

Written comments for  
Conditional Use 17-043/Gross  
(Bi-Mart Country Music Festival)  
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**From:** "llearn@juno.com" <llearn@juno.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/10/2018 4:26 PM  
**Subject:** bimart music festival

My name is Linda Learn and we live on Marlatt Rd. in Jefferson. This is off Talbot Road in Talbot about a mile from the proposed venue. We are farmers and we think this festival is a great idea. We may be inconvenienced for a few days but the payoff for the greater community will be well worth it.. Count on our support.

Linda Learn  
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llearn@juno.com

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**Brandon Reich - opposition to festival revised TIA**

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**From:** Laurel Hines <laulehines@gmail.com>  
**To:** Brandon Reich <BReich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/12/2018 5:29 PM  
**Subject:** opposition to festival revised TIA

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Re: Opposition to CU17-043(Gross) - Bi-Mart Music Festival Mass Gathering Permit

To Marion County Hearings Officer,

**The newly submitted proposed traffic plan will be even more harmful to those along Liberty Road, including residents and farms.**

I live between Ankeny Hill Road and Liberty Road. I travel Liberty Road daily to get to town, as do most of my neighbors in Spring Lake Estates. Some also work on weekends. As I said in previously submitted testimony, the traffic tie ups will significantly affect our lives for the four days of the festival. The new traffic plan only creates new risks.

I have seen the revised TIA, submitted by the applicant on April 6, 2018. This plan has the northbound traffic of Interstate 5 exiting at Ankeny Hill and taking traffic in a long, out of the way loop east and then south through Jefferson and ultimately to Wintel Road and eventually to the event. This route is expected to move huge numbers of campers and cars, and there will be a need for long cueing of cars to avoid backups on Interstate 5.

However, the southbound traffic, which will likely be an even greater number of cars, is supposed to be exiting directly from the Ankeny Exit to Wintel Road to the event; a far, far shorter distance with much less cueing capacity.

This would mean cars would have to utilize alternative routes when traffic begins backing up on Interstate 5. They would likely use the Enchanted Way exit, and direct people to Hylo Road to Liberty Road going south, and then back to Liberty's merge into Buena Vista and then Wintel.

This would be a problem in a number of ways:

1. The plan creates too much traffic through the west and south end of the Ankeny Refuge.
2. The plan routes too much traffic along the dangerous, extreme hills of Hylo Road, and the dangerous curving narrow hilly Liberty Road. This route has two wineries, Coria Winery and Trinity Vineyards, with many homes and some farms.
3. The farms and wineries likely have not known they could be affected, and have not had a chance to submit testimony about the Festival's effect on their businesses. The wineries have tasting rooms and conduct numerous summer events.

4. Those of us who live in the area will find both Liberty Road and the Ankeny Hill entrance and exit to the freeway blocked with traffic. We will be trapped at home for the length of the event and we will be exposed to the possible danger of fire, drunk drivers on winding dangerous roads, additional noise and lights, etc.
5. There are two churches along Hylo Road and the entrance to the Friends Church is at a dangerous spot at the top of a sudden hill.
6. Even if the Festival staff did not re-route traffic, the GPS's of festival attendees driving south on the freeway will alert them to slow downs beyond the Enchanted Way exit and may direct them onto Enchanted Way to Hylo Road and then to the Liberty Route.

None of the traffic routes are good because the proposed Festival location is a bad one. The Ankeny Hill area of the freeway is prone to accidents; the area is hilly and has narrow winding, largely wooded and brushy shoulders. Hylo Road is especially dangerous due to very steep hills and valleys with low vision areas for driveways and even contains two churches along the way.

**Therefore, the proposed revised TIA submitted by the applicant just creates new problems. The application should be denied for this proposed location.**

Sincerely, Laurel Hines, 10371 Lake Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97306

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**Brandon Reich - Country Music Festival in Talbot Oregon**

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**From:** Bridgett Marlatt <Bridgett.Marlatt@homestreet.com>  
**To:** "breich@co.marion.or.us" <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/16/2018 8:19 AM  
**Subject:** Country Music Festival in Talbot Oregon

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I have tried to stay neutral and not get involved with the controversy of the Country Music Festival being held in Talbot/Jefferson Oregon. I understand the Mayor of Jefferson is requesting support from locals in a recent letter being generated through town. This bothers me, Jefferson is 7 miles from the location it will be held and people are going to be voicing support when it really doesn't affect them... This event is less than 2 miles from my house and the traffic route is going to be going right in front of my house on Marlatt Rd.. This road is not used to this kind of traffic and our community is not used to 30,000+ people. As I am sure you have heard the proposed property borders the Ankeny Wildlife Refuge. Below are pictures of the local elk herd standing in the exact location where the proposed stage will be... This is hard to argue that the wildlife will not be affected. This picture was taken about a month ago..

I really don't like or want to get involved in these matters but feel that all things should be very carefully considered before allowing this to happen and locking into a contract for several years.

Bridgett Marlatt



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**Brandon Reich - Public Comments - Music Festival**

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**From:** Andrew Jones <uojones@gmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/17/2018 8:31 AM  
**Subject:** Public Comments - Music Festival

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Hi Brandon,

I'm sure you are getting a large number of comments and I just wanted to add my voice in opposition to the county granting a permit for such a large event bordering the wildlife refuge.

I'm very concerned on the impact to the refuge and surrounding areas. I don't believe Ankeny Hill/Talbot/Jefferson are prepared for that kind of traffic and I'd be worried about lasting effects of that amount of vehicles and people on the surrounding land. I grew up in Jefferson and those county roads around the wildlife refuge hold a very special place in my heart.

Anyway, I'm not going to pretend to be an expert, just a concerned citizen. Thank you for considering all the comments and good luck to you and your colleagues with the potential scrutiny either way.

-Andrew Jones  
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**Brandon Reich - Ankeny National Wild Life Refuge**

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**From:** Dorothy Kimball <daksalem@hotmail.com>  
**To:** "breich@co.marion.or.us" <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/17/2018 8:56 AM  
**Subject:** Ankeny National Wild Life Refuge

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Please! This is a National Wildlife Refuge treasure. A refuge.

I am strongly opposed to granting the request for a four day concert permit which, if allowed has the potential to destroy this beautiful REFUGE. We don't have many left. Habitat is being lost daily. This area will not survive 25,000 - 60,000 concert goers.

Dorothy Kimball  
4124 Duane Dr. S.  
Salem, OR 97302

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**Brandon Reich - Ankeny refuge**

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**From:** "Bob & Janet Bain" <bjbain2@gmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/17/2018 11:31 AM  
**Subject:** Ankeny refuge

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to the County Commissioners:

Having a "music festival" anywhere near the Wildlife Refuge is a totally ridiculous idea. That area is restricted for a sound and important reason, and should not be disturbed just to make a lot of money for a promoter!

