

Oregon requires coronavirus vaccines for farmed mink

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SALEM — Oregon’s campaign to vaccinate the public against COVID-19 is extending to the animal kingdom.

The state Department of Agriculture has filed an emergency temporary rule requiring coronavirus vaccines for as many as 212,700 farmed mink to reduce the risk of new infections, virus mutations and possible animal-to-human transmission, the agency announced May 28.

Mink farmers have until Aug. 31 to vaccinate their current animals. Any mink born or imported after that date must be vaccinated within 120 days of birth, or within 60 days of being brought into Oregon.

Farms must also agree to participate in additional surveillance testing per ODA and USDA guidelines.

“ODA is taking the necessary precautions to reduce the risk of infection in captive mink, as well as reduce the risk of potential mutation



The Oregon Department of Agriculture has filed an emergency temporary rule requiring Oregon mink operators to vaccinate all captive mink against SARS-CoV-2.

of the virus and the potential for virus transmission back to humans,” said Ryan Scholz, the state veterinarian. “It is critical that owner-operators vaccinate their mink against the virus.”

Surveillance testing will provide assurance the vaccine is effective, and infections are not occurring on farms, Scholz added.

The rule comes after one mink farm in Oregon was placed under quarantine for more than two months between late November and early February after multiple animals tested positive

for the virus. Scholz said the mink had likely contracted the virus from workers at the farm.

ODA did not identify the farm for security reasons. The positive tests prompted concern about the possibility of a “viral reservoir” among captive mink spilling into the wild and infecting related species like river otters, fishers and martens.

After two consecutive rounds of follow-up testing at the farm revealed no new cases, the quarantine was lifted on Feb. 11.

The approved vaccine

for minks was developed by Zoetis, the world’s largest producer of medicine and vaccinations for pets and livestock. The company, based in New Jersey, worked with Fur Commission USA, which represents mink farmers, on clinical testing for the vaccine last year.

Michael Whelan, executive director of the commission, said mink farmers were already working toward vaccinating their animals even before the Oregon rule was announced.

“We see the importance

of keeping the mink healthy, keeping the workers healthy and keeping the public healthy,” Whelan said.

Farmers will bear the expense of vaccinating their own animals, Whelan said. Like the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine for humans, the Zoetis vaccine for minks requires two rounds of shots. The cost works out to about 77 cents per mink.

ODA spokeswoman Andrea Cantu-Schomus said Oregon has a maximum permitted capacity of 212,700 animals at registered mink farms, though the actual count is likely lower.

Fur Commission USA is assisting in the distribution of vaccines to veterinarians. The first phase of vaccinations in Oregon will likely begin this week, Whelan said.

In addition, Whelan said the USDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are in the process of developing national protocols that will likely require vaccinating all mink nationwide. As of 2018, the U.S. had 245 mink farms in 22 states that produced 3.1 million pelts, according to the commission.

“Oregon was quicker to make an emergency rule because of the outbreak, but all mink in the country will be vaccinated before the end of July,” Whelan said.

As of December 2020, eight countries have reported

cases of SARS-CoV-2 in farmed mink, including the U.S. Perhaps the most serious outbreak was in Denmark, where authorities ordered the entire farmed mink population of up to 17 million animals slaughtered.

Denmark also banned mink farming and breeding until at least 2022 after discovering a new strain of the virus that can be passed to humans, called the Cluster 5 strain.

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states there is no evidence that mink play a significant role in spreading the coronavirus to humans, cases have been reported previously in the Netherlands, Denmark, and Poland.

Mink from a farm in Michigan and a small number of people were also infected with a mutated strain of the coronavirus, suggesting animal-to-human spread could possibly have happened in the U.S. Public health officials, however, say they would need more information to conclusively make that determination.

Those animals have since tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 twice, and the infected people have since recovered, the CDC reports.

