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Subject of Testimony: CUP for coffin butte expansion

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Written Testimony:

I live about 2.5 miles south of the landfill. I have lived here over 30 years. The smell and noise from the landfill have increasingly become worse. The environmental impact to this area must also be getting worse. Because we get so much rain, I also worry about the leaking of waste into the ground, both from the landfill and from the increased garbage truck traffic.

The water run off eventually makes its way to the Willamette river which affects drinking water for a growing population. This creates health problems as does the methane gas wafting through the air.

The number of people living around me has more than doubled in the last 10 years and I'm sure the entire NW portion of Benton County has had a large population increase. This means many more people are affected by the detrimental effects of the landfill. An expansion will only create more problems for increasing numbers of people.

Since almost half of the material put into the landfill is recyclable, more effort should be spent recycling rather than expanding the waste area. If I read the chart on your website correctly, some of the curbside recyclables go into the landfill. Certainly this material can be recycled properly rather than expanding the waste area.

I urge you to decline the expansion requested in this Conditional Use Permit. For the sake of many Benton County residents, please vote NO.

Thank you.

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