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We strongly oppose the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill.

We believe every community or county must provide a site to handle their refuse disposal. Accepting waste from 20 counties at Coffin Butte simply means the facility will fill quickly. Restricting waste collection to Corvallis/Albany, or to Benton County will guarantee the current facility will operate for many years, serving the needs of our local communities.

Most importantly, the current toxic leachate is not well controlled. Expanding the site will only exacerbate the problem. This operational activity violates BCC 53.215 (2) and Benton County Comprehensive Plan policies 5.1.2, 5.2.1, AND 5.7.4. This toxic leachate is reaching the Willamette River, and must be contained.

The smell coming from the dump surely depresses property values in the area - again, this would likely be controllable if the volume of trash accepted was limited.

The Benton County Talks Trash final report noted that when the landfill was expanded in the past, none of the "Conditions of Approval" were ever enforced. It makes no sense to agree to yet another expansion.

We strongly urge you to deny the application for expansion.

Thank you.

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