Put it in a different county, or farther away, but don't let the Refuge be disturbed!!

Robert and Janet Bain

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Our new email address is [bjbain2@gmail.com](mailto:bjbain2@gmail.com)

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**Brandon Reich - No I-5 corridor Music festivals near Ankeny Wildlife Refuge**

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**From:** Roaninn <roaninn@gmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/17/2018 12:37 PM  
**Subject:** No I-5 corridor Music festivals near Ankeny Wildlife Refuge

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**Why is it that Wildlife Refuges are set aside then tossed aside and threatened once designed? How could any intelligent educated individual even consider encroaching this special quiet refuge with thousands of amplified human generated noise?**

**Did you know that Trailblazer great Bill Walton called attention to Ankeny Refuge on "national" tv no less, during a college basketball game last year, encouraging visitors to take in the quiet and beauty of this special place?**

**Then, take a drive on I-5 between Salem and Albany on any given regular day during the year, and the traffic is horrific!!! Simply bumper to bumper already with daily commutes of many trucks and passenger vehicles. How can anyone in their right mind even consider adding more congestion to this problem area of the interstate, route to Ankeny, with thousands of additional travelers?**

**Vote NO with the facts against granting the BiMart Country festival to EVER happening in this location.**

**R. Roaninn  
97306**

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**From:** Shannon McIntire <rangerchick@rocketmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/17/2018 1:25 PM  
**Subject:** Ankeny Refuge vs. Music Festival

Hello Mr. Breich,

Please consider my vote against holding the Brownsville Music Festival in the Ankeny Wildlife Refuge vicinity.

I have lived within a few miles of the Refuge for almost 20 years. It is a quiet wildlife-filled sanctuary surrounded by farmland that rarely sees much traffic. There are so many varieties of creatures that rely on that peaceful place for their homes and nests.

To hold an enormous music festival on farmland grounds so close to this refuge as well as using the roads that travel through the refuge, is inviting terrible consequences. The noise level will be extreme, louder than any that has been experienced, for several days. The amount of traffic will be backing up and creeping along the roads through the refuge emitting exhaust for hours and miles of roads. The patrons of the festival will be loud, drunk and unrestrained, disturbing any animal homes or animals themselves they come across or search out.

Some claim this will bring revenue to stores in the area. The nearest stores are on Commercial St right off I5 and they are not small businesses. GPS will take patrons to the nearest popular store or get them lost down private roads that are not documented.

Please consider an alternative area on open farm land or grass fields that does not adversely effect protected wildlife. As the grass seed capitol, there should be several alternate options in Oregon that would serve the venue better and result in much less push back from the local residents.

Thank you for your time!  
Shannon McIntire  
Rangerchick@rocketmail.com  
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**Brandon Reich - traffic problems**

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**From:** "Mary Schamehorn" <marys@coosnet.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/17/2018 2:28 PM  
**Subject:** traffic problems

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My advice to the county would be to contact police departments in Bandon (Chief Bob Webb and Sergeant Larry Lynch) or the Curry County Sheriff's Office (Gold Beach) to learn what happened with traffic backing up on Highway 101 when the Bi-Mart Country Music Festival was held on a ranch at Sixes. I can only imagine what will happen when this same traffic backs up on I-5. It will be a mess. I understand one of the entertainers was caught in the stalled traffic and had to jump out of his vehicle and find his way to the venue as it was his time to be on stage.

I understand that this may be a financial boon to the area, but the problems it creates are many and varied, particularly in terms of traffic snarls.

Mary Schamehorn, Bandon

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**Brandon Reich - Bi-Mart festival**

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**From:** Kathleen Blevins <kathleen55blevins@gmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/17/2018 2:40 PM  
**Subject:** Bi-Mart festival

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Dear Mr. Reich,

You have the power to protect farmers, neighbors, and the wildlife that shelters in the Ankeny Wildlife Refuge by saying NO to the Bi-Mart Music festival. Neighbors, farmers, and wildlife specialists say the idea at that location is a very poor one. A refuge is meant to be a safe shelter for wildlife-that means animals and birds will be terrified by country, rap, rock and roll or even classical music filling the air; not to mention all the pollution and noise from thousands of people, cars and trucks. You will not find a wildlife specialist who thinks this is a good idea. Farmers and neighbors are concerned about the noise, pollution, vandalism, and horrendous traffic.

And Bi-Mart has given no reason why they cannot have the festival somewhere else--the State Fairgrounds would seem to be the perfect spot, with parking and restrooms already in place. The fairgrounds would still bring people and money to Salem, and everyone, including the wildlife would be happy. Please use your influence for common sense and the greater good, and turn this location down. Thank you, Kathleen Blevins

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**Brandon Reich - festival**

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**From:** Royce Halford <halford94@gmail.com>  
**To:** "breich@co.marion.or.us" <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/17/2018 5:36 PM  
**Subject:** festival

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I believe that would be wrong to have the Bi-Mart festival next to Ankeny Wildlife Refuge. The farm land can be plowed under and start over. Not so much for the refuge. I can see the writing on the wall. This festival will spill over onto the refuge and damage it. Unless the county can protect it, it will happen. There is going to be too many people to police both areas effectively. Isn't there some other place the festival can go so as to not wreck the refuge. The festival comes and goes, the refuge does not.

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**Brandon Reich - case number 17-004**

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**From:** "Brant, Kellie" <Kellie.Brant@ATImetals.com>  
**To:** "breich@co.marion.or.us" <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/18/2018 8:50 AM  
**Subject:** case number 17-004

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Good Morning,

I have lived in the town of Jefferson Oregon for almost 19 years.

I wanted to write to you today in support of the Bi-Mart Willamette county music festival in our town.

I have attended the music festival in Brownsville for many years and I can tell you first hand the financial benefits will be huge for our community and county.

Please consider allowing Jefferson to host this 5 day event.

Thank you

Kellie Brant

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**Brandon Reich - 17-004**

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**From:** Jackie Guzman <jackie.guzman@aol.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/18/2018 9:31 AM  
**Subject:** 17-004

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I'm writing this email in support of the CMF to be held in Jefferson.  
My family lives in Jefferson, my kids graduated from JHS. I was the past booster club president before my youngest graduated. We worked so hard to raise funds for athletics of JHS.  
So having this huge event in Jefferson would be huge difference for all the non-profits in the area!  
My husband and both daughters are assistant coaches for the softball team and we have committed our time to help set up chairs at this year's event.  
The local farmers need to be considerate of all who this event would be helping.  
My husband has his business in Talbot and he too would be affected by the traffic this event will bring in but he is willing to deal with this as it's only a few days not weeks on end.  
My family is in FULL support of the CMF in Jefferson!!!

