State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: July 12, 2019

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Richard Whitman, Director

Subject: Agenda item N: Debrief, tour of 6 Ranch

July 18-19, 2019, EQC meeting

Why this is important

On July 19, the commission will tour 6 Ranch, a diversified ranch located in Enterprise. Following the tour, commissioners and project partners will reconvene the regular meeting and have an opportunity to reflect on the tour and river restoration project work done at 6 Ranch.

Questions for discussion

Commissioners are asked to consider the following discussion questions while on the tour, to prepare for the post-tour discussion with staff:

- What were some of the key elements that contributed to the success of the project?
- What barriers existed, and how did the project partners solve these issues?
- What are the current impediments to active restoration in the Wallowa Subbasin?
- What are the current impediments to addressing legacy conditions in the Wallowa Subbasin?
- What are the best ways for the commission to encourage and support restoration and environmental management projects like those done on 6 Ranch or those needed in the Wallowa Subbasin?

EQC involvement and next steps

There is no commission action associated with tour. The commission will meet jointly with the Oregon Board of Agriculture at its September 2019 meeting, and discussion from this item may inform agenda items and tours scheduled as part of that meeting.

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