Earlier this year, Oregon Sen. Floyd Prozanski, a Democrat representing parts of Douglas and Lane counties, sponsored a bill that would ban mink farms in Oregon. A hearing for Senate Bill 832 was held in April, but it failed to pass out of committee.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In re Chapter 11
EASTERDAY RANCHES, INC., et al. Lead Case No. 21-00141-11
Jointly Administered
Debtors.¹

**NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY BY AUCTION,
SALE OBJECTION DEADLINE, AND SALE HEARING**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF EASTERDAY RANCHES, INC. (“RANCHES”); EASTERDAY FARMS (“FARMS”); CODY EASTERDAY AND DEBBY EASTERDAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, KAREN EASTERDAY, IN HER INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AND AS THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF GALE EASTERDAY² (COLLECTIVELY, THE “EASTERDAYS”).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING MATTERS THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS:

On February 1, 2021, and February 8, 2021, respectively, Ranches and Farms (together, the “Debtors”), commenced chapter 11 bankruptcy cases (the “Bankruptcy Cases”) in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington (the “Bankruptcy Court”).

The Debtors operate commercial farms and ranches that utilize multiple farms, feedlots, ranches, and other facilities that are commonly referred to as Nine Canyon Farm, Goose Gap Farm, River Farm, Cox Farm, Farm Manager House, and Storage Complex (the “Property”). The Property is owned in part by the Debtors (the “Debtor Property”) and in part by the Easterdays (the “Easterday Property”).

To maximize the value of the Property, the Debtors and the Easterdays determined that the Property should be marketed for sale together. Accordingly, on March 26, 2021, the Debtors filed two motions with the Bankruptcy Court: (i) a motion to approve a cooperation agreement (the “Cooperation Agreement”) between the Debtors and the Easterdays (together, the “Sellers”) and (ii) a motion (x) establishing a process to sell the Property and (y) to approve the sale of the Property at the conclusion of such process (the “Sale Motion”).

On April 28, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order (the “Cooperation Agreement Order”) approving the Cooperation Agreement between and among the Debtors and the Easterdays. On April 29, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Bidding Procedures Order which, among other things, (i) approved procedures for submitting offers and bidding at an auction for the Property (“Bidding Procedures”), (ii) approved procedures for the assumption and assignment of certain executory contracts and unexpired leases, (iii) scheduled a hearing on the sale, and (iv) granted related relief.

On May 19, 2021, the Sellers, entered into a purchase and sale agreement (the “Stalking Horse APA”) with Farmland Reserve, Inc. (“FRI”) or the “Stalking Horse Bidder”), pursuant to which, and subject to higher and better offers in accordance with the Bidding Procedures:

(i) the Debtors shall acquire the Easterday Property, upon which transfer all of the Easterday Property shall constitute property of the Debtors’ bankruptcy estates in the Bankruptcy Cases and for which the Easterdays shall receive, subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court, an allocable interest in the Net Sale Proceeds, as such term is defined in the Cooperation Agreement;

(ii) the Debtors shall sell, assign, transfer, convey and deliver to FRI, and FRI shall acquire and accept from Debtors, free and clear of all Claims, Rights, and Encumbrances (as defined in the proposed Sale Order attached to the Stalking Horse APA), all of the Debtors’ rights, title and interest in and to the Property; and

(iii) FRI shall pay \$188,000,000 plus any transfer taxes or the like “Purchase Price” for the Property (i) through (iii), the “Sale”).

Also on May 19, 2021, the Debtors supplemented the Sale Motion with their motion to designate FRI as the Stalking Horse Bidder, approve the bid protections in the Stalking Horse APA, and supplement the relief requested by the Debtors in the Sale Motion to include authorization for the Debtors to acquire all rights, title and interest in and to the Easterday Property for the purpose of including the Easterday Property in the Sale, pursuant to the Stalking Horse APA (“Supplemental Bidding Procedures Motion”).

