From: SHEPHERD Gabe
To: Benton Public Comment

**Subject:** FW