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"Oppose/Deny LU-24-207"

I strongly oppose all future expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill.

Every time I see the Coffin Butte gash in the hillside, my heart sinks. It can be seen for miles. It seems to grow exponentially. All attempts at camouflage seem to have stopped. It's in your face. It doesn't belong here. People are trying to live and raise their families here. This used to be a clean and beautiful, rural area. The air was fresh. Wildlife was everywhere. No more.

Now, roadways are littered with trash blowing out of uncovered trucks speeding to the landfill damaging the Independence Hwy and 99W as they go. They seem to be in a hurry to race to another county, pick up another load of trash, and rush back to Benton County and the landfill. I feel I'm watching a bizarre game of "he who dumps the most loads, wins", violating BCC 55.215(2)

We used to be able to enjoy working in our yard during the spring and summer. In 2013, a putrid odor began to drift in. But not often and only briefly. Sadly, this situation has gotten much worse as the years have progressed. Now, the stench generated by the landfill can drop in, any time, year round, un-announced, and ruin your day. Now, the air frequently stinks forcing us to come in the house and close the windows. This odor is so strong, it actually forces its way in to the house with us, violating BCC 53.215(1)

Air that smells this awful can't possibly be healthy or regulated by any kind of proper monitoring procedure. What is in the air now that makes it smell so toxic? What kind of health issues is this chemical mix responsible for? What affect does it have on the climate? What is the solution to the leachate situation?

I believe the lack of control over the above issues violates the Core Values of the Benton County Thriving Communities initiatives.

A good quality of life for everyone should be possible in the Willamette Valley. Please, don't allow further expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill now or ever.

Sincerely,

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