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**Brandon Reich - Case # 17-004 - Jefferson hosting BiMart Country Music Festival**

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**From:** Tosha Ferrando <toshaferrando@gmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/18/2018 9:41 AM  
**Subject:** Case # 17-004 - Jefferson hosting BiMart Country Music Festival

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please do not be swayed by the expensive lawyers and few farmers that see this festival as a nuisance. Please know that the majority of the community is highly in favor of hosting this festival and the good that it would bring to our small town. The money generated by hosting this festival would be beyond a blessing to our small town schools, small businesses and the community in general. My family and myself are strongly in favor of having Jefferson hosting and are looking forward to volunteering in as many opportunities as possible that this amazing event would bring to our community.

Sincerely,

Tosha Ferrando

Mother of small children in Jefferson Elementary, small town girl who cares about her community!

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**Brandon Reich - case # 17-004.**

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**From:** Sara Judy <sara@nwtimber.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/18/2018 10:53 AM  
**Subject:** case # 17-004.

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Hello,

I live in Jefferson and have heard about people trying to organize a music festival. I would like to voice my support to the farmers/property owners in opposition, I think we should consider the long term effects that this would have on farmers, their land and the wildlife. There are other ways to raise money for sports.

Thanks. Sara

Sara Judy  
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**Brandon Reich - case #17-004**

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**From:** Jan Sheets <Jan.Sheets@jefferson.k12.or.us>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/18/2018 2:15 PM  
**Subject:** case #17-004

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Hello,

I am a member of Jefferson Community and also work in the school district. I am very much in support of the Bi-Mart Country Music Festival being located in the Jefferson area. It would be a great benefit to our community and a fun experience for all. It's only a 4 day event once a year and this is a chance of a life time to be able to host this event. My hope is that it will be successful here and continue in the Jefferson area.

Traffic is not an issue in my opinion, because we deal with traffic through out the year at various holidays and any time the county decides to do construction. We experience traffic any time there is a OSU or U of O football game. So one more event which benefits the Jefferson community is a good idea regardless of traffic. Jefferson also have 5 exits compared to Brownsville which has only one so we can handle the traffic on I-5.

Jan Sheets

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**Brandon Reich**

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**From:** Tirzah Monet <tirzahart27@gmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/18/2018 7:25 PM

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To whom it may concern.

The reservation I hold matches hundreds and thousands of citizens in oregon and nationally alike who for this amount of concentrated traffic and increase to a still rural stop is high, demanding on many things line environment and enjoyment of on going peaceful environments and geographical areas. The immediate area is rural. With no immediate food water facilities accommodation, all of which would be shipped in and the impact would be high on a wild life refuge such as this.

Ankeny wildlife refuge being right off the interstate makes sense for convenience to a limited number of entities.

Like, the organizers and profiteers.

Licenses and charges should be assessed way way above normal to leave area in condition that it is before event. The area is not even stable as is. Its a refuge! For a purpose.

It really harms the natural habitat and residents of oregon and residents of the immediate and surrounding area. And extends to ongoing pollution. It also lends to Animals being encroached upon, water, and increased air pollution to an already heightened air pollution problem gaining ground in the area. And ongoing water pollution in the area.

Recent mass gatherings have gained attention from aggressive citizens as we have seen in recent months and years. Disaster waiting to happen, is this considered?

This is not a fair and healthy place to have this gathering event. Not would it even be a good place in many of the oregon natural gems. I guess if this is considered to alleviate other mite precious areas?

But my point is environments need time to repair and R E S T !! Can locals and animals get a break from the chaos of constant festivals and concerts. There is plenty!

Just because its a good place for 60000 visitors to gather daily for a music event doesn't mean its safe, or well for our state or this nation.

Road rage, is another concern.

In the hotter months of the year. And being right off a high traffic zone, indicates heightened emotional states. Higher rates of drunk driving may ensue. Being fairly close to Albany and Salem. More patrons may think, I'm close enough to drive to my hotel. There is not enough camping to accommodate that mass of ppl.

Let alone accommodating masses of ppl between one small city, and one very small town. Plus, ppl may attempt drunk driving to portland, bc they'll think their close enough.

Why do city officials think that mass pop events are good for economy of this state.

Hold the event in PDX. Where it makes sense from an environmental standpoint, an economic standpoint, a safety standpoint, a pollution standpoint, a habitat standpoint, and the standpoint of overall sanity for the citizens of Oregon and people visiting.

Thank you

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**Brandon Reich - concert**

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**From:** Thomas Daly <tbtweetie@aol.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/18/2018 8:00 PM  
**Subject:** concert  
**Cc:** <tloew@statesmanjournal.com>

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Are you kidding me? This proposed concert immediately adjacent to the Ankeny Wildlife Refuge is one of the worst ideas I have ever heard. Terrible idea.  
The Refuge is a place of quiet and serenity. It is a refuge for animals and birds. It is also a refuge for people.  
The narrow 2-lane roads by and through the Refuge were never intended for ten's of thousands of vehicles.  
Let the sponsors of the concert stay in Brownsville or find some place other than the Wildlife Refuge to make more money. Leave the Wildlife Refuge alone.  
Respectfully,  
Tom Daly

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**Brandon Reich - case # 17-004**

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**From:** Sue Veenendall <mrselvis63@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "breich@co.marion.or.us" <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/18/2018 9:23 PM  
**Subject:** case # 17-004

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This email is to inform you that my husband and I are AGAINST the Bi-Mart Willamette Country Festival being held in Jefferson, OR. There is no way that this town can handle all of the traffic, crime and so on that will follow. Our vote is NO.

Sent from Yahoo Mail. [Get the app](#)

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**Brandon Reich - 2019 Music Festival**

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**From:** Penny McCarthy <oregoncrms@gmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/19/2018 3:30 AM  
**Subject:** 2019 Music Festival

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One consideration for the amount of traffic that may be coming through the intersection of Jorgensen and Talbot Roads would be that it is such a sharp intersection that trucks and cars often go off the edge. There are no barriers there to prevent this from happening and if you have a lot of traffic coming through that intersection, which happens to be in front of our house, our concern is that there could be incidents that would block traffic for some time, including our access out of our driveway. One resolution maybe to establish manned traffic control at that intersection, at all times, during the event.

Thank you for your consideration.

Penny L. McCarthy  
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Jefferson OR  
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**Brandon Reich - Case # 17-004**

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**From:** <lorerick@aol.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/19/2018 9:16 AM  
**Subject:** Case # 17-004

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This email is written in support of holding the Bi-Mart Willamette Country Festival in the Jefferson Area. The proposed site is the land where my great grandparents built their first log home. It is the area in which I grew up, hayed and picked apples from their trees. I have thought about what they might think and came to the conclusion that when they left Denmark for a new world, they were progressive in their thinking. Holding the festival in Jefferson is another extension of that very progressive thinking. It will bring new life and light to our little town, provide a much needed revenue to the local businesses and support to our school children. Both my husband and I appeal to letting progress begin for Jefferson, new home to the country festival.

