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Douglas County Board of Commissioners  
1036 SE Douglas Ave.  
Roseburg, OR 97470

Re: Thanking Refuse and Recycling Workers in Douglas County

Dear Commissioners,

DEQ wants to thank you and your communities for your ongoing commitment to provide the essential services of garbage and recycling collection during this very difficult time. Your staff and the companies hired to provide collection, transfer and disposal services have provided uninterrupted support to your communities throughout the COVID pandemic. As Oregonians have been asked to stay home, the collection and transportation of solid waste, recycling and organic materials have allowed households and neighborhoods to avoid additional health and safety issues during these already challenging times. The hard work of transfer station and landfill workers, material process facility staff, and collectors have allowed the solid waste and recycling systems within Oregon to remain in full operation.

Please let us know if you have questions or need assistance from DEQ regarding ongoing essential services, or any future recycling and waste prevention efforts within your communities.

Please feel free to call or email Cathy Brown, the DEQ Regional Specialist for your area. Cathy can be reached at 541-687-7325 or via email [brown.cathy@deq.state.or.us](mailto:brown.cathy@deq.state.or.us).

Again, thank you for your commitment to Oregon's environment and your ongoing dedication to provide these essential services.

Many Thanks,

*Lydia Emer, Land Quality Administrator*