4 IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT NEW 4-H, EXTENSION, & AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE DISTRICT

Umatilla and Morrow County Extension
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1. **New Service District Means a Stronger 4-H Program:** A new Extension Service District in Umatilla and Morrow Counties will further enhance the 4-H Youth Development program which currently helps thousands of youth through clubs, after-schools activities and events to be successful in school, and to prepare them for future science, technology, and engineering careers all while developing life skills.

2. **Promoting Healthy Diet and Healthy Lifestyles:** Extension programs promote and support good nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices for thousands of youth and adults in Umatilla and Morrow counties through nutritional education and Master Gardeners.

3. **Billion Dollar Regional Ag Industry will Benefit:** Thousands of residents and families throughout Umatilla and Morrow Counties regularly use Extension and Research services to support and build the regional agricultural economy. Last year alone, the gross sales of agricultural products produced in the region had a value of over a billion dollars. Agriculture production and food manufacturing represent 17,607 jobs, or about 37% of the regional work force.

4. **More for Our Money:** For every local dollar invested, Umatilla and Morrow County Extension brings an additional $5 from state, federal grants and contracts to the counties. Let us support the proven performers!

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**What will the new Service District for 4-H, Extension, and Ag Research Cost?**

The measure institutes a $0.33 per thousand property assessment. For example, a home assessed at $125,000 would cost the homeowner approximately $41 per year.

**When is the Election?**

The election is May 15th, 2018

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**A Brief History on Umatilla and Morrow County Extension Programs**

For 100 plus years, Oregon State University has partnered with Umatilla County to provide extension (107 years) and research services (108 years). This work contributes to resident’s ability to remain competitive in a global economy and live healthy lives. The Mission of Extension, Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center and Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center is to deliver objective, research-based scientific information to support irrigated and dryland farmers, ranchers, families, youth, gardeners, and woodland owners.

In Morrow County, Extension has operated for more than 100 years with a focus on agriculture and families. In addition to research and other support services, Extension operates 4-H programs aimed at engaging and educating young people including families. Extension also works to provide nutrition and health information to students, parents, schools and healthcare providers throughout the two county area.