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The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) is pleased to support the Great Oregon ShakeOut.

Earthquakes are a reality in Oregon. From the active faults that could shake our cities to the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake that will rock the entire Pacific Northwest, earthquakes are a natural hazard that Oregonians must prepare for.

When earthquakes will happen cannot be predicted – so preparing NOW is critical. On October 20 at 10:20 a.m., DOGAMI staff will join hundreds of thousands of Oregonians in practicing "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" during the 2016 Great Oregon ShakeOut. Practicing this simple, critical action helps people protect themselves during an earthquake.

DOGAMI encourages all Oregonians to participate in the Great Oregon ShakeOut this year and every year as an important part of their earthquake preparedness.

Sincerely,

Brad Avy

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