BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Exempting a Personal)	
Services Contract for Forestry Services)	
Consulting from the Screening and Selection)	ORDER NO. 10-2011
Procedures of the Personal Services)	
Contracting Rule)	

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the Columbia County Personal Services Contracting Rule, adopted by Order No. 16-96, authorizes the County to exempt certain personal services contracts from the screening and selection procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule upon approval of the following findings: (a) It is unlikely that such exemption will encourage favoritism in the awarding of personal services contracts or substantially diminish competition for these contracts; and (b) the awarding of personal services contracts pursuant to the exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the County; in making such findings the Board may consider the type, cost, amount of the contract, number of persons available to bid and such other factors as the Department may deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Personal Services Contracting Rules exempt single-source personal services contracts from the screening and selection procedures of the Personal Services Contracting rule, where only a single personal services contractor is known to the County to be qualified to do the particular job or perform the particular services required, or only the single personal services contractor has reasonable access to factual, technical or statistical information necessary to perform the services required; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Parks Department desires to obtain Forest Management Consultation at Carcus Creek County Forest; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such Forest Management Consultation is necessary to implement the tree harvesting program at Carcus Creek County Forest; and

WHEREAS, Woodland Management therefore has access to factual, technical and statistical information necessary to perform the Forest Management Consultation at Carcus Creek County Forest because Woodland Management conducted the initial timber cruise in 2005 and developed the forest management plan for Carcus Creek. Accordingly, Woodland Management has particular knowledge of the plan, the timber involved, the County's property, including the facilities, utilities and features of Carcus Creek County Forest, all of which is critical and necessary to perform the required work; and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that the exemption of a personal services contract with Woodland Management will encourage favoritism in the awarding of personal services contracts or substantially diminish competition for these contracts; and

WHEREAS, the awarding of such personal services contract pursuant to the exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the County because of Woodland Management's detailed knowledge of the forest management plan and the timber and facilities involved; and

WHEREAS, Woodland Management has proposed to do the necessary work for an amount not to exceed 7% of the gross receipts from a timber sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the contract with Woodland Management to perform Forestry Services Consulting, is hereby exempted from the screening and selection procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule.

DATED this /6 day of February, 2011

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:

Anthony Hyde, Chair

Approved as to form

By: Office of County Counsel

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner