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Oregon Farm Bureau statement on court ruling on grazing for Hammond Ranch

SALEM, OREGON, July 17, 2019 – “While we are glad the court’s ruling allows Hammond Ranch some ability to graze this season, it falls short of reissuing the full permit, which is needed to restore proper management of the land. While nobody can restore what the Hammonds have lost to years of frivolous lawsuits, prosecutorial overreach, and bureaucratic vendetta, we are happy they can finally get back to the generations-old tradition of raising cattle in eastern Oregon. Oregon Farm Bureau remains concerned about the precedent set by this case and similar lawsuits targeting grazing; we will continue to track and participate in the case and others that unjustly target farm and ranch families and the multiple-use doctrine for public lands.”

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Oregon Farm Bureau President Sharon Waterman is an OFB Hall of Fame honoree and operates a Century Ranch raising sheep, cattle, and timber in Bandon. She is OFB’s 16th president.