On May 28, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order granting the Supplemental Bidding Procedures Motion, pursuant to which the Bankruptcy Court (i) approved the Stalking Horse APA as the Stalking Horse Bid and FRI as the Stalking Horse Bidder, (ii) authorized the Debtors to enter into and perform under the Stalking Horse APA, subject to higher or otherwise better offers by other qualified bidders, and (iii) approved the Debtors’ request to supplement the relief requested by the Debtors in the Sale Motion to include authorization for the Debtors to acquire all rights, title and interest in and to the Easterday Property for the purpose of consummating the Sale with the Stalking Horse Bidder, subject to higher or otherwise better offers by other qualified bidders at an auction (the “Auction”) to be held on **June 14, 2021, commencing at 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)** (“Supplemental Bidding Procedures Order”).

THE BANKRUPTCY COURT HAS CURRENTLY SET JUNE 30, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M. (PACIFIC TIME) AS THE DEADLINE FOR ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE SALE (THE “SALE OBJECTION DEADLINE”).

All objections to the Sale and related relief must: (a) be in writing; (b) be signed by counsel or attested to by the objecting party; (c) conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court (“Local Rules”); (d) be filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, 402 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, WA 98901 by no later than the Sale Objection Deadline; and (e) be served in accordance with the Local Rules so as to be received on or before the Objection Deadline by the following: (i) counsel to the Debtors: (a) Bush Kornfeld LLP, 601 Union Suite, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101, Attention: Armand J. Kornfeld (jkornfeld@bskd.com) and Thomas A. Buford (tbuford@bskd.com); and (b) Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, LLP, 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, 13th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90067, Attention: Richard M. Pachulski (rpachulski@pszjlaw.com), Ira D. Kharasch (ikharasch@pszjlaw.com), Jeffrey W. Dulberg (jdulberg@pszjlaw.com) and Jason H. Rosell (jrosell@pszjlaw.com); (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Washington, 920 W Riverside Ave, Suite 593, Spokane, WA 99201, Attn: Gary W. Dyer (Gary.W.Dyer@usdoj.gov); (iii) counsel to the Stalking Horse Bidder, Stoel Rives LLP, 600 University Street, Suite 3600, Seattle, WA 98101, Attention: Oren B. Haker (oren.haker@stoel.com) and Ellen E. Ostrow (ellen.ostrow@stoel.com); and (iv) those parties who have filed notices of appearance and/or requested service of all motions and pleadings in these Chapter 11 Cases prior to the date of service thereof.

THE SALE SHALL BE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, ENCUMBRANCES OR OTHER INTERESTS UNDER SECTION 363 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. THE ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN OF THE SELLERS’ CONTRACTS AND LEASES MAY BE APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT ABSENT A TIMELY OBJECTION BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY CLAIMING AN INTEREST OR RIGHT IN SUCH CONTRACT OR LEASE. THE FAILURE OF ANY PERSON OR ENTITY TO FILE AND SERVE AN OBJECTION ON OR BEFORE THE SALE OBJECTION DEADLINE MAY BE DEEMED CONSENT TO ANY SALE OR ASSIGNMENT APPROVED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT AND MAY BE A BAR TO THE ASSERTION OF ANY LIENS, CLAIMS, RIGHTS, ENCUMBRANCES OR OTHER INTERESTS IN THE PROPERTY SOLD, ASSIGNED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED TO THE STALKING HORSE BIDDER OR THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S), AND MAY BE A BAR TO ANY RECOVERY AGAINST THE STALKING HORSE BIDDER OR OTHER SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S).

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR OF THE SELLERS OR A CONTRACT OR LEASE COUNTERPARTY TO ANY OF THE SELLERS, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO THE STALKING HORSE BIDDER OR OTHER SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S). You should review the documents related to the Sale and discuss them with your attorney. If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one. Sale documents, including the Stalking Horse APA, Sale Motion, Bidding Procedures Order, Supplemental Bidding Procedures Order, and proposed sale order, can be obtained through the Bankruptcy Court or by requesting copies from the Debtors’ bankruptcy counsel by email to Jason Rosell (email: jrosell@pszjlaw.com). **If you do not want the Bankruptcy Court to approve the Sale, you must file an objection with the Bankruptcy Court by the Sale Objection Deadline as set forth above.**

A hearing to confirm the results of the Auction and approve the sale of the Property (the “Sale Hearing”) will be held before the Honorable Whitman Holt, United States Bankruptcy Judge, on **July 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. (PT)**, or at such other time as the Bankruptcy Court permits, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington, 402 E. Yakima Avenue, Second Floor Courtroom, Yakima, WA 98901. Parties may appear at the Sale Hearing by telephone. To make a telephonic appearance, parties must call 877-402-9757; code 7036041. The Debtors may adjourn or reschedule the Sale Hearing one or more times with prior notice filed on the docket in the Bankruptcy Cases or without prior notice by making an announcement at the Sale Hearing.

