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Subject of Testimony: Potential Expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill

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Written Testimony:

The environmental effects of expanding the landfill have been well documented – impacts of the landfill operation on air, groundwater, surface water, land, wildlife, and roads. I personally spend at least 15 days a year at E.E. Wilson Wildlife area hunting (with dog), fishing, and birdwatching. I also hike multiple times per week in the MacDonald – Dunn Forest. So yes, this is a personal and backyard issue for me.

The expansion should be denied and waste acceptance must be restricted to adjacent counties to allow existing capacity to last as designed for another 30 years. Greater Portland area waste never was and never should be allowed in OUR regional landfill. The facility at Arlington in eastern Oregon was specifically developed to accept the waste (by rail) from the greater Portland metro area. Republic Services decided to increase their profits at their convenience and our expense by shipping Portland area waste to our site.

We, Benton County residents, will pay far more in out of pocket dollars and environmental costs should the landfill either be expanded or allowed to fill to current capacity by Portland area waste in the next few years.

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