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Benton County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my objection to the expansion of Coffin Butte. I am currently a member of DSAC, but am presenting my views as a resident of Benton County for the last 40 years.

Coffin Butte was never intended to be a regional landfill and most of the neighbors that live in proximity to the landfill have done so long before it became one. The smells, dust, noise, and litter that they are exposed to is unhealthy and environmentally disastrous.

The methane and leachate that are released from the landfill are dangerous and toxic. The last thing we need to do is increase the size of the landfill and the tonnage of garbage that is put in it.

We should be looking at alternative sites such as Columbia Ridge landfill in Gilliam County starting in 2040. We should also be looking at creative ways to keep more food waste and other potential recyclables out of the landfill.

If Benton County truly wants to be a sustainable community that prioritizes the health of all its citizens, then denial of the Coffin Butte expansion is a must.

Thank you,
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