From: Community Development, Benton County, Oregon

To: Benton Public Comment

Subject: LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Feedback

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Subject of Testimony: Opposition to any further expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill

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Written Testimony:

I assert that Application LU-24-027 does not conform to Benton County Comprehensive Plan policies 5.1.2, 5.2.1, 5.7.4, and 5.9.4 and directly violates Benton County Code 53.215(1) and 53.215(2).

This expansion will cause further destruction to the environment and wildlife habitat in northern Benton County. The landfill encourages large flocks of predatory species which drive out smaller song birds in the area. A Great Blue Heron rookery located across from the landfill entrance has been abandoned likely due to landfill operations. E.E. Wilson Wildlife Preserve, located across Hwy 99 from the landfill may be affected by the further expansion as well. The toxic leachates and methane releases are highly deleterious to the local homeowners and to wildlife – this is unacceptable.

I strongly oppose the landfill expansion and beseech you to stop this. Thanks for your attention.

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