at the opposite end of the property from the campground or use one portable toilet near the campground.

HOW WILL THE OWNERS PREVENT FIRE DANGER? The shortage of water also brings up a very serious issue, wildfire. Are the owners aware of the vulnerability of this area to fires? **They built a woodshed across the road from our driveway with an open campfire circle made of rocks and planned to have campfires in the campground.** Much of their property is covered with dry grass and flammable wild Hawthorne bushes. Upon our request, they removed the campfire rock circle across from our driveway but the woodshed with chopped wood is still there along Lilac Hill Rd. We do not know if there are other campfires planned.

SHOULD ROAD DUST ABATEMENT BE REQUIRED? Many cars and campers on a dusty gravel road could make dust abatement necessary.

HOW WILL ACCESS TO THE CAMPGROUND BE ARRANGED? There are two legal driveways on the location, one on each of the two roads which give access to the place (Goodrich and Lilac Hill Roads). **A third gate and driveway to the proposed camp was installed without permit on Lilac Hill Rd. This illegal gate and driveway is not shown on the proposal map though it is sometimes used and vehicles have occasionally backed into our driveway across the road, digging holes and blocking the road.** (Coincidentally, today trucks for the installation of their new field of solar panels are using this driveway.)

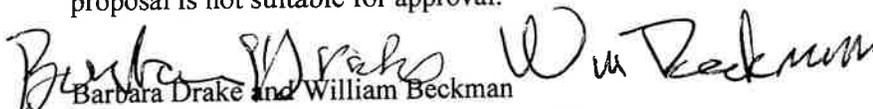
WASTE: How will the owners of the campground provide waste removal from 400 campers over 18 events?

WILL THE PLAN CAUSE CONGESTION ON A SMALL COUNTRY ROAD? The proposal asks for 18 events, 3 days each (presumably with additional days before and after for cleanup), 25 campers for each event. The proposal does not explain what time of year these events would occur. The camping facilities are not suitable for rain or cold weather so presumably these "agritourism events" would impose a total of 450 campers during summer months..

HOW MANY BUILDINGS OF WHAT SIZE WILL BE USED ON THE PROPERTY? The family house, the old horse barn, the office building used by the previous owner (a tax accountant) and the large new barn are all standard. Other recently added buildings (at least 10 or 12 including tents, yurt, storage buildings, outhouses etc) may not have applied for permits due to their small size. Unknown.

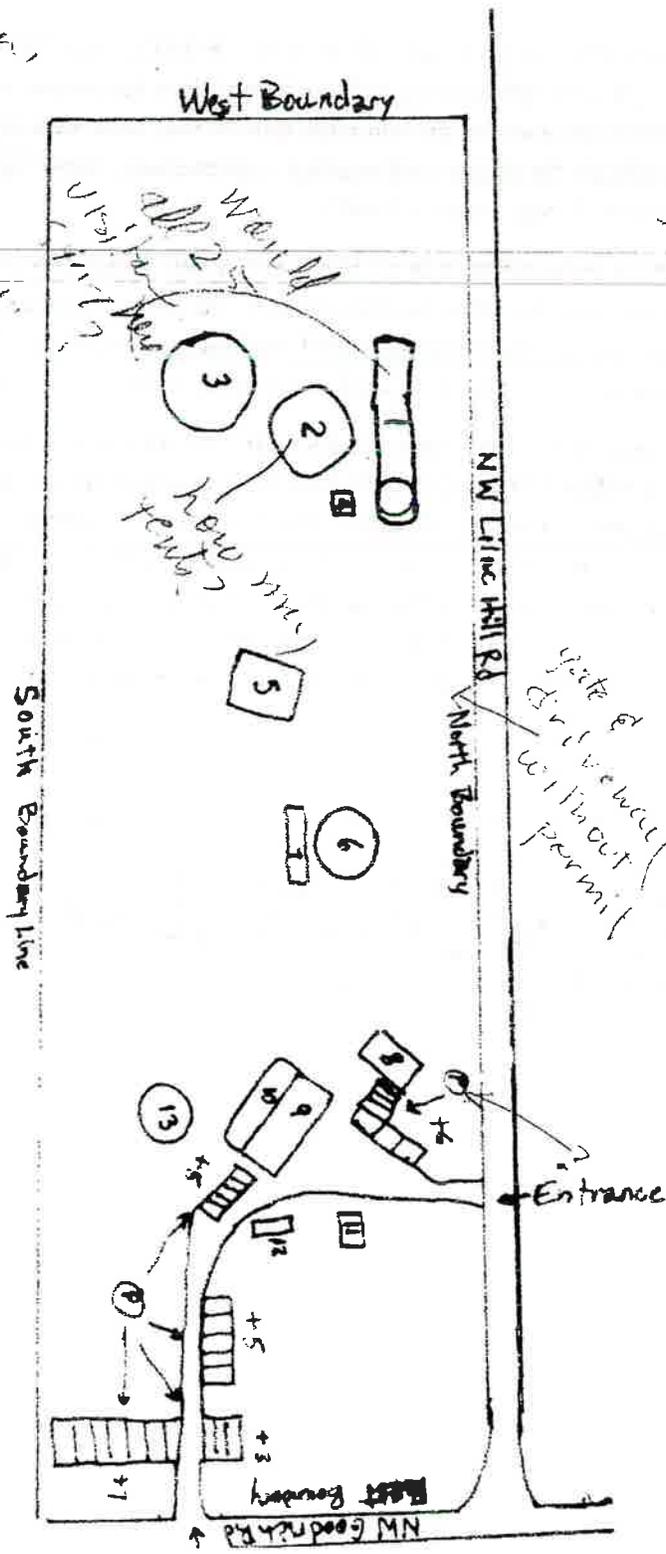
THE OWNERS SHOULD ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN A NEW PROPOSAL BEFORE THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. A commercial campground involving 450 visitors (25 each session) over the summer will certainly affect the area. The owners' original intention to raise and sell farm products is appropriate. Some classes in Agribusiness in the large new building or garden could be appropriate. Social and family gatherings are appropriate. Can a commercial campground involving about 450 visitors (25 in each of 18 sessions), probably over most of the summer, be appropriate? They can submit a better proposal in which these questions can be answered.

A personal note: We have lived here for 38 years. We enjoy our rural neighbors and country life. Recently we even invited the Woodleys over for a morning coffee break and had an enjoyable visit. They did not mention anything about this proposal which arrived a couple of days later. We wish them well, but this proposal is not suitable for approval.


Barbara Drake and William Beckman
6104 NW Lilac Hill Rd, Yamhill, Or 97148



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6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd.
Yamhill, OR 97149

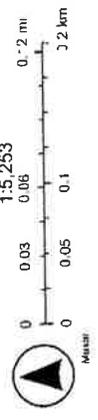
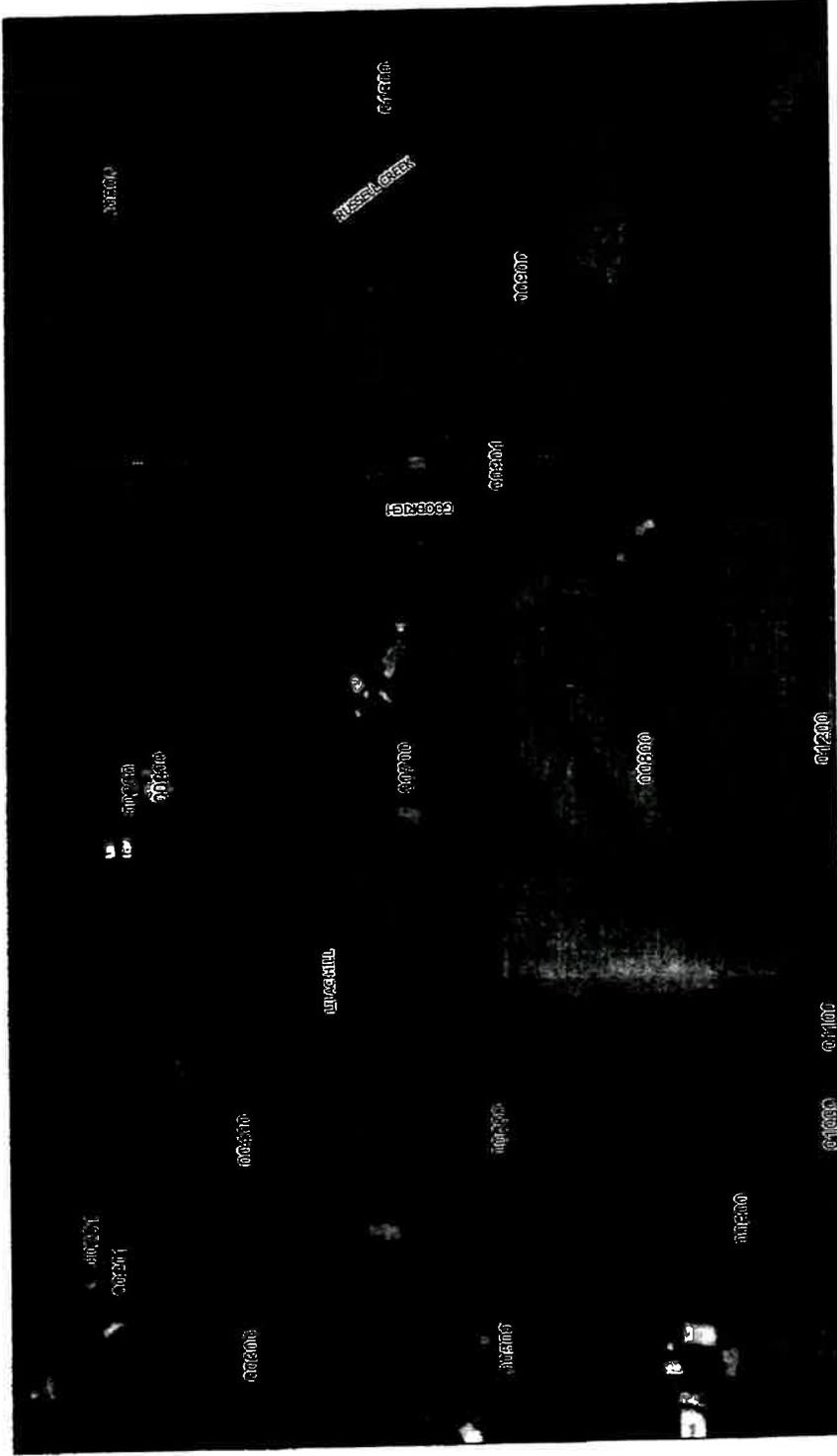


Ken
would be
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visitors
Marilyn?

- All buildings, Temporary Structures, Parking, Camping is existing.
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 2. Teepee Camping 4x177 sqft
 3. Gathering Circle
 4. Portable Toilet
 5. Ag Building 36x60
 6. Gathering Circle
 7. Composting Toilets
 8. Shop 25'x36'
 9. Home 28'x70'
 10. Outdoor Patio

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 12. Jobsite Trailer 12'x30'
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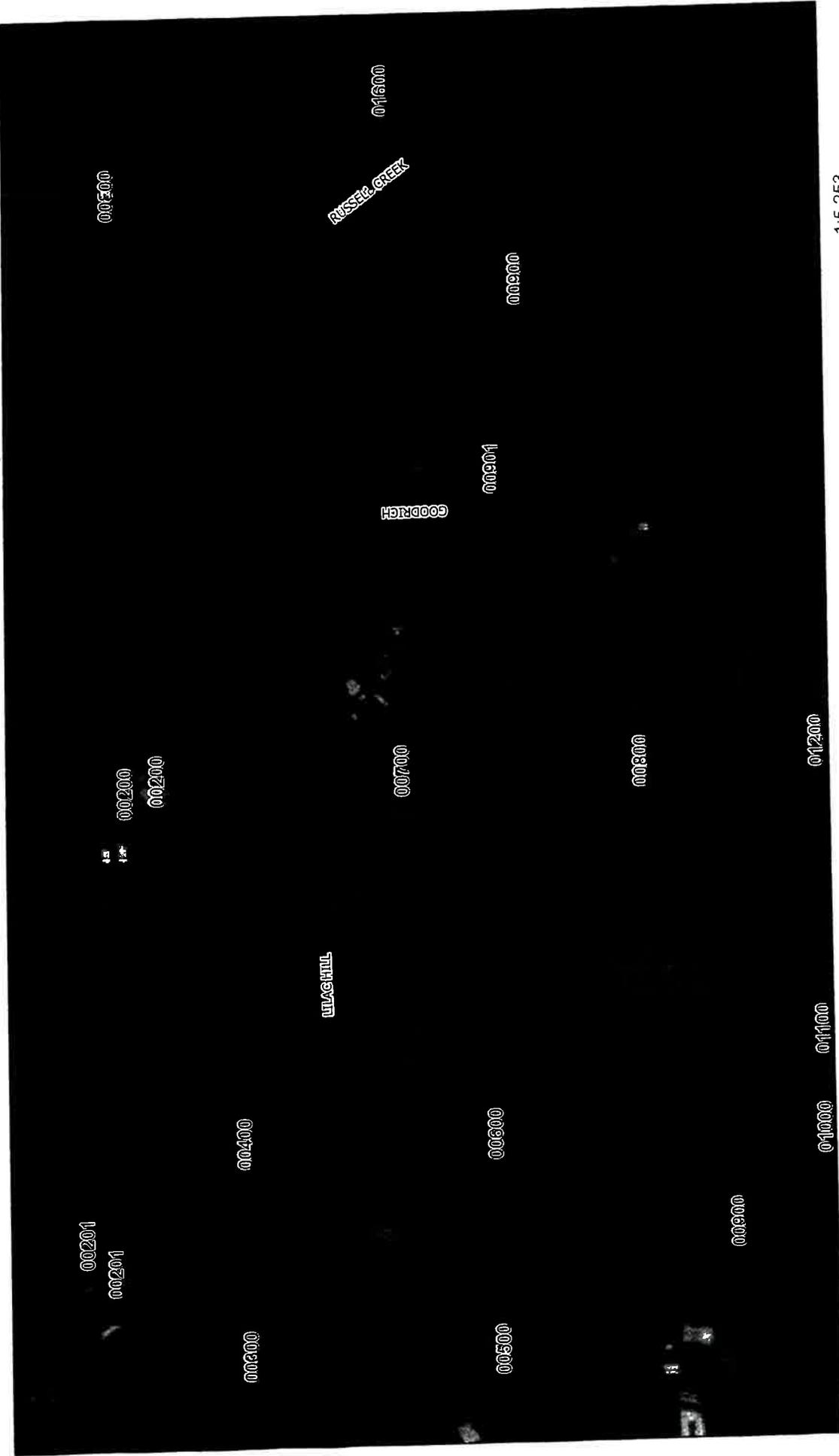
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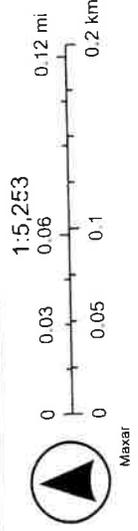
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Statement of David Brock in reference to Docket Number E-15-25

I am David Brock, I reside a small distance down Lilac Hill Road from the subject property. These are my comments regarding the proposed use:

1. While I am in general supportive of a somewhat wide interpretation of allowable uses of Exclusive Farm Use property (such as selling farm products), it seems to me to be a stretch that camping should be a permitted use.

2. Fire safety is a chief concern regarding the proposed use. The past years have shown the huge danger of wildfires in our rural landscape. I particularly worry that commercial campers are less likely to understand the magnitude of the danger. I would therefore urge that if the proposal is allowed, that fires be prohibited. If fires are to be allowed, I would urge that these measures be required:

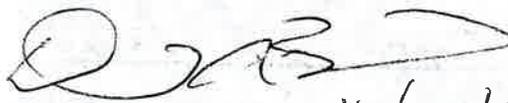
- a) County/district fire authorities weigh in on restrictions and/or property modifications
- b) Infrastructure (such as building a fire hydrant with sufficient water supply) be mandated
- c) Some sort of insurance be required that could indemnify neighbors should a fire occur

3. Noise is another concern. While this entire neighborhood is, to my knowledge, exclusive farm use, it should be noted that these are small farm parcels, and as such there are numerous farm residences in the area. A camping operation carries the potential of noise nuisance, particularly if campers are boisterous late at night, or if group events are planned. In order to preserve the livability of the entire neighborhood (as well as to conform to the letter and the intent of the exclusive farm use framework), the following should be required:

- a) Prohibition of amplified sound
- b) Restrictions on volume of noise generated at the campground
- c) Restrictions on hours that noise is allowed to be generated at the campground

Best Regards,

David Brock
6701 NW Lilac Hill Road
Yamhill, OR 97148



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Statement of Karen Brock In reference to Docket E-15-25

Changing the land use policies of our farm zone area is a serious consideration.

The public services in a farm area are not enough to cover the new demands that this proposal would bring. For instance:

1. Road maintenance

There are two very problematic parts of the road going to Eloheh that the county can't keep up with as it is. These are gravel roads with hard turns and involve a steep incline. With this dramatic influx of use, the county will need to invest MORE dollars multiple times a year to keep it maintained to the same crudeness it has been since we have lived here.

2. Residency

I am wondering what infrastructure is in place to keep campers coming and going as opposed to just moving in for weeks or months at a time? Living in a farm designated zone, I think there is a certain expectation by the county (and neighbors) as to how many people are actually residents. How many people are paid employees? How many are moving in to the camp for the summer? I don't know what the law is, but I don't see enough data in the proposal to make me feel comfortable.

And along with the lack of checks and balances on this proposal, are there noise restrictions? Event restrictions? In this proposed change from farm to commercial, can they invite a speaker or musician and sell even more tickets for this "one time event"?

3. Fire

Our neighborhood does not enjoy the protection of full time firemen. Those who live here are particularly sensitive to the arrival time of firefighters should they need to come. Because of that, we don't take chances with fire. We observe the NOFIRE restrictions in the summer. People come to camp and expect to have fires.

And even having a legal fire puts us all at risk. There are no hydrants in our neighborhood and there are no ponds or pools close enough to pump from. Any fire in our area puts all of us at risk, and having 432 paying guests in our neighborhood makes us even more vulnerable all year long.

4. Impact Studies

When making such a drastic change regarding the use of farm zoned property, I think it is valid to request that some research be done to consider what the impact will be on the surrounding area.

One thing in particular has to do with sanitation management. This neighborhood enjoys getting their water from wells on their own properties. Will there be additional septic tanks added so the used water, or composting toilet seepage do not ultimately affect the

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surrounding water rights? Is it someone's job in the county to inspect compliance on these things?

Another concern I have is regarding the map that has been submitted. The map, while it does indicate roughly the layout of the property, it is very crude and not to scale. There is also a large commercial style greenhouse currently being built that is not indicated. There is a road or driveway that is not indicated on the map. For the county to consider changing the zoning, I feel more data needs to be submitted so the decision can be made with all the information.

Thank you for your consideration of my written comments.

Karen Brock
6701 NW Lilac Hill Road
Yamhill, OR 97148



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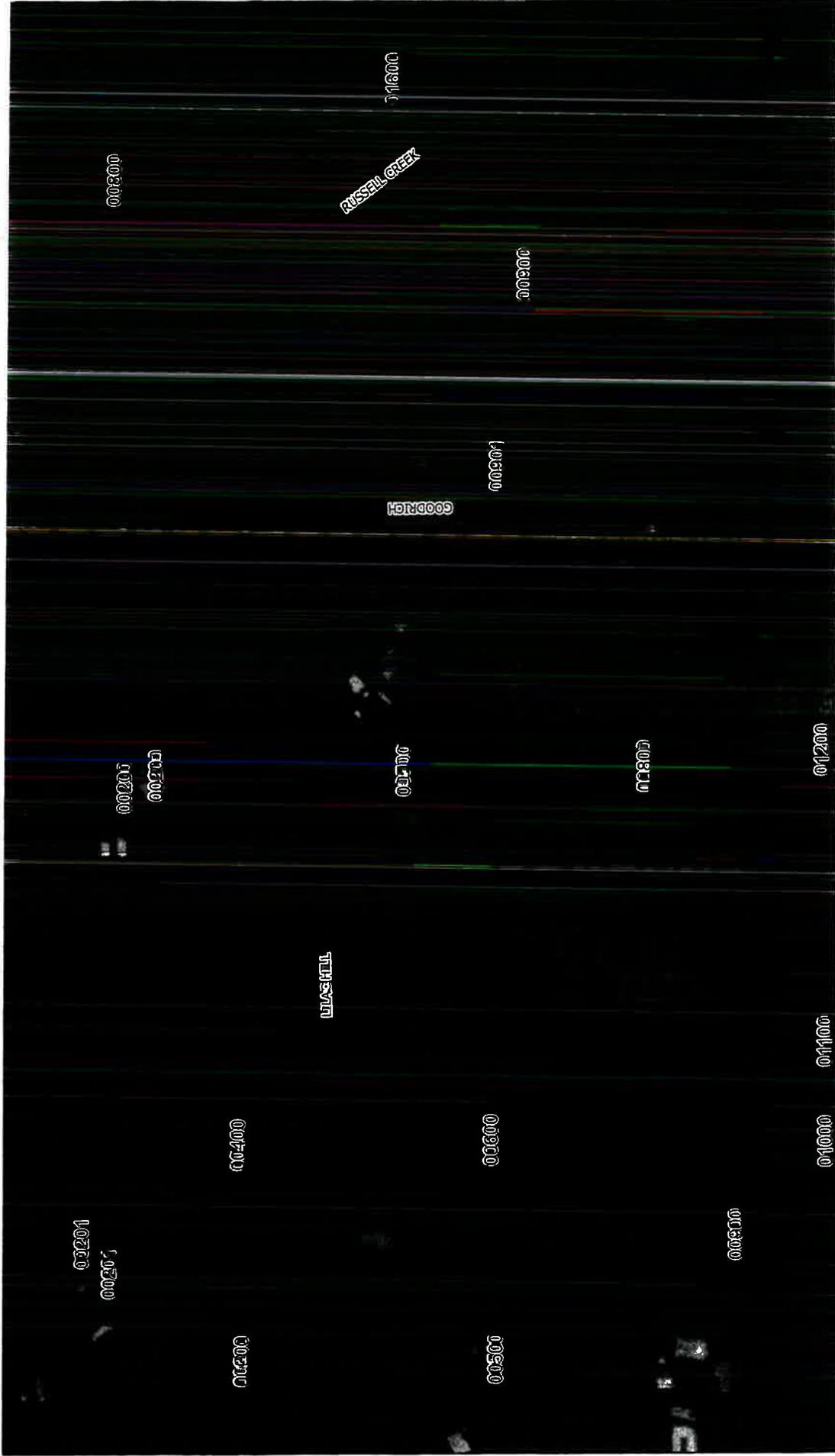
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To: SWCD Watermaster
 Public Works Yamhill County Health Dept.
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Comments:

Signed _____ Title _____ Date _____

Tiffanie Willis

From: Stephanie Curran
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 1:02 PM
To: Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Yamhill County Planning Docket E-15-25

Stephanie Curran
Yamhill County Building & Planning
400 NE Baker St.
McMinnville, OR 97128
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From: Terry Lucich <terry.lucich@yamhillfiredistrict.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 12:28 PM
To: Stephanie Curran <currans@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Re: Yamhill County Planning Docket E-15-25

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Stephanie,

The fire district would like the facility to have a commercial fire access road. This needs to be unobstructed all-weather driving surface capable of supporting a fire engine or ambulance. We would need an unobstructed turn around to go with the road.

Regards
Terry Lucich
Interim Fire Chief
Yamhill Fire

From: Stephanie Curran <currans@yamhillcounty.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 9:48 AM
To: 'Allison Schwister' <allison@yamhillswcd.org>; admin@yamhillswcd.org <admin@yamhillswcd.org>; Greg Haffner <haffnerg@yamhillcounty.gov>; Terry Lucich <terry.lucich@yamhillfiredistrict.gov>; Jessica Biggs <biggsj@yamhillcounty.gov>; joel.m.plahn@state.or.us <joel.m.plahn@state.or.us>; Gary Van Der Veen <vanderveeng@yamhillcounty.gov>; Suzanne Richardson <richardsons@yamhillcounty.gov>; hilary.foote@state.or.us <hilary.foote@state.or.us>; AHRENS Melissa * DLCD <melissa.ahrens@dlcd.oregon.gov>
Cc: Tiffanie Willis <WillisT@yamhillcounty.gov>
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From: Greg Haffner
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No comments from public works

Thanks,

Greg Haffner
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YAMHILL SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

October 7, 2025

Ken Friday, Planning Division Manager
Yamhill County Planning Department
525 NE Fourth Street
McMinnville, OR 97128

Re: E-15-23

Dear Ken,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on E-15-23 a request to allow up to eighteen (18) agritourism events per calendar year. The Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District requests that the County inform the applicant of the following responsibilities as landowners in rural Yamhill County.

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2. Responsibility to control noxious weeds on the applicant's property. Noxious weeds have a negative economic impact on agricultural and forestry working lands, and degrade wildlife habitat and public rights-of-way. Yamhill County noxious weeds of concern are posted on the District's website at: <https://yamhillswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Yamhill-Noxious-Weed-List-2023-2024.pdf>

These landowner management responsibilities help protect lands for current and future agricultural operation and for management of wildlife habitat. Thank you for considering the District's recommendations.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the District Board,

Barbara Boyer, District Chair

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Comments:

Signed



Title

PEHS

Date

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Re: Sanitarian Notes

Records show a septic system with a sand filter installed in 1994 which is sized for a home with up to 4 bedrooms. Given the nature of sand filter systems, the dwelling served by this system may not be used for the toilet requirements for special events.

Portable toilets may be used to satisfy the toilet needs of event guests. For the size and duration of the proposed events (peak of 25 guests, events less than 72 hours), 3 portable toilets one of which must be ADA compliant are required. For multi-day events, the portable toilets must be serviced at least daily. Portable hand washing facilities are also required to be provided.

