

LU-24-027 IN-PERSON TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL COVER SHEET

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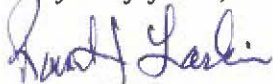
This letter is in opposition to the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill. Since and as a result of the Planning Commission action, it has become obvious that this proposed expansion has leachate and ground water impacts that are in violation of 53.215 Criteria that requires that the proposed use does not seriously interfere with uses on adjacent property, with the character of the area.

The present level of contamination already is in violation of that criteria, so to expand the area of use is to make this worse. Measured levels of contamination and lack of adequate measurements of ground water are and will impact, not only adjacent, but beyond adjacent properties. This is a very serious problem for Benton County and shouts out, "Do not expand Coffin Butte."

The need to not approve the landfill is easily seen from what is known about ground water, today. Beyond that is the unknown nature of this issue. If it turns out that the membranes have failed, as we are told they will, and some soup of bad chemicals is contaminating the ground water, this could be a Super-Fund site. We don't want that worry now and we don't want to leave this hazard for the future residents of the County.

Please uphold the unanimous Planning Commission ruling and deny this application.

Very truly yours,



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