Sincerely,

Lorelei and Rick Gilmore  
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Jefferson, OR 97352  
503-585-5191

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**Brandon Reich - Bi Mart Country Music Festival**

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**From:** Michelle Nunes <nunesmichelle93@gmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/19/2018 10:40 AM  
**Subject:** Bi Mart Country Music Festival

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Aloha Mr. Reich, I am fully in support of the music festival for Jefferson. I am a resident, parent, local business owner, and community involved person. I Know there will be bumps in the road to work out. But, I feel it's worth it. Michelle Nunes

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## Brandon Reich - Opposition to country festival

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**From:** Kristin Santose <lailoc@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "breich@co.marion.or.us" <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/19/2018 4:37 PM  
**Subject:** Opposition to country festival

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Dear Commissioners and Planning Division,

I am writing to voice my opposition to a proposed country music festival in rural south Salem.

It is obvious why the landowner wants it. It is a cash cow for the landowner. But it is not a benefit for the area or our region. I don't live in that part of the county so I won't have to put up with the traffic or the music/noise going on. But I think it places too much burden/stress on residents there and on the Ankeny Wildlife Refuge. Participants will go there and cause issues. The music and the noise will be negative to wildlife. This is not an appropriate activity for the zoning.

This is not a benefit for local businesses. The location is too far away from stores, gas stations, hotels, and restaurants to be utilized. People will bring their own food and camp-out. The traffic nightmare on I-5 and local roads will be immense.

I can't believe organizers want to soon boost the attendance to 60-thousand people in the future. As it is 30,000 is way too many people/cars.

The only benefit is to the landowner of the location and the organizers. Let them keep the festival in Brownsville if they have it at all.

Thanks for considering my opinion,

Kristin Santose  
476 Oregon Ave. NE  
Salem, Or. 97301

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**Brandon Reich - Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)**

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**From:** Steve Parrent <rsteveparrent@gmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/19/2018 8:19 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

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**From:** Mail Delivery Subsystem <mailer-daemon@googlemail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 5:37 PM  
**Subject:** Delivery Status Notification (Failure)  
**To:** [rsteveparrent@gmail.com](mailto:rsteveparrent@gmail.com)



**Address not found**

Your message wasn't delivered to [breich@co.marion.org.us](mailto:breich@co.marion.org.us) because the domain [co.marion.org.us](http://co.marion.org.us) couldn't be found. Check for typos or unnecessary spaces and try again.

The response was:

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Final-Recipient: rfc822; [breich@co.marion.org.us](mailto:breich@co.marion.org.us)

Action: failed

Status: 4.0.0

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Last-Attempt-Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2018 17:37:46 -0700 (PDT)

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**From:** Steve Parrent <rsteveparrent@gmail.com>

**To:** [breich@co.marion.org.us](mailto:breich@co.marion.org.us)

**Cc:**

**Bcc:**

**Date:** Thu, 19 Apr 2018 17:37:45 -0700

**Subject:** music festival proposed in Jefferson

I strongly object to any proposal for a musical festival on the property in question.

There are many residence of the city looking for a financial boon for Jefferson proper. I beg to differ, and suggest the influx of noise, alcohol, drugs and vandalism will not only divide the citizens but cause a much more expense providing law enforcement and clean up after what? as many as 5,000 people?

Those city folks do not live in this area, the suburban population and the farmers do.

This event is proposed during harvest time and large machines and trucks will be traveling Talbot road hourly and would find it difficult to move and harvest their crops.

I would also suggest the I5 exits, north and south, will be backed up and cause a hazard to the travelers using the freeway. Which will cause more traffic control from state and county enforcement.

From my view, we live less than one mile from this property and will take a very dim view of hearing the loud music echoing off of the bluffs and keeping us awake until who knows when it would end.

Again we object to this event being placed near us.

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**Brandon Reich - Country Music Festival**

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**From:** DKD Nation <daguilar858585@gmail.com>  
**To:** "breich@co.marion.or.us" <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/20/2018 11:44 AM  
**Subject:** Country Music Festival

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Hi my name is Daniel Aguilar, and I think having the festival on Gross farms would be great for our community here in Jefferson. I am in 100 percent support of it coming to Jefferson. Thanks!

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**From:** Justin Kennedy <jessalynk10@icloud.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/20/2018 11:46 AM

Sent from my iPhone

I am writing to support the bi mart country music festival relocating to the Jefferson area. It could do wonderful things our community and our school district. I do not see where the traffic would be an issue, there is so many exists. Please approve the festivals application. Thank you, jessalyn.

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**Brandon Reich - Case#: 17-004**

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**From:** Diana Escamilla <dianaescamilla12@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/20/2018 12:10 PM  
**Subject:** Case#: 17-004  
**Attachments:** IMG\_3610.PNG

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April 13, 2018

Brandon Reich  
Planning Division  
3125 Silveston Rd. NE  
Salem, OR 97305

Re: Case R: Mass Gathering 17-008

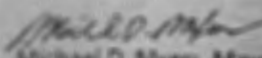
The Be-Artist Willamette Country Music Festival has a ten-year track record of providing world class entertainment centered in the Brownsville area of Linn County. The positive financial impact to this area cannot be overstated. Equally significant is the festival's commitment to continuously improving the event, while maintaining a spirit of partnership with the local community.

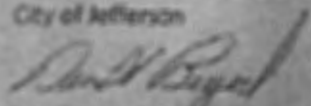
Now the festival intends to relocate to the Jefferson area of Marion County. In reviewing this application, we urge the Marion County Planning Division to carefully study, in its totality, the impact this event has had for Linn County and the Brownsville citizens. Following this review, it should be abundantly clear that the benefits of this four day festival far outweigh any potential (real or imagined) concerns.

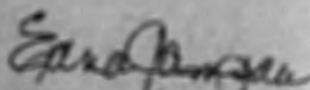
Specifically: The affected property in Brownsville experienced no lasting negative impacts; the surrounding farm properties had no change in farming practices; economic stimulus to the area is noteworthy with over \$250,000 annually in direct contributions to local non-profits, charities, and the schools; finally, increased tourism showcasing historic Brownsville and the surrounding areas resulting more than 3.5 million dollars to the local economy.

With this relocation, southern Marion County with its vineyards, historic buildings, rivers and majestic scenery can be showcased to thousands of visitors for many years. The expected economic boom will be a major stimulus to an area long identified as stagnant. Opportunities of this magnitude are rare. To deny the application would be ill-advised when considering the economic possibilities. The Council of the City of Jefferson recommends that Marion County Planning Division strongly support this 96-hour event as does this body.