Suzanne Richardson, REHS
Yamhill County Environmental Health Specialist

Tiffanie Willis

From: Tiffanie Willis
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:16 PM
To: Tiffanie Willis
Subject: Building Department comments for E-15-25

From: Jessica Biggs <biggsj@yamhillcounty.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:04 PM
To: Tiffanie Willis <WillisT@yamhillcounty.gov>
Cc: Tim Codiga <codigat@yamhillcounty.gov>; Beau Biggs <biggsb@yamhillcounty.gov>; Stephanie Curran <currans@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Building comments for E-15-25

Regarding E-15-25

Any existing structures that are being occupied for these events and not permitted as commercial structures, require a change of occupancy permits through Yamhill County Building Department. Additional permits might be required for unpermitted items, such as plumbing, mechanical and electrical components. Existing buildings constructed as AG exempt, will require an engineers letter stating structurally adequate for intended use, along with the building application.

Thank you,

Jessica Biggs

Building Inspectors Assistant

Yamhill County Planning & Development

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V. Amended Application Materials

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To: Ken Friday
Cc: David Petersen; Mick Harris; eloheh@gmail.com; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: Agri-tourism Permit for the Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice - Your File No. E-15-25 [IMAN-PDX.FID1319284]
Attachments: 2025-12-02 Letter to Yamhill County re Agri-tourism Permit (Eloheh-Eagle's Wings).pdf

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Mr. Friday,

Please see the attached letter.

Thank you,

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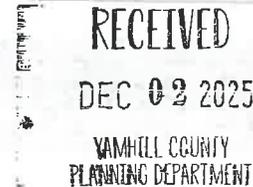
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December 2, 2025

VIA E-MAIL - fridayk@yamhillcounty.gov

Mr. Kenneth P. Friday
Planning Director
Yamhill County
400 NE Baker Street
McMinnville, OR 97128



Re: Agri-tourism Permit for the Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice
Your File No. E-15-25

Dear Mr. Friday:

This law firm represents the applicant in the above-referenced matter. The applicant requests to change this application from a request for an agri-tourism permit for 18 events per year under YZC 1013.01(A)(4) to a request for an agri-tourism permit for 6 events per year under YZC 1013.01(A)(3). You and I communicated by e-mail and you informed me that this letter request was sufficient, and that no additional fees were required.

YZC 1013.01(A)(3) identifies eight approval criteria for a six-event permit in subparagraphs (a) through (h). All but criterion (a) are also criteria under YZC 1013.01(A)(4). Consequently, the applicant relies on its prior application to demonstrate why criteria (b) through (h) are met, as supplemented by this letter.

Criterion (a) requires that the proposed "events or activities are incidental and subordinate to existing farm use on the tract." This criterion requires "a consideration of any relevant circumstances, including the nature, intensity, and economic value of the respective uses, that bear on whether the existing commercial farm use remains the predominant use of the tract." *Friends of Yamhill County v. Yamhill County*, 301 Or App 726, 739 (2020). As explained in response to questions 3, 5, 6 and 9 in the original permit application, the existing farm use is to grow and sell open-pollinated, Indigenous and heritage seeds. The seeds grown on-site include vegetables, herbs, staple crops, medicinal plants, wild-grown plants and flowers. The site has about 5 acres in cultivation and about 5 acres of managed native woodlands.

The Proposed Events (defined below) will be incidental and subordinate because they will occur during non-critical farming periods and will not require that any cultivated

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Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Best regards,



David J. Petersen

DJP/rkb

cc (via e-mail): Randy Woodley, Eloheh/Eagle's Wings

The owner of the subject property consents to the requested amendment.

Randy Woodley
Randy Woodley

Date: December 2, 2025

Edith Woodley
Edith Woodley

Date: December 2, 2025

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YAMHILL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
AGRI-TOURISM EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Docket E-15-25
 Date 9/22/25
 Rec'd by KMF
 Receipt # 938576 + 93857
 Fee 1,511.16

400 NE Baker Street, McMinnville, OR 97128 • Tel: 503-434-7516 • Fax: 503-434-7544

APPLICANT				LEGAL OWNER (IF DIFFERENT)			
Eloheh/Eagles Wings				same			
Last name	First	MI		Last name	First	MI	
Woodley	Randy	S		Woodley	Randy	S	
Mailing address (Street or PO Box)				Mailing address (Street or PO Box)			
6033 NW Lilac Rd				6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd			
City	State	Zip		City	State	Zip	
Yamhill	OR	97148		Yamhill	OR	97148	
Telephone				Telephone			
859-321-9394				859-321-9394			
E-mail address				E-mail address			
eloheh@gmail.com				eloheh@gmail.com			
If the applicant is not the legal owner, state interest in property:							
n/a							
PROPERTY INFORMATION							
Tax Lot(s):		2.4.28.0700		Zone:		EF40	
Site address:		6033 NW Lilac Rd., Yamhill, OR 97148		R2428-700			
Size of Tract (include all adjacent tax lots)		9.44 ac					

Please check the appropriate box:

- Expedited Single Event - \$98.00
 Single Event (Type A) - \$360.00
 Single Event (Type B) - \$935.00
 Six Events (Type A or B) - \$935.00
 18 Events (Type B) - \$1,370.00

OF EVENTS PROPOSED: 18 **ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE PER EVENT:** 8-24

- JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST** YCZO Section(s): 1013.01(A)(4)
 A Planner will assist you in identifying the review criteria that apply to your request. The review criteria are used to determine whether your application will be approved or denied. It is your responsibility to provide adequate written justification and any other evidence you feel is relevant to explain how your request complies with the review criteria. Failure to provide adequate justification may result in your application being denied or deemed incomplete until additional information is provided.
- TYPE OF EVENT** Indicate what will happen at your event(s); be specific on dates, times and activities; attach additional sheets if necessary: see attached narrative
- EXPLAIN HOW THE EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES ARE RELATED TO AND SUPPORTIVE OF AGRICULTURE:**
see attached narrative

4. WILL SOUND AMPLIFICATION BE USED AT ALL DURING THE EVENT(S)? [] YES [x] NO

If yes, please list dates and hours:

5. AGRICULTURAL USE Describe the existing farm use on the property (attach additional sheets if necessary):
see attached narrative

6. DESCRIBE HOW THE EVENT(S) WILL BE INCIDENTAL AND SUBORDINATE TO THE EXISTING FARM USE ON THE PROPERTY (attach additional sheets if necessary):

see attached narrative

7. EVENT(S) WILL TAKE PLACE Outdoors Temporary Structure(s) Existing Structures(s)
Please provide and show on site plan

8. LOCATION OF PROPOSED PARKING FOR THE EVENT(S) AND NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES (Show on site map):

see attached site plan 26 Total Existing Parking Spaces

9. FOR MAXIMUM 18 EVENT PERMITS, ON A PARCEL THAT COMPLIES WITH THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF THE ZONE, DESCRIBE HOW EVENTS WILL BE INCIDENTAL AND SUBORDINATE TO EXISTING COMMERCIAL FARM USE OF THE PROPERTY AND NECESSARY TO SUPPORT COMMERCIAL FARM USES OR COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES IN THE AREA (Attach additional sheets if necessary):

see attached narrative

10. Please list the type of buildings that are currently on the property (i.e. manufactured home, pole building, agricultural barn, etc.):

manufactured home, shop (pole), garage (pole), job site trailer, agricultural building (pole). All Existing

11. How will bathroom facilities be provided?

Existing bathrooms Portable Toilet Other _____

12. How will water be provided?

Well City Other _____

13. What road will provide access to the property?

Lilac Hill Rd. and Goodrich Rd.

THE APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT:

1. Completed application form, signed by the applicant and property owner (if different). The owner's signature must be notarized.
2. Site plan drawn to scale showing property lines, location and size of all existing buildings, existing and proposed access roads, existing and proposed parking and location and size of any proposed temporary structures.
3. Written justification of how the application complies with the approval criteria. If necessary, attach additional sheets to this form.
4. Filing fee (make check payable to Yamhill County).

NOTE: Fees are not transferrable or refundable.

I hereby declare under penalties of false swearing (ORS 162.075 and 162.085) that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that issuance of an approval based on this application will not excuse me from complying with other effective ordinances and laws regulating the use of the land and buildings.

I hereby grant permission for and consent to Yamhill County, its officers, agents, and employees coming upon the above-described property to gather information and inspect the property whenever it is reasonably necessary for the purpose of processing this application.

Randy Woodley 8/27/25
 Applicant's signature Date

 Property owner's signature (if different) Date

State of Oregon

County of Yamhill

Signed before me on this 27th day of August, 2025

by Randy Woodley



Sephina Jacobs
 Notary Public for Oregon
 My Commission expires March 31, 2026

Attachment to Agri-Tourism Event Permit Application

Applicant: Eloheh/Eagles Wings

Property: 6033 NW Lilac Road, Yamhill, OR

Question 1: JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST We seek agri-tourism events to fulfill our educational mission as Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice and Eloheh Farm and Seeds. We are a 501c3 religious organization/church recognized by the Justice Department of Oregon and the I.R.S. We are organized under the name Eloheh/Eagle's Wings #88-0427856. Our mission Statement reads: *Eloheh teaches, inspires, guides, mentors and models through an Indigenous worldview, a co-sustaining, harmonious relationship between humanity, earth and Creator. Indigenous values guide all our decisions, while keeping the whole community of creation in mind.* Our events directly support our non-profit's goal to teach Indigenous worldviews, decolonizing practices, and regenerative farming as spiritual practice. These events generate revenue supporting our farm operations and Indigenous entrepreneurship incubation.

This application meets all of the approval criteria of YCZO 1013.01(A)(4) as follows:

a. The events or activities are incidental and subordinate to existing commercial farm use of the tract and are necessary to support the commercial farm uses or the commercial agricultural enterprises of the area.

Response: See responses to Questions 3, 5, 6 and 9 below. This criterion is met.

b. Shall comply with YCZO Section 1013.01(A)(3)(b) through (h).

3(b). Shall not, individually, exceed 72 consecutive hours.

Response: Events shall take place on weekends starting no earlier than 3:00 pm on Thursday and ending no later than 1:00 pm on Sunday, which is less than 72 consecutive hours. Specific dates will be determined based on demand and availability of instructors and attendees. This criterion is met.

3(c). One of the six events may allow the artificial amplification of voice or music

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Response: No artificial sound amplification will be used for any event. This criterion is not applicable.

3(d). Shall comply with ORS 215.296.

ORS 215.296(a): The use will not force a significant change in accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.

Response: The sole focus of the planned events is to provide visitors with experience and training in the already existing farming practices occurring on site, so that they can further disseminate that knowledge in the agricultural community. As such there will be no change to existing farm practices on the subject property. It necessarily follows that no significant change will result in accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands as well. This criterion is met.

ORS 215.296(b): The use will not significantly increase the cost of accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.

Response: The sole focus of the planned events is to provide visitors with experience and training in the already existing farming practices occurring on site, so that they can further disseminate that knowledge in the agricultural community. As such there will be no change to existing farm practices on the subject property or the cost thereof. It necessarily follows that no significant increase will result to the cost of accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands as well. This criterion is met.

3(e). Shall occur outdoors, in temporary structures, or in existing permitted structures [and] shall not require or involve the construction, use or occupancy of a new permanent structure in conjunction with the activities or events.

Response: All activities will occur outdoors or in temporary or existing permitted structures. No new structures are required. See also application form item 7. This criterion is met.

3(f). Shall comply with any applicable health and fire and life safety requirements.

Response: Applicant will comply with all applicable health and fire and life safety requirements. This criterion is met.

3(g). Shall not, in combination with other agri-tourism or other commercial events or activities authorized in the area, materially alter the stability of the land use pattern in the area.

Response: The proposed events are in furtherance of the existing farming activities on the subject property, as explained in further detail elsewhere in this application narrative. As such, there will be no change to the use of the subject property, which necessarily means there will be no alteration of the current land use pattern in the area. This criterion is met.

3(h). Must comply with any conditions established [by the County].

Response: Acknowledged.

c. Shall occur on a lot or parcel that complies with the acknowledged minimum lot or parcel size.

Response: The subject parcel is a pre-existing legal lot consisting of 9.33 acres. The minimum size for new lots in the EF40 district is 40 acres, but pursuant to YCZO 402.09(B)(3), "any permitted or conditional use provided for in [the] district may be established on an existing lot" subject to satisfaction of applicable requirements. This criterion is met.

d. Permits approved under this subsection expire one year from the date of approval.

Response: Acknowledged.

e. Such permits may be renewed at four year intervals ...

Response: Acknowledged.

Question 2: TYPE OF EVENT Educational farm tours, workshops, and learning gatherings (March-October, primarily weekends): Indigenous farming methods and Traditional Indigenous Knowledge (TIK), seed-saving workshops, plant medicine walks, regenerative agriculture demonstrations, permaculture and biomimicry teachings, ceremonial plant cultivation, decolonizing and indigenizing theology discussions and the connection to the land, and seasonal harvest celebrations showcasing our heritage and Indigenous seed varieties. We intend to hold up to 18 events annually between March and October, with on-site overnight camping on Saturday, and occasionally some Thursday and Friday nights. We do not have set dates at this time since all groups contact us and request these services.

Question 3: HOW EVENTS RELATE TO AND SUPPORT AGRICULTURE Our events will support agriculture by directly demonstrating and teaching the regenerative agricultural practices we implement on Eloheh Farm. Visitors learn hands-on seed-saving from our Indigenous and heritage varieties, traditional Indigenous Knowledge about plant relationships, and regenerative farming as spiritual practice. This education creates informed consumers who support sustainable agriculture and carry forward Traditional Indigenous Knowledge to strengthen agricultural communities.

Question 5: AGRICULTURAL USE Eloheh Farm operates as a 10-acre regenerative teaching farm producing open-pollinated, Indigenous and heritage seeds specializing in varieties from Indigenous tribal peoples. We grow vegetables, herbs, staple crops, medicinal plants, wild-growns, and flowers. Current operations include approximately 5 acres in cultivation and 5 acres in managed native woodlands. We maintain pasture-raised layers, practice agroforestry, and follow our motto "Plant, Grow, Harvest, Share," giving to people in need.

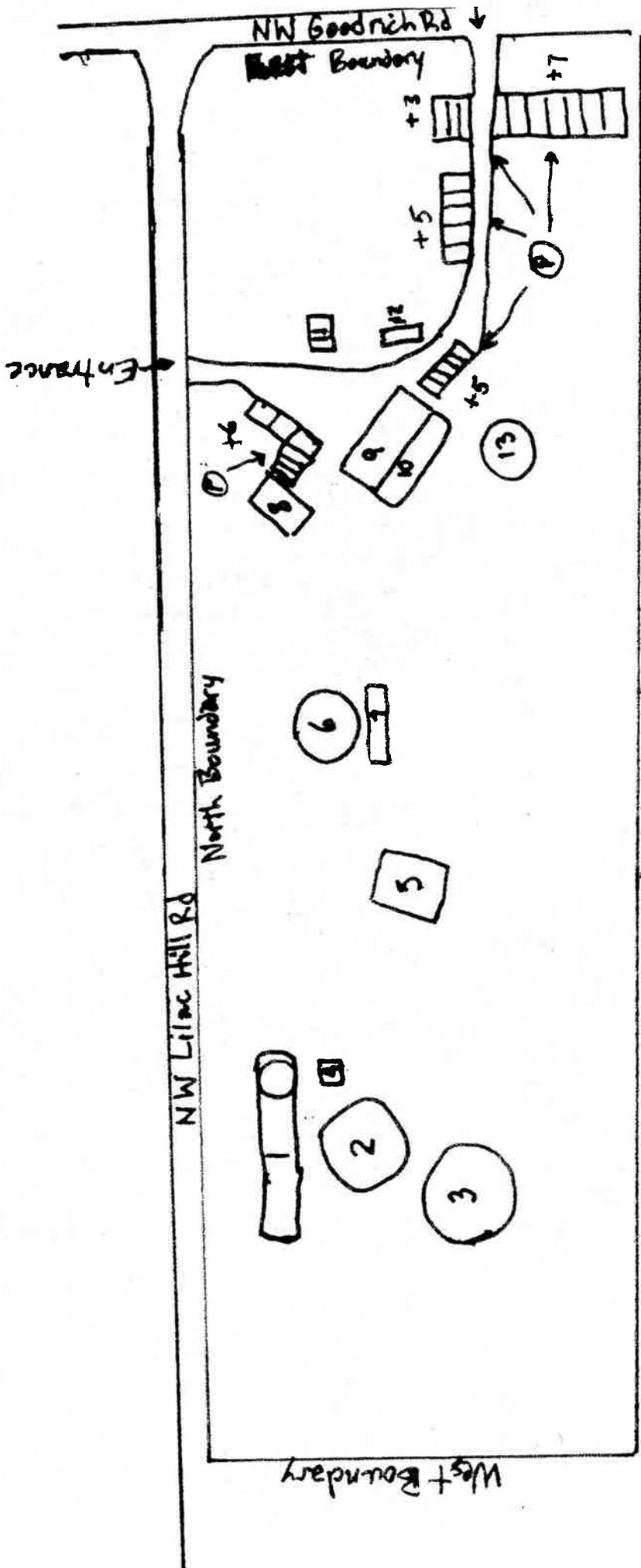
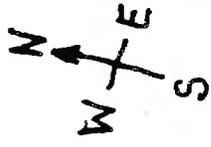
Question 6: HOW EVENTS WILL BE INCIDENTAL AND SUBORDINATE Events most often occur during non-critical farming periods and directly showcase our active agricultural operations without disrupting daily farming. All visitors volunteer on the farm in some ways so they enhance production. Educational tours demonstrate our seed production, regenerative practices, and Indigenous farming methods currently implemented on the farm. Revenue

supports our agricultural infrastructure, seed production facilities, and equipment that enhances our farming capacity as a model regenerative operation.

Question 9: INCIDENTAL AND SUBORDINATE TO COMMERCIAL FARM USE Our events support commercial agricultural enterprises by educating visitors about Traditional Indigenous Knowledge that strengthens regional farming. Participants become customers for our Eloheh Seeds and advocates for Indigenous agriculture, supporting other farmers using similar practices. Revenue funds our commercial seed operation expansion, processing facilities, and agricultural equipment. As an incubator for Indigenous entrepreneurship and cooperative living, we model sustainable farming that supports the broader agricultural community while breaking destructive colonial dependencies.

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SITE PLAN
 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd.
 Yamhill, OR 97148



South Boundary Line

All buildings, Temporary Structures, Parking, Camping is existing.

KEY

- 1. Tent Camping/Yurt 198 sq ft
 - 2. Teepee Camping 4 x 177 sq ft
 - 3. Gathering Circle
 - 4. Portable Toilet
 - 5. Ag Building 36' x 60'
 - 6. Gathering Circle
 - 7. Composting Toilets
 - 8. Shop 25' x 36'
 - 9. Home 28' x 70'
 - 10. Outdoor Patio
 - 11. Garage 21' x 25'
 - 12. Jobsite Trailer 12' x 30'
 - 13. Gathering Circle
- (P) Parking Areas
 + = # parking spaces
 2 = parking spaces Total

VI. Public Notice

Yamhill County

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Phone:(503) 434-7516 ! Fax:(503) 434-7544 ! TTY 1-800-735-2900 ! Internet Address: www.yamhillcounty.gov

December 19, 2025

Eloheh/Eagle Wings
Attn: Randy Woodley
6033 NW Lilac Rd.
Yamhill, OR 97148

Re: Tax Lot 2428-00700, Docket E-15-25, approval for up to six (6) agri-tourism events

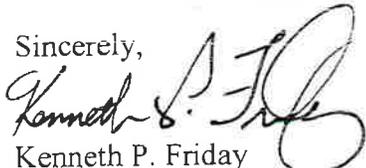
Your application to host up to six (6) agri-tourism events per calendar year on Tax Lot 2428-00700, is hereby approved under Sections 402.02(x) and 1013.01(A)(3) of the *Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance* and Oregon Revised Statute 215.296, with the following conditions:

1. The events shall substantially conform to what was described in the application.
2. The events shall not, individually, exceed 72 consecutive hours.
3. The events shall not begin before 9:00 a.m. or end later than 10:00 p.m.
4. The maximum attendance for each event shall not exceed 24 attendees.
5. The maximum number of vehicles at any one time shall not exceed 25 vehicles at any one time during an event. An emergency access and management plan shall be approved by the Yamhill Fire Department prior to the hosting of events.
6. There shall be no parking permitted along the right-of-way.
7. The artificial amplification of voice or music is not permitted with this approval.
8. A **single**, annual event may allow on-site camping. The applicant shall notify the Planning Department of the date of the annual on-site camping event.
9. Any food service provided shall be by a licensed caterer or approved by the Public Health Department. The phone number for the Public Health Department is 503-434-7525.
10. This approval is personal to the Applicant and is not transferred by, or transferrable with conveyance of the tract.
11. Portable toilets may be used to satisfy the toilet needs of event guests. For the size and duration of the proposed events (24 maximum guests) 3 portable toilets, one of which must be ADA compliant, are required. For multi-day events, the portable toilets must be serviced at least daily. Portable hand washing facilities are also required to be provided. The existing composting toilets shall not be used for events unless approval for their installation is permitted by the Yamhill County Septic Inspector. The existing septic system serving the home is not approved to be utilized for events.

12. The events shall occur outdoors, in existing structures that are **permitted** for public use or in temporary structures. Prior to holding events, use of any of the existing buildings shall be approved for event use by the Yamhill County Building Official. Any temporary structures which the public is allowed to enter shall be inspected by the Yamhill Rural Fire Department.
13. This approval shall expire one year from the date of this letter but may be renewed for a four-year period subject to a renewal application and compliance with the above conditions of approval and the standards of Section 1013 of the YCZO. Please be aware that the renewal would need to be filed before the expiration date of December 19, 2026.

The Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance provides for appeal of any action or ruling of the Planning Director to the Board of Commissioners within fifteen (15) days of the decision on a proposed action. Anyone wishing to appeal the Director's decision must file an appeal form, together with a \$250.00 fee, with this department no later than **5:00 p.m., January 5, 2026**. If no appeal is filed, the Director's decision will be final, and this letter will serve as your official notice of approval of your application. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,


Kenneth P. Friday
Planning Director

c.c. Board of Commissioners
Yamhill Co. Health Dept.
Yamhill Rural Fire Dept.
Yamhill Building Dept.
County Sanitarian
Friends of Yamhill County, P.O.Box 1083, McMinnville, OR 97128
Tonkon Torp LLC, Attn. David Peterson, 1300 SW 5th Ave., Suite 2400, Portland, OR 97201
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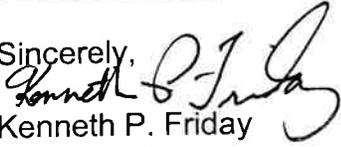
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January 14, 2026

VIA EMAIL

News Register
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611 E Third St.
McMinnville, Oregon 97128
legals@newsregister.com

Please publish the following notice of public hearing in the January 16, 2026, edition of the **News Register**. Please bill this office and supply us with an affidavit of publication.

Sincerely,

Kenneth P. Friday
Planning Director

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on February 12, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in room 32 of the Yamhill County Courthouse, located at 535 North East Fifth Street, McMinnville to consider the following: **DOCKET E-15-25**, an appeal of the Planning Director's conditions of approval of a request to host up to six agri-tourism events per calendar year. The appeal is to allow overnight camping at all of their events, to remove the condition requiring food inspection and to allow composting toilets without permits or inspections. This application is being reviewed on criteria in Sections 402.02(x) and 1013.01(A)(3) of the Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance and ORS 215.296. Interested parties are invited to send written comment to willist@yamhillcounty.gov or may appear and testify at the hearing. Comments submitted the day of the hearing will not be accepted via e-mail or fax but must be submitted in writing (12 copies) at the hearing. Failure to raise an issue, either in person or in writing, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to allow the Board of Commissioners an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes an affected party's appeal of the decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. Dated January 16, 2025, Ken Friday, Planning Director.

To participate in the hearing using Zoom please use the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81867313185> Webinar ID: 818 6731 3185

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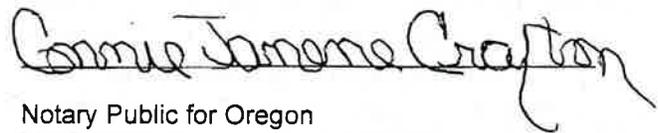
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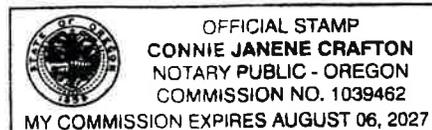
I, Terri Hartt

being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Legal Clerk, of the NEWS-REGISTER, a newspaper of general circulation as defined by O.R.S. 193.010 and O.R.S. 193.020 published three times each week at McMinnville, County of Yamhill, State of Oregon, and that **Yamhill County Department of Planning & Development - Public Notice Docket E-15-25 - January 16, 2026**

Subscribed and sworn before me this 1/20/2026 .



Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission Expires 08/06/2027



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, February 12, 2026, 10:00 AM

Yamhill County Courthouse, Room 32

535 NE 5th Street

McMinnville, Oregon

And virtually via Zoom at the following URL:

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The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at the above time and place to consider the request described below. The request may be heard later than the time indicated, depending on the agenda schedule. Interested parties are invited to send written comment or may appear and testify at the hearing. Failure to raise an issue, either in person or in writing, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to allow the Board of Commissioners an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes an affected party's appeal of the decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) on that issue.

A staff report will be available for inspection at no cost seven days prior to the hearing, and copies will be available for purchase at a reasonable cost. All materials submitted by the applicant are also available for inspection, and copies may be purchased at a reasonable cost. For further information, contact Tiffanie Willis (willist@yamhillcounty.gov) at the Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development, 400 NE Baker Street, McMinnville, 97128, or at (503) 434-7516.

DOCKET NO.:	E-15-25
REQUEST:	The applicant is appealing the conditions of approval for their 6-event agritourism application. The appeal is to allow overnight camping at all their events, to remove the condition requiring food inspection and to allow composting toilets without permits or inspections.
APPLICANT:	Eloheh/Eagle Wings
TAX LOT:	2428-00700
LOCATION:	6033 NW Lilac Rd. Yamhill
ZONE:	EF-40, Exclusive Farm Use
CRITERIA:	Sections 402.02(x) and 1013.01(A)(3) of the <i>Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance</i> and Oregon Revised Statute 215.296.

NOTICE TO MORTGAGEE, LIENHOLDER, VENDOR, OR SELLERS: ORS Chapter 215 requires that if you receive this notice, it must be promptly forwarded to the purchaser.

