



**Black Butte  
Ranch**

THERE IS A PLACE

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Mr. Andrew Ludwick  
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Dear Andy and Dave:

Recently, members of the BBR Natural Resources Committee, the BBR Fire Department, Ranch staff and property owners, plus representatives from the US Forest Service and Oregon Department of Forestry, participated in a tour of your property adjacent to the Ranch. We all appreciated the great tour that Dave provided. This gave us a great opportunity to view the fuels mitigation work that you have been doing for several years and the positive impact that it provides as a fire buffer area for the Ranch.

As Dave described and as we all physically inspected, the work done on your property is significant and the financial investment you have made in the project is substantial. We were impressed by the work and wanted you to know we are thankful for your efforts from which we benefit. The depth and breadth of your work was not lost on us, because we are in the process of doing similar work on Ranch common areas and encouraging our property owners to address these issues on their own lots.

We appreciate all you have done as both a BBR property owner and owner of other adjoining property. You have set a great example for us all to follow to keep the Ranch "fire safe".

Sincerely,

Bob Wollmuth  
Chair, BBRA

Loy Helmly  
General Manager