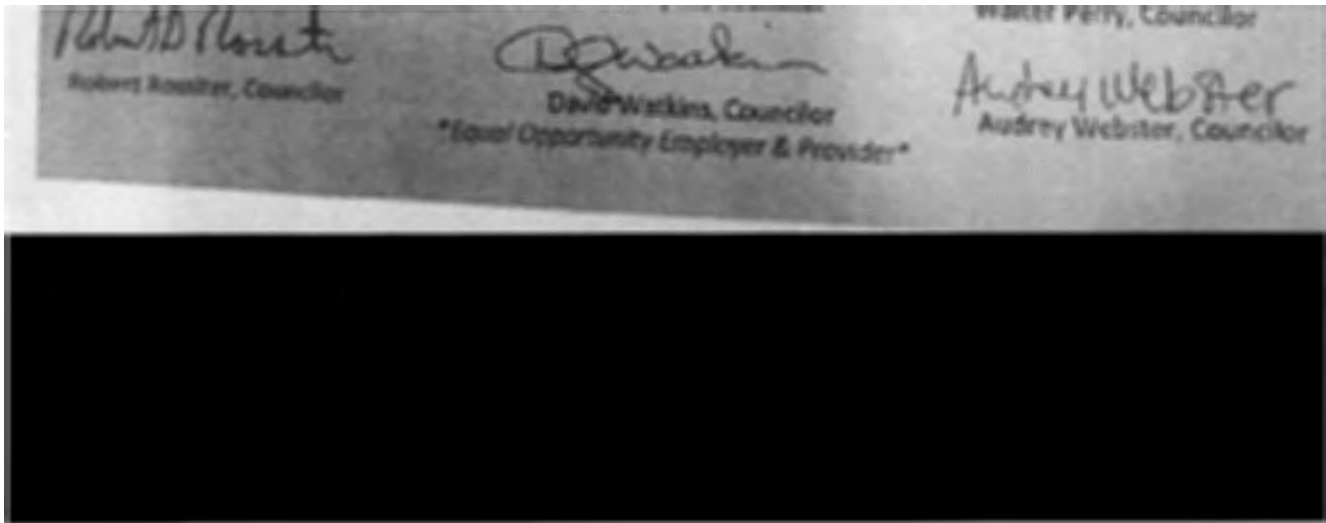
Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael D. Myers, Mayor  
City of Jefferson

  
David Beyert, Council President

  
Edna Campos, Councilor

  
Michael D. Myers, Mayor



Please allow the festival; it will benefit both my team and school. Thank you

-Diana Medina, Freshman from JHS

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**From:** madison kubishta <madison.kubishta@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/20/2018 12:04 PM  
**Subject:** Country music festival

Sent from my iPhone

I'm writing to support the country music festival relocating to Jefferson, Oregon. I live on Talbot Road in the middle of the field near where the festival would be held. Farming is pretty much done until they start plowing in the fall. My family and I completely support the festival happening in this location. Having the festival in Jefferson would help generate income for the schools. It would also be very beneficial for the community.

Thank you for taking time out of your day to read this. I hope you think about the words I've said.

-Madison

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**From:** JoLynn Arlandson <jojojujoja@gmail.com>  
**To:** <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/20/2018 12:08 PM  
**Subject:** Bi Mart country music festival

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## Brandon Reich - Willamette Country Music Concerts, LLC - Response Evidence

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**From:** Micheal Reeder <mreeder@arnoldgallagher.com>  
**To:** "breich@co.marion.or.us" <breich@co.marion.or.us>  
**Date:** 4/20/2018 12:02 PM  
**Subject:** Willamette Country Music Concerts, LLC - Response Evidence  
**Cc:** "Anne Hankins (anne@countrymusicconcerts.com)" <anne@countrymusicconcert...>  
**Attachments:** Wildlife Memorandum April 2018.pdf; Final Order.pdf; Map Application.pdf

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Brandon:

Please include the attached into the record in the above-referenced matter for the Hearings Official's consideration. The Applicant's Final Written Argument will be submitted on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please confirm receipt. Many thanks!

Best,

Mike

MICHEAL M. REEDER



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## Oregon Water Resources Department

### **Final Order Limited License Application LL-1739**



### ***Appeal Rights***

This is a final order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-0080 you may either petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date, the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

### ***Requested Water Use***

On March 6, 2018, the Water Resources Department received completed application **LL-1739** from Willamette Country Music Concerts LLC for the use of 50 gallons per minute from a well, located in the SE ¼, SE ¼, Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, W.M., for commercial uses at a country music festival, for the period August 5, 2019, through August 28, 2023, during the month of August only.

### ***Authorities***

The Department may approve a limited license pursuant to its authority under ORS 537.143, 537.144 and OAR 690-340-0030.

ORS 537.143(2) authorizes the Director to revoke the right to use water under a limited license if it causes injury to any water right or a minimum perennial streamflow.

A limited license will not be issued for more than five consecutive years for the same use, as directed by ORS 537.143(8).

### ***Findings of Fact***

1. The forms, fees, and map have been submitted, as required by OAR 690-340-0030(1).
2. The Department provided public notice of the application, on March 13, 2018, as required by OAR 690-340-0030(2).
3. This limited license request is limited to an area within a single drainage basin as required by OAR 690-340-0030(3).
4. The Department has determined that there is water available for the requested use.
5. The Department has determined that the proposed source has not been withdrawn from further appropriation per ORS 538.200.

6. The Department can allow issue a limited license for no longer than five years (ORS 537.143).
7. As part of its review to determine ground water availability, the Department's Ground Water/Hydrology Section has stipulated conditions pertaining to measurement and reporting, and decline in static water level.
8. The Department has not received other comments related to the possible issuance of the limited license.
9. Pursuant to OAR 690-340-0030(4)(5), conditions have been added with regard to notice and water-use measurement.
10. Marion County has indicated that the proposed use is compatible with the applicable acknowledged comprehensive land-use plan. A copy of the land use compatibility is in the file.

### ***Conclusions of Law***

The proposed water use will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest pursuant to OAR 690-340-0030(2), as limited in the order below.

### ***Order***

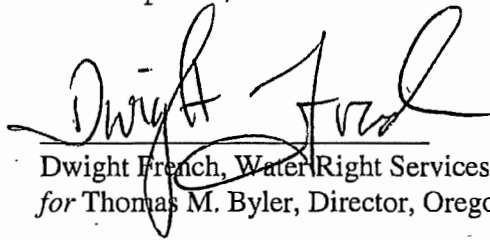
Therefore, pursuant to ORS 537.143, ORS 537.144, and OAR 690-340-0030, application **LL-1739** is approved as conditioned below.