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Internet Address: <http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/planning/>

Date: January 14, 2026

To: Yamhill County Sanitarian
 DEQ

Yamhill County Health Dept.

Re: **Docket E-05-23** Eloheh/Eagle Wings Tax Lot # 2428-00700

The Planning Directors decision has been appealed by the applicant, Eloheh/Eagle Wings. The application, decision letter, staff report and the appeal documents are included for your reference. The request is to allow up to six (6) agritourism events per calendar year on the property located at 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd., Yamhill.

The applicant has requested the following:

1. Each event would allow overnight camping.
2. The use of composting toilets instead of portable toilets.
3. To serve food that was grown and prepared on site.

Your recommendations and suggestions will be used to guide the decision-maker when reviewing this request. If you wish to have your comments on the enclosed material considered, please return this form by this date: **February 2, 2026.**

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Comments:

Signed _____ Title _____ Date _____

VII. Agency Comments

Yamhill County

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

400 NE BAKER STREET | McMinnville, Oregon 97128
Phone: (503) 434-7516 | Fax: (503) 434-7544 | TTY: (800) 735-2900
Internet Address: <http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/planning/>

Date: October 3, 2025

To: SWCD Watermaster
 Public Works Yamhill County Health Dept.
 Yamhill Rural Fire Protection District Yamhill County Sanitarian
 Yamhill County Building Dept. DLCD

Re: **Docket E-15-23** Eloheh/Eagle Wings Tax Lot # 2428-00700

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Comments:

Signed _____ Title _____ Date _____

Tiffanie Willis

From: Stephanie Curran
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 1:02 PM
To: Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Yamhill County Planning Docket E-15-25

Stephanie Curran
Yamhill County Building & Planning
400 NE Baker St
McMinnville, OR 97128
[503-434-7516](tel:503-434-7516)

From: Terry Lucich <terry.lucich@yamhillfiredistrict.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 12:28 PM
To: Stephanie Curran <currans@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Re: Yamhill County Planning Docket E-15-25

Caution: This email originated outside of the Yamhill County email system

Stephanie,

The fire district would like the facility to have a commercial fire access road. This needs to be unobstructed all -weather driving surface capable of supporting a fire engine or ambulance. We would need an unobstructed turn around to go with the road.

Regards
Terry Lucich
Interim Fire Chief
Yamhill Fire

From: Stephanie Curran <currans@yamhillcounty.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 9:48 AM
To: 'Allison Schwister' <allison@yamhillswcd.org>; admin@yamhillswcd.org <admin@yamhillswcd.org>; Greg Haffner <haffnerg@yamhillcounty.gov>; Terry Lucich <terry.lucich@yamhillfiredistrict.gov>; Jessica Biggs <biggsj@yamhillcounty.gov>; joel.m.plahn@state.or.us <joel.m.plahn@state.or.us>; Gary Van Der Veen <vanderveeng@yamhillcounty.gov>; Suzanne Richardson <richardsons@yamhillcounty.gov>; hilary.foote@state.or.us <hilary.foote@state.or.us>; AHRENS Melissa * DLCD <melissa.ahrens@dlcd.oregon.gov>
Cc: Tiffanie Willis <WillisT@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Yamhill County Planning Docket E-15-25

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Tiffanie Willis

From: Greg Haffner
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 10:03 AM
To: Stephanie Curran; 'Allison Schwister'; admin@yamhillswcd.org; terry.lucich@yamhillfiredistrict.gov; Jessica Biggs; joel.m.plahn@state.or.us; Gary Van Der Veen; Suzanne Richardson; hilary.foote@state.or.us; AHRENS Melissa * DLCD
Cc: Tiffanie Willis
Subject: RE: Yamhill County Planning Docket E-15-25

No comments from public works

Thanks,

Greg Haffner
Engineering Manager

From: Stephanie Curran <currans@yamhillcounty.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 9:48 AM
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Yamhill County Building & Planning
100 NE Baker St.
McMinnville, OR 97123
[503-434-7516](tel:503-434-7516)



YAMHILL SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

October 7, 2025

Ken Friday, Planning Division Manager
Yamhill County Planning Department
525 NE Fourth Street
McMinnville, OR 97128

Re: E-15-23

Dear Ken,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on E-15-23 a request to allow up to eighteen (18) agritourism events per calendar year. The Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District requests that the County inform the applicant of the following responsibilities as landowners in rural Yamhill County

1. Responsibility to comply with the Yamhill Basin Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan. The Area Plan provides guidance for addressing water quality related to agricultural activities and identifies strategies to prevent and control water pollution from agricultural lands. Related Oregon Administrative Rules are enforced by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. More information is available on the District's website at: <https://yamhillswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Yamhill-Basin-Agricultural-Water-Quality-Management-Area-Plan-2017-Final.pdf>. If a well is proposed, the applicant should consult with the Oregon Water Resources Department; withdrawals may affect nearby historic wells.
2. Responsibility to control noxious weeds on the applicant's property. Noxious weeds have a negative economic impact on agricultural and forestry working lands, and degrade wildlife habitat and public rights-of-way. Yamhill County noxious weeds of concern are posted on the District's website at: <https://yamhillswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Yamhill-Noxious-Weed-List-2023-2024.pdf>

These landowner management responsibilities help protect lands for current and future agricultural operation and for management of wildlife habitat. Thank you for considering the District's recommendations.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the District Board,

Barbara Boyer, District Chair

Yamhill County

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Date: October 3, 2025

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SWCD | <input type="checkbox"/> Watermaster |
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Comments:

Signed



Title

REHS

Date

10/6/2025

Yamhill County

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<http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/plan>

October 6, 2025

Docket E-15-25 Eloheh/Eagle Wings Tax lot # 2428 00700

Re: Sanitarian Notes

Records show a septic system with a sand filter installed in 1994 which is sized for a home with up to 4 bedrooms. Given the nature of sand filter systems, the dwelling served by this system may not be used for the toilet requirements for special events.

Portable toilets may be used to satisfy the toilet needs of event guests. For the size and duration of the proposed events (peak of 25 guests, events less than 72 hours), 3 portable toilets one of which must be ADA compliant are required. For multi-day events, the portable toilets must be serviced at least daily. Portable hand washing facilities are also required to be provided.

Suzanne Richardson, REHS
Yamhill County Environmental Health Specialist

Tiffanie Willis

From: Tiffanie Willis
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:16 PM
To: Tiffanie Willis
Subject: Building Department comments for E-15-25

From: Jessica Biggs <biggsj@yamhillcounty.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:04 PM
To: Tiffanie Willis <WillisT@yamhillcounty.gov>
Cc: Tim Codiga <codigat@yamhillcounty.gov>; Beau Biggs <biggsb@yamhillcounty.gov>; Stephanie Curran <currans@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Building comments for E-15-25

Regarding E-15-25

Any existing structures that are being occupied for these events and not permitted as commercial structures, require a change of occupancy permits through Yamhill County Building Department. Additional permits might be required for unpermitted items, such as plumbing, mechanical and electrical components. Existing buildings constructed as AG exempt, will require an engineers letter stating structurally adequate for intended use, along with the building application.

Thank you,

Jessica Biggs
Building Inspectors Assistant
Yamhill County Planning & Development
NEW Location **400 NE Baker St. McMinnville OR 97128**
Telephone: +1- 503-434-7516 ext 3626
<https://www.yamhillcounty.gov/283/Planning-Development>



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AGRICULTURE & EQUINE PERMIT EXEMPTION

Information and Affidavit to be completed by the property owner or lease holder

Owner/Applicant name: Randy & Edith Woodley
 Site address: 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd. Yamhill, OR 97148
 Mailing address: -same-
 Phone/e-mail: 859-321-9394
 Tax lot number: R 2428-00700 Zoning Designation: EF-40

In order to determine what constitutes a farm under ORS 455.315, Yamhill County developed the following policy: In order to qualify for an agricultural building exemption the application must state that the structure will be used as part of the farm or forestry operation, some portion of the property shall be on a farm or forest deferral, and the property must be zoned for farm or forest use or both. In order to qualify for an equine facility exemption some portion of the property shall be receiving farm deferral and the zone in which the property is located must allow farm use.

1. Is the property on a farm or forest tax deferral program? Yes No
2. Is the primary purpose of your farmland to obtain a profit in money? Yes No
3. Is the predominant purpose of this land to grow and harvest trees of a marketable species? Yes No
4. Will your agricultural structure be used by 10 or more people at any one time, or by the general public? Yes No
5. Will your equine structure have 10 or more people at any one time? Yes No - NA -
6. Is the parcel located in the flood zone? Yes No
7. Which of the following systems will the proposed structure have? (a separate permit is required for each system)
 Electrical Mechanical Plumbing Septic None off grid
8. Describe the intended use of the proposed building:

Agricultural storage and processing of primarily seeds.
Also used to store fruits, vegetables & farm equipment. Some
use as a green house and shade house for plants.

9. Check which of the following uses apply to your building:
 Storage, maintenance, and repair of farm or forest machinery, supplies, and equipment used on this farm or forest property. List equipment and/or items stored:

- Raising, harvesting, or selling of crops or forest products raised on this farm or forest.
 Feeding, breeding, management, and sale of livestock, poultry, fur bearing animals, or honeybees on this farm.

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM

- Dairying and sale of dairy products on this farm.
- The preparation and storage of farm produce or forest products.
- The boarding, stabling, riding or training of horses.
- Other agricultural, forestry, or horticultural use, or animal husbandry or any combination thereof.

CERTIFICATION

I, Randy Woodley, do hereby swear or affirm that my statements are true and correct. I further affirm that the subject building is located on a farm or forest operation and is used in the operation of the farm or forest as defined in the Oregon Structural Specialty Code. I understand and acknowledge that should the subject building be converted to a non-agricultural use (e.g., garage, home-occupancy, etc.) I will obtain a building permit prior to such conversion. Failure to obtain appropriate permits may result in action to enforce the applicable building codes for such structure and use, including civil penalties. I understand that a post-occupancy inspection may be made to assure continuing compliance with the agriculture building requirements.

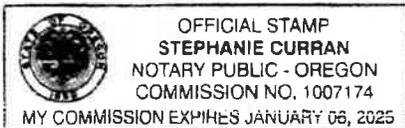
STATE OF Oregon
 County of Gambell

I, Randy Woodley, do hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct.

Date 11/8/2022

Signature of Applicant: Randy Woodley

Subscribe and sworn to before me on this 8th day of November, 2022.



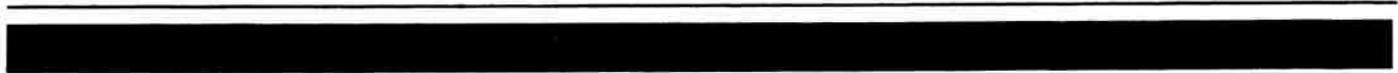
Stephanie Curran
 Notary Public of State of Oregon
 My Commission Expires 01-06-25

Building Permit

Permit Number: 979-22-004623-AGE

IVR Number:

Web Address:



TYPE OF WORK

Category of Construction: POLE BUILDING

Type of Work: NEW

Description of Work: AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

JOB SITE INFORMATION

Directions to Site:

Worksite Address
6033 NW LILAC HILL RD
YAMHILL OR 97148

Parcel
R2428 00700

Owner: WOODLEY EDITH L
Address: 6033 NW LILAC HILL RD
YAMHILL, OR 97148
Owner: WOODLEY RANDY S
Address: 6033 NW LILAC HILL RD
YAMHILL, OR 97148

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Business Name	License	License Number	Phone
BUILDING UP CONSTRUCTION LLC - Primary	CCB	221973	503-919-1433

PENDING INSPECTIONS

Inspection	Inspection Group	Inspection Status
1020 Zoning/Setbacks FRONT-30', SIDE-30', REAR-30'	Inspection_F	Pending

SCHEDULING INSPECTIONS

Various inspections are minimally required on each project and often dependent on the scope of work. Contact the issuing jurisdiction indicated on the permit to determine required inspections for this project.

Schedule or track inspections at www.buildingpermits.oregon.gov

Call or text the word "schedule" to 1-888-299-2821 use IVR number:

Schedule using the Oregon ePermitting Inspection App, search "epermitting" in the app store

Permits expire if work is not started within of issuance or if work is suspended for or longer depending on the issuing agency's policy.

Per R105.7 and R 106.3.1, a copy of the building permit and one set of approved construction documents shall be available for review at the work site.

All provisions of laws and ordinances governing this type of work will be complied with whether specified herein or not. Granting of a permit does not presume to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of any other state or local law regulating construction or the performance of construction.

ATTENTION: Oregon law requires you to follow rules adopted by the Oregon Utility Notification Center. Those rules are set forth in OAR 952-001-0010 through OAR 952-001-0090. You may obtain copies of the rules by calling the Center at (503) 232-1987.

All persons or entities performing work under this permit are required to be licensed unless exempted by ORS 701.010 (Structural/Mechanical), ORS 479.540 (Electrical), and ORS 693.010-020 (Plumbing).

PERMIT FEES

Fee Description	Quantity	Fee Amount
Ag Barn	1	\$87.00
Total Fees:		\$87.00

Note: This may not include all the fees required for this project.

VALUATION INFORMATION

Tiffanie Willis

From: Tiffanie Willis
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 6:04 PM
To: Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: E-15-25 Appeal Hearing Date Feb. 12

From: Gary Van Der Veen <vanderveeng@yamhillcounty.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:31 PM
To: Tiffanie Willis <WillisT@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: RE: E-15-25 Appeal Hearing Date Feb. 12

For food service the need to follow all rules that fall under ORS 624 – Operating any food service, serving the public is a misdemeanor.

Any event they would have other than a wedding, reunion, or funeral would require licensure from our department.

Licensing would most likely be temporary for the site, it may also be covered by mobile food service licensed units.

Let me know if you still need me to address the issue in person.

Best regards;

Gary Van Der Veen, REHS
Supervising Environmental Health Specialist
Yamhill County Public Health
Phone: (503) 434-7439
Cell: (971)-241-7785



LOGOUT

Confirmation of Application Receipt:

Your proposal was successfully submitted to Portland General Electric. No further action on your part is required and you can expect to receive notice of your proposal's status shortly. To print a copy of this completed application go to 'File', then 'Print' on your browser toolbar. Click here to [return to the homepage](#) when you are finished.

Contact Information

* First Name Randy
* Last Name Woodley
* Telephone 18593219394
* E-mail Address eloheh@gmail.com

Lead Organization Information

* Legal Name Eloheh/Eagle's Wings
* Address 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd
* City Yamhill
* State Oregon
* Zip 97148
* Telephone 18593219394
Fax NA
* Website <https://www.eloheh.org/>

* Organization Type Non-Profit

* Mission Statement models Eloheh teaches, inspires, guides, mentors, and through an Indigenous worldview, a co-sustaining, harmonious relationship between humanity, earth, and the Creator. Indigenous values guide all our decisions while keeping the whole community of creation in mind.

Organizational Background

* Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Eloheh is fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our Board and leadership reflect Indigenous, Pacific Islander, Asian, and Western heritage. Our schools teach the strength and beauty of diversity in nature and people. One of our co-sustainers (leaders), Randy Woodley, has written a book on the subject of diversity across all people, and all of creation.

The schools we host are co-led by Black, Indigenous, Asian, and White theologians and cultural knowledge keepers who willingly share from their cultural and lived experiences while encouraging honest dialog and inquiry by all participants. Eloheh exists to seek and live out a way of harmony through our model farm.

This is our diversity statement:

"Eloheh believes that a diverse, inclusive staff is a fundamental strength. We're committed to hiring people of all races, ethnicities, religions, ages, sexual orientations, and gender identities. Black people, Indigenous people. People of Color, Women, LGBTQ individuals, and members of other marginalized groups are strongly encouraged to apply."

The nature of what we do at Eloheh is to teach, inspire, guide, mentor, and model through an Indigenous worldview. It is a co-sustaining, harmonious, and spiritual relationship between humanity, earth, and the Creator.

* Board/Leadership Diversity

* Race/Ethnicity	* Board Members	* Executives
African American	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	0
Caucasian	1	0
Hispanic	0	0
Native American	4	2
Multi-Racial	0	0
Other	1	0

* Communities Served by Organization Demographically, Eloheh serves adults and children from all over the US, Canada, and South and Central America. Cohorts are primarily economically disadvantaged, at a bachelor's degree level or less, but some with master's degrees. Individuals who are served include Indigenous, Asian, Latinx, Black and White people.

The schools are always attended by multi-racial cohorts coming from the Pacific Northwest and across the country and have included guests from Canada and a scheduled group from Puerto Rico. Guest teachers include multi-racial pastors, theologians, cultural heritage keepers, and authors.

Our schools help people re-adjust their worldview from an extractive, abusive relationship with nature and each other to seeing the land and people differently and thinking about regenerative practices with the land personally and with their organizations. We are teaching them how to be a better relative with the whole community of creation.

Other programs hosted by Eloheh include monthly volunteer/learning days open to all, privately hosted tours for individuals wanting to learn about how to improve our

relationship with creation, elementary school groups (for example, multiple visits covering all students from the Rachel Carson Program of Environmental Science at the Beaverton Oregon Cedar Park Middle School), and university cohorts.

* Affiliations

* Name	* Affiliation
Lenore Three Stars	Oglala Lakota
Jim Sequeira	Native Hawaiian
Fern Cloud	Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota
Erna Hackett	Founder of Liberated Together
Ken Loyd	Former founding director at HOMEpdx
Joshua Grace	mural artist
Randy Woodley	Co-founder Eloheh, a Cherokee descendent recognized by the

Project Summary

- * Project Title Eloheh Solar
- * Different Project Owner? No
- * Project Owner Eloheh/Eagle's Wings. The land is owned by employees who have given the whole organization a 10-year, renewable lease on the property.
- * Facility Physical Location Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice and Eloheh Farm & Seeds, 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd., Yamhill, OR 97148
- * Life of Project Yes

* RDF Project Category(ies) New renewable energy installation

* Renewable Energy Technology Type Solar PV

Multifamily Housing Development or Community Center? No

Note:

Describe Energy Storage Renewable energy directly aligns with Eloheh's commitment to fostering a harmonious relationship between humanity, earth, and the Creator. As a property open to all members of the community, by maintaining electricity through its on-site renewable energy systems during grid outages Eloheh can provide power to community members that need electricity for re-charging cell phones. The combined solar PV+BESS system will showcase how humanity can maintain an environmentally friendly relationship with earth while providing modern necessities with reliance on the broader electric grid.

New/Innovative Technology This project is using solar PV and a DC-coupled Tesla Powerwall III system. The Powerwall III system became available in early 2024, and with its ease of installation and reduced material costs will allow for more solar PV+BESS systems at a lower upfront cost.

* Project Size 40.7 kW DC/ 34.5 kW AC / BESS 40.5 kWh

* Estimated Annual kWh Generation 47,411 kWh

* Annual kWh Consumption The site has an existing meter that uses approximately 40,000 kWh annually. The new Learning Center is predicted to use 10,000 kWh annually. The system is estimated to provide the vast majority of both meters' annual usage.

* Project Start Date 2/10/2025

* Project End Date 9/15/2025

* Interconnection Yes

* Interconnection Status No

Technical Review Completed Yes

Project Details

* Project Description The system will feature a 40.7 kW ground-mounted PV system with a 40.5 kWh battery energy storage system.

The PV array will be split into two 20 kW ground-mounted arrays 150 ft north of the Learning Center in an open area with little shading impact. We'll run DC back to the Learning Center, where we will land in the PVIII units located on the exterior of the building.

The PV/BESS system is set up as a small microgrid, backing up the entire 200 A service for the building.

Eloheh serves as a model for living in a harmonious relationship with the Earth and repairing the broken relationship with the natural world. At Eloheh we connect with and mentor many groups and individuals, and we engage with them through our farm and schools. Many of these have gone on to other endeavors and shared what they learned at Eloheh. This aligns with our mission statement: "Eloheh teaches, inspires, guides, mentors, and models through an Indigenous worldview, a co-sustaining, harmonious relationship between humanity, earth and Creator. Indigenous values guide all our decisions, while keeping the whole community of creation in mind."

The grant will allow us to have a greater impact and more demonstration power to move into a cleaner, greener energy future.

* Project Team Structure Kevin Gooley - Elemental Energy - Consultant

Katie Martin - Elemental Energy - Construction Manager. Will guide the project through design, engineering, permitting, construction, and commissioning.

* Contractor Contact's Organization/Company Name Elemental Energy

* Contractor Contact Name and Title Kevin Gooley - Development Coordinator

* Contractor Contact Role in Project Consultant

* Contractor Contact Email kgooley@elementalenergy.net

* Contractor Contact Phone 971-238-9794

* Energy Trust of Oregon Solar Trade Ally? Yes

* Project Timeline and Milestones

* Milestone	* Date Anticipated/Completed	Notes
RDF grant reward	2/3/2025	Notification of grant reward from PGE
Construction contract signed	2/17/2025	Fully executed construction contract signed between all par-
Design acceptance	3/17/2025	Elemental Energy will submit a 90% DD to owner for approval. Once approved, design will move to engineering.
Engineering analysis completed and permits submitted	5/19/2025	All structural and geotech engineering is completed and plans

* Timeline Risks and Mitigations I don't know of any possible impediments except the time it takes to fundraise for the initial \$11,000.+ to hook up to PGE. For a smaller organization like ours, fundraising for the initial cost could be quick or slow. It's difficult to know because it is based on the generosity of the donors.

The only other potential challenge or risk would be in permitting, particularly the land-use permit if any geo-tech

engineering is required by the county. Based on the soil classification on-site, this should not be an issue.

- * Community input Eloheh/Eagle's Wings Board and local advisors have been active in planning this project, especially local volunteers like Carl Wamser, emeritus professor of Chemistry at Portland State University, who has led the project. Everyone believes the project will enhance the impact we make as a demonstration place of living in harmony with the land by using renewable energy.
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Recent attendees of the Eloheh schools have consistently commented on the value of the cross-cultural, creation-connected intensives and they have returned home to recommend the school to others. There is ongoing strong interest in offering these schools to university and faith-based groups who want to understand the connections between the land and their spirituality. Their time on the land and participation as volunteer workers allows them to literally dig in the soil. Here is a short list of significant barriers that lack of power presents.

- no way to share video content to enhance group learning and discussion.

- unable to run ventilating fans during summer heat

- no refrigeration for perishable drinks available in teaching center causing reliance on personal appliances in the Woodley's home located at a distance from the Learning Center.

- nighttime lighting. We are currently reliant on small solar units that don't adequately illuminate the whole building

- no way to present prerecorded background information to tours of schools and other groups which leaves Eloheh unable to scale up for more group visits due to limited staffing now needed to present all of the information live.

We recently hired a part-time communications specialist to help us increase our social media presence and to craft the content to tell our story. We will leverage this resource to expand our story-telling to our followers, volunteers, donors, and the alumni of our schools. We believe the story

of Eloheh's mission combined with the commitment to using renewable energy will be a compelling narrative that could be of interest beyond the current Eloheh supporters.

We don't anticipate any negative impacts of installing solar power in the Learning Center. But we have demonstrated resilience in the face of many obstacles (see response in the Impact section). As we have already demonstrated, we will work with our board and supporters to face unforeseen challenges. We're here because our ancestors were resilient, and we know how to persevere.

* Community Benefits The project will serve as a model and inspiration to the many marginalized and disenfranchised people who attend Eloheh schools, as well as the hundreds of visitors we have each year. There are many stories, especially in Indigenous cultures, that align the power of the sun with benefits and blessings. These will also be used to translate the message of solar power. For instance, in the cultures of the southeastern Native peoples, much of their ancient symbols surround the sun, so much so that anthropologists named that particular area the "sun cult." (Cult as in culture not the negative connotation). One of the co-sustainers at Eloheh is from that culture and he tells stories involving the sun and its power. The implementation of solar power at Eloheh could not be more direct in its application to these types of stories.

* Community Outreach After the completion of the project, there will be a "Here Comes the Sun" celebration where all parties involved will be recognized for their contributions. The invitation will be for the whole Yamhill community (officials, tourism, etc) as well as "Tourism Cares," a national organization that has added Eloheh to its tourism list. This announcement of completion will also go out to the Eloheh newsletter and social media lists, which include over 30,000 people.

Educational Benefits Kevin Gooley has offered to come and provide a talk on "Introduction to Solar Power and Energy Storage and the Workforce that Powers It". It will focus on how solar+storage works and the various career paths folks can take to join the workforce. We can use the information from this service for local gatherings as well as in our

schools. Alongside the practical and technical information will be stories told from an Indigenous perspective of the power of the sun. We will use the funding for training others, and for video production equipment needed to create something that can be spread out to social media and our websites.

* Green Future Recognition A framed poster will be displayed in the Learning Center that will show a drone shot of the solar array and building together. Information on the system and acknowledgement of PGE and Energy Trust of Oregon's contribution to the project budget will be noted on the poster. A QR code will be included that will link to a public page of the system production. Eloheh has over 700 visitors regularly and is just about to become a stop on the national "Tourism Cares" tours of the Willamette Valley, which could bring in hundreds more. Also, anything on video can go out to Eloheh's Newsletter and social media which reach over 30,000 people.

* Assets

* Item Name	* Item Make	* Quantity
Solar Modules	Hanwha QCELL Q.PEAK DUO XL-10.3/BFG 485W	84
PV Inverter/Battery energy storage system	Tesla Powerwall 3, 1707000-XX-Y (13.5kWh, 240V)	3

* IEEE Standards Yes

* Technology Explanation The decision for the ground mount was based on solar access and overall production, the roof of the Learning Center is too small to offset the entire energy consumption of the property.

Tesla Powerwall III's were selected to provide the most backup capacity per upfront dollar spent. Since shading is not an issue, and we are using a ground mount, array

optimization on strings is not necessary and module-level rapid shutdown is not required.

Battery Explanation The 200A panel has a peak demand of 19.2 kW. At full capacity, the battery energy storage system will provide 126 minutes of backup power.

In the case of an outage, loads will be manually shed to extend the duration of backup power. If running lights, plug circuits, refrigerator, freezer, and the ceiling fan, the load drops to 2.33kW, providing 17 hours of back up power. This is assuming no additional charge from the solar PV system. Elemental Energy will work with Eloheh to determine what loads could be effectively shed to maintain battery capacity while still maintaining critical loads for the community.

