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To: Coffin Butte Landfill Appeals

Subject: WEB FORM SUBMISSION - LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Testimony

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Written Testimony:

I have lived in this community for 40 years this coming December. I strongly oppose this appeal to expand Coffin Butte Landfill. History of Republic Services "Conditions of Approval" have never been enforced. This was a finding in the Benton County Talks Trash final report. How can you possibly approve this application when new "conditions" imposed to make the dump expansion "compatible" with surrounding land uses will most certainly not be complied with because there is no enforcement? This is a clear violation of both BCC 53.215 (1) and (2).

I am an avid birder and, in the past, EE Wilson Wildlife Area has been a wonderful and productive birding site for myself and many others over these many years. However, the increased traffic, noise, odor and overpopulation of scavenger birds resulting from the Coffin Butte Landfill have resulted in degradation of the habitat and made it very unpleasant in recent years to go birding there. Expansion of the landfill would only exacerbate those issues. Ravens, gulls and eagles not only scavange at the dump, they also predate on many bird species that nest at E.E. Wilson and surrounding areas. Expansion of the landfill would only increase pressure on those species that have increasingly become prey species. This clearly interferes with uses of nearby properties and the character of the area BBC 53.215 (1) and violates the Benton County Comprehensive Plan policies 5.1.2, 5.2.1 and 5.7.4.

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