1. The period and rate of use for **LL-1739** shall be from August 5, 2019, through August 28, 2023, for the use of 50 gallons per minute from a well, for the purpose of commercial uses at a country music festival.
2. The licensee shall give notice to the Watermaster in the district where use is to occur not less than 15 days or more than 60 days in advance of using the water under the limited license. The notice shall include the location of the diversion, the quantity of water to be diverted and the intended use and place of use.
3. Before water use may begin under this limited license, the licensee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of appropriation. The totalizing flow meter must be installed and maintained in good working order. In addition the licensee shall maintain a record of all water use, including the total number of hours of pumping, the total quantity pumped, and the categories of beneficial use to which the water is applied. During the period of the limited license, the record of use shall be submitted to the Department annually, and shall be submitted to the Watermaster upon request.
4. The Director may revoke the right to use water for any reason described in ORS 537.143(2), and OAR 690-340-0030(6). Such revocation may be prompted by field regulatory activities or by any other information.

5. Use of water under a limited license shall not have priority over any water right exercised according to a permit or certificate, and shall be subordinate to all other authorized uses that rely upon the same source.
6. A copy of this limited license shall be kept at the place of use, and be available for inspection by the Watermaster or other state authority.

NOTE: This water-use authorization is temporary. Applicants are advised that issuance of this final order does not guarantee that any permit for the authorized use will be issued in the future; any investments should be made with that in mind.

Issued April 12, 2018



Dwight French, Water Right Services Division Administrator  
for Thomas M. Byler, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

Enclosures - limited license

cc: Joel M. Plahn, District 16 Watermaster  
Elise Kelly, ODFW  
Nancy Gramlich, DEQ  
Hydrographics  
File

If you need further assistance, please contact the Water Rights Section at the address, phone number, or fax number below. When contacting the Department, be sure to reference your limited license number for fastest service.

Remember, this limited license does not provide a secure source of water. Water use can be revoked at any time. Such revocation may be prompted by field regulatory activities or many other reasons.

Water Rights Section  
Oregon Water Resources Department  
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A  
Salem OR 97301-1271  
Phone: (503) 986-0817 Fax: (503) 986-0901

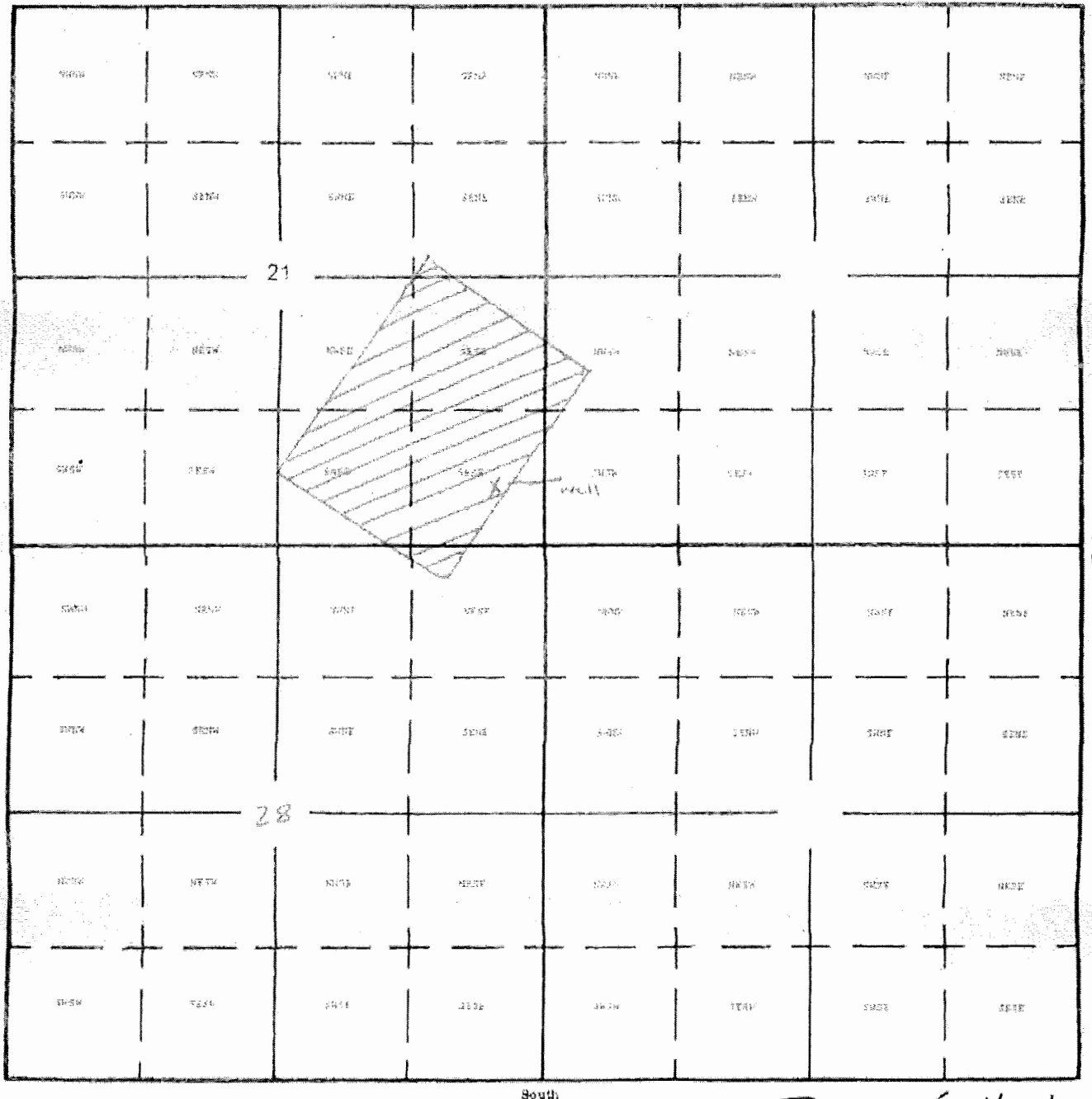


Willamette Country Music Concert LLC

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Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Section 21, Tax Lot 700



