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To: <u>Coffin Butte Landfill Appeals</u>

Subject: Uphold Planning Commission Denial of LU-24-027

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Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd, My name is Mark W. Baldwin and I live at 1700 NW Hawthorn Place, Corvallis, OR 97330.

I strongly oppose this expansion. Please uphold the Planning Commission Denial of LU-24-027.

E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area has been a delightful and productive birding site for myself and many others for decades. However, the increased traffic, noise, odors, overpopulation of scavenger birds resulting from the Coffin Butte Landfill have resulted in degradation of the habitat and made it much less pleasant over the last several years. Expansion of the landfill would only exacerbate those issues. Ravens, starlings and eagles not only scavenge at the dump, they also predate on many of the other birds nesting and raising their young at E.E. Wilson and surrounding areas. An expansion of the landfill would only increase pressures on those species that have increasingly become prey species.

This clearly interferes with uses of nearby property and character of the area BCC 53.215 (1) and Benton County Comprehensive Plan policies 5.1.2, 5.2.1, and 5.7.4. Sincerely,

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