

## Thornburgh resort synopsis

The Thornburgh Resort has been trying since 2005 to build three golf courses and several hundred houses and two manmade lakes. They project using 6,000 gallons of water/day and can't find a water source. They've switched tactics and are applying for land uses for smaller things, like a clubhouse. The hearings officer approved the application and the county commissioners just denied the appeal. Now the Resort wants to buy 400 of state owned public land, 400 acres which would be fenced and removed from the land available for public use.

The Department of State Lands (DSL) is a statewide agency that manages Oregon's state-owned lands. They are required by the Oregon Constitution to "manage lands under its jurisdiction with the object of obtaining the greatest benefit for the people of this state, consistent with the conservation of this resource under sound techniques of land management." (Article III, Section 5) DSL is also required, when selling any state lands, to consider their scenic and recreational value to the public. (ORS 273.051)

The land is located very close to Tumalo Canal Historic area (recreational area), is part of prime deer winter range, puts housing in a remote area with little access to water in case of fire, at this time the state has surplus money so it doesn't need the money for the school fund, and public land should be retained for public use.

Central Oregon LandWatch has published a site asking people to write to the Department of State Lands. The site has an extensive explanation of what is happening and maps showing the land the resort wants to purchase.

For more information and where to send your comments please visit:

Send your comments to <https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Land/Pages/LandComment.aspx> and mention the transaction # **63509-LS**

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