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- 1. Name(s) of the Transaction(s): Warranty Easement Deed
- 2. Direct Party (Grantor): Kuhler Dobson, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company
- 3. Indirect Party (Grantee): The United States of America, by and through the Commodity Credit Corporation
- 4. True and Actual Consideration Paid: \$182,520.00
- 5. Legal Description: See attached



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## warranty easement deed

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WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT NO. 66-0436-4-013

THIS WARRANTY EASEMENT DEED is made by and between KUHLER DOBSON, LLC., A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (hereafter referred to as the "Landowner"), Grantor(s), and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through the Commodity Credit Corporation (hereafter referred to as the "United States"), Grantee. The Landowner and the United States are jointly referred to as the "Parties".

#### Witnesseth:

<u>Purposes and Intent</u>. The purpose of this easement is to restore, protect, manage, maintain, and enhance the functional values of wetlands and other lands, and for the conservation of natural values including fish and wildlife habitat, water quality improvement, flood water retention, groundwater recharge, open space, aesthetic values, and environmental education. It is the intent of CCC to give the Landowner the opportunity to participate in the restoration and management activities on the easement area.

Authority. This easement deed acquisition is authorized by Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (16 U.S.C. §3837), for the Wetlands Reserve Program.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and Eighty two Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$182,520.00), the Grantor(s), hereby grants and conveys with general warranty of title to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and its assigns, the Grantee, in perpetuity, all rights, title and interest in the lands comprising the easement area described in Part I and appurtenant rights of access to the easement area, but reserving to the Landowner only those rights, title, and interest expressly enumerated in Part II. It is the intention of the Landowner to convey and relinquish any and all other property rights not so reserved. This easement shall constitute a servitude upon the land so encumbered; shall run with the land in perpetuity; and shall bind the Landowner, (the Grantor(s)), their heirs, successors, assigns, lessees, and any other person claiming under them.

SUBJECT, however, to all valid rights of record, if any.

<u>PART I.</u> <u>Description of the Easement Area.</u> The lands encumbered by this easement deed, referred to hereafter as the easement area, are described below:

#### **EXHIBIT A**

<u>PART II.</u> Reservations in the Landowner on the Easement Area. Subject to the rights, title, and interest conveyed by this easement deed to the United States, the Landowner reserves:

- A. <u>Title</u>. Record title, along with the Landowner's right to convey, transfer, and otherwise alienate title to these reserved rights.
- B. Quiet Enjoyment. The right of quiet enjoyment of the rights reserved on the easement area.
- C. Control of Access. The right to prevent trespass and control access by the general public.
- D. <u>Recreational Uses</u>. The right to undeveloped recreational uses, including hunting and fishing, and including leasing of such rights for economic gain, pursuant to applicable State and Federal regulations that may be in effect at the time.

E. <u>Subsurface Resources</u>. The right to oil, gas, minerals, and geothermal resources underlying the easement area, provided that any drilling or mining activities are to be located outside the boundaries of the easement area.

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<u>PART III.</u> <u>Obligations of the Landowner</u>. The Landowner shall comply with all terms and conditions of this easement, including the following:

- A. <u>Prohibitions</u>. Unless authorized as a compatible use under Part IV, it is expressly understood that the rights to the following activities and uses have been acquired by the United States and are prohibited of the Landowner on the easement area:
  - 1. haying, mowing, or seed harvesting for any reason;
  - 2. altering of grassland, woodland, wildlife habitat or other natural features by burning, digging, plowing, disking, cutting or otherwise destroying the vegetative cover;
  - 3. dumping refuse, wastes, sewage, or other debris;
  - 4. harvesting wood products;
  - draining, dredging, channeling, filling, leveling, pumping, diking, impounding, or related activities, as well as altering or tampering with water control structures or devices;
  - 6. diverting or causing or permitting the diversion of surface or underground water into, within, or out of the easement area by any means;
  - 7. building or placing buildings or structures on the easement area;
  - 8. planting or harvesting any crop; and
  - 9. grazing or allowing livestock on the easement area.
- B. <u>Noxious Plants and Pests</u>. The Landowner is responsible for noxious weed control and emergency control of pests as required by all Federal, State, and local laws. A plan to control noxious weeds and pests must be approved in writing by CCC prior to implementation by the Landowner.
- C. <u>Fences</u>. Except for establishment cost incurred by the United States and replacement cost not due to the Landowner's negligence or malfeasance, all other costs involved in maintenance of fences and similar facilities to exclude livestock shall be the responsibility of the Landowner.
- D. <u>Taxes</u>. The Landowner shall pay <u>any and all real property and other taxes and assessments</u>, if any, which may be levied against the land.
- E. <u>Reporting</u>. The Landowner shall report to CCC any conditions or events which may adversely affect the wetland, wildlife, and other natural values of the easement area.

#### PART IV. Allowance of Compatible Uses by the Landowner.

- A. <u>General</u>. The United States may authorize, in writing and subject to such terms and conditions CCC may prescribe at its discretion, the use of the easement area for compatible economic uses, including, but not limited to, managed timber harvest, periodic haying, or grazing.
- B. <u>Limitations</u>. Compatible use authorizations will only be made if such use is consistent with the long-term protection and enhancement of the wetland and other natural values of the easement area. CCC shall prescribe the amount, method, timing, intensity, and duration of the compatible use.