By shedding loads, Eloheh will have ample time to send notification to community members that they have a substantial supply of backup power for use during extended outages.

*** Operations/Maintenance Activities** Maintenance on a solar PV and BESS is reactive. The system will have monitoring through the Tesla app that the system owners will be instructed on how to read and understand when there are equipment malfunctions that need to be addressed.

The system owners will also be trained on visual inspections of the array and gear in order to identify any issues that may cause malfunctions during the system's lifetime.

The solar modules have a 12 year product warranty and 30 year performance warranty. The panels are guaranteed to produce at 84.95% of their nameplate capacity at year 30.

The battery energy storage system is a DC-coupled hybrid inverter and battery system. It has a 10-year warranty.

* Project Permits and Approvals

* Permit/Agreement	* Status	Notes
Structural	Required, Not Submitted	Structural permit will be submitted once project is under

Electrical

Required, Not Submitted

Electrical permit will be submitted once project is under

Interconnection/Net Metering

Required, Not Submitted

Interconnection/Net metering will be submitted once project is under contract.

Projects Costs and Financing

* Financial Structure The assets are located at the physical address at 6033 NW Lilac Hill Road, Yamhill, OR 97148. The property is owned by employees of Eloheh/Eagle's Wings and leased to the non-profit.

* Budget Explanation This project utilizes all tier-one products from reliable and established manufacturers. The decision to use a ground mount to maximize production and offset 100% of load requires additional costs to build the substructure and run the underground lines to the point of interconnection. These costs are not typically in roof-mounted proposals.

Eloheh had been working with Elemental Energy in 2023 to determine the feasibility of a solar+storage project at the Learning Center. For the RDF grant, Eloheh reached out to four different companies but only received two bids.

Elemental Energy's bid provided the most solar and energy storage capacity at the best price.

* Budget Risks and Mitigations The only budgetary risk is timing when it comes to raising the initial \$11,000+ for the initial PGE hook-up. This is based on donor response. If it is slow, we will double our efforts.

The solar modules will be previously procured and warehoused by Elemental Energy in bulk for all commercial projects. The Tesla Powerwall III is readily available from

Other Approval/Permit Not Required

1

Other Approval/Permit

2

Other Approval/Permit

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To raise the funds to do the project without extensive new fundraising, nor could the project be done with less funding. Perhaps with a capital campaign some of the funds could be raised but we just finished a capital campaign to build our Learning Center, and we believe donor fatigue would greatly limit our success. If we were to pursue another large ticket campaign it could lead to support dissociation altogether.

Although our funding streams are growing, they are growing slowly. With the help of a small capacity-building grant from Lily, within the past few weeks we have been able to hire three very part-time positions (farm manager, social media, office admin) that will eventually allow us to grow at a faster pace. This growth translates to more schools and a greater reach with our educational and demonstration efforts.

Eloheh/Eagle's Wings has been in operation since 1999, but we went through a very deep financial spiral in 2008 when we lost our fifty-acre farm and center (the first rendition of what we have now) to violent pressure from a White Nationalist group with a 50-caliber machine gun firing toward our property. Due to their constant violent pressure we had to give up the farm in Kentucky, having to sell it for less than half the appraised value during the economic bust of 2008. We lost almost everything during that time and had to, in essence, start over. Only in the past few years have we gained support equal to what we lost over those years.

At this point we are moving beyond our past setbacks and growing in every way as an organization. Our influence is being felt locally, regionally, and nationally. So much so that we have recently been contacted by the national non-profit Tourism Cares, to be an Impact Partner in their national and local Willamette Valley tourism hub they call the Meaningful Travel Map. Randy and Edith Woodley, Co-sustainers at Eloheh, will be speaking at their upcoming

event, the NORTH AMERICAN MEANINGFUL TRAVEL SUMMIT, Tourism Cares with the Willamette Valley, September 30 - October 2, 2024 in Eugene, Oregon. The grant from RDF will have tremendous impact, especially as we become a regular tourist stop in the ecologically minded Tourism Cares hub.

There is growing appetite by diverse groups from educators to tourists to learn more about our relationship to the land, and the role that all of us can play in restoring healthy climates and securing sustainable food supplies.

So, what happens if this grant request isn't funded? The local opportunity and interest in front of us right now will not be able to be fully realized as we are forced to limit our school offerings during hot months and find ourselves unable to use video technology to host increased demand by grade school groups to tour and learn from Eloheh.

Without the grant the basic electricity needed to leverage the Learning Center will not be able to support increased interest in what Eloheh can teach. And we need to share those lessons now more than ever.

* RDF Project Budget Worksheet

* Budget Item (?)	* Budget Description	* Budget Amount
Engineering Costs	Cost for racking and geotechnical engineering	\$3,500.00
Design Costs	Internal costs for design and permit packet	\$1,500.00
Equipment Costs - Generators/Modules	Cost for solar modules	\$16,464.00
Equipment Costs - Inverters	Cost for Tesla Powerwall 3 solar inverter/battery energy storage	\$10,479.00
Equipment Costs Electrical Components	Cost for Tesla Gateway and electrical balance of system	\$16,079.00
Labor Installation Costs	All onsite labor and overhead	\$31,911.00

* Requested RDF Amount \$115,091.00

Educational Program Costs

* Category	* Description	* Cost
Training	Training other staff members at Eloheh to make formal	\$1,500.00
Event	Here Comes the Sun Kick-off public event, entertainment and	\$3,000.00
Other	Video hire for training and event to make available.	\$3,000.00
		Total: 7,500.00

* Sources of Funding

* Source/Type of Funding	* Amount	* % of Total Project Cost (?)	* Status
RDF Reimbursement	\$115,091.00	76.5	Pending
Energy Trust Incentive	\$35,370.00	23.5	Secured
Applicant Contribution (private/govt entities must be at least 15% of total project cost)			
Other Funding			
		Total: 100	

Attachments and Certifications

- * Statements of Support
 - [Letter of Support for Eloheh grant 8.14.2024.pdf \(89.84 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-19](#)
 - [ltr frm CAC.docx \(54.81 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-19](#)

- [Eloheh Support Letter.pdf \(86.82 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-19](#)
 - [elohe letter.docx \(14.06 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-19](#)
 - [woodley endorsement 2024.pdf \(380.69 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-29](#)
- * Credentials
- [Eloheh Board .docx \(16 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-19](#)
 - [Elemental Energy Credentials.pdf \(218.56 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-20](#)
- * Audited Financial Statements
- [Balance Sheet.pdf \(39.06 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-20](#)
 - [P&L.pdf \(39.37 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-20](#)
- * Site Evaluation
- [SHADE MODEL Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice.pdf \(985.23 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-20](#)
- * Bids/Proposals
- [Solar+Storage Proposal Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice.pdf \(2.04 MB\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-20](#)
 - [Pinnacle Solar NW Proposal - Eloheh Indigenous Center.pdf \(301.02 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-20](#)
- * Equipment Specifications
- [CUT SHEETS.zip \(1.2 MB\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-20](#)
- * Site Photos
- [20231115_100032.jpg \(4.53 MB\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-21](#)
 - [20231115_100053.jpg \(3.53 MB\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-21](#)
 - [20231115_100029.jpg \(3.54 MB\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-21](#)
- * Design Drawings
- [SITE PLAN Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice.pdf \(297.43 K\), uploaded by Randy Woodley on 2024-08-20](#)

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VIII. Comments Received

Tiffanie Willis

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Subject: FW: I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am not a Yamhill County resident, but I have visited your beautiful land where I have participated in learning and ceremonial gatherings at Eloheh Farm and Indigenous Center. Recently it came to my attention that you have put into place certain permit restrictions that limit how often places like Eloheh can host overnight gatherings on their own land. The restrictions would make many of their traditional ceremonies—sweat lodges, cedar fire ceremony, seasonal gatherings—nearly impossible to hold.

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday, and the religious freedom enshrined in our nation's constitution should protect all faiths in their ability to practice their beliefs.

Randy and Edith Woodley are friends, mentors and trusted teachers to many people, myself included, and the work they are doing at their farm is only benefiting Yamhill County, and beyond, and I believe they should be allowed to continue their farm and educational and spiritual gatherings. Their work is helping educate people in ways that help to bring health and wellness to your county. I ask you to please consider accommodating their request for exemption to this permit restriction.

Sincerely,
Drew Jennings-Grisham

Tiffanie Willis

From: Lance Woods
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:22 AM
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I am writing this in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center. Please allow them the religious rights that they are due as Americans.

Indigenous spirituality is not like traditional religions. Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gatherings and is not limited to an hour on a given day.

The people in charge, the Woodleys, are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years. Please allow them to continue offering the valuable services that they need and want to provide.

Religious freedom should not be limited to the mainline traditional faiths, but it should protect all faiths, including those whose practices differ from traditional Christianity.

Please, allow Eloheh to practice their religion as needed rather than restricting their faith.

Jim Ewan

May You Have Happiness, May You Be Free

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Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center

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Dear People:

I am a Christian and I support religious freedom for all.

I have been a guest at Eloheh Center and am a better person today because of what I learned there.

Please do not restrict their ability to practice their faith on their own land.

Respectfully,

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Rev. Deena Jones

Tiffanie Willis

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Subject: Eloheh/ Woodley support

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Dear Board of Commissioners,

As you consider religious accommodation for Eloheh Indigenous Center, I hope you will notice the goodness, health and peacemaking already evident at and through Eloheh, and seriously consider how to accommodate the unique needs of this organization for the benefit of the local and wider community. It would be good for this organization and people around it for it to be allowed to pursue its full vision for teaching, land care, spiritual development and relationship building.

I met Randy Woodley more than a decade ago when he led a workshop at a national Christian conference. Randy and Edith are cultural bridgebuilders, making it possible for different groups to

communicate and grow together. Books of his have helped my wife and I, and our church, widen our view of how diverse the Church is intended to be, and the deficit caused by Sunday morning segregation. They and their organization are teaching time-proven ways of earth care which the land- and its inhabitants and decision-makers- desperately need these days.

Respectfully,

Brian

(if helpful to know- i'm a caucasian follower of Jesus who cares deeply about healthy cross-cultural relationships, ecological thriving and social justice. I would love to attend events at their property, though that's challenging since I live on the east coast.)

Brian Barclay
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From: Lance Woods
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Board,

I am making a plea to you on behalf of Elohey and all my indigenous family. Spirituality and worship has not been in a church for my ancestors. It has been one in nature with all creation.

I beg you prevent the law from restricting our worship practices and places those take place.

Thank you for hearing me,

Myrna Andersen, Turtle Mountain Chippewa

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Good morning Yamhill Board of Commissioners,

I'm reaching out to voice my support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. I understand they have a hearing before the board on February 12 regarding permit restrictions for the use of their land.

I wholeheartedly support the work of Eloheh and have benefited from their wisdom and teaching, and been inspired by their writings and practices.

I ask that you accommodate their religious practice which requires extended land- based gathering.

Thank you
Amanda Kerber

Tiffanie Willis

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Dear Board of Commissioners,

As a born Oregonian, I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering — it cannot be practiced in a single building for a single hour on a single day.

The Woodleys at Eloheh Indigenous Center are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years. I have personally read and sat with their materials, gleaning many lessons as a Christian myself.

Our first amendment right to religious freedom should protect all faiths, especially those of our First Nations, whose practices might look different from mainstream Christianity.

I petition you to find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it in Yamhill County.

Frank P. Emrick III

Tiffanie Willis

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From: Margaret Garrett <grandgar@msn.com>
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To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center Appeal

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I am writing to you in support of Randy and Edith Woodley's appeal to your Board in regards to your ruling on permit restrictions on hosting overnight gatherings. These restrictions make many of the traditional ceremonies nearly impossible to hold on their own land. Indigenous religious does not look like church on Sunday morning. Freedom to practice one's religion is a fundamental protection afforded in the US Constitution. Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity. The Woodley's are respected educators and authors who have served the indigenous community for over thirty years. I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation in this matter.

Thank you,
Margaret Garrett

Tiffanie Willis

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Subject: FW: Appeal on Behalf of Eloheh Indigenous Center

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

I am a Christian pastor who has benefitted immensely from the teaching and work of Randy and Edith Woodley, leaders of the Eloheh Indigenous Center. The Woodley are highly valued and respected authors and educators who have been serving indigenous communities and teaching non-indigenous Americans and religious leaders like myself how to benefit from the wisdom and heritage of their cultures.

I strongly support their appeal for religious accommodation. Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gatherings, which can not be accomplished inside a building for an hour or two on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

American religious freedom protects all faiths, including those whose practices aren't familiar in mainstream Christianity. As a Christian minister, I am stronger for the protection of the Woodley's and the Eloheh Center's religious freedom, because I benefit from learning from their presence and I know my rights are being protected as theirs are.

Additionally, like others who respect the Woodley's work, I also hope to be able to visit their center in Oregon and bring a few other visitors with me, for one of their educational programs, bringing tourist dollars to the county.

Please robustly accommodate their religious practice rather than restricting it.

Sincerely,
Rev. Steve Watson

Senior Pastor, Reservoir Church
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:23 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center appeal

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Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center appeal

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Thank you so much for your consideration.

Kindly,

Allie Ryan

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From: Steve Watson <steve@reservoirchurch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:48 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Cc: Randy Woodley <eloheh@gmail.com>
Subject: Appeal on Behalf of Eloheh Indigenous Center

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

I am a Christian pastor who has benefitted immensely from the teaching and work of Randy and Edith Woodley, leaders of the Eloheh Indigenous Center. The Woodley are highly valued and respected authors and educators who have been serving indigenous communities and teaching non-indigenous Americans and religious leaders like myself how to benefit from the wisdom and heritage of their cultures.

I strongly support their appeal for religious accommodation. Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gatherings, which can not be accomplished inside a building for an hour or two on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

American religious freedom protects all faiths, including those whose practices aren't familiar in mainstream Christianity. As a Christian minister, I am stronger for the protection of the Woodley's and the Eloheh Center's religious freedom, because I benefit from learning from their presence and I know my rights are being protected as theirs are.

Additionally, like others who respect the Woodley's work, I also hope to be able to visit their center in Oregon and bring a few other visitors with me, for one of their educational programs, bringing tourist dollars to the county.

Please robustly accommodate their religious practice rather than restricting it.

Sincerely,
Rev. Steve Watson

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From: Randy Woodley <eloheh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 8:45 AM
To: Janeen Bertsche Johnson <jbjohnson@ambs.edu>
Cc: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Re: Please allow indigenous faith gatherings

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Thank You!!

On Jan 14, 2026, at 5:48 AM, Janeen Bertsche Johnson <jbjohnson@ambs.edu> wrote:

Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,
I am a Mennonite pastor in Indiana serving as campus pastor of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. I organize a biennial conference at our seminary that draws participants from across North America. A few years ago, Randy Woodley was one of our keynote speakers. He is a respected theologian who integrates indigenous spirituality into his Christian faith.

I have watched as Randy and Edith built Eloheh Indigenous Center into a gathering place to teach people how to live in harmony with God and the land. We need their witness desperately in the midst of climate change and ecological crisis. I am writing to request that you adjust your permit restrictions to allow them and their guests to practice faith freely, able to incorporate the indigenous practices that many people observe.

As a Christian leader from a denomination that has sometimes been persecuted for our beliefs, I am grateful for government protections of religious freedom. Please extend those protections to the Eloheh Indigenous Center.

Sincerely,

Janeen Bertsche Johnson
Campus Pastor
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
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Subject: FW: Eloheh Appeal on Feb 12

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From: Randy Hamm <randyhamm72@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:15 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Appeal on Feb 12

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing you to show my support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

As a Baptist pastor, I highly support religious freedom and cannot stand by while this freedom is taken away from a wonderful group. Much like the tradition of Christian retreats, indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday.

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities and Christian churches for over 30 years. I have benefited from their teaching, both from books and online courses. They have challenged me to grow much deeper in my faith in Jesus.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it. This is a great opportunity to listen and learn as a group of commissioners, and as a county!

Sincerely,

Randy Hamm

Pastor, Vernon First Baptist Church

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:41 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Asking you to support religious freedom by waiving normal permit restrictions for ELOLEH

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Subject: Asking you to support religious freedom by waiving normal permit restrictions for ELOLEH

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One of the things made clear by the Supreme Court of the USA is that religious freedom is a well-established constitutional right, even when it conflicts with local laws. This is the case for Eloheh. Normally, permitting procedures would not allow their religious ceremonies to take place on their land. As a clergy member, I encourage you to work with them to address legitimate concerns while upholding their right to follow their long-held and consistent religious practices. To be meaningful, religious freedom must be respected.

Thank you for your hard work in your community and your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Andrea Joy Kendall, CoG

Wiccan Clergy
Covenant of the Goddess (CoG) National Interfaith Representative Action Team Leader of the Earth-based Spirituality
Action Team of Citizens' Climate Lobby

May you dance in the moonlight
and play in the sunlight
in the Spirit that connects us all!

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:42 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh hearing February 12

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From: Rich Brown <rhbluesman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:17 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Cc: eloheheagleswings@mailman.bloomerang-mail.com
Subject: Eloheh hearing February 12

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Councilors:

Please support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. I discovered them through Fr. Richard Rohr's Center for Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM where people from many faiths gather (online and in person) to find and continue faith journeys to God/Creator.

We all need an effective God consciousness in this world. Let Eloheh continue to nurture these journeys.

Thank you!

Richard Brown
Melbourne, Florida

Sent from my iPad

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:27 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center - support letter

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From: Christy Gates <christygates426@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 8:27 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center - support letter

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I am sending a copy of this letter via regular mail as well. Thank you.

Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that your county has imposed permit restrictions affecting how often Eloheh Indigenous Center can host overnight gatherings on their land. Events like sweat lodges, cedar fire ceremonies, and seasonal gathering are central to their religious expression, but these practices do not fit into an assumption that religion can be expressed sufficiently during evenings and weekends.

I am writing to express my wholehearted support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. As a Christian who believes in religious freedom, I see this as a great opportunity to protect the religious freedom of the entire community by making space for the accommodation of Eloheh. Religious freedom must protect all faiths or else it cannot be claimed as true religious freedom at all. Indigenous spirituality must be practiced in connection to the land across long periods of time and cannot be practiced in what Christians and those of many other faiths are accustomed to – meetings that last for a few hours in a designated building or place of worship.

Randy and Edith Woodley are not only major contributors to spiritual growth through their work as authors and educators, but I would also consider them friends. I donate monthly to support their work, and I am convinced of its significance among all the other important ministries serving Oregon. I only became acquainted with the Woodleys in the past five years through a week-long visit to their farm, but they have been serving Indigenous communities as well as many others for decades. I serve with a college student ministry that works with students at hundreds of campuses across the country, and the work of Randy and Edith has been a great source of encouragement and character formation among our students.

I am happy to share further in support of the Woodleys, if you would like to contact me.

Please adjust your permit processes so that the religious practices happening at Eloheh Indigenous Center can continue without restriction.

Sincerely,

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Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 11:28 AM
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Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal

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From: Kristyn Komarnicki <kkomarni@eastern.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:14 AM
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Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Eloheh Indigenous Center's request for a religious accommodation, which is scheduled for hearing on February 12.

Indigenous spiritual practice is inherently land-based and communal, often requiring extended gatherings on the land. It cannot be confined to a brief gathering in the way many Christian worship services can.

Edith and Randy Woodley are widely respected educators and authors who have faithfully served Indigenous communities for more than 30 years. I've had the pleasure of learning from them via their books, in-person speaking events, and online teaching/writing for the last 25 years. I am currently in a cohort with them to develop storytelling around the theme of Gospel Hope. These are the kind of people you want to support in every way possible.

True religious freedom means protecting the full expression of all faith traditions, including—and perhaps especially—those whose practices differ from dominant Western Christian models.

I urge you to seek a path that honors and accommodates their sincerely held religious beliefs rather than restricting them.

Respectfully,

Kristyn Komarnicki

Director of the Oriented to Love program at
Christians for Social Action

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 10:20 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Centre

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From: Nikki Morrison <nikkiam79@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2026 5:30 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Centre

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for choosing to give your time to understanding an issue that deeply matters to so many of us.

I write to you of my support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years, providing a sense of community, welcome and belonging for so many.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity

I implore you to consider how your Organisation can justly and respectfully accommodate their religious practice.

Thank you.

Warmly,

Nikki Morrison

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 10:08 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center

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From: Mollie Shibley <moshibley@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2026 6:41 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

Please support the Eloheh Indigenous Center in their request to accommodate their religious activities.

Religious freedom should be for all faiths and although the religious practices at the Center might not look like yours or mine, they should have the right to use their land to support Indigenous Spirituality, which inherently requires a connection to the land.

In Gratitude for your Prayerful Consideration,
Mollie Shibley

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 9:06 AM
To: Ken Friday; Tiffanie Willis; Lance Woods
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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From: Irene Doody <idoody73@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 2:16 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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Members of Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to you concerning the Hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM where there is consideration of restricting the holy rituals and practices of the Indigenous Spirituality of Eloheh.

As a Christian I believe in the religious freedom of and for all people. I have been privileged to participate in the holy rituals and practices of Indigenous Spirituality that have helped me to live in ways of deep respect honoring the sacredness of Earth and its gifts to humanity.

Please find a way to support and protect this Community of Eloheh in its spirituality rather than restrict its sacred practices.

Thank you,
Irene Doody

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 9:01 AM
To: Ken Huffer; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

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From: Leslie Stevens <lstevens1946@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 7:24 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

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Good Morning,

I am writing today in support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. I have been following and supporting the Woodleys for a few years now. I had the pleasure to meet them and hear them teach and share their story at a conference in Albuquerque and have been following them and supporting them since that time.

I believe in protection of all faiths to practice as they are called. I think of my Catholic friends who have the opportunity to attend mass daily or Jewish friends who attend synagogue on Saturdays and practice Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. I see no difference in these practices and those practiced by our Indigenous friends, which don't always align with mainstream religions in the US.

I urge you to find a way to accommodate the Woodley's religious practices rather than restrict it. Thank you for your consideration.

Peace and every good,

Leslie Stevens
815.258.1067

"One of the basic rules of the universe is that nothing is perfect. Perfection simply doesn't exist ... Without imperfection, neither you nor I would exist." Stephen Hawking

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:59 AM
To: Ken Huffer; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Feb 12 2026 Hearing

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From: Lynn Gibson <drlynnigibson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 7:18 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Feb 12 2026 Hearing

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

It has come to my attention recently that there is a hearing scheduled for Thursday, February 12, at 10:00am.

I am writing today to let you know that I will not be in attendance; however, I would like to express my support for the Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation and right to practice Indigenous spirituality on their own land.

Randy and Edith Woodley's work is well regarded across many fields of academia and religion. They are both respected educators and authors and have served Indigenous communities for many decades. In recent years, I have been personally blessed with Randy's work in integrating Christian traditions with Indigenous wisdom to foster peace and harmony among all people.

The protection of our religious freedom is vital and a true pillar of our great nation (regardless of political affiliation). As such, I fully support the Woodley's right to gather, teach, and share food on their own land inside this jurisdiction.

I do appreciate your prompt consideration and due diligence to this important matter. Thank you all for faithfully serving this community.

With kind regards, I am sincerely,

Lynn

C. Lynn Gibson, PhD, DPhil, CFSP

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:56 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Please support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation (hearing on February 12 at 10am)

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From: Julia Huston <juliahuston@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 5:33 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Cc: eloheh@gmail.com
Subject: Please support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation (hearing on February 12 at 10am)

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I understand that the County is imposing permit restrictions that would limit the ability of the Eloheh Indigenous Center (Eloheh) to practice its religious traditions - such as sweat lodges, cedar fire ceremony, and seasonal gatherings - on the land that it owns, and that Eloheh is requesting an exemption for religious reasons.

I very much hope that you will act favorably on Eloheh's request. In these times, more than ever, it is important to be guided by indigenous wisdom and spirituality. Although I do not live in Yamhill County, I am a financial supporter of Eloheh, because it is important to me that Indigenous people be able to farm their own land and practice their religious traditions. Randy and Edith Woodley very generously give their time and space to allow this to happen, and have been serving Indigenous communities for over 30 years. Eloheh should be able to host religious gatherings on its own land at the times that align with Indigenous cycles, which will not always be on Sunday mornings, and we as a society will all be better off if this is allowed to occur without county government involvement or interference.

I am hopeful that that you will rule in favor of Eloheh at the hearing on February 12. Thank you for your consideration.

Peace,
Julia

Julia Huston
71 Fordham Road
Newton, MA 02465

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:54 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Appeal for Religious Freedom

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From: Naomi Kosek <naomi.kosek@europeanfreedomnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 11:09 PM
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Cc: Naomi Kosek <msnkosek@gmail.com>
Subject: Appeal for Religious Freedom

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

As a US citizen and Christian who works for Christian non-profits internationally, I first encountered Randy and Edith Woodley and their Eloheh Indigenous Center's Indigenous Jesus-following and Creator-centered work almost 5 years ago.

It has been a lifeline that is outside of traditional Western US Christianity Sundays and Wednesday evenings only practice, especially given my role in the anti human trafficking sector that puts me face to face daily with human horrors.

I have financially supported the building of Eloheh Indigenous Center's physical land based resources in Yamhill County so that now others can and someday I will benefit from a multi-day religious learning retreat.

Please allow for the local laws to accommodate this by recognizing that though different from traditional Christian Church building use, the ministry of Eloheh Indigenous Center is vital religious practice. In closing, I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation and I hope you will, too.

Sincerely,
Naomi Kosek
Network Facilitation Team
European Freedom Network
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From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:52 AM
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From: ellendburns@gmail.com <ellendburns@gmail.com>
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Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center appeal for religious accommodation

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Dear Board of County Commissioners;

This week I read a meditation on the connectedness of all things written by Dr. Randy Woodley on Father Richard Rohr's Center for Action and Contemplation blog.

The connectedness of an action taken to achieve a reasonable end might have unintentional unreasonable consequences. The Yamhill County restrictions on overnight gatherings on private property will have an unreasonably negative impact on the religious practices that take place at the Eloheh Indigenous Center.

Dr. Woodley is an internationally respected man of faith and a supporter of the way of life of the first peoples of this land, a way that honors all creation. I support the Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation to allow them to continue their ancient spiritual practices.

