

SECTION 3.910 DIVISION 7 - NATURAL AREAS OVERLAY

- A. Purpose: This overlay district is intended to pre-empt conflicting use in areas identified in the Wasco County Comprehensive Plan as containing significant natural value. The overlay is designed to protect the identified natural value by allowing only uses which will not permanently destroy the natural value. This overlay applies to all natural areas identified in the Wasco County Comprehensive Plan and to the Wasco County portions of the Deschutes, and John Day, and White Rivers designated as Wild & Scenic Rivers Areas as defined and protected in ORS 390.805 & 390.825 or USFC & CFR.
- B. Permitted Uses: Uses allowed in the underlying zone shall be subject to the conditional use review permit pursuant to Section 2.060(A) of this Ordinance.
- C. Approval Standards: In the evaluation of any use subject to the Natural Area Overlay, finding shall be required demonstrating that the designated natural value will not be damaged by the use or activity. If a proposed use or activity would result in the permanent destruction of natural value, then the request shall be denied.