#### PART V. Rights of the United States. The rights of the United States include:

A. <u>Management activities</u>. The United States shall have the right to enter unto the easement area to undertake, at its own expense or on a cost-share basis with the Landowner or other

entity, any activities to restore, protect, manage, maintain, enhance, and monitor the wetland and other natural values of the easement area. The United States, at its own cost, may apply to or impound additional waters on the easement area in order to maintain or improve wetland and other natural values.

- B. Access. The United States has a right of reasonable ingress and egress to the easement area over the Landowner's property, whether or not the property is adjacent or appurtenant to the easement area, for the exercise of any of the rights of the United States under this easement deed. The authorized representatives of the United States may utilize vehicles and other reasonable modes of transportation for access purposes.
- C. <u>Easement Management</u>. The Secretary of Agriculture, by and through CCC may delegate all or part of the management, monitoring or enforcement responsibilities under this easement to any entity authorized by law that CCC determines to have the appropriate authority, expertise and resources necessary to carry out such delegated responsibilities. State or federal agencies may utilize their general statutory authorities in the administration of any delegated management, monitoring or enforcement responsibilities for this easement. The authority to modify or terminate this easement (16 U.S.C. §3837e(b)) is reserved to CCC in accordance with applicable law.
- D. <u>Violations and Remedies Enforcement</u>. The Parties agree that this easement deed may be introduced in any enforcement proceeding as the stipulation of the Parties hereto. If there is any failure of the Landowner to comply with any of the provisions of this easement deed, the United States or other delegated authority shall have any legal or equitable remedy provided by law and the right:
  - 1. To enter upon the easement area to perform necessary work for prevention of or remediation of damage to wetland or other natural values; and,
  - 2. To assess all expenses incurred by the United States (including any legal fees or attorney fees) against the Landowner, to be owed immediately to the United States.

#### PART VI. General Provisions.

- A. <u>Successors in Interest</u>. The rights granted to the United States shall accrue to any of its agents, successors, or assigns. All obligations of the Landowner under this easement deed shall also bind the Landowner's heirs, successors, agents, assigns, lessees, and any other person claiming under them. All the Landowners who are parties to this easement deed shall be jointly and severally liable for compliance with its terms.
- B. Rules of Construction and Special Provisions. All rights in the easement area not reserved by the Landowner shall be deemed acquired by the United States. Any ambiguities in this easement deed shall be construed in favor of the United States to effect the wetland and conservation purposes for which this easement deed is being acquired. The property rights of the United States acquired under this easement shall be unaffected by any subsequent amendments or repeal of the Wetlands Reserve Program. If the Landowner receives the consideration for this easement in installments, the Parties agree that the conveyance of this easement shall be totally effective upon the payment of the first installment.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, this Warranty Easement Deed is granted to the United States of America and its successors and assigns for in perpetuity. The Landowner covenants that he, she, or they are vested with good title to the easement area and will warrant and defend the same on behalf of the United States against all claims and demands. The Landowner convenants to comply with the terms and conditions enumerated in this document for the use of the easement area and adjacent lands for access, and to refrain from any activity not specifically allowed or that is inconsistent with the purposes of this easement deed.

| Dated this 17 day of March, 2005.   |  |  |  |
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| KUHLER DOBSON, LLC., A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  Landowner(s):  |  |  |  |
| Landowner(s):  Christopher M. Dobson, Managing Member   |  |  |  |
| Stephan Edward Kuhler, Managing Member  |  |  |  |
| ACKNOWLEDGMENT  |  |  |  |
| STATE OF Oregon - California  |  |  |  |
| COUNTY OF Klamath   |  |  |  |
| On this day of, 2005 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State personally appeared Christopher Dobson/Steven Kuhler known or proved to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same. |  |  |  |
| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year first above written.   |  |  |  |
| Notary Public for the State of California   |  |  |  |
| Residing at   |  |  |  |
| My Commission Expires   |  |  |  |

This instrument was drafted by the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-1400.

# CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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## EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION

In Township 39 South, Range 8 East of the Willamette Meridian, Klamath County, Oregon.

Section 27: That portion of the W1/2 of E1/2 (which includes Government Lots 3 and 5) lying South of that portion conveyed to Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. by Deed recorded May 5, 1928, Deed Volume 80, page 275, Deed Records of Klamath County, Oregon, and Government Lot 4.

Section 34: Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12

Section 35: Government Lot 1

Section 27: Beginning at a point on the center section line of Section 27, Township 39 South, Range 8 East of the Willamette Meridian, Klamath County, Oregon, which point is common with the center section line and the Southeasterly right of way boundary of the Klamath Falls-Ashland Highway (Oregon 66) and bears South a distance of 494.0 feet, more or less, from the quarter section corner common to Section 22 and 27, Township, Range and Meridian aforesaid; thence continuing South along same center section line a distance of 2661.0 feet, more or less to the Northerly right of way boundary of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company road (Volume 80, page 275, Deed Records of Klamath County, Oregon); thence North 55 degrees 21' East along same, a distance of 36.47 feet; thence North, parallel with the aforesaid center section line a distance of 2667.2 feet, more or less, to the Southeasterly right of way boundary of aforesaid Klamath Falls-Ashland Highway; thence South 48 degrees 08' West along same, a distance of 40.28 feet more or less, to the point of beginning, being a 30 foot strip of land for private road purposes.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion conveyed to the State of Oregon, by and through its Department of Transportation, Highway Division by Deed recorded May 17, 1989 in Volume M89, page 8560, Microfilm Records of Klamath County, Oregon.

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