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

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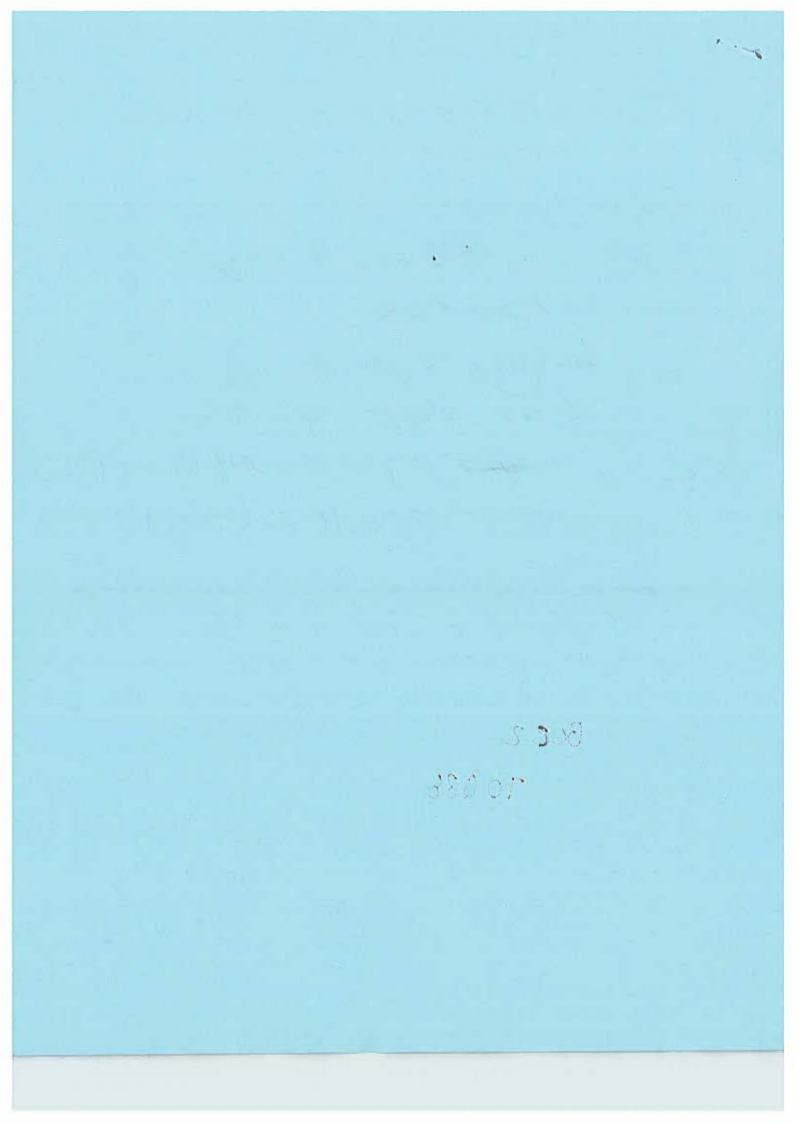
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Benton county is a gem. I've lived here most of the time since 1970, and at every career turn chose to live here largely because the quality of life is outstanding.

While in medical practice, I found the outstanding environment here to be an important draw in recruiting and retaining high quality medical staff.

When I first moved here in 1970, the Coffin Butte landfill was a minor landmark along the road. Now it is alarming to see and smell this vast and growing mountain of waste.

As an oncologist, it is hard not to see this as a rapidly growing toxic mass in our beautiful county.

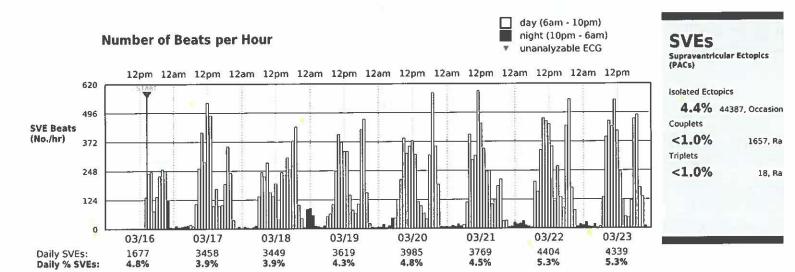
The high annual rainfall here leaches out a witch's brew of toxic chemicals and metals from the landfill, and much of the leachate finds its way into our groundwater and rivers. Many known carcinogens have been found in landfill leachates.

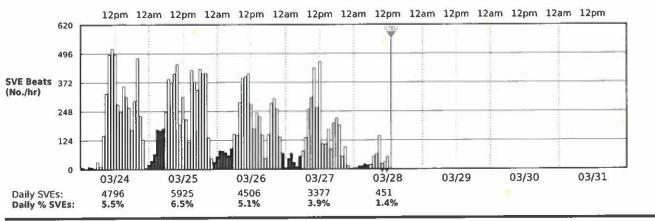
The noxious mix of methane, hydrogen sulfide, and volatile organic compounds coming from Coffin Butte brings many complaints from nearby residents.

These hazards will last far into the future, long after the landfill has been closed. Costs of long term liability and remediation may fall on local citizens and government.

There is an old fable about a bird who found a man who would trade a it worm for one of its feathers each day, until it had no feathers left to trade, and lost its core ability to thrive.

The outstanding quality of life we enjoy in Benton County is the key to our future. To compromise this foundation for some increased revenue by allowing landfill expansion here would be short-sighted. Please don't trade away the quality environment that makes our County such a gem.





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