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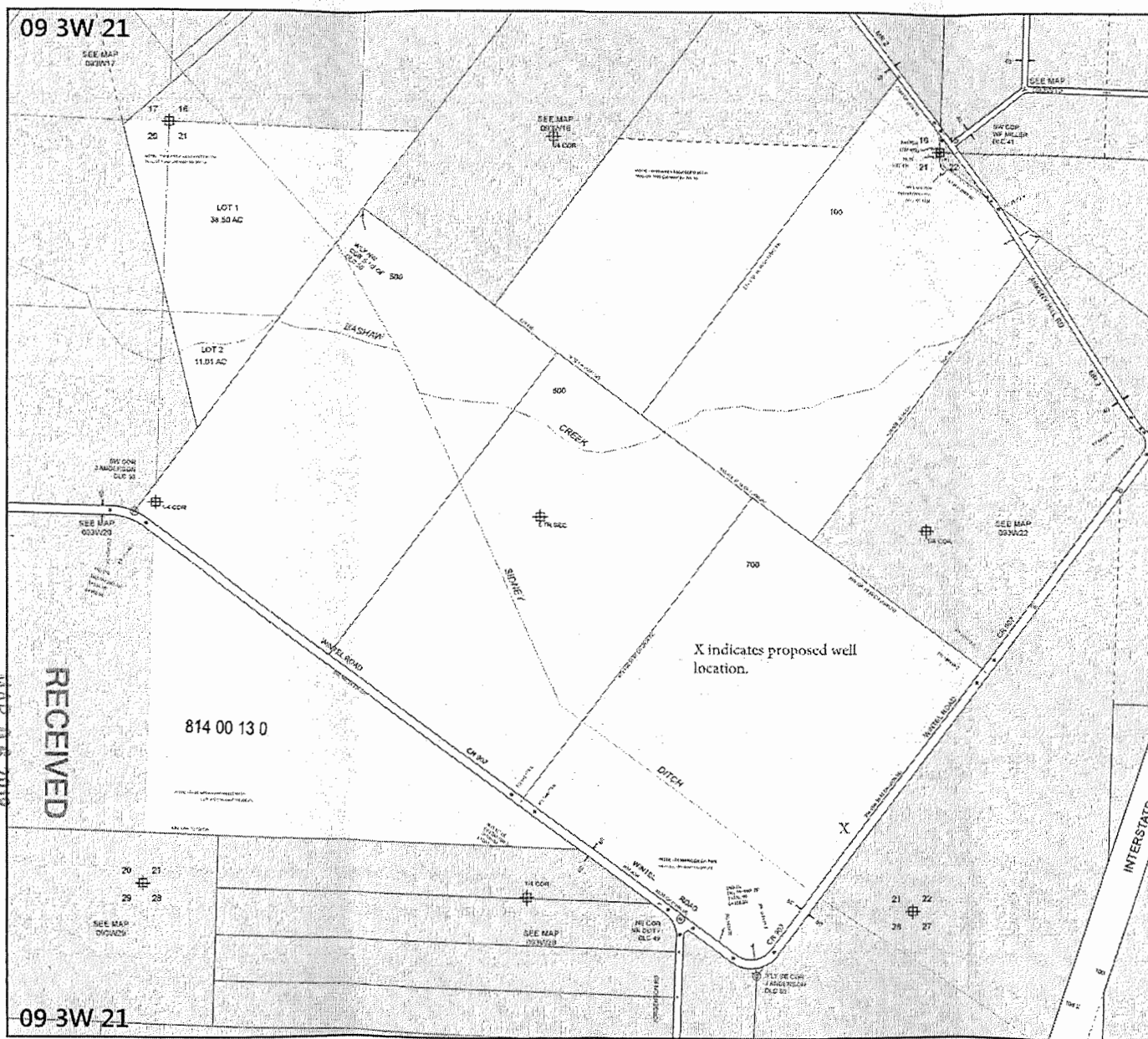
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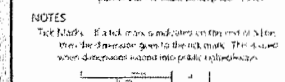
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**To:**

Michael M. Reeder  
T (541) 484-0188  
800 Willamette Street,  
Suite 800, Eugene, OR  
97401

**From:**

Brian Meiering  
Wetlands and Wildlife  
LLC

**Re:**

Addressing concerns  
related to ESA listed  
species

Dear Mr. Reeder,

Thank you for contacting Wetlands and Wildlife LLC regarding a proposed country music festival within Marion County, OR. The Marion County Planning Division has reviewed a Conditional Use Application (17-043/Gross) and provided findings based on facts provided in the application. I have commented on this application in a previous memo dated 10/27/2017, and you have asked me to address the written comments submitted which are concerned with impacts to fish and wildlife (particularly those which are federally listed under the Endangered Species Act). I have repeated the summary below to verify my understanding of the proposed music festival.

### General Overview

The project area (Figure 1) is located at 13054 Jorgenson Road S and in the 3700 block of Wintel Road S, Jefferson (T9S; R3W; Section 19; tax lot 400; Section 21; tax lot 700; Section 28; tax lots 100, 300, 400, 500, 600 and 700; Section 28D; tax lot 800, 1000 and 1100). The proposed venue is located on farmed land which has been producing grass for several decades. Abutting land uses include Ankeny Wildlife Refuge to the north/northwest, a block of land measuring approximately 2,800 acres. Other land uses adjoin the venue but are outside the scope of this memorandum.

The proposed concert venue would accommodate 30,000 concert viewers/day and their vehicles; approximately 10,000 overnight campers will be accommodated based on the application estimates. Most of the proposed venue activities would occur directly abutting the Ankeny Wildlife Refuge, with parking and the main stage being proposed up to the property line of the refuge. Camping is proposed setback from the refuge to the south and west.

The main stage is proposed to be abutting a forested portion of the refuge, with the stage and lighting directed south and east (opposite the refuge). A timeline has been set for the venue, establishing enforced quiet hours between 24:00 and 07:00.

### Wetlands and Wildlife LLC

Tel 541.214.6051

P.O. Box 50878  
Eugene, OR 97405

[www.wetlandsandwildlifeLLC.com](http://www.wetlandsandwildlifeLLC.com)  
[brian@wetlandsandwildlifeLLC.com](mailto:brian@wetlandsandwildlifeLLC.com)



### Federally Listed Species

The Sidney Power Ditch is listed as Essential Salmon Habitat (ESH) by the State of Oregon. This ditch is also technically contiguous with federally listed critical habitat for Chinook salmon and Steelhead. This ditch bisects one of the parcels proposed for festival use, and this ditch originates several miles southeast of the proposed festival parcels. Based on modeled flow volume in August (Streamstats, 2018), the ditch will have very little if any flow or pooling water during the festival.

Other rare species have been found in proximity to the festival grounds, although their habitat needs are not met within the proposed festival area. Regularly farmed land severely diminishes the available habitat for most relevant rare species due to management techniques used to produce high yield crops.

The primary concern to any aquatic listed species would be a significant single spill or cumulative small spills which could migrate into a waterway. Specific festival staff will be provided with, and trained to use, absorbent socks to mitigate this threat. Festival staff will allocate an appropriate quantity of absorbent socks capable of capturing different target pollutants.

