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Subject of Testimony: Coffin Butte expansion

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Written Testimony:

I oppose the expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill.

My family purchased our farm land near the sight in the early 1970's. Until about 5 or 6 years ago we rarely noticed the landfill. In recent years the horrible smell at our farm from the dump has become a regular occurrence being an issue at least a few times a month and occasionally weekly. I am concerned that expansion will make this issue even worse and may if continued, inhibit my ability to raise high quality wine grapes in the area effecting my ability to earn a living.

I have also witnessed the terrible damage on Springhill drive's road surface from the traffic accessing the dump. Until the last resurface recently the road was decimated with potholes and became difficult if not dangerous to travel on.

At night the lights and noise from the landfill have become a distraction at times. It is lit up at night and the beeping from equipment running after hours can be heard from our place.

Water quality is a major concern for me as well as my drinking water and irrigation water is only about a mile from the landfill.

Property land values will be negatively impacted if expansion is allowed to take place which will likely negate any financial benefit Benton county receives from the dump.

I think it's time to plan to shut the landfill down rather than expand it.

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