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Subject: WEB FORM SUBMISSION - LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Testimony
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Subject of Testimony: Affirm Denial of LU-24-027 by Planning Commission

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Written Testimony:

I came to Corvallis in 1971 and joined a small group of undergrad and grad students. In collaboration with Corvallis Eco-Alliance Recycling we initiated newspaper, glass and metal recycling on campus. 54 years ago as student-volunteers we were able to do more to reduce landfill-bound trash than it seems capable of the full weight of Benton County to have done in the past 40! Commissioners should stop relying on expensive out-of-state consultants and corporations that produce little towards progress (BCTT, SMMP, Republic Services), and once again start relying on the fantastic talents and expertise of its residents. We have time and talent enough if we start tackling our solid waste problem NOW. County staff and leadership must stop taking the easy path of looking the other way for too long when land use non-compliance takes place (i.e. non-enforcement), and learn how to assist its own community to build a more livable future. Begin by providing a public platform, perhaps under the disbanded Solid Waste Advisory Council.

Monitoring is essential if we are to learn anything. It must be funded, not whittled away in discretionary funding. Otherwise we are stealing from our children's future. Please reread Kiko Denzer's submission—these and many more things can be done.

I urge you affirm the CUP denial by your dedicated Planning Commission, and reject LU-24-027.

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