Ellen D. Burns
7550 Charolais Ct
Gladstone, OR 97027

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:50 AM
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Subject: FW: In support of Eloheh

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From: Pamela Ryan <pamelaryan@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 2:51 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: In support of Eloheh

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Commissioners

I am writing to support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. I have been volunteering on the farm for several years as an individual and through my church. Actually, Eloheh is an integral partner of our church providing a unique opportunity to broaden our understanding of how we are called to live out our faith in community and on the land, beyond the bounds of a set church service. Randy is a guest preacher in our church, and he invites us to join him at Eloheh. Please grant their request.

Pamela Ryan

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:50 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Religious Accommodation Request

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From: Ben Lucas <ben@lucasfamily-online.com>
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Cc: eloheh.assistant@gmail.com
Subject: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Religious Accommodation Request

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I'm writing to support the Eloheh Indigenous Center's request for religious accommodation.

I've supported their organization over the years and have had the opportunity to attend services where Randy Woodley has spoken. Hearing him explain the significance of Indigenous faith and perspectives has really deepened my understanding of how different these practices are from what most of us are used to.

Indigenous spirituality isn't something that can be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday morning. It requires extended, land-based gathering—the land itself is integral to the practice, not just a backdrop. You can't separate the two.

The Woodleys have spent over 30 years serving Indigenous communities as respected educators and authors. They're not newcomers to this work, and their commitment to these communities and practices is well-established.

I think true religious freedom means protecting all faiths, even when their practices look very different from mainstream Christianity. I hope you'll find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restricting it. This is exactly the kind of situation where accommodation matters most.

Ben Lucas

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:26 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Appeal

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From: Paul Swanson <paulalbertswanson@gmail.com>
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To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Appeal

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Dear fine folks at Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to you today in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. I have known Randy and Edith Woodley for a few years now, and hold them in the highest esteem as friends and teachers who care deeply about the community. Their record stands as respected educator and authors serving Indigenous communities for over three decades. Their books serve those of us who learn from afar. Indigenous spirituality requires extended in-person and land-based gatherings, something I have much to learn from. I am grateful for religious freedom and want to ensure that includes all faiths. As a Christian, I have deepened in my own practice and faith thanks to the wisdom the Woodleys. Their kindness, good humor, and love of neighbor and planet is evident. My hope and prayer is that this Board can find ways to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Paul Swanson

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:22 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation

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From: Tanie Miller <millertanie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 6:40 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Cc: eloheheagleswings@mailman.bloomerang-mail.com
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation

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Dear friends,

My name is Tanie Kabala, and I am writing in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

Through my studies of religion and psychology, I have learned that Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gatherings, gatherings that cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday. These gatherings are central to their peaceful religious practices, and Freedom of Religion should protect all faiths in our country, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity.

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years, and they have inspired me personally with their gentle practices that respect the Earth.

I respectfully ask that you find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Thanks so much for your attention to this matter,
Tanie Kabala

Tanie Miller Kabala, Ph.D.
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
828 Paoli Pike West Chester, PA 19380

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:21 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Support for Religious Accommodation for Eloheh Indigenous Center

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From: Timm McLagan <timm55@gmail.com>
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To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Religious Accommodation for Eloheh Indigenous Center

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I write as a Salem-born, OSU Alumni, mainstream Christian pastor, husband of an Indigenous, multicultural woman to express my support for the Eloheh Indigenous Center's request for religious accommodation. My Christian faith has taught me the importance of protecting religious freedom for all people, not only for traditions that resemble my own. Indigenous spiritual practices are deeply rooted in land and community and deserve the same respect and legal protection afforded to churches and other faith communities. Randy and Edith Woodley's work represents a sincere and long-standing religious practice, and I respectfully urge you to seek accommodation rather than restriction, so that all faiths may be treated with fairness and dignity.

Sincerely,
Timothy McLagan

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:21 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: February 12 Religious Accommodation Hearing

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From: Josh Hren <joshuahhren@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 8:50 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: February 12 Religious Accommodation Hearing

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Dear Commissioner King, Starrett, and Johnston,

As a resident of Newberg, I am writing to express my support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's request for religious accommodation.

Indigenous spiritual practices often require extended, land-based gatherings and cannot be confined to a brief, indoor setting. The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have faithfully served Indigenous communities for more than 30 years. Religious freedom is strongest when it protects all faiths, including those whose practices may look different from mainstream Christianity.

I have been personally impacted by the Woodleys' teachings, as well as the hospitality, patience, and care they have shown to me and to the church I attend, West Hills Covenant Church. I respectfully ask that you find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Josh Hren

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:21 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center

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From: Luke Bonham <lukekbonham@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 7:45 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center

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I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. They are respected community and religious leaders for me as a Christian that seeks to understand the many ways that spirituality can be practiced.

I've learned through the Woodleys, who teach, preach, write, and live it, indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years. Religious freedom should protect all faiths.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Sincerely,

Luke Bonham

Rev. Dr. Jacque Franklin
1025 Northfield Rd.
Colorado Spring, Colorado
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YAMHILL COUNTY BOC

January 13, 2026

Dear County Commissioners of Yamhill,

I am writing this letter to support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. I am an ordained clergy from Colorado Springs and graduated with Randy Woodley from Seminary in Pennsylvania. His career has been spent pastoring churches that include Indigenous folks and now he continues his work educating and worshipping with many people who are learning indigenous ways. The Woodleys were our Theologian in Residence at First Congregational Church in Colorado Springs in 2023. Our congregation supports their work. The religious freedom act is meant to protect all faiths including those that look different from mainstream Christianity. I am asking for Yamhill County to find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacque Franklin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "F".

Rev. Dr. Jacque Franklin
Retired Clergy, United Church of Christ

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14 January 2026

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that your county has imposed permit restrictions affecting how often Eloheh Indigenous Center can host overnight gatherings on their land. Events like sweat lodges, cedar fire ceremonies, and seasonal gathering are central to their religious expression, but these practices do not fit into an assumption that religion can be expressed sufficiently during evenings and weekends.

I am writing to express my wholehearted support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. As a Christian who believes in religious freedom, I see this as a great opportunity to protect the religious freedom of the entire community by making space for the accommodation of Eloheh. Religious freedom must protect all faiths or else it cannot be claimed as true religious freedom at all. Indigenous spirituality must be practiced in connection to the land across long periods of time and cannot be practiced in what Christians and those of many other faiths are accustomed to – meetings that last for a few hours in a designated building or place of worship.

Randy and Edith Woodley are not only major contributors to spiritual growth through their work as authors and educators, but I would also consider them friends. I donate monthly to support their work, and I am convinced of its significance among all the other important ministries serving Oregon. I only became acquainted with the Woodleys in the past five years through a week-long visit to their farm, but they have been serving Indigenous communities as well as many others for decades. I serve with a college student ministry that works with students at hundreds of campuses across the country, and the work of Randy and Edith has been a great source of encouragement and character formation among our students.

I am happy to share further in support of the Woodleys, if you would like to contact me.

Please adjust your permit processes so that the religious practices happening at Eloheh Indigenous Center can continue without restriction.

Sincerely,



Christina L. Gates

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 11:36 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh's request for religious accommodation

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Subject: Eloheh's request for religious accommodation

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Hello Yamhill Board of Commissioners ,

I support Eloheh's Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. Please find a way to support their religious practice.

I've been impacted by Randy's teachings primarily through his writings and teachings from the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM. and also through his book. I know he is a Faculty Emeriti at George Fox University as Distinguished Professor of Faith and Culture.

Thank you for your consideration,

Denise Guild
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Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 11:28 AM
To: Ken Friday; Lance Woods; Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal

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From: Kristyn Komarnicki <kkomarni@eastern.edu>
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To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Eloheh Indigenous Center's request for a religious accommodation, which is scheduled for hearing on February 12.

Indigenous spiritual practice is inherently land-based and communal, often requiring extended gatherings on the land. It cannot be confined to a brief gathering in the way many Christian worship services can.

Edith and Randy Woodley are widely respected educators and authors who have faithfully served Indigenous communities for more than 30 years. I've had the pleasure of learning from them via their books, in-person speaking events, and online teaching/writing for the last 25 years. I am currently in a cohort with them to develop storytelling around the theme of Gospel Hope. These are the kind of people you want to support in every way possible.

True religious freedom means protecting the full expression of all faith traditions, including—and perhaps especially—those whose practices differ from dominant Western Christian models.

I urge you to seek a path that honors and accommodates their sincerely held religious beliefs rather than restricting them.

Respectfully,

[Kristyn Komarnicki](#)
Director of the [Oriented to Love](#) program at
[Christians for Social Action](#)

Tiffanie Willis

From: Planning
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 9:36 AM
To: Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Support For Eloheh

From: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 8:52 AM
To: Planning <planning@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: FW: Support For Eloheh

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From: Ben Pierce Mendenhall <piercebjamin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 5:25 PM
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Subject: Support For Eloheh

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Please allow Eloheh to hold ceremonies as they need.

Thank you,
Ben Mendenhall
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Tiffanie Willis

From: Planning
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 9:39 AM
To: Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenoue Center and religious accommodation

From: Mary Ryanhotchkiss <mryanhotchkiss@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 7:26 PM
To: BOC Info <[mocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov](mailto:bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov)>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenoue Center and religious accommodation

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I support Eloheh Indigenoue Center's appeal for religious accommodation. Our community in Beaverton, Spirit of Grace church, has had several interactions with the Eloheh Indigenoue Center with our folks visiting and helping at the center and Randy Woodley visiting us.

Our interaction with Eloheh has been educational and spiritual. We have learned much from them and we hope to continue learning. I ask that you protect their and our religious freedom, indeed protect the freedom of all faiths, including those which may be different than mainstream Christianity.

Thank you,

Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss, PhD



January 22, 2026

Dear Members of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I write to you as the Resident Bishop of the Oregon-Idaho Conference within the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church to express my strong support for the Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

Religious freedom must protect all faiths—not only those whose practices resemble mainstream Christianity. Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land based gatherings. It cannot be practiced in a building for an hour and only on Sunday morning. Ceremonies such as sweat lodges, cedar fire rituals, and seasonal gatherings are not optional activities; they are sacred expressions of faith, identity, and community - similar to communion and baptism in other traditions. Where, when, and how they happen are equally important as what happens and who is involved.

As a Christian bishop, I recognize and celebrate the expansiveness of spirituality and the deep need for diverse faith and cultural realities to coexist so that all people can be whole. True religious liberty requires more than tolerance—it requires understanding and accommodation.

I urge you to grant Eloheh Indigenous Center the religious accommodation they are seeking and to ensure that your policies protect the full breadth of spiritual expression in your county.

Thank you for your service and for your willingness to lead with wisdom, justice, and respect for all communities.

With respect,



Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:06 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: The Woodley's Farm

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From: Nancy Keziah <nrkeziah@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 10:09 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: The Woodley's Farm

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my friend's request, Randy and Edith Woodley to have the allowance of visitors. I am concerned that they will be denied the right of friends to come and visit Randy and Edith on their farm property. I cherish their time to come together with friends and families.

Please take this into consideration when you are discussing this on February 12th.

Sincerely,
Nancy Keziah
With gratefulness!

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:12 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Advocacy

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From: Natalie Lockard <natalie.lockard@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2026 5:03 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Advocacy

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My name is Natalie and I would like to advocate for this farm to allow visitors when we they please. The government shouldn't prevent people from having friends over on their own land. The bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations shouldn't be used to crush small farmers and educators. I'm grateful for Andy's work and that they are helping people learn to work with the land in a sustainable way that will help future generations.

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:12 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Eloheh and Randy and Edith Woodley

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From: Marian McKone <marian.mckone@gmail.com>
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To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh and Randy and Edith Woodley

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To whom it may concern,
I am writing on behalf of Eloheh and Randy and Edith Woodley. I am asking you to grant their appeal for use of their land for teaching and gathering. Their work has helped me be a faithful follower of the Jesus path. I believe they have much more good work to offer to your area and the world.

Sincerely,
Marian G McKone
1606 Quie LN
Northfield, MN 55057
Sent from my iPad

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:09 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Eloheh and the Right to Practice Religion Freely

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From: Dan McVey <ghanafarm@gmail.com>
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Subject: Eloheh and the Right to Practice Religion Freely

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Dear Commissioners,

I write to express support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering, and as there is no established or required form of religious gathering according to the laws of all 50 states, I respectfully submit to you that there should be no restrictions on Eloheh's gatherings.

The Woodleys are respected religious leaders and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years. I have known of their work for many years, and have met them recently at a world conference in Albuquerque, NM, where they addressed almost 4000 people about their work and where they were featured as primary presenters. I personally use their theological research and writings in undergraduate and graduate courses in my classes at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, as well as Heritage Christian University, Accra, Ghana.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity. There is no state religion in the USA; therefore, there is no standard of how religious gatherings should take place as long as there is no harm done to anyone or any site.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Respectfully and Sincerely,

Professor Dan McVey, Clyde, TX

Set wide the window. Let me drink the day....Edith Wharton, *Vesalius in Zante* (1564)

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:09 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Eloheh and the Woodleys

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From: Ronald Crandall <ron.crandall@asburyseminary.edu>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 12:02 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh and the Woodleys

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To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
Re: RLUIPA and Eloheh
From: Dr. Ronald K. Crandall, Asbury Theological Seminary

I write as a long time supporter of the teaching and ministries of Randy and Edith Woodley. For 25 years I have watched the vision of Eloheh as a center of Native American Indigenous Christian spirituality and earth care mature and take root for good in this country.

It began for me as a professor and later Dean of the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. Randy Woodley was one of several new "First Nation" PhD students learning from and teaching us how the gospel of Christ and the designs of earth stewardship can become real for indigenous North American peoples.

Our School of Mission faculty worked in multicultural contexts all around the world, but this was our first real endeavor to help plant and grow what we loved in the First Nation peoples where we lived. It was difficult for some of our "regular" seminary faculty and students to adjust to these new "native" colleagues and their truly new/ancient ways. Some of us thrived with them as we made our way along new paths.

Eloheh was first "planted" as an actual facility in a rural farming area near Lexington, Kentucky. It did not flourish, however, because it was literally driven from the land by angry neighbors with guns who wanted none of "them Indians all over our land." I actually ended up in court to help fight this injustice; but

regardless of the law, it proved to be too dangerous a place to proceed with the dream for Eloheh,
“Wholeness and Peace.”

This pattern of driving these profoundly wise, skilled, visionary and compassionate people from their land has repeated itself and now, once again, is seeking its right to exist and flourish at your doorstep. I pray you will listen very carefully to both the law of our nation and the law of God’s design for all people and creation, and act accordingly. It will honor your calling and your commission, and help in a small way to bring “Eloheh” to Yamhill County and to lands far beyond your boundaries.

With you for a better world,
Dr. Ronald K. Crandall, Professor Emeritus,
Asbury Theological Seminary

Sent from my iPad

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:07 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Eloheh Farm and Seeds

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From: Gregory Conarroe <gregoryconarroe@fuller.edu>
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To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Farm and Seeds

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Hello,

I have become aware of the restrictions being placed upon Edith and Randy Woodley of Eloheh Farm and Seeds. I unequivocally support their right to gather people on their farm, and to share their wisdom, hospitality, and food. It is concerning to see the manner in which government bureaucracies have simultaneously overreached to impede the Woodleys' work *and* how those same bureaucracies have moved slowly, inconsistently, and without clarity. The result is a position that is clearly untenable for a pair of small-scale farmers and educators whose work, and the manner in which they do it, make important contributions to their local community and society more broadly.

An argument in support of the Woodleys can be made in at least two ways: firstly, it is concerning that governmental bureaucracies are impeding their ability to function and occupy their farm as they see fit as laid out above. The second sort of argument that can be made is to identify the incredible qualities of their work and to lament the thoughtlessness that would obstruct those virtues from being lived out and shared with others.

I want to contribute to this second sort of argument. The Woodleys' way of life is characterized by a simplicity, generosity, and a commitment to holistic flourishing for all who step into Eloheh. They are locally-active in conserving land and water resources. Their public scholarship and advocacy have solidified them as champions of justice for *all*; and their global reputation draws visibility to the land and community in which they operate. The Woodleys are radically hospitable and generous, consistently encouraging the many who learn from them to seek the wellbeing of the places in which we find ourselves. In my view, they represent the best parts of what it means to be human and, therefore, make

essential contributions to the flourishing of American society beginning at local levels and radiating outward to impact our culture as a whole.

Please, prioritize finding a way for them to continue to do their important work as they see best fit. In doing so, you will make a contribution to the wellbeing of our society that goes beyond what you may realize.

Sincerely,
Gregory R Conarroe

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:06 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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From: Daniel Steigerwald <dlsteigerwald@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 10:23 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I'm writing in reference to Randy and Edith Woodley's Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice. I've become familiar with their work on the farm, having been also exposed to Randy's long tenure at Portland Seminary as well as the helpful books he has written. I would like to request that you allow the Woodleys to gather with groups on the farm, their own land, for teaching and sharing food. Bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations shouldn't be used to crush small farmers and educators like the Woodleys. Again, I'm familiar with Randy's work and I know he is not trying to game the system—rather, he is trying to live according to his values on land he and his wife have cultivated for years. Please consider allowing them to carry out the beautiful vision of Eloheh, consistent with the indigenous culture and perspectives out of which the Woodleys hail.

Sincerely,

Daniel Steigerwald

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Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:01 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center permitting

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From: Debra Rienstra <debra.rienstra@calvin.edu>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 6:45 AM
To: BOC Info < bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: re: Eloheh Indigenous Center permitting

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to request that you please allow the Eloheh Indigenous Center to continue with their important work. I am a Christian, professor, and writer, and I have followed Randy and Edith Woodley's work for many years. What they are doing is simply teaching a way to honor the earth and honor each other. This is not a large operation, they are not making a profit. They are simply offering a place for people to visit briefly to learn wise small-farm techniques and ways to live together in peace.

There is no reason that the county should deny them the right to have people stay overnight on their own property. Regulations designed for commercial operations shouldn't be applied in this case concerning small-scale farmers and educators. No one is trying to game the system here or cause any sort of disturbance.

The Woodleys have well-wishers and supporters all across the country. Please know that we are watching what happens in this case.

Thank you for your attention,

Debra Rienstra

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From: BOC Info
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To: Planning
Subject: FW: For Randy Woodley Eloheh Indigenous Center

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From: Lissa Lockard <llockardus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 8:09 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: For Randy Woodley Eloheh Indigenous Center

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To who it may concern,

I support there right to gather, teach, and share food on there own land. The government shouldn't prevent people from having friends over on their own land. The bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations shouldn't be used to crush small farmers and educators. I follow Randy's work and I know they live according to their values on the land they've cultivated for years.

Let them continue their work without misleading government restrictions ! I and others are paying attention.

Sincerely,
Lissa Lockard

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:07 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Freedom of land use for Randy and Edith Woodley

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From: Jane Apel <apeljane@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 11:13 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Freedom of land use for Randy and Edith Woodley

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I am writing in support of Randy and Edith Woodley. They want the right to have friends gather at their home and sometimes spend the night. They teach and share food. Government should not prevent them from having friends over on their own land. Bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations shouldn't be used to crush small farmers and educators. The Woodleys are trying to live according to their values on land they have cultivated for years.

Thank you
Jane Apel

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:16 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Friends not allowed?

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From: Anna Judy <annamariejudy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 5:17 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Friends not allowed?

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Dear Yamhill Co Supervisors,

Please do not restrict Randy Woodley's right to gather friends, teach, and share food on his own land. As one of those friends, I am hoping to come and learn how to take good care of my spot on earth. His work is in the benefit of Yamhill County, as it is sharing the ways to live in mutual respect and exchange with the land and community around you. The right kind of neighbor to have.

Sincerely,
Anna Judy de Torres
Portland, OR
469-657-5075

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:09 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Government interference on small farmers' land

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From: Judy Nill <judynill@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 11:32 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Government interference on small farmers' land

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To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, McMinnville, OR

I follow Randy Woodley on Substack. He and his wife are small farmers and educators. I know they seek to be honest and generous, demonstrating the values of community and sharing in both their private and public lives. Yet they've had to deal with the expense and hassle of interminable bureaucracy preventing them from having friends over on their own land.

Government was not designed for this! Government is meant to make life more viable for its citizens. Regulations written for commercial operations shouldn't be used to penalize smallholders. Please right this wrong.

Sincerely,

Judy D. Nill, Kent, WA

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:18 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: In Support of Eloheh Farms'

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From: Lisa Hanle <lisa.e.hanle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 9:25 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: In Support of Eloheh Farms'

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for Eloheh Farms and the work of Randy and Edith Woodley. They are currently facing undue regulations on their property that hinder their invaluable efforts to educate the community on regenerative farming, seed preservation, and spirituality.

The Woodleys are highly respected teachers who provide essential resources to those who visit their farm and to a wider audience through Randy's writing. They are simply seeking the freedom to gather with their community on their own land and to exercise their constitutional right to practice their religion and welcome others.

While I support responsible government oversight, it is clear that these policies are being misapplied in this instance. I urge you to address this situation and ensure that bureaucracy does not interfere with the positive work the Woodleys are doing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lisa Hanle
Sunnyvale, CA

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:13 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: In support of Randy Woodley and Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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From: Melinda Thomas <melindaemilythomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 8:19 AM
To: BOC Info < bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: In support of Randy Woodley and Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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Hello,

I am reaching out today on behalf of Randy Woodley, his wife Edith, and their farm Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice. It has come to my attention that they are being blocked from having friends and community members stay overnight on land that they own. I am writing to support their right to gather, teach, and share food on their own land.

Bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations shouldn't be used to crush small farmers and educators. I read Randy's work and know he is not trying to game the system—he and Edith are trying to live according to their values on land they have cultivated for years.

Please reconsider the actions taken against them and allow them full use of their land to share, gather, protect their indigenous heritage, and teach on their small farm.

Thank you for your time,
Melinda

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Melinda Thomas, E-RYT 500
Certified Yoga Instructor

Author of *Elements of Being: A Spiritual Memoir in Verse* and *Sacred Balance: Aligning Body and Spirit Through Yoga and the Benedictine Way* - named a Best Spiritual Book of 2020 by *Spirituality & Practice*

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:15 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Land Rights - Eloheh

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From: psbcarr@aol.com <psbcarr@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 12:58 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Land Rights - Eloheh

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To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

From: The Reverend Thomas Carr - American Baptist Churches, USA

Re: Eloheh Land Rights

I write to affirm the right for Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice, owned and run by Randy and Edith Woodley, to gather, teach and share food on their own land. Bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations should NOT be used to crush small farmers and educators. I read Randy's work and know that he is NOT trying to game any system. He and Edith have long tried to live according to their values on land that they have cultivated for years. I support their right to gather, teach and share food on their own land. They are a benefit to your community, the land and all who engage with them. You would do harm to them AND to your community if you continue with this.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Thomas Carr

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 10:58 AM
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Subject: FW: Land use

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From: marianne jensen <marjensen1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 4:01 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Land use

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To whom it may concern,

The government shouldn't prevent people from having friends over on their own land. Bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations shouldn't be used to crush small farmers and educators.

I read Randy Woodley's work, and in addition, he is one of my teachers. He and his wife are not trying to get away with anything. They are spreading goodwill. They are practicing their faith. They are helping people.

Hear his appeal and do the right thing. In a world where kindness matters, be the ones who treat people right.

Let freedom ring.

Sincerely,

Marianne Jensen

Sent from my iPhone

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:03 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Letter Concerning Randy and Edith Woodley

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From: Austin Hussain <austin.hussain@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 9:30 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Letter Concerning Randy and Edith Woodley

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing concerning the recent effort to stop Randy and Edith Woodley from practicing their right to gather with friends, teach, and share food on their land. As a friend of theirs who has visited their home and small farm, I support their right to gather, teach and share food on their own property.

The government should not interfere with or prevent people from having friends over on their own property. Furthermore, bureaucratic regulations intended for commercial operations shouldn't be weaponized against small farmers and educators. I have read Randy Woodley's work, and I can assure you his plan is not to game the system but to live according to his values on his land that he and his wife Edith have been tending for years.

Thank you for your serious consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Austin Hussain

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:10 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for the Woodley Family

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From: Luke Groser <thegrosers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 9:36 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Letter of Support for the Woodley Family

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Dear County Board,

Please nurture Yamhill County as a leader in zoning for sustainability by allowing positive community building. Support the simple appeal request before you of Edith and Randy Woodley to utilize their own land not for profit maximizing aggrandizement and extraction but rather to connect in positive ways with others upon their own land. They are building and sharing that which is good and meaningful. Join them by expanding freedom of opportunity to connect with that which is sacred, enduring and uplifting.

Respectfully,
Luke Groser
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Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:18 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Message to the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners concerning Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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From: Netty Rutz <netty.rutz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 1:20 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Message to the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners concerning Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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Dear Ladies and Sirs,

As a follower of Randy Woodley on Substack and an admirer of his way of living his ideals I kindly ask your attention for the following:

Farmers and seedkeepers Mr and Mrs Edith and Randy Woodley operate a 10-acre teaching farm called Eloha Indigenous Center for Earth Justice. They farm there in the traditional indigenous way and they sometimes host small groups who are interested in learning their approaches to land and farming. They teach them, they eat together with their guests and sometimes their guests stay overnight.

Now Yamhill County claims that official permission is needed to have these friends stay overnight. It seems that regulations written for commercial operations are being applied to a friendly initiative concerning farming and transmitting tradition here.

I am concerned about this unwanted situation and I kindly request you not to prevent Mr. and Mrs Woodley from having friends over to stay and to live according to their values on their own land they have cultivated for years.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Antoinette Rutz Schalk

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:08 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: On behalf of Eloheh/Eagles Wings

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From: Joshua Grace <grace.joshua@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 11:19 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Cc: Randy Woodley <eloheh@gmail.com>; Edith Woodley <el.woodley@gmail.com>
Subject: On behalf of Eloheh/Eagles Wings

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Good afternoon to the members of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners.

Although my message will be brief and to the point, I hope you will appreciate my passion for Eloheh/Eagles Wings as an important spiritual center of healing and belonging for Indigenous people as well as folks like me (in my mid 40s with Polish/Scottish roots). While I cannot attend the hearing on Thursday, February 12th due to other commitments here where I reside in Philadelphia, PA, I trust you'll understand the positive impact that Eloheh has on me and will also become an advocate for their work to thrive in Yamhill, OR.