Dates set forth in this notice are subject to change, and further notice of such changes may not be provided except through announcements in open court and/or the filing of notices in the Bankruptcy Cases. Interested persons or entities are encouraged to monitor the electronic court docket for further updates.

1 The Debtors along with their case numbers are as follows: Easterday Ranches, Inc. (21-00141) and Easterday Farms, a Washington general partnership (21-00176).
2 The administration of the Estate of Gale Easterday is currently pending in Franklin County Superior Court, Case No. 21-450004-11. 5247835-1

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PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87
Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 06/14/2021. The sale will be held at 10:00am by
COPART OF WASHINGTON INC
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2014 RAM 350 CW
VIN = 3C63R3LL1EG171585
Amount due on lien \$1,535.00
Reputed owner(s)
KURT & MICHELLE UNDERWOOD
US BANK NA

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COPART OF WASHINGTON INC
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2018 KIA SORENTO UT
VIN = 5YXPHDA55JG394213
Amount due on lien \$1,435.00
Reputed owner(s)
RAYMOND L CROCKER
KIA MOTORS FINANCE CO

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COPART OF WASHINGTON INC
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2019 CARRY UT
VIN = 4YMB1427KR000722
Amount due on lien \$1395.00
Reputed owner(s) RICHEY BYRD
SHEFFIELD FINANCIAL DIV TRST BANK

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COPART OF WASHINGTON INC
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2015 TOYOTA RAV 4 UT
VIN = 2T3DFREV7FW321000
Amount due on lien \$1395.00
Reputed owner(s)
NINA W & THOMAS J
CHURCH-ADAMS
FIFTH THIRD BANK NATL ASSOC

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COPART OF WASHINGTON INC
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2015 MERZ C300 4DR
VIN = 55SWF4K86F008952
Amount due on lien \$1,455.00
Reputed owner(s)
KRISTYN WYNGARDEN &
MICHAEL OYARZUN
SANTANDER CONSUMER USA

**PUBLIC LIEN SALE
U-STORE SELF STORAGE
Auction Starts June 15, 2021
storageauctions.com
Ends Friday, June 25, 2021, 10am**

**1st - 1668 Industrial Way SW
Albany, Oregon**
Dobson Katherine, Y013; Michelle Kimble, H094; Grace Moller, G002; Jordan Young, J001
**2nd - 1501 Hawthorne Ave NE
Salem, Oregon**
Lucy Briseno, 2D61; Jessica Jordyn Gregory, 2D69; Felipe Jimenez, 2D42; Joshua Kouches, 2A73; Larry R Lewis, 2B11; Casey Moore, 1D37; Kimberly Munz, Y217; Melissa Taylor, 1C01; Roger Tudela, 1C21; Phyllis Woodard, RD03

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2015 HONDA CRV UT
VIN = 2HKRM4H71FH672357
Amount due on lien \$1,535.00
Reputed owner(s)
JEFFREY SCOTT REIMAN

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2012 TOYOTA CAMRY 4DR
VIN = 4T1BF1FK2CU066385
Amount due on lien \$1,435.00
Reputed owner(s)
TERRA LINDA ELILAS FLORES
OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION

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COPART OF WASHINGTON INC
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2019 JEEP RENEGADE UT
VIN = ZACNJBAB6KPJ91304
Amount due on lien \$1415.00
Reputed owner(s) MADELINE SERENA KAY

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PENNY G. NEAL, deceased.
Case No.: 21PB01747

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney at: 319 Sixth Street SW, Albany, OR 97321 within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be effected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative.
DATED and first published June 11th, 2021

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