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I write to give my public comment on LU-24-027, the application to expand the landfill in Benton County. I strongly oppose this application and urge the planning commission to deny it.

I am a nearby resident of the existing landfill, and have seen over the last couple of years an increase in truck traffic, an increase in trash blown off trucks littering highway 99 and Camp Adair Rd and continued strong and persistent odors from methane emissions. All this is with the existing landfill space and a tonnage cap on the amount being dumped there. This traffic, increased trash along the roadsides and the air and ground pollutants inherent in landfill operations, in my opinion, significantly disrupt the use and enjoyment of the area surrounding the landfill. The E.E. Wilson natural area, which abuts the existing landfill, is an area which should be full of birds, other animals and plant life, and enjoyed by Benton County and surrounding residents and visitors. But it is often unusable due to methane odors, and the noise and trash off the roadway can't be positive for the animal life there.

Allowing the landfill to expand south of Coffin Butte Road will increase the damage to the area and environment, not mitigate it.

Our Benton County Comprehensive Plan has, among other goals, "to maintain and improve the quality of the air, water and land resources..." This application goes directly against these goals.

I urge the Planning Commission to use the discretion assigned to and expected from them by the establishing laws and code to protect our air, water, and the future of Benton County by rejecting application LU-24-027 entirely. There are no reasonable conditions of use which could be added to this application which adequately protect the people and natural resources of Benton County from the consequences of increasing the landfill size as proposed.

Thank you,

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