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Benton County Planning Commission - re **LU-24-027**

Hello Commissioners-

I am strongly opposed to any expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill.

I have lived in Benton County for more than 50 years and appreciate the quality of life that derives from our natural environment and the commitment of its inhabitants to maintaining a healthy sustainable community.

The landfill is, and will continue to be, a toxic waste site. For generations this site will be producing and leaking climate changing methane gas, odors that affect neighbors and travelers, and leachate that contaminates ground water and the Willamette River.

Good management practices could reduce, but not eliminate, the adverse effects of the landfill on our community. The history of management at Coffin Butte landfill has not indicated compliance with best practices. Even if contractual obligations are met, maintenance would not be guaranteed for the decades and centuries that the landfill will be leaking toxic and noxious materials.

Ultimately, Benton County, and the region which depends on Coffin Butte landfill, need to develop waste management plans that do not include land-filling. Alternatives may be difficult and expensive, but they will be cheaper than the growing environmental costs of continuing the current landfill practices.

Expansion of Coffin Butte would allow the region to avoid and delay the development of waste management plans that are consistent with long-term sustainability. Please do not allow this expansion, which would delay appropriate planning for a sustainable human future.

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