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Attached is my objection to the Coffin Butte landfill expansion.

Sincerely,

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RE. **LU-24-027**, the application to expand the landfill.

I strongly oppose the land fill expansion over concerns of how expansion will change the amount of heavy truck traffic on roads leading to the landfill from I-5 as well as on 99W. If the expansion is approved it is giving Valley Landfills/Republic Services carte blanche to haul as much material into the landfill as they like. Only a small portion of that material comes from Benton or Linn Counties which means large amounts of rubbish will be hauled to Coffin Butte from as far away as The State of Washington. Since the landfill is not adjacent to I-5 there will inevitably be more traffic passing through Albany and Corvallis as well as coming down 99W from the North. The roads are not adequate to handle increased large truck traffic and there is also the increased possibility that trucks carrying trash and possibly toxic material like ash will be involved in accidents dumping their loads on the roads and watersheds of the valley. This is a violation of BCC 53.215 (2): The proposed use does not impose an undue burden on any public improvements, facilities, utilities or services available to the area*

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