I first met Randy & Edith Woodley at Wiconi Family Camp and Powwow in Turner, OR through mutual friends in 2012. As a well-respected and published educator, Randy invited me into a seminary program called NAIITS, an Indigenous Learning Community in 2013 where he was my program coordinator and primary professor. As I earned my Masters in Intercultural Studies over four years where I visited the Woodleys 1-2 times per year for a week at a time because of the academic partnership with Portland Seminary.

Beginning on their previous property, I responded to invitations to Indigenous spiritual ceremonies and primarily Native American gatherings such as sweat lodge, coming-of-age, birthdays, post-funeral remembrance, sleeping on the ground in a teepee, music making, mural painting, and celebrations of seasons or organizational milestones. I've volunteered on their farm as a laborer and listened to Edith while we worked together. As a mural artist, they welcomed my whole family to paint murals on a water tank and septic system.

I've also served on Eloheh's board of directors for over five years and it continues to be a primary space of spiritual belonging for me and mutual personal support. I have leveraged my personal networks for capital campaigns and last visited Yamhill in 2025 when I was blown away by the care and progress that has gone into the land and design. Their teachings as farmers and seed keepers resonate deeply with me because of the daily practical application of the wisdom they offer, embodying their own teachings as demonstration.

The immersion into "Native Space" at Eloheh is for learning, working, healing, building reciprocal relationships, and deepening our awareness of our connectedness in nature as well as the urgency to revive and protect Indigenous species, worldviews, and ways of life. To experience this farm and learn more about how to adapt these teachings in their own contexts, people travel often from across the country so sleeping on the property is invaluable.

I urge this board to act on behalf of Eloheh in their appeal and grant them their necessary path to working at full capacity which includes overnight gatherings for ceremonies and learning experiences.

Thank you for reading and listening as you prepare for this important session.

Sincerely,
Joshua Grace

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Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 10:59 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Public Comment

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From: Tony Hill <tonyhill0105@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 5:14 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Public Comment

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Dear Members of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for the right of the owners of Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice to gather, teach, and share food with friends and small groups on their own land.

I have followed their work and writing for some time and understand them to be thoughtful, conscientious stewards of the land who are not attempting to operate a commercial enterprise, but rather to live out deeply held values through small-scale teaching, hospitality, and community. The activities they describe—hosting friends, sharing meals grown on their farm, and engaging in educational gatherings—seem fundamentally different from industrial or commercial tourism operations for which many land-use regulations are designed.

It is concerning when regulatory frameworks intended for large or commercial entities are applied in ways that effectively prevent ordinary people from living according to their values on land they have responsibly cultivated. Limiting overnight gatherings to once per year, in this context, appears disproportionate and unnecessarily restrictive.

I respectfully urge the Board to consider a more reasonable and context-sensitive approach—one that recognizes the difference between commercial operations and small, community-centered, educational and agricultural practices. Local government plays an important role in safeguarding public interests,

but it should also protect the ability of residents to live, gather, and contribute to their communities without undue burden.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the people of Yamhill County.

Sincerely,
Tony Hill

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:06 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: putting in a good word

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From: Mary Lysecki <mary.lysecki@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 10:52 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: putting in a good word

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to let you know that I support Randy Woodley and his wife Edith's right and responsibility to gather, teach, and share food on their own land. Dr. Woodley is a respected teacher in both indigenous and non-Indigenous religious circles, including in Father Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations from the Center for Action and Contemplation. I urge you to support Edith and Dr. Woodley in their efforts to pass their knowledge on to others who wish to learn.

Sincerely,
Mary Lysecki

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The Reverend Canon Mary Lysecki
297 Baltimore Road
Wpg., MB, R3L 1H9
Canada

Treaty #1 Land,
the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg, Inineew, and Dakota peoples and
the homeland of the Metis Nation.

When someone works for less pay than she can live on – when she goes hungry so that you can eat more cheaply and conveniently – then she has made a great sacrifice for you. The working poor are the major philanthropists of our society. *Barbara Ehrenreich, Nickel & Dimed*

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:11 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Randy and Edith Woodley's appeal

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From: Valetta Seymour <seymour2314@gmail.com>
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To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Randy and Edith Woodley's appeal

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>> To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

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>> I am writing to ask you to overturn the restrictions being placed on Randy and Edith Woodley's Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice. I support their right to gather, teach, and share food on their own land.

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>> The bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations shouldn't be used to crush small farmers and educators. I have read Randy Woodley's work and know that he is not trying to game the system. He and Edith are trying to live their values on the land they have cultivated for years. It is inappropriate for the government to use this overreach to keep them from having friends over on their own land.

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>> Please honor their appeal.

>> Sincerely,

>> Valetta Seymour

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Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:16 AM
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Subject: FW: Randy Woodley

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From: Joseph Mahon <josephm382@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 2:48 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Randy Woodley

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I am a friend of Randy Woodley. I am writing in support of the Woodley's constitutional right to have friends and guests on their property whenever they choose. It is called freedom of assembly. Please remove the restrictions you have placed on them.

Sincerely,
Joseph Mahon

Blessings of abundant peace, *shalom, salaam, paz, shantih!*
J. Patrick Mahon

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:08 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: request

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From: Nancy Christiansen <nachristiansen93@gmail.com>
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Subject: request

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Randy and Edith Woodley, of Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice. I know these fine people from my involvement with the Center For Action and Contemplation which is based in New Mexico. Randy is one of the faculty in the center's educational program of which I am a student.

Randy and Edith are asking for the right to continue to gather, teach, and share food on their own land. They need to be given the correct information and have a resolution that allows them to continue without unnecessary or unfair fees and regulations. I am sure the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners has many competent and caring people on the board who can help resolve this issue. I look forward to reading about the positive resolution after the February 12th meeting.

Thank you.
Nancy Christiansen

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:15 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: STOP CRUSHING SMALL FARMERS AND EDUCATORS LIKE ELOHEH FARM!

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am emailing you because of the bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations that you are using to crush small farmers like **Eloheh Farm in Yamhill County**.

The government should NOT prevent people from having friends over on their own land. They should NOT penalize them for educating visitors. **They should NOT persecute them for their Indigenous heritage and the practicing of their spiritual connection with the land.**

I read Randy Woodley's work on Substack and his books. I have attended one of his teachings. He is NOT trying to game the system. He and his wife are trying to live according to their values on land they have cultivated for years.

We NEED small farms. We NEED to learn this knowlege. We NEED to support the work of small farms such as Eloheh.

STOP CRUSHING SMALL FARMERS NOW! LEAVE ELOHEH ALONE!

April Brenneman, SSC, RYT 200, SEP
The Contemplative Space, LLC

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:14 AM
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Subject: FW: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners & Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Randy and Edith Woodley, who, as you may know, operate a 10-acre teaching farm in rural Oregon called Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice. They are farmers and seed keepers, and they host small groups who come to learn traditional Indigenous approaches to land, food, and community. Randy Woodley is also a respected intellectual and author in the area of indigenous theology.

I support the Woodley's basic right to teach and share food with visiting groups on their own land. I also place a high value on the work they are doing, to preserve modes of land use and food production that may prove indispensable in the near future, given the need of people in the U.S. to become more self-reliant and resilient.

I urge you to work with them to remove barriers to their farm's operations, and to promote the work they are doing, for the good of your community and indeed the larger nation.

Respectfully,
Priscilla Auchincloss
199 Klink Rd.

Rochester, NY 14625

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“Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.” - Vaclav Havel

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From: BOC Info
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Subject: FW: Support of Eloheh Indigenous Center

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Subject: Support of Eloheh Indigenous Center

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Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my support for Eloheh Indigenous Center to be able to invite friends and people from their community to their private property to teach indigenous principles and share food together. These two aspects are crucially linked. This is an important voice in the community and beyond — I have read Randy Woodley's work for several years. The bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations should not be used to stop small farmers and educators. They are trying to share what they are doing and how they are living according to their values, and the rest of us benefit from seeing and hearing and reading about ways to bring life and help people thrive.

Please consider this as you consider their request.

Sincerely,
Hilary Lynch

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:05 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Sustainability and Governance

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Subject: Sustainability and Governance

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In the matter of opening one's farm to friends and colleagues, and to do so as part of teachings around Indigenous knowledge and Land stewardship, this is something that I know about because I experienced the Woodley's hospitality at their farm when I lived in Portland. We met through a Congregational church group, and I am all the better for it.

I am trusting in the Commissioners that the government will not be used against our citizens who are peaceful, trusting, and share their knowledge and hospitality. The Woodleys are peaceful, trusting, and share their knowledge and culture with friends, colleagues, and students.

The Board of Commissioners should not be a party in any way to limiting the hospitality of the Woodleys on their farm and with their friends and students. Many small farmers especially those who adhere to and share sustainable farming practices - such as what wine makers and permaculture folks often do on their property. - so I must assume there is a pathway here that supports the Woodleys and, in a welcoming way, for what they do follows a long tradition of learning and connecting to nature and our Mother Earth.

Cordially,

Ruth Ann Barrett

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From: BOC Info
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To: Planning
Subject: FW: The Woodleys and Eloheh

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Subject: The Woodleys and Eloheh

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Hi there,

Though I live abroad, I call Yamhill County my home. I am an active member of First Baptist Church, and during my time in Yamhill County served at Public Health through Americorps, at Hillside during COVID-19, and volunteered at health clinics and homeless shelters. Today, I am a public school teacher in Yamaguchi, Japan.

Randy and Edith Woodley and their Eloheh Farms inspire so many of my efforts to truly be where I am, contributing to community wellbeing with all I am.

Randy, Edith, and Eloheh Farms, are regional leaders in Indigenous wisdom and spirituality, connected to the earth and to their community. They have been denied the ability to host overnight visitors, and queries to the county office of what is acceptable have not been answered.

The restrictions upon their work limit the impact they can have to inspire more young people like me. In the face of rampant accelerating capitalist extraction of resources of the earth and in the Willamette Valley, restrictions on their work are foolish.

On February 12th, they will appeal against these and other restrictions to the Board of Commissioners on the basis of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

I urge you to listen to them, and readily cooperate to provide a way forward for their betterment of all life in these beautiful hills, valleys, rivers, mountains, and coastlines we are privileged to reside upon.

I look forward to learning of your life-affirming, community-oriented cooperation on February 12th.

Best wishes,

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Subject: FW: The Woodley's Farm

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Subject: The Woodley's Farm

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my friend's request, Randy and Edith Woodley to have the allowance of visitors. I am concerned that they will be denied the right of friends to come and visit Randy and Edith on their farm property. I cherish their time to come together with friends and families.

Please take this into consideration when you are discussing this on February 12th.

Sincerely,
Nancy Keziah
With gratefulness!

Tiffanie Willis

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To: Planning
Subject: FW: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

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Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 9:54 AM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Cc: Randy Woodley <eloheh@gmail.com>
Subject: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

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In reference to your hearing on February 12, 2026 with Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice.

I encourage you to extend all grace and freedom to this group in their effort to make a positive influence on the citizens of your county and the larger community of this country.

Having served as a Christian pastor for 25 years I have found the teaching and example of Randy Woodley and his organization deeply encouraging and valuable. I've read many of his books. I've followed his public writings. I've even planted seed from his farm in my soil. I see nothing but good come out of your enthusiastic support of this work.

I trust that you will review this matter with all diligence and integrity.

Please feel free to contact me for further clarification in this regard.

Rev. William Heider
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From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 2:05 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: In support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation

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Subject: In support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation

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Hello Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I'm writing from the other side of the country (Rhode Island) in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. I have learned so much from the Woodleys and their important work re-teaching many of us how to love the land we are on. The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years and taught non-Indigenous folks like me new ways of thinking. I have learned that Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building or for a defined period on a Sunday.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, especially those whose practices look different from the Christianity that is more familiar in the US. I know you are a creative people so please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Thank you,
Lauren Watka Atwood
Warren, RI

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 Book time to meet with me

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 2:10 PM
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Subject: FW: Letter of Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Religious Freedom Appeal
Attachments: Letter of Suport for Eloheh Indigenous Center.pdf

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Cc: Randy Woodley <Eloheh@gmail.com>
Subject: Letter of Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Religious Freedom Appeal

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation, scheduled for hearing on February 12, 2026.

As a disabled combat veteran, professed monastic, and Oregon small business owner with experience in civil rights litigation, I believe this case presents a straightforward question: whether Yamhill County will extend religious freedom protections to Indigenous spiritual practices that don't conform to Christian-normative assumptions about what worship looks like.

My formal letter of support is attached. I am also publishing this letter on gijustice.com as a public record of my support for Eloheh and for the principle that religious freedom must protect minority traditions or it protects nothing at all.

I urge you to grant the requested accommodation.

Respectfully,

Logan M. Isaac

Combat Veteran and Noncommissioned Officer
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Subject: FW: Please reconsider the zoning around Eloheh

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Subject: Please reconsider the zoning around Eloheh

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing to appeal to you to reconsider imposing zoning restrictions on Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice, which is the 10-acre teaching farm.

My son is an urban planner, and I respect the need for proper zoning to maintain structured living in communities.

Please do not restrict the amazing work of Randy and Edith Woodley. They need to have people camp on their land and prepare their food in specific ways that do no harm to the surrounding areas. I would encourage you to get curious about their farm and lifestyle and ask questions about how you can meet your needs for proper zoning and their needs to function. I'm confident that a compromise can be reached if you try!

I work with Randy and Edith professionally. Their wisdom and examples have blessed the lives of tens of thousands of people, whom you can't see but are huge fans of Randy and Edith and their work. We have featured their farm in professionally produced videos, conferences, and podcasts to show their unique work. I have seen them get standing ovations in conference centers filled with thousands of people.

Farms like this are rare and need to be respected to do their work.

Thank you,
Jen Dille
Gilbert, AZ



Jen Dille
Formation Project Manager

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 2:16 PM
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Subject: FW: private farm

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Subject: private farm

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To whom it may concern

I am writing on behalf of Randy and Edith Woodley, who are operating a small farm on their private land, growing food that they do not sell, but give to people who come to them to learn how to grow food. They are hosting small groups of friends who love their land and their work, and invite them into their family home. They are not making profit, and they do not commercialize their products. It is not clear how the government got involved, and questions the legitimacy of the Woodley's operation on their own land. They are swamped with bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations and refusing to acknowledge that this is not a commercial entity, but a purely private operation. The Woodleys have the right by law to live unhindered, free and in happiness on their own land, in their own house, entertaining friends as all citizens do.

Please consider their appeal and allow them the right to live freely according to their values on the land they have cultivated for many years.

Thank you.

Ursula Hess

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, 535 NE Fifth Street, McMinnville, OR 97128

The permit restrictions that have been imposed on these land owners and citizens to limit overnight gatherings to once per year is overreach and effectively makes much of what they do impossible. They have the right to gather, teach, and share food on their own land.

I read Randy and Edith Woodley's work and I know they are not trying to game the system. They are people of great integrity and they want to live according to their Indigenous values on land they've cultivated for years. I support their right to host small groups who come to learn traditional Indigenous approaches to land, food, and community on their 10-acre teaching farm in Yamhill County.

The federal law Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) protects and permits their work, since what they do on their land is grounded in Indigenous spirituality. It is important and necessary work. They are both Native American. Bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations shouldn't be used to crush small farmers and educators.

Their followers care and are paying attention.

Sincerely,

Melinda Redburn

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Supporting Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice's rights

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Subject: Supporting Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice's rights

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Sharon Lee Song, and I am writing to support Randy and Edith Woodley and their organization and property Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice's right to have people gather, for them to teach, and share food on their land. Their work is extremely important, and I believe that government shouldn't prevent people from having friends over on their own land. Bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations shouldn't be used to crush small farmers and educators like the Woodleys. Dr. Randy Woodley is a very important scholar and writer, and I have read his work. He and his wife Edith are upstanding citizens that are trying to make our country and world a better place by passing on their wisdom, knowledge, and skills. They are trying to live according to their values on land that they have cultivated for years. They are working hard to make land and climate healthier, and build relationships and community when we desperately need it more now than ever before in such a divisive world. Please give them the right to teach, have students/friends gather to learn from them, and share food on their own land.

Thank you for listening.

Sharon Song

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 2:26 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Hearing re: Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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Subject: Hearing re: Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to appeal to you to reconsider imposing zoning restrictions on Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice, which is a 10-acre teaching farm.

My son is an urban planner, and I respect the need for proper zoning to maintain structured living in communities. I also know that zoning codes can be too broadly applied, resulting in unintended consequences.

Please do not restrict the amazing work of Randy and Edith Woodley. They need to have people camp on their land and prepare their food in specific ways that do no harm to the surrounding areas. Commercial and religious entities receive zoning exemptions all the time, so you can keep the area's zoning restrictions while allowing the Woodleys to continue to operate their educationally-focused, religiously-observant family farm.

You should consider the legal and financial risk to the county if an exemption is not granted. What will be the impact to the county if the loss of the Woodley's livelihood without compensation is determined to be an unlawful "taking" under the 5th Amendment? What will be the consequences to the county if its imposition of these zoning restrictions, which prevent indigenous religious ceremonies, is determined to violate the first amendment?

I encourage you to get curious about their farm and lifestyle and seek a solution that meets both your needs for proper zoning and their needs to operate their family farm in accordance with their beliefs.

Thank you,
Brian Dille

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 2:25 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: In SUPPORT of Eloheh

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Subject: In SUPPORT of Eloheh

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you in **SUPPORT** of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners granting Edith and Randy Woodley of Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice and Eloheh Farm and Seeds the permit(s) they need to do the work of education, reconciliation and seed preservation that the farm was created to do. The world, our country, state and local community desperately need this work between and among people right now. It will lay the groundwork for a fair, just and peaceful future among the native people of Oregon and those who immigrated here from other places.

Randy and Edith have spent their lives and resources to be bridges for peace and justice. It is a grace for Yamhill County for them to be permitted to continue their work.

Please do not continue to use the bureaucratic processes of the county to place further obstacles to prevent their work from going forward.

Sincerely,
Dr. Susan A. Cole
Oregon Citizen

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 2:25 PM
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Subject: FW: Support for a Collaborative Path Forward Regarding Eloheh Indigenous Center

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Subject: Support for a Collaborative Path Forward Regarding Eloheh Indigenous Center

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for Randy Woodley and the Eloheh Indigenous Center, and to respectfully encourage the County to seek a thoughtful compromise that allows both responsible local development and the continued freedom for this center to carry out its work.

I understand the importance of zoning and land-use regulation. Communities need structure, clarity, and foresight in planning for growth. At the same time, there are rare places whose value cannot be measured solely by conventional land-use categories. Eloheh is one of those places.

I live in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, yet I am keenly aware of Randy's work and its significance. That alone speaks to the broader reach of what is happening on that land. The teaching, cultural restoration, and relational work taking place at Eloheh extends far beyond county lines. It is known, respected, and valued by people across the country who are working toward healing-between people, cultures, and the land itself.

The center plays a vital role in supporting Indigenous efforts to reclaim culture, wisdom, and ways of living that were long undervalued or actively suppressed. At the same time, it fosters dialogue and learning that benefit humanity more broadly-especially at a time when ecological stewardship and social cohesion are pressing concerns for all of us.

My hope is not that zoning considerations be dismissed, but that flexibility and creativity be applied. I believe there is room for a solution that addresses the County's development and regulatory needs while preserving the ability of the Eloheh Indigenous Center to function as intended. This may require curiosity,

conversation, and a willingness to step outside of standard frameworks-but the payoff is the preservation of something truly meaningful.

Once places like this are restricted or displaced, they are rarely replaced. Their loss would not only affect the immediate community, but a much wider circle of people who look to Eloheh as a living example of cultural renewal and responsible relationship with the land.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration of a path forward that honors both governance and wisdom.

Respectfully,

Jeremy McBride MD
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 2:24 PM
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Subject: FW: Regarding Woodley/Eloheh Feb 12th Land Use Appeal

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that Randy and Edith Woodley, residents of Yamhill County, have been having difficulty with permitting for gathering on their land, Eloheh: Indigenous Center for Earth Justice, preventing them from freely assembling, sharing food, and educating others in the principles and practices of Indigenous Spirituality. As a small-scale grower myself, this is incredibly troubling.

I have read the Woodley's book, *Journey to Eloheh: How Indigenous Values Lead Us to Harmony and Well-Being*, after seeing them mentioned in the newsletter of Father Richard Rohr's Center for Action and Contemplation. This book contains chapters on Harmony: Seeking Peace, Respect: Honoring the Sacred, Authenticity: Speaking from your Heart, Community: Increasing Friendships, and Generosity: Sharing What you Have. Randy and Edith Woodley are leaders, and we need their message and work in the world desperately.

As a prospective Yamhill County resident, I would much prefer to hear that you asked the Woodleys *how you could help*, instead of imposing restrictions on land use that don't make sense for small scale growers and seed savers,

particularly given the historical and current mistreatment of Indigenous people. Any restrictions meant for commercial operations should not be impacting small farmers and educators!

I would like to encourage you to quickly remove any imposing restrictions so that Randy and Edith Woodley can run Eloheh in the honorable way their work and spiritual beliefs dictate. As they themselves state in the abovementioned book, "Make Decisions by Consulting Your Heart and Your Community".

Sincerely,

Natalie McKinney

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Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 2:23 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Regarding Eloheh's hearing-Feb 12th

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Subject: Regarding Eloheh's hearing-Feb 12th

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Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

We are writing in support of Randy and Edith Woodley's right and freedom (!) to use their land as they wish. They are using their land in ways that nurture, educate, serve, and provide hospitality to friends, family, and those who value and learn from their experience, wisdom, and knowledge. All of these which add what is good and needed into the community and beyond. We have religious freedom in this country, and you, as those in authority, need to affirm that, not restrict and hinder it. Eloheh (The Harmony Way) represents important work with only good and peaceful intent.

We would like to believe that in these times in Oregon and Yamhill County in particular, there are ways to encourage what is good and enriching, not restrict and deny.

Thank you for your time in taking our support for Eloheh into your considerations.

Leslie and Nelson Soken
Lake Oswego, Oregon

Tiffanie Willis

From: Bailey Barnhart
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 9:17 AM
To: Tiffanie Willis
Cc: Cale George
Subject: FW: Farmland/ Eloheh

Good morning,

Below is the only testimony we received for docket E-15-25 yesterday.

Thank you.

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Subject: Farmland/ Eloheh

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Please consider not taking over this land, they are dedicated to the earth. Something most of us are too busy to worry about. This farm is teaching others to save the world. You will not meet finer people. May you consider different options!

Please and thank you.
Shauna Francom

I am a cancer nurse for 17 years and see first hand what toxins do to people. May you or your loved ones never have cancer.

With regard to Edith + Randy's land, I believe government should not prevent people from having friends over on their own land. Bureaucratic regulations shouldn't be used to crush small farmers + educators — especially those designed specifically for large commercial operations. I follow the work + writing of Randy — an ordained minister + teaching elder with a PhD — + know he isn't gaming the system but living in congruence with his values + commitments, in partnership with his wife Edith. Thank you for your consideration. Regards,
Rev. Dr. Karun G. Croon

to the Board of Commissioners, greetings. 24 Jan 2026

I'm writing out of love + concern for the mission + ministry of Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice as well as its founding farmers Edith + Randy Woodley. I'm the granddaughter of farmers; no matter where we lived in cities, our family always had its own garden. Each of us are earth creatures, created from specific soils + waters, at life's end we return to dust. Our connection to earth matters. So does teaching others how to be in right relationship to the land so as to steward fruitfulness. Gathering as friends + family, introducing others to learn from the land is one of our birthright inheritances.

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 2:12 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: A heartfelt plea in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice's appeal for religious accommodation

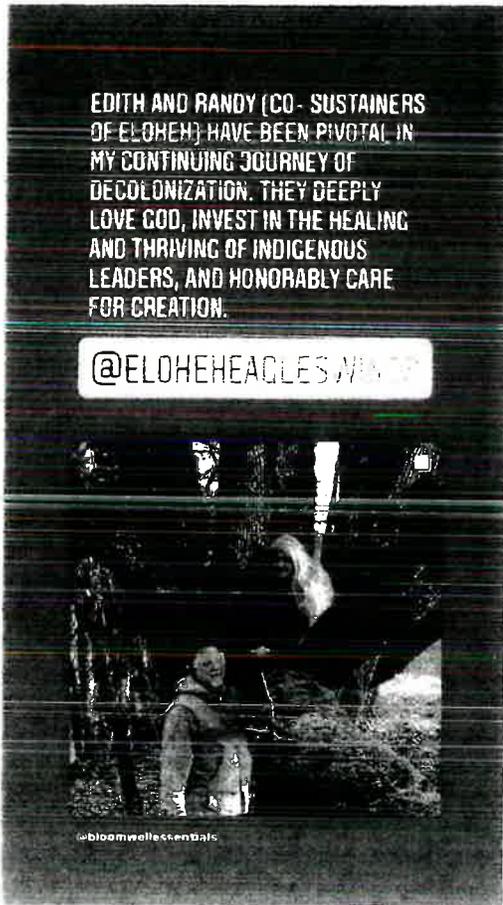
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From: Christina Quintanilla <christinaquintanilla11@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 2:02 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Cc: Randy Woodley <eloheh@gmail.com>; Edith Woodley <el.woodley@gmail.com>
Subject: A heartfelt plea in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice's appeal for religious accommodation

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To the Yamhill Country Board of Commissioners

I write in strong support of **Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice's appeal for religious accommodation** and urge you to find a way to **accommodate, rather than restrict**, the religious practices carried out on this land. They have been a huge part of my own journey of healing and Indigenous reclamation, and I know they have been for countless others. I know I would not be the same woman (as a college educator and spiritual leader) without Eloheh and the impact of the Woodley's.



Indigenous spirituality is inherently **land-based, communal, and time-intensive**. Ceremony, prayer, teaching, and relationship to the land are inseparable. **To deny or constrain access to land for these purposes is not a neutral regulation—it directly interferes with the practice of Indigenous religion itself.** Here's a little video I created the last time I had the honor of visiting:

ELOHEH VISIT VIDEO

Edith and Randy Woodley, founders and stewards of Eloheh Indigenous Center, are deeply respected educators, cultural knowledge keepers, and authors who have served Indigenous communities for **more than thirty years**. . Eloheh is not a commercial endeavor; it is a living site of spiritual practice, learning, and community care.

