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To Oregonians and Southwest Washingtonians,

The local American Red Cross is excited to support the Great Oregon and the Great Washington ShakeOuts on October 20, 2016. The Red Cross is committed to helping individuals prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and create more resilient communities.

Earthquakes strike suddenly and without warning. Practicing earthquake safety is particularly important in the Pacific Northwest where residents live along the Cascadia Subduction Zone—the 600-mile long fault stretching from British Columbia to California. The Great ShakeOut educates our community on how to protect themselves during an earthquake. The simple steps of “drop, cover, and hold on” can save lives.

The Red Cross Cascades Region will be holding an earthquake preparedness and education presentation, Prepare Out Loud, on October 20, 2016 in conjunction with the Great ShakeOut, where attendees will participate in the drill by dropping, covering and holding. Additionally, we have encouraged our volunteer network, which represents thousands of individuals throughout the region, to participate in this exercise.

The Red Cross encourages individuals and families to take steps to make a plan, build a kit and be informed. To access more information on how to prepare for an earthquake, visit redcross.org/PrepareOutLoud. To learn more about our local Red Cross in the Cascades Region, visit redcross.org/Cascades.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Shlossman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amy Shlossman
Chief Executive Officer
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American Red Cross