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TO: Oregon Newspaper Publishers

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SUBJECT: Oregon Newspaper Program (ONP) Update, License Agreement and PDF Submission Instructions

Thank you to those of you who supplied us with PDF files for our spring pilot project. During this time, we have assessed several workflow possibilities, staff time, storage costs, and adapted our newspaper viewer software to accommodate born digital newspaper PDFs. The associated cost estimates for archiving digital copies of current Oregon newspapers for public accessibility indicate that for the next year, we will have the capacity to host and provide online access to all of the Oregon newspapers that we have been microfilming to date, within the current subsidy that UO Libraries has been providing for microfilming Oregon newspapers. After we have a full year of content, we will re-assess to gauge the accuracy of our estimates and any improvements needed for the workflow.

We have already received signed license agreements and PDFs for 2015 newspaper issues from a handful of publishers. We are now asking for participation from the remaining publishers in Oregon. At this time, any publisher who submits a signed license agreement to us and provides PDF uploads of each issue for 2015 to our Google Drive, will be included in the digital collection at Historic Oregon Newspapers online (http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu).

In order for your newspaper to be included in the online collection, please complete, sign, and return the attached license agreement to dsc@uoregon.edu no later than September 30, 2015. We will continue to use Google Drive for PDF submissions during 2015. Please see below for step by step instructions to start sending us your PDFs. We are accepting all Oregon newspaper issues published in 2015. Please note that we must have a signed license agreement before we can archive any newspaper content.

We are excited about this news and hope that you are too, as we embark on a new stage of archiving Oregon newspaper content for the public and history!

Please send any questions to dsc@uoregon.edu.

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