Religious freedom protections are meaningful only when they extend to **all faiths**, including those whose expressions do not resemble mainstream or Western Christian models.

I respectfully urge you to engage with this matter in a spirit of equity, cultural understanding, and constitutional fairness. **Please find a pathway that honors and accommodates Eloheh Indigenous Center's religious practices**, rather than imposing restrictions that effectively deny them and the countless Indigenous peoples who receive healing and teaching from Eloheh.

Thank you for your consideration and for your willingness to uphold religious freedom in its fullest and most inclusive sense.

Sincerely,

Christina

Rev. Christina Quintanilla

Trauma-Informed Practitioner / Spiritual Director / College Instructor

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Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 1:56 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Support for Religious Freedom

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From: Chris Pritchett <cpritchett@mtopres.org>
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To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Religious Freedom

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Supervisors,

I write in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. Indigenous spirituality is inherently land-based and communal, requiring extended time on the land. It cannot be meaningfully practiced within the confines of a building for a single hour on a Sunday, as is common in mainstream Christian traditions.

I know Rev. Dr. Randy Woodley personally. Dr. Woodley served as one of my doctoral advisors during my Doctor of Ministry work at George Fox Theological Seminary, and he continues to shape my own teaching and ministry. He is also the primary speaker for our annual men's retreat, where his leadership is having a profound impact on participants drawn from a wide range of faith backgrounds. His work consistently helps people recover a deeper, more faithful relationship to the land, to one another, and to God.

Dr. Woodley has been a trusted teacher, scholar, and spiritual leader in Indigenous Christian theology for decades. Randy and Edith are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities faithfully for over thirty years, and their work at Eloheh represents a living expression of their religious vocation.

Religious freedom is strongest when it protects all faiths, including those whose practices look unfamiliar or different from dominant religious expressions. I respectfully urge you to find a way to

accommodate the Woodleys' religious practice at Eloheh rather than restrict it, so that their community may continue to gather, teach, and worship in ways essential to their faith.

Thank you for your careful consideration and for your commitment to religious liberty for all.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Chris Pritchett

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Salt Lake City, Utah

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Subject: FW: Support for Mr. Woodley

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Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 12:18 PM
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Subject: Support for Mr. Woodley

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners.

I support Rany Woodly's right to gather, teach and share food on his own land. I support that right for all people.

I hope that you can find ways to license and zone land in your community that support people like Mr. Woodley who is a national figure. Bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations should not be used to crush small famers and educators. I have read Mr. Woodly's work and believe he is trying to be honest and live in harmony with the land and his neighbors.

Thank you for your time,
Jami Scicluna

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 1:56 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Support for Randy Woodley

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Subject: Support for Randy Woodley

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners.

I support Rany Woodly's right to gather, teach and share food on his own land. I support that right for all people. Bureaucratic regulations designed for commercial operations should not be used to crush small farmers and educators. I have read Mr. Woodly's work and believe he is trying to be honest and live in harmony with the land and his neighbors. I hope that you can find ways to license and zone land in your community that support people like Mr. Woodley who is a national figure.

Thank you for your time,
Jami

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 8:08 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Eloheh Farm

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Subject: Eloheh Farm

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I have lived in Yamhill County since 1986.

I am writing in support of my friends Randy and Edith Woodley who have spent their lives learning to live their indigenous values and sharing what they have learned with the world. It is a spiritual path. It is an environmental path. It is a healing path. And there are people thirsting to learn what they have to share.

They are living these values out on their small 10 acre farm and desire nothing more than to continue teaching. They need the freedom to continue, freedom from bureaucracy. Freedom to practice their spirituality and Indigenous values as they are led.

Please clear the obstacles and allow this unique and needed ministry to continue with the simplicity and hospitality they require.

--

Janelle Olivarez

"We are showered every day with gifts, but they are not meant for us to keep. Their life is in their movement, the inhale and the exhale of our shared breath. Our work and our joy is to pass along the gift and to trust that what we put out into the universe will always come back."

— Robin Wall Kimmerer, [Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants](#)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kristina Burke

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From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 8:08 AM
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Subject: FW: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Request for Religious Accommodation

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Subject: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Request for Religious Accommodation

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Dear Members of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's request for religious accommodation.

I am a Caucasian mother, writer, and film producer who cares deeply about human rights and the preservation of Indigenous history. I believe it is critically important that Indigenous traditions, stories, and spiritual practices are protected and taught to generations to come especially for those of us who are not Indigenous, but benefit from living on this land.

Indigenous spirituality is land-based and requires extended, communal gathering. Restricting these practices places an unfair burden on the free exercise of Indigenous religion.

Randy and Edith Woodley are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for more than 30 years. Their work through Eloheh Indigenous Center reflects integrity, care, and a lifelong commitment to Indigenous communities.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices differ from mainstream Christianity. I respectfully ask the County to accommodate Eloheh Indigenous Center's religious practices rather than restrict them.

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 8:08 AM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Request for consideration-Education and Regenerative Land Use

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From: Suzanne De La Paz <suzdelapaz@gmail.com>
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Subject: Request for consideration-Education and Regenerative Land Use

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

As a Boulder County, Colorado resident, I am writing to you as a student and follower of the work of Randy and Edith Woodley of Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice and Eloheh Farm and Seeds. I am aware that the County of Yamhill has imposed restrictions on the use of their land and a meeting is set for February 12, 2026 to hear their appeal. I am writing to you to express my support for their right to gather, teach and share food on their land as they work to educate and impart their knowledge on sustainable and regenerative earth practices with others. I understand that they have been asking the county to work with them to find a remedy that works for small farmers and educators like them, without imposing the same regulations designed for commercial operations. I also want to share from my experience that Randy and Edith Woodley are people of exceptional integrity and heart. They are passionate about sharing their Indigenous values of living in harmony with the land, the relatedness and sacredness of humans, creatures and earth, and the practice of generosity and hospitality. They have cultivated this way of life for years and hope to continue sharing their wisdom using their land as one of their many resources. It has been a great gift to me as a graduate student learning from them and in my work in my own community as I seek to live out these same values.

Thank you for your time to this matter in service to your community. I urge you to support their ongoing efforts to share their values and best practices for a sustainable environment-for their land and for the greater Yamhill County land and beyond.

Respectfully,

Suzanne De La Paz

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 2:51 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Please Reconsider Zoning Decision

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Subject: Please Reconsider Zoning Decision

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing to appeal to you to reconsider imposing zoning restrictions on Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice, which is the 10-acre teaching farm.

As a former Mayor in Utah I respect the need for proper zoning to maintain structured living in communities.

Please do not restrict the amazing work of Randy and Edith Woodley. They need to have people camp on their land and prepare their food in specific ways that do no harm to the surrounding areas. I would encourage you to get curious about their farm and lifestyle and ask questions about how you can meet your needs for proper zoning and their needs to function. I'm confident that a compromise can be reached if you try!

I am enrolled in a class where Randy works professionally. His wisdom and examples have blessed the lives of tens of thousands of people, whom you can't see but are huge fans of Randy and Edith and their work. The course providers have featured their farm in professionally produced videos, conferences, and podcasts to show their unique work. They have received standing ovations in conference centers filled with thousands of people.

Farms like this are rare and need to be respected to do their work.

Thank you,
Kelleen Potter
Heber City, Utah

Rev. Joel Sommer

Joel Sommer (he/him/his)
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Spiritual Director
Pastor, Access Covenant Church
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I am away from email on Fridays and Saturdays. If messages are sent at that time, I will see your message on Sunday and respond as I am able.

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 2:51 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center

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From: Joel Sommer <joel@accesscov.com>
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To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing you in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. I am the pastor of a church in Portland, and my church supports the work of Eloheh.

Personally, I have benefited from Randy and Edith's sharing of Indigenous Spirituality for over 20 years, via Randy's writing and teaching at Portland Seminary while I was there from 2007-2010.

Many colleagues and community members have benefited from the ability to engage with Eloheh for extended, place based gatherings at the farm. I have personally brought youth and adults from our church to participate in the work there.

The new permit restrictions in Yamhill County would make many traditional Indigenous ceremonies nearly impossible to hold. These ceremonies are an integral part of indigenous faith. They should be protected by our laws and for their value—not just to indigenous people, but to all of us who call Oregon home.

Thank you for your work to make your part of our state a great place for everyone.

Blessings,

Tiffanie Willis

From: BOC Info
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 2:51 PM
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Eloheh Farm

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From: Mary Brooks Conley <marybc156@gmail.com>
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Subject: Eloheh Farm

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I am writing to you as a citizen of the State of Oregon. I live in Washington County and am writing to protest what you seemingly are doing to the Eloheh Farm in your county. Government should not be able to prevent people from having friends over on their own land. I believe there should not be bureaucratic regulations that do not allow for this small farm to perform their education and share their indigenous values with all of us. Please reconsider your rejections.

Sincerely,
Mary Brooks Conley

From: [Kenneth Tillman](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support for Eloheh's Appeal and Request for Religious Freedom
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 8:30:38 AM

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to vote in favor of Eloheh's appeal and to reconsider the permit restrictions that are currently preventing them from practicing Indigenous spirituality on their own land.

Eloheh has been serving the community for more than thirty years through Indigenous approaches to land, ecology, and spirituality. Their work is not new, disruptive, or careless; it is deeply rooted, thoughtful, and consistently oriented toward community wellbeing. Recently, this same work was recognized nationally when Leadership Education at Duke Divinity selected Eloheh to receive a Traditional Innovation Award. The award honors initiatives that live out the convictions of ancient faith traditions in today's challenging circumstances, and Duke described Eloheh's work as "catalytic" — strengthening its own community while nurturing others.

It is difficult to reconcile that national recognition with the local restrictions currently being imposed. While a major theological institution affirms the value and integrity of Eloheh's work, county regulations are treating that same work as a violation — limiting overnight guests and prohibiting the sharing of food grown from their own land. This contrast highlights a deeper issue: current regulations assume that religious practice must look like a conventional church gathering, rather than recognizing the diversity of living faith traditions, including Indigenous spiritual practices that are land-based and communal.

Eloheh has already spent more than \$10,000 in legal fees simply to defend their ability to practice their faith — the same amount they were awarded for doing that work well. This is not a situation where harm is being prevented; rather, it is one where a community is being constrained for faithfully living out its spiritual convictions.

I respectfully ask you to stand on the side of religious freedom, fairness, and common sense by voting in favor of Eloheh's request. Doing so would acknowledge both the legitimacy of Indigenous spiritual practice and the reality that religious life does not take only one form.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your careful consideration of this appeal.

Sincerely,
Ken Tillman

From: [James Amadon](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 8:31:47 AM
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Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. Randy and Edith Woodley are respected educators and teachers, reaching many Indigenous and non-Indigenous people with important teaching and spiritual practices. Their influence extends far beyond Yamhill County and Oregon. Many in Washington state, where I live, have visited Eloheh and/or been impacted by the work done there, including me and the organization I lead, Circlewood.

As a Christian, I understand and value religious freedom as one of the bedrock principles of the United States. The freedom should extend to all faiths, even those whose practices are not widespread or part of the mainstream.

Please accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it. I believe doing so will allow Eloheh to flourish, as well as Yamhill County and our wider region.

Thank you,

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From: Michael Rynkiewich
To: BCC info
Subject: Eloheh
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 5:35:13 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of Eloheh center in Yarnhill County. Dr. Randy Woodley was my advisee as he earned his doctorate at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky years ago. He and Edith serve the Lord and help their neighbors, which after all is what Jesus taught:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Church is a gathering of God's people. There were no separate buildings nor hierarchy until the third century AD. The apostles adapted to local cultures wherever they taught, and this also is not new (after all, we have guitars and pianos now, neither of which existed in the first thousand years of Christianity).

Please consider the good work that they do.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Rynkiewich
Ph.D. University of Minnesota (1972)
M.A. University of Minnesota (1968)
B. A. Bethel College (1966)
D. Min. Asbury Seminary (1994)

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From: [Sarah Buchhorn](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 6:05:48 AM

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Hello,

I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it

Thank you,
Sarah Buchhorn

From: [Lysanne van de Kamp](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Hello from the Netherlands
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:42:35 AM

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Dear Randy, and Edith,

It has taken me a few years to send this email, but I have wanted to do so for years. I am from the Netherlands and have always wanted to visit Eloheh since I first heard about it, but first I had small children whom I did not want to leave alone for so long, and now I have realized that my chances of going to the US in this political reality are zero percent.

I'm letting go of my intention to keep this email short because I have so much to say. I hope you'll take the time to read it; I would really appreciate it.

First of all, I want to thank you for all the insights and life lessons that you shared for all these years. First I heard them in a few podcasts, then I read your books. It has opened my eyes in so many ways. And since a short period of time I am reading your newsletter.

Secondly, I want to express my empathy for the situation you are currently in. What a crazy time it is, I hope you find the strength to continue your good work.

In 2024, I published a book (called *Scheppings(t)rouw*) about my grief and search for deep-rooted hope. You were one of my main sources of inspiration, and I wanted to let you know. I am indigenous to the Netherlands; as far as I know, my ancestors lived here, but every day I realize a little more that capitalism and consumerism have uprooted us and that our minds have been colonized by big tech.

I have been thinking about organizing weekends to reconnect with the land (or to "re-indigenize", if that word exists, haha), where we practice living in connection with all living beings: with the land, with all creatures, with each other. Living in a natural rhythm. It will be a weekend full of ancient wisdom, harmony, resonance, and regeneration. Experiencing the seasons and the elements. With real peace, wonder, and storytelling. With our awareness of the web of life of which we are a part. This weekend is not meant as a distraction from what is happening in the world or as a way to bury your head in the sand. I see it as resistance to all the madness. Where we celebrate our authenticity as a counter-movement to all artificial intelligence, artificial food, and artificial life. We will enjoy our inner fire and a campfire, with our feet in the mud and our hands in the wind. We will cook outside, perform rituals, and rest. Just rest.

I postponed this idea for a long time because I didn't feel I had the right experience or ancestral wisdom to organize such things. But I really feel like I have to do it because I think we really need it so much and no one else is teaching us this.

So... I'm not sure if this is a request for tips/coaching, a call for encouragement, or maybe just a thank you. I think it's all three. It would have been much more appropriate if I had been able to learn from you for a few weeks or even months first, but unfortunately I have to let go of that wish. If you could give me one piece of advice, what would it be?

I hope to hear from you, and I wish you all the best and many blessings, and less struggles, and more friendly people that at least tolerate you and your mission to exist.

Kind regards,

Lysanne van de Kamp

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February 3, 2026

Rev. Dr. R. Jeffrey Hiatt
245 Winding Way
Wilmore, KY 40390

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
535 NE Fifth Street
McMinnville, OR 97128
bocinfo@co.yamhill.or.us

To The HONORABLE Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I have known Randy and Edith Woodley for over 25 years. I have known them primarily through both their time in KY, while Randy earned his doctor's degree at Asbury Theological Seminary, and their publications and training workshops that improve the quality of life for those who take the time to learn from their insights, training, and ancient wisdom.

They have served as respected indigenous leaders among the community, locally and nationally, even as young adults. As national and international leaders, they focus on increasing awareness, providing education and service opportunities for others through community acts of service, seminars, and on-site training. Their quality care, foresight, understanding of spirituality, agriculture, land management, and more, have been a model for conservation, safety, community care, and quality products to benefit the neighborhood, local, county, state, etc.

Part of what makes America attractive to those "who are yearning to be free" of repressive regimes is our willingness to accommodate those with innovative, adaptive, and positive affirmations. Foundationally, we follow the path of the Great Creator God in His principles of love, justice, and humility.

THEREFORE, I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering. It is practiced in a communal form that includes integrated life, enjoying the Creator, especially, through outdoor space for worship and communal fellowship among the peoples.

I serve as an adjunct professor at Asbury Theological Seminary, and Asbury University in KY (since 2009/2004), and Trevecca Nazarene University in TN (since 2020).

Respectively Submitted,

Rev. Dr. R. Jeffrey Hiatt

From: [Kim Williams](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Cc: [Eloheh Indigenous Center](#)
Subject: Letter of support
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 6:15:36 AM

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To Review Officials..

I am a retired architect and person of Cherokee indigenous people ancestry living in Texas. I have recently been following the writings, books and Eloheh Center created by Randy & Edith Woodley and have planned to visit their center with a small group of friends. I am disappointed to learn of the permit issue and now wish I could attend the appeal hearing. I trust that reasonable review will yield a positive outcome for the Woodleys and all they are doing for folks globally. I will be tracking this process and supporting them any way I can as a professional and concerned world citizen. I encourage you to not only approve the permit but encourage their contribution to your region if nothing else but the economic benefit from visitors. However there is much more at stake. Please do the right thing!

If this permit is not approved, I will be fully pursuing the legal and other reasons for WHY NOT.

Kim A. Williams, Architect, Cherokee native background and concerned world citizen
Georgetown, TX
512-940-4755

From: [Aurora Resident](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: In Support of Eloheh
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 6:58:07 AM

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Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tom Canales](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Restrictions on Eloheh Religious Practices
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 7:22:54 AM

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Yamhill County Leaders,

I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday.

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years.

As a Yamhill County Master Gardener I've attended, and found their workshops on Garden Planning very useful and informative.

Please find a way to accommodate our indigenous folks' religious practices rather than restrict them, and let them teach and practice their ways, **THEIR WAY!**

Regards,

Tom Canales - McMinnville Resident

From: [Benjamin Pierce](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 7:27:43 AM

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To whom it concerns,

I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation, as they seek to live out a faith that is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years. I have been deeply impacted by their lives and am so encouraged by the work they do.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity. I humbly ask that you allow them to live this out, as it is a hallmark of American democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Benjamin Pierce

15 Upcrest Rd, Brighton, MA 02135

From: [Wendy Cliff](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support Eloheh
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 7:36:01 AM

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

As an interfaith chaplain and Episcopal priest, I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. My training is in trauma and spiritual care, including work at the Portland VA Hospital, so I know deeply the importance of allowing people to practice their spiritual traditions in the ways that best support their ability to heal and thrive.

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday.

I have listened to the Woodleys speak at religious gatherings, have read Randy's book, and met with those who've volunteered and spent time at their farm. They are dedicated caretakers of the land, respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

In peace and gratitude,

The Rev. Wendy D. Cliff

From: [Tricia Gates Brown](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: support for Elojeh
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 7:45:11 AM

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Dear YamCo Board of Commissioners

I was a resident of Yamhill for six years and just recently moved my residence to Newberg; I have also been a follower of Elojeh since its inception. Elojeh is a gift to our county. Visionary and generative, and drawing to the area visitors and students who will contribute to our common good. I want to express my support for their vision, including their agricultural designs and their desire to host students and visitors to their center and farm. Their work should be free to move forward without impediment from the county.

Thank you,
Dr. Tricia Gates Brown

From: [Access Church](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Eloheh
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 8:12:28 AM

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I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday.

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years. They have spoken at our church many times and we are enriched by their perspective.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Bonnie Parker
(she/her)
Ministry Coordinator
Children's Pastor
Access Covenant Church
503-957-5011
info@accesscov.com

“That all God’s children may be whole - in body, mind, and spirit.”

From: [Joanna Reyes](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Appeal for Religious Accommodation
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 8:19:40 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.png](#)

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

My name is Joanna Reyes and I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. I traveled from Central Texas to spend three months learning and interning at Eloheh in the summer of 2021, and the land-based practice was deeply transformative for me, even though I do not follow an organized religion. Protecting their right to practice Indigenous spirituality is important not just for Indigenous faiths, but for people of all beliefs who are deeply impacted by these teachings. I fully support Eloheh and their mission to foster connection, respect, and harmony through Indigenous teachings, and I humbly request the Board's support in the continuation of their practices.

Respectfully,

joanna

Joanna Reyes

| Regenerative Landscaping Coordinator

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From: [Jean Trygstad](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 8:26:02 AM

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I write in support of Eloheh Center, a place of indigenous spirituality where people gather to practice their religious beliefs. It is also a farm, a community of elders who teach children and adults about farming the land and growing food. Please allow them to continue this good work.

Gratefully.

Jean Trygstad

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Jean Trygstad

1/25/26

Dear Board of Commissioners

I have read Randy Woodley's work, and spoken with him. I am writing to support Randy and Edith Woodley and their work on Elokiah Farm, as well as their right to gather people at their farm to teach sustainable farming and indigenous values. Why would you stop people from welcoming others into their own home?

I know that Randy and Edith live according to their values, and I ask that you stop preventing them from doing that in their own home, on land they have cultivated for years.

Sincerely,
Marilynne Boisvert
Bristol, CT

Tiffanie Willis

From: Ken Friday
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 10:42 AM
To: Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Let Eloheh practice faithfully

From: Carolina Rook <rookc@yamhillcounty.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 10:07 AM
To: Alicia Lisle <lislea@yamhillcounty.gov>; Ken Friday <fridayk@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: FW: Let Eloheh practice faithfully

This was sent to our BOC Info Junk mailbox but it's for Thursday's hearing.

Please note my email has changed from rookc@co.yamhill.or.us to rookc@yamhillcounty.gov

Carolina Rook
BOC Office Supervisor
Yamhill County Board of Commissioner's Office
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From: Jonas H <greensagelc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 8:07 AM
To: BOC Info <[rocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov](mailto:bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov)>
Subject: Let Eloheh practice faithfully

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Please allow the wise work at Eloheh to flourish by hosting friends. I consider their work an example to mine, it's crucial to our way forward for honor our land, eat from it, sleep on it, and introduce others to its bounty. Eloheh does this well. Please help them continue. Jonas Hawk

Tiffanie Willis

From: Planning
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 8:05 AM
To: Tiffanie Willis
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center Permit Restrictions

-----Original Message-----

From: Carolina Rook <rookc@yamhillcounty.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 5:27 PM
To: Planning <planning@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: FW: Eloheh Indigenous Center Permit Restrictions

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Please note my email has changed from rookc@co.yamhill.or.us to rookc@yamhillcounty.gov

Carolina Rook
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Fax: 503-434-7553

-----Original Message-----

From: Josh Stromberg <strombjj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:31 PM
To: BOC Info <bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov>
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center Permit Restrictions

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Rev Josh Stromberg-Wojcik. I serve as the Priest at Santa Cruz Episcopal Church in Gresham, OR. My wife Marie and I have indigenous friends in both Oregon and Washington. Marie knows about the effects of generational trauma as her paternal grandparents were Holocaust survivors.

I am writing to you today regarding the overnight gathering permit restrictions being imposed on the Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice.

Your restrictions limit how they can host overnight gatherings on their own land. This organization is run by indigenous leaders following traditional indigenous ceremonies such as sweat lodges, cedar fire ceremonies, and seasonal gatherings. These ceremonies have been done on this land for millennia, generations and generations before we white

folks took over their land and subjected it over to culturally-insensitive, white, colonial immigrant settler laws. Yamhill County's Euro-Christian-colonial laws make these and other traditional indigenous ceremonies nearly impossible to hold, without frankly making them unrecognizable and devoid of meaning. These regulations were not written to target indigenous folks. But they were written by people who assumed that all "real" religion (read, white, Euro-Christian religion) only happened in a building on Sunday mornings. They were clearly written by folks utterly unfamiliar with indigenous traditions and ceremonies.

As such, these restrictions are woefully outdated, culturally-insensitive, and ignorant. They must, at bare minimum, make an exception for indigenous cultural ceremonies.

There is a hearing happening on Thurs, Feb 12 at 10am. We urge you to stand with Eloheh Indigenous Center and support their ability to continue holding their traditional indigenous ceremonies.

Jesus always stood up for the poor and the oppressed. And he was a catalyst of creativity, inclusivity, and neighbor-love. That is exactly what our neighbors at the Eloheh Center are doing as well. They, in fact, have been recognized for their innovation with a \$10,000 grant

The Christian community is watching you. In the name of Jesus, let these folks practice their traditional ceremonies in peace.

Thank you for your time and serious consideration to this important matter, Rev. Josh

Rev. Josh Stromberg-Wojcik

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strombjj@gmail.com <mailto:strombjj@plu.edu>

Cell: 503-780-2501

Hijo de Dios/ Child of God

Padre, Iglesia Santa Cruz Episcopal Church Asistente de Operaciones/ Operations Assistant, EMO HIV Day Center

From: [Mark Passmore](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Cc: [Mark Passmore](#)
Subject: Support for the Elijah Indigenous Center in Yamhill, OR
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 6:22:58 AM

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Good morning Yamhill County Commissioners,

I'm a resident of Newberg, OR in Yamhill County and I wanted to have you note my support of the Elijah Indigenous Center created and run by the Woolley's.

They care for many people and the land. They are teaching and modeling kindness, compassion and respect for all. Points I support:

- I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.
- Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering and cannot be practiced in a building for one hour on a Sunday.
- The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years.
- Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices differ from mainstream Christianity.
- Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Sincerely
Mark Passmore
1001 N. Springbrook, #318
Newberg, OR 97132
503-330-5841
markpassmore@mindspring.com

From: [Sierra Ratcliff](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Feb 12th Eloheh hearing RE: Religious accommodation and government overreach
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 9:29:45 AM

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to grant the religious accommodation requested by the Eloheh Indigenous Center for their land-based spiritual practices. The work that Eloheh does is necessary, and I can honestly say that it changed my life.

Indigenous spirituality requires a connection to the land that cannot be confined to a traditional building, and our laws must protect these diverse expressions of faith. Please support this appeal and ensure that religious freedom is extended to all members of our community.

Thank you.

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Sierra Ratcliff

From: [Catherine Bovaird](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Personal Petition
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 8:39:18 AM

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Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

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Email: cbovaird@yamhillcounty.com

Hello,

I hope you are having a nice day.

My name is Catherine, and I'd like you to know that I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday.

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

As a Canadian, we are imploring our Canadian government to do the same for indigenous. My country will be stronger when we resolve our differences with our indigenous peoples. Our American cousins will be the same.

Yours truly,

Catherine Bovaird
Hamilton - city of waterfalls
Canada
416-433-3018

From: [Gary Fawver](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: appeal for religious accommodations
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 9:02:39 AM

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the Eloheh Indigenous Center and the fine work they are doing.

