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To Benton County Board of Commissioners
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My opposition to the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill:

The residents of the Soap Creek Valley near Corvallis have a treasure, and we know it, and we are fighting to protect it.

Several of the members of the Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council which met in 2021 seemed to think that we are all hicks who live in the sticks and are not particularly bright. (Jay Simpkins referred to us as "Fred Farkel" types, otherwise known as very stupid.)

They also thought we were being selfish and unreasonable. More than once I heard such comments as, "They knew when they moved there that there was a landfill." Yes, we knew there was a landfill, but we didn't think it might become a creeping monster.

We are not trying to close the landfill. We are trying to protect the treasure we have from the landfill expansion's threatening to lap at the edges of our lovely place.

If landfills are so very expensive to build and operate, what makes you think the proposed expansion will satisfy this monster? Perhaps in the future it will be cheaper to just have the county take surrounding private properties and keep expanding. And expanding. And --"burp"!

Yes, we are selfish. If you had a treasure, would you let the bullies at school divvy it up amongst themselves just to be "fair"? If you had a lovely garment, would you let someone wash the car with it just because cars need washing? If you had a fresh and beautiful place to live, would you let others sully it because "we all make trash" and "the trash needs to go somewhere" ?

This is not "somewhere". This is a local treasure. You should help us protect it.

Supporting Documentation: photos of Tampico Road, and pasture along Soap Creek Road, Sept. 2025