Exclusion of people from the "Sidney Ditch" and the abutting Ankeny Wildlife Refuge will be enforced. Fisheries staff with ODFW and USFWS will be consulted 2 months or more before the event to allow them time to manage refuge water levels or other refuge operations. A list of ODFW/USFWS contacts will be coordinated through Wetlands and Wildlife LLC. This strategy will ensure high value habitat protection and no effect on water quality.

All temporary crossings of ditches, wet or dry, will span the ditch between the top of bank. Spanning crossings will allow complete avoidance of waterways and eliminate any need for removal and fill. Additionally, a 40-foot fire lane will separate the nearest camp vehicle on the south side of the ditch.

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### Wetlands and Wildlife LLC

Tel 541.214.6051

P.O. Box 50878  
Eugene, OR 97405

[www.wetlandsandwildlifeLLC.com](http://www.wetlandsandwildlifeLLC.com)  
[brian@wetlandsandwildlifeLLC.com](mailto:brian@wetlandsandwildlifeLLC.com)



**Conclusion\***

Based on the schedule of the venue, the layout of facilities and use of recommendations within this memo, it is my professional opinion that the proposed activities will not cause direct or indirect take of a federally listed species. Additionally, no element of the proposal indicates that adverse modification will occur to federally listed critical habitat.

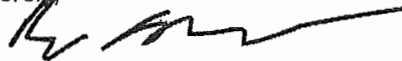
\*This conclusion is based on the ability of the organizers to enforce prohibitions on illegal entry into the refuge and continue to coordinate with the USFWS to help address any concerns.

**Disclaimer**

*This memorandum documents the investigation, best professional judgment and conclusions of the investigator. It is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions related to the site plans.

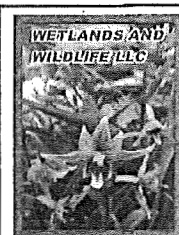
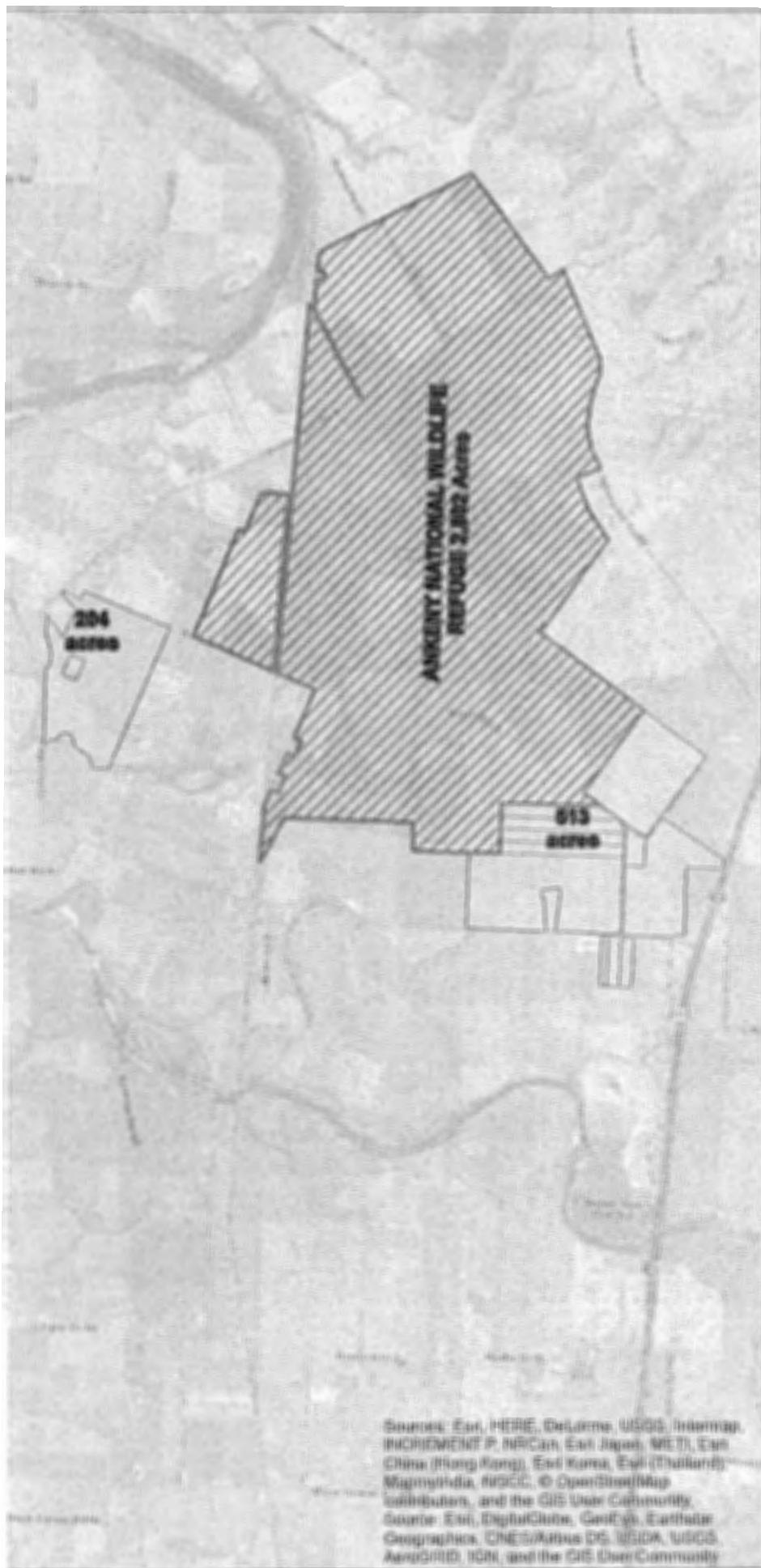
Sincerely,



Brian Meiring PWS  
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**Brandon Reich - Bimart music festival**

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To whom it may concern: Let me introduce myself, my name is Mary Joan Posch I live at 1477 Talbot Rd SE, Jefferson, OR. I own 17.6 acres at this address on which I raise mink. The farm is known as Jefferson Fur Farm. Please be advised that I am in complete favor of the BI Mart Country Music Festival that -will be held at the proposed site of Talbot Road-Ankney Road. I have lived here since May of 1964 and feel the objections tendered can be compromised to allow the festival. I-5 traffic has had various accidents, combined OSU and U of O football games with co-insiding dates and times causing somewhat traffic delays. the recent sun- moon event which caused a tremendous traffic problem at the nearby Santiam rest stop, please refer to the Chanel 2 KATU coverage of this event that did not have any known set of control. So if we can survive these kind of incidents without any casualty I think the benefits to the community and schools will far outweigh the negativity against. Please consider the approval for the festival  
Thankyou, Mary Joan Posch  
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