I have been a resident of Oregon since 1965 and of Yamhill County since 1971. One thing an 88-year-old can furnish is historical perspective. I moved to Oregon originally to join the staff of an organized camp for children and youth in Clackamas County. As a member of the American Camping Association, I was asked to meet with legislators in Salem to form the first organized youth camping code. Back then the only definition for "camp" was migrant camp. For 20 years I directed a church-related camp in Yamhill County living under those rules, and experiencing how those rules changed.

I then joined the faculty of George Fox University as Professor of Outdoor Ministries. It was there I met and learned to appreciate the mission of Randy and his modelling indigenous spirituality. The Native American way of doing things does not always fit in a neat box we are comfortable with. But their practices have been carried on from generation to generation, particularly their love of the land and growing things, and its relationship to humans.

Please find a way to accommodate the Eloheh Indigenous Center's program and ministry goals. I believe that by allowing the program to develop as Randy and Edith envision, Yamhill County will be modelling a positive attitude toward meeting the changing and growing needs of its residents.

Very sincerely yours,
Gary K. Fawver

From: [Michael McDonald](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Request for Religious Accommodation
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 8:47:01 AM

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I'm writing to express my support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

Indigenous spirituality is deeply land-based and communal. It requires extended time together on the land and cannot be practiced within the constraints of a single building or limited to an hour on a Sunday morning. These practices are essential to the work, not an optional expression of it.

Randy and Edith Woodley are respected educators and authors who have faithfully served Indigenous communities for more than thirty years. Their work at Eloheh has been a place of learning, healing, and spiritual formation for many people, myself included.

Religious freedom should protect all faith traditions—including those whose expressions look different from mainstream Christianity. I respectfully ask that you find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
Michael McDonald
Beaverton, Oregon

From: [Meg Mitchell](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Cc: [Randy Woodley](#)
Subject: Support for Eloheh
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 9:41:17 AM

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Dear Yamhill Board of Commissioners

I am a resident of Oregon—living in Central Point. I am also active in several organizations, including the Oregon Community Foundation where I maintain a donor advised fund. Randy and Edith's organization Eloheh went through a through OCF evaluation and approval process as a non-profit and faith-based organization. I am a donor and have also visited Eloheh myself. I support their work assisting all of us in understanding indigenous spirituality and it's relevancy to contemporary issues we are experiencing right now. Their expertise and active demonstration applying their spirituality to the land they live on is widely admired, recognized and awarded throughout this Country. Churches don't close their doors to any of us sincere in connecting to grace, spirit and God's creation. The laws of this Country protect this from interference consistent with other human rights. As a former Federal employee, we protected Tribal rights and and the freedom of individuals to practice their spirituality on public lands, including exceptions to permit the gathering, use and sharing of traditional foods and medicines. It is the law and one of the greatest guiding intentions of this Country to protect religious freedom.

In the spirit of allowing people to practice, teach and celebrate their spirituality, I respectfully ask Yamhill County to choose to use the power of your laws and authority to support the religious freedoms, mission and indigenous practices at Eloheh. Choose to see what they are doing as a right and use the regulations to protect accordingly. The benefits of the work of Eloheh extend much further than Yamhill County.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Meg Mitchell, 4582 Old Stage Road, Central Point, OR

From: [Abigail Platter](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Allow Eloheh to continue their important work
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 9:57:04 AM

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Hello!

I am a United States citizen and a supporter of the Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice.

The work they do, feeding people with the food they grow and hosting them, is a vital part of our American culture, historically, currently, and for the future.

Please listen to their needs and support them instead of hindering their mission.

Thank you,
-Abigail Platter

Dear Members of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

We write on behalf of **Illuman of Oregon**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting men's spiritual growth, healing, and community through land-based, relational, and contemplative practice. We are writing to express our strong support for **Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation** regarding the permit restrictions placed on overnight gatherings held on their own land.

At its core, this issue is about religious freedom—specifically, whether our systems of governance can truly protect minority faith traditions whose practices do not resemble mainstream religion. Indigenous spirituality is inherently **land-based, communal, and time-intensive**. Ceremonies such as sweat lodges, cedar fire ceremonies, and seasonal gatherings cannot be compressed into time-constrained indoor events without losing their religious meaning. To restrict these practices is, in effect, to deny their exercise.

We recognize that the regulations in question were not designed with Indigenous communities in mind. However, that is precisely the challenge before you. When policies assume that "religion" looks like a Sunday morning service in a building, they unintentionally exclude traditions that have existed on this land since long before modern zoning codes. Religious freedom is not tested by how we treat majority faiths—it is tested by how we accommodate those whose practices look unfamiliar.

Randy and Edith Woodley are widely respected educators, authors, and spiritual leaders who have served Indigenous and interfaith communities for more than three decades. Eloheh Indigenous Center exists to preserve, teach, and practice Indigenous spiritual traditions in a way that is peaceful, intentional, and deeply rooted in respect for land, neighbors, and community. The facilities and gathering spaces at Eloheh were created precisely for this purpose.

We respectfully ask the County to **find a path of accommodation rather than restriction**—one that honors religious freedom protections and recognizes the unique requirements of Indigenous spiritual practice. Doing so would affirm Yamhill County's commitment to the fair application of its regulations.

Thank you for your service and for your careful consideration of this matter. We hope Eloheh's appeal will be met with openness, wisdom, and a willingness to protect the religious freedom of all people.

Respectfully,

Oregon Guiding Council
Illuman of Oregon

From: [Jessica @ The Practicing Church](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 10:34:00 AM
Attachments: [The Practicing Church Logo \(1\).png](#)

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to you today to voice my support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday.

I was first introduced to the Woodley's important work when I had the privilege of visiting their farm and learning from them wisdom that we so desperately need in our age of fragmentation and ecological devastation. The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years, and it was an honor to eat with them, stay with them, and hear their story.

Since then, I have followed their work closely and introduced my congregation to Randy Woodley's books and theology. Not only are they preserving ancient seeds, wisdom, and a spirituality of shalom with all creation, they are teaching us a way of harmony for today and a much needed decolonized faith.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it. They should have the freedom to do what they want on their land (that historically was stolen).

We can benefit greatly as a society if we can learn from our indigenous elders

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Jessica

JESSICA KETOLA
lead pastor + spiritual director
The Practicing Church
425 770 6265 | jessica@thepracticingchurch.org



From: [Debi Stromberg](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 10:21:43 AM

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

You have a beautiful beacon of hope in your county! Randy & Edith Woodley's writing and land invitations have touched my life deeply, not only strengthening my own Christian faith, but spreading a loving understanding throughout the wider metropolitan area of our connection to all living things, including plants and animals.

As the Woodleys are being acknowledged by Duke Divinity School as recipients of their Traditional Innovation Award, and invited to speak at the Center for Action & Contemplation's conferences in Albuquerque, being broadcast around the world, we call upon Yamhill county to support these wisdom-keeper's Indigenous spirituality needs.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Sincerely,

Debi Stromberg,

Clackamas County resident and friend of Eloheh

From: [Cassie](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support for Eloheh
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 12:20:17 PM

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners in McMinnville, Oregon:

Dear Mr. Johnson, Ms. Starrett and Mr. King,

It has come to my attention that the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners intends to impose permit restrictions that limit how often the Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice can host overnight gatherings on their land. It is my understanding that the permit restrictions would make many of their traditional ceremonies (sweat lodges, cedar fire ceremony, seasonal gatherings) nearly impossible to hold.

I am a resident of Massachusetts and have followed Randy and Edith Woodley's extraordinary work and teaching for the last 4 years, and I need to voice my strong support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it is not akin to the Christian tradition that I myself was raised in, as Indigenous spirituality cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday, similar to the Christian church. It's simply not the same thing, and these land-based ceremonies hold the same amount of weight and importance to the people involved and should be respected and valued. Religious freedom should protect **all faiths**, including those whose practices look different from "mainstream Christianity". Part of Eloheh's appeal, and importance to native and non-native's alike, is that their theology begins with the land. The land is our first teacher, telling us what we need to know.

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years, and my personal faith has been deepened by their teachings. I value what they do very highly, and I believe that many of their practices are the way forward in an increasingly unstable world. My family and I hope to visit the farm for a working group, and to participate in a land-based ceremony in the future.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it! Your leadership in this matter will make an enormous difference for good or for ill.

Thank you for reading,
Cassandra J. Huck

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From: jandela51@wvi.com
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Letter in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 2:19:46 PM

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Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
535 NE 5th Street
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I am writing as a United Methodist pastor to support the ministry of the Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice and to oppose the restrictive permitting process being forced on them. This teaching ministry involves inviting those interested in seed keeping and indigenous farming practices to spend a few hours to a day or two learning about these practices. These practices are as much a part of indigenous spirituality as the sacrament of Communion is to Christian practices. It may not look like church on Sunday morning, but the food, the ceremonies, and the teaching is exactly what and how religion is practiced by many Indigenous people.

While I don't see the need for such a restrictive permitting process for this teaching farm under any circumstances, I believe the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) makes such permitting discriminatory and illegal. Religious freedom is supposed to protect the small, the vulnerable, the ones whose practices seem strange to the majority. Please reconsider applying these unnecessary restrictions to a small, family teaching farm. The work they do depends on allowing people to come, eat dinner around a fire, learn about alternative farming practices and stay a night or two. This is no different than a church having folks spend a night in their basement with cots and sleeping bags and volunteering to support a mission practice.

Sincerely,

Pastor Janine DeLaunay

From: [rachel.hilman](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Urgent concern: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 6:13:48 PM

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Re: Freedom of Religion

I support Eloeh's right to practice Indigenous spirituality on their own land.

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

I support Eloeh and the Freedom of Religion.

-Rachel

From: Mitchell Wolfe
To: BOC Info
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 7:10:24 PM

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

My name is Mitchell Wolfe, I am writing in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. The Woodleys are respected leaders who have contributed immensely to their local communities. I have been fortunate to meet and learn from Randy when he has come to speak at my church, Access Covenant in Portland.

Religious freedom means protecting all faiths, including those whose practices look different from a Sunday morning gathering. I urge you to consider accommodating their religious practices rather than restricting them.

Best,

Mitchell Wolfe

From: [Sue A](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 4:57:55 PM

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Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
535 NE Fifth Street
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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to ask you to consider the appeal from Eloheh Indigenous Center for religious accommodation and release of restrictions on their mission of education and service. They and their guests have a right to practice Indigenous spirituality on their own land. It is unfortunate that this can be misunderstood and their rights denied.

Eloheh has been recognized and awarded funds from Duke Divinity Center to pursue their mission and it is grievous that while being commended and supported for their work in this way, they are constrained by their very community.

I met Randy Woodley through an Indigenous friend in my Spokane faith community. Through this connection I have had opportunity to learn through courses with Randy and it has enhanced my Christian faith from the perspective of Indigenous peoples. For this I am grateful.

I know that Randy has been a teacher and leader for decades and is a respectful neighbor and community member.

Please honor and respect their request for appeal that they may continue in their good work.

Thank you

Susan Asbjornsen, Spokane Washington

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From: [Kristen Fu](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support of Eloheh Indigenous Center
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 1:50:39 PM

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering—it cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday.

The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years. As a Christian, I have gained a lot in reflecting on my own spiritual practices from reading Randy Woodley's book "Becoming Rooted: One Hundred Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth." Their teachings are valuable to people of all faiths, and I support their ability to practice their faith according to their ancestral traditions. Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Thank you,

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Kristen Fu

From: [Katy Andlovec](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support for Randy & Edith Woodley
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 2:16:44 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a licensed pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church. I support the work of Randy & Edith Woodley; they are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years. Their work, including the immersive experience they lead called Eloheh, shows us that Indigenous spirituality is directly tied to the land. This expression of spirituality cannot be practiced in a building for an hour or two once a week.

As an American, I believe that the religious freedom given to us by our Constitution should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity. Please find a way to accommodate the Woodleys' religious practice in Yamhill rather than restrict it. The work they are doing is so important!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Katy Shaw Andlovec
Interim Lead Pastor
First Covenant Church, Portland
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Want to schedule a time to meet with me?
30 minutes - 1 hour

I am usually away from email on Fridays and Saturdays. If messages are sent at that time, I will see your message on Sunday and respond as I am able.

From: [sandra fisher](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's Appeal for Religious Accommodation
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 11:20:46 AM

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

We are writing to express our support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

Indigenous spiritual practice is inherently land-based and community-centered. It often requires extended time on the land, gathering together in ways that cannot be confined to a building or limited to a brief, scheduled hour on a single day of the week. These practices are not optional cultural activities; they are core expressions of religious belief and responsibility.

Randy and Edith Woodley are widely respected educators, authors, and leaders who have served Indigenous and broader faith communities for more than 30 years. In this time of deep cultural division, they have been an inspiration to us, bringing people together for listening, sharing, connecting, and healing. When we have visited the Eloheh Indigenous Center, we have been inspired to learn more about the history and significance of this area and the land, and to be more mindful of our own actions in caring for both the land and the community. The Center is a natural extension of the Woodleys' work and calling.

Religious freedom should protect all faith traditions, including those whose practices may look unfamiliar or differ from mainstream Christian models. Meaningful religious accommodation requires flexibility and understanding, especially when engaging Indigenous spiritual traditions that predate modern zoning frameworks.

We respectfully urge the County to find a way to accommodate Eloheh Indigenous Center's religious practice rather than restrict it. Doing so would affirm Yamhill County's commitment to fairness, inclusion, and genuine religious freedom.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
Sandra Fisher
Warren Fisher
Lake Oswego, Oregon

From: [Anna Li](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support of Eloheh's appeal for religious accommodation
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 10:55:01 PM

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Hello,

My name is Anna Li, and I have visited Eloheh Indigenous Center in person and sat under the powerful spiritual and Indigenous teachings of the Woodleys. Religious freedom should extend to different ways to practice faith and Christianity - the teaching of the Woodleys has been very healing to me as a practicing Christian and person of faith. I support their appeal for religious accommodation and hope you can accommodate them rather than restrict them.

Thanks,

Anna

From: Deb Roman
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: asking for your help
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 6:54:58 PM

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To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation, and would appreciate your help.

The many faiths in our world each have their unique practices. Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering. Please find a way to accommodate their religious practices. The Woodleys are respected educators and authors who have served Indigenous communities for over 30 years.

Thank you so much for your help,

Deb Roman

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Dr. Deb Roman

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From: Carol McLaughlin
To: BOC Info
Subject: February 12, 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting: Eloheh Permit Appeal
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 11:56:34 AM

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

Kit Johnston, Mary Starrett, and David (Bubba) King,

Subject: Eloheh Permit Appeal, February 12, 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting

My name is Carol McLaughlin. I am writing on behalf of the appeal you will consider regarding Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth and Justice. Although I have spent much of my adult life in the Puget Sound region as a resident of Washington State, my founding roots were established in Clackamas County, Oregon. Even then there was a connection to Yamhill County where my grandmother resided. My high school, West Linn, was in the same league with Newberg and McMinnville. My college experience is intertwined with the region through George Fox University in undergrad and more recent years in theological education with degrees through their master's and doctoral programs.

I am aware that the region is not immune to the challenges of changing economic, agricultural, and societal issues and concerns. Yet, when I think of the region, I think of its commitment to flourishing for the people who call it home and the land that has been so significant due to its abundance.

In this sense, I urge you to thoughtfully consider the appeal request before you from Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice for religious accommodation. Their programs not only talk about what to do, they demonstrate a path of restoration and renewal, Dr. Randy and Edith Woodley provide dignified practice, one that honors the land and offers skills to cultivate stewardship. Eloheh is unique because it is an interfaith, non-sectarian organization expressing Indigenous spirituality which is rooted in flourishing and relationship. It is one that is recognized by other religious institutions as examples to be followed, including Duke Divinity. Because of this uniqueness, I urge you to consider their appeal through the lens of human flourishing. Eloheh provides a tangible expression of worship within a rhythm of life.

I know Randy because he was my professor during my seminary studies. His teaching has been and continues to be significant in my life including my own faith journey and practice. The effort of Eloheh is a commitment to a harmonious way of life.

I stand with Eloheh in their appeal for religious accommodation. I urge you to work with Eloheh to accommodate their religious practice.

With Kind Regards,
Carol McLaughlin

Rev. Dr. Carol McLaughlin MDiv, DMin
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Address: 4404 71st Avenue Ct NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

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From: [Nancy Davis](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Eloheh Indigenous Center Hearing February 12, 2026
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 10:25:09 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Nancy Davis and I met Randy and Edith at a gathering in Southern California in 2019. During that time I had the opportunity to participate in a women's healing circle that Edith facilitated. That was a very powerful experience that was very beneficial to me in my spiritual journey as a Christian.

I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. Indigenous spirituality is connected to the land and recognizes the land as sacred. Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different from mainstream Christianity.

Please find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Sincerely,

Nancy Davis

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kathy Cozby](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: New type of permit? Eloheh Indigenous Center permit status
Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026 11:09:54 AM

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To the members of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Eloheh Indigenous Center and the Woodley family. This Center provides multiple wonderful resources and knowledge to many people. They have recently won an award from Leadership Education at Duke Divinity for all they do for their community and others. I personally have found what they do and share at the Center to be very helpful and inspiring, in many ways: sustainable farming, cultural relationships, spiritually, etc. I cannot imagine a realistic reason to not grant them permission (ie permit) to continue to move forward with what they do. I am wondering if maybe there is simply a need for Yamhill County to establish a different kind of permit??? What the Woodleys do is what communities everywhere really need. Thank you for your time and consideration,

-Kathy Cozby

From: [NANCY PHELPS](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Eloheh Center for Earth Justice (Hearing 2/12/2026 at 10 AM)
Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026 11:35:05 AM

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Please accept this letter of support into the record for the hearing referenced in the subject line. (Eloheh Center for Earth Justice Hearing on 02/12/2026 at 10 AM)

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

535 NE Fifth Street

McMinnville, OR 97128

Dear Commissioners,

Today I write to you in support of Eloheh's right to practice Indigenous spirituality on our own land. I deeply appreciate and respect the work this Board does to retain the values that make Yamhill County the best it can be.

My name is Nancy Phelps, and have lived in Oregon for the past 55 years with my husband and our three children. My father lived in McMinnville the last years of his life, in the 1990's. I have spent much time in Yamhill County with him, and now at Eloheh, the Indigenous Center for Earth Justice.

At Eloheh, I have been welcomed as a guest on the land, volunteering in the gardens over the past several years. Volunteers bring our lunches and work a day at whatever tasks there are to do. We learn as we work and share with one another on the land.

The impact on me, a 75 year old grandmother and retired oncology and hospice nurse, is a groundedness and a deep spiritual connection to Creation. While I have both Lutheran and Buddhist practices, I find that the broad harmonious ways of Indigenous spirituality are calling me into ways of being that could heal this hurting world.

One of the strong values of our Country is our freedom of religion. I have attended several places of worship in McMinnville. **I am certain that the Board upholds the belief that in Yamhill County, religious freedom protects all faith-practices, including ones that may appear different from Christian ones.**

I ask that collectively, with all your wisdom and experience, you together discover and implement a way to offer a way to accommodate Eloheh's religious practices rather than restricting them.

Nancy Phelps

Nancy C. Phelps
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From: Rusty St. Cyr
To: BOC Info
Subject: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation
Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026 11:51:01 AM

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation. I have known Randy Woodley since 2009, being advised by him during my time at Portland Seminary, and we have partnered with him, Edith and Elohey in various ways during my time at George Fox University—from Serve Day partnerships to Intercultural life educational panels, class/chapel visits and co-mentoring opportunities with students. Partnering with Randy, Edith and other Indigenous neighbors (both here and in Yakama Nation) have been a huge gift helping shape how I and GFU students and alumni understand Indigenous history, spirituality, and faithful presence on the land, and how I've continued to invite GFU students to understand, show up as curious learners while immersing, serving, learning from and loving our neighbors from other cultures especially on their "turf".

I've learned that Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering. It cannot be reduced to a one-hour meeting inside a building with pews all in a row on a Sunday morning. Ceremonies such as sweat lodges, cedar fire ceremonies, and seasonal gatherings are essential religious practices, not optional events for Indigenous Christians and others. Regulations designed around assumptions of mainstream Christian worship unintentionally place undue-- but very real-- burdens on Indigenous religious life and community-building.

Randy and Edith are respected educators, authors, speakers and spiritual elders--to many local and nationally-- and have served Indigenous communities for over thirty years. Religious freedom exists to protect precisely these kinds of minority faith practices—those that may look unfamiliar to the majority but are no less sacred or deserving of accommodation.

I respectfully ask you to find a way to accommodate the Woodleys' religious practices at Eloheh rather than restrict them. Doing so would honor both the spirit of religious freedom law and our shared commitment to fairness and inclusion.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Peace & All Good,



Rusty St.Cyr (he/him), MA, ESL, MCHHC
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From: [Wheeler, Rachel](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Support for Eloheh Indigenous Center
Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026 3:40:28 PM

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Dear Yamhill County Commissioners:

I support Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation which comes under your examination next week at a hearing on Feb 12. The Center allows for Randy and Edith Woodley and many others in the community to practice their Indigenous spirituality with extended, land-based gathering—a practice not confined to a building for an hour on Sunday. I know Randy and Edith Woodley to be respected educators and authors. They have served Indigenous communities here and elsewhere for over 30 years. I, personally, have had the privilege of bringing students from the University of Portland to learn from the generous wisdom of Randy and Edith and to share in the abundance of what their land provides. My faith community of Saint Andrew Catholic Church here in Portland, Oregon has benefitted as well from volunteering at Eloheh. It is concerning that we are easily able to practice our religious faith while people like the Woodleys are suffering impediments to that expression. Please, find a way to accommodate their religious practice rather than restrict it.

Thank you.

Rachel Wheeler, Ph.D. [she/her/hers]
Associate Professor and Chair
Theology and Religious Studies Department
University of Portland

*...can our actions in the present moment reverberate backward, altering the motion of the threads of the past—not to erase them but to transform their resonance in our shared story? Could the future be doing the same to us, shaping the present through its gravitational pull, inviting us toward pathways of repair, possibility, or collapse? (Vanessa Machado de Oliveira, *Outgrowing Modernity*)*



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January 18, 2026

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
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bocinfo@co.yamhill.or.us

Dear Yamhill County Commissioners:

West Hills Friends Church supports Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice's appeal for religious accommodation. We have members among us who have volunteered at Eloheh and have been deeply impacted by Randy and Edith Woodley's example of land-based spirituality.

Indigenous spirituality requires extended, land-based gathering that cannot be practiced in a building for an hour on Sunday.

Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including less well-known and mainstream religions.

We hope this testimony informs your consideration for an accommodation.

Sincerely,

Holly Dhyne
 Holly Dhyne
 Presiding Clerk
 On behalf of West Hills Friends Church

With unity, also signed by:

Keri Kimberly
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 Steven P. Bennie
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From: [Melissa McDonald](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Cc: [Michael McDonald](#)
Subject: Support for Religious Accommodation – Eloheh Indigenous Center
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 1:13:27 PM

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Dear Yamhill County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for Eloheh Indigenous Center's appeal for religious accommodation.

Through my engagement with Randy and Edith Woodley's work, I have learned that Indigenous spirituality is inherently land-based and communal. It requires extended time together on the land and cannot be meaningfully practiced within the limits of a single building or a brief weekly gathering. These practices are not ancillary; they are central to the community of faith itself.

The Woodleys' efforts at Eloheh show a whole-hearted dedication to nurturing spiritual growth, education, and restoration—restoring not only the land itself but also relationships between people, community, and the natural world—work that has touched many lives, mine among them. I am deeply grateful for all they have taught me personally.

Religious liberty matters most when it extends beyond familiar traditions to include faiths that may look or sound different from the majority. I respectfully ask the Board to consider a path that accommodates and supports this form of religious practice, ensuring it can be practiced fully rather than restricted.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Melissa McDonald
Beaverton, Oregon

From: [Tracy Lewis](#)
To: [BOC Info](#)
Subject: Please do not place inappropriate restrictions on Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 4:20:19 PM

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To Involved parties,

I am writing in support of Randy and Edith Woodley and the work, education, and spiritual formation they engage in on and through their property, Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice. I have read and been profoundly impacted by Randy's books, ordered their heirloom, indigenous seeds, and greatly admire the communal care they generously offer at and through their farm. I have longed to go help out and find out more by getting my hands dirty, learning indigenous ways of worship and earth care through these able teachers.

I find it shockingly disturbing that "Friends of Yamhill County" would target such obvious and committed Friends to Yamhill County and beyond, as the Woodleys and their team at Eloheh. Requirements such as catering food-- when honoring, growing, and providing food to guests is central to who they are and what their organization is about. Limiting the number of nights guests may stay overnight to 1 night is ludicrous! Sharing stories around a campfire till late in the evening is a primary way they practice, and allow guests to participate in their communal offerings of Indigenous spiritual practice. Sleeping over on the farm property is part of the communal experience-- not an afterthought.

I have been to many Christian church potlucks, overnights, retreats over my 61 years-- and never has a governmental agency sought to police or restrict those events.

The Woodleys and Eloheh are true friends of Yamhill County, and to anyone who seeks to participate in their offerings. This feels like government overreach, religious bias, and ill fitting regulations all combined, that, if allowed, could make it impossible for these valuable community members to offer their wisdom and hospitality in the way they wish to provide.

Do not let this ill-fitting set of restrictions destroy something of such obvious beauty, value and depth.

Sincerely,
Tracy and Dave Lewis

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Tracy Lewis, MA LPC
Emotion Focused Therapy for Individuals and Couples
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February 4, 2026

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As an occasional volunteer at Eloheh indigenous Center for Earth Justice, I am supporting their appeal for religious accommodation. Co-founders, Randy and Edith Woodley, have recently been recognized with a Traditional Innovative Award by the Leadership Education at Duke Divinity School.

Please grant them ways to accommodate their religious practices rather than restrict their work. For more than 30 years, they have modeled ways towards peace, respect, and eco-justice. This work is centered in land-based gatherings and are core to their faith traditions.

My church here in McMinnville has a similar commitment without restrictions. Religious freedom should protect all faiths, including those whose practices look different.

Eloheh has brought hope while empowering Indigenous communities and non-Indigenous communities. I am confident they will continue to be good neighbors, abide by health regulations, and be respectful of others. Their work here in Yamhill County will be know as an asset and honored for years to come.

Thank you for all the ways you work and care for the people of Yamhill County and beyond.

Sincerely,

Don Watson

310 SW Mt Mazama St

McMinnville, OR 97128