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Subject: FW: For I Don't Know : "Planning Commission Application LU-24-027"
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Sincerely,

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From: Vicki Lynne Druliner <tvrowland1@msn.com>
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Message Body:

I strongly OPPOSE the approval of LU-24-027 expanding the Coffin Butte Landfill. I have been a Benton Co. resident for 52 years and lived in the Soap Creek Valley 36 years. Approval of the proposed expansion would violate BCC 53.215(1) and BCC 53.215(2) as well as conflict with the Benton Co. Comprehensive Plan policies 5.9.4, 5.1.2, 5.2.1 and 5.7.4, which protect the natural areas in Benton Co. The landfill has grown from an almost accidental location used by Camp Adair over 70 years ago for burning garbage to a regional landfill located at a site ill-suited for any type of waste disposal. As other landfills continue to close down and Republic Services continues to accept further garbage, this will only increase the danger to wildlife and the surrounding environment. Currently the EPA has filed a "Section 114 Information Request" to force Republic Services to reveal their (self-declared) compliance records, suggesting that there are areas of concern they wish to investigate, however I urge you to not defer to the EPA for their review to carry the burden of proof, but look at all the testimony being submitted by your constituents, as well as environmental groups such as Beyond Toxics and the Mid-Willamette Bird Alliance, identifying the numerous and valid concerns. The great blue heron rookery across from the dump entrance that once held over a dozen nests has been abandoned since Republic Services developed the land right next to it, including the flaming burn-off plume (since enclosed) that appears to have been the last straw for the herons. The contamination of air and water continues to be a growing concern for many. There are no easy solutions for problems of this magnitude, but allowing further expansion of this facility seems to be adding to the problem rather than stopping it or trying to solve it. Ultimately it will be the problem of Benton County and their taxpayers to pick up the pieces in the coming years, after Republic closes down.

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