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Hello-

I very much OPPOSE the approval of LU-24-027, expanding the Coffin Butte Landfill. I have lived in Benton County my entire life, and have watched the landfill growing slowly over the years, as our local population increases. It has now grown to mammoth proportions, with the importing of trash from all over the state and some counties in Washington! The wet west side of the Cascades is NOT the place for a huge and expanding landfill.

I believe the proposal to expand the landfill is completely contrary to BCC 53.215(1) and Benton County Comprehensive Plan policies 5.9.4, 5.1.2, 5.2.1, and 5.7.4, especially for its impacts on the EE Wilson Wildlife Management Area. This wildlife management area is a premier spot in Benton county to observe and enjoy birds and other wildlife and attracts visitors from around the region. The sights, sounds and smells of the landfill are impacting the enjoyment of such visits, and also the birds and wildlife. The Great Blue Heron rookery that is near to the landfill is very sensitive to disturbance, and the elk that live in EE Wilson and surrounding areas are facing more and more traffic on the roads, as well as being blocked from their movements for feeding and resting. No one knows the effects of polluted air and water on the wildlife and birds in the wildlife management area, not to mention human visitors and residents.

Please vote NO on the proposed landfill expansion- send that garbage somewhere else!!

Thank you.

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