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Dear Members of the AMPC,

Thank you for the document, "Research Question(s) Package for the Research Topic: Literature Review for Eastern Oregon Steep Slopes," that we received on 11 July 2024. The purpose of this letter is to fulfill OAR 629-603-0200(4)(a) – responding to the AMPC within 45 days of the receipt of the research questions package.

Having read and discussed the eastern Oregon steep slopes research questions package, we have determined that the IRST (1) does not currently need any clarification of the questions, and (2) can develop an initial literature review, a preliminary description of the research project, and a preliminary budget estimate regarding how to address the research questions by 31 December 2024.

Recognizing that we are still in the beginning stages of working within the Adaptive Management Program, we will keep the AMPC Coordinator informed of our progress. Should at any time we need to reevaluate the submission deadline of the literature review and scoping proposal(s), we will give adequate notice to discuss this with the AMPC.

We look forward to working with you on this and in the long term. If you have any questions, please reach out to the IRST Housing Agency Technical Lead, Sean Gordon at Sean.Gordon@oregonstate.edu.

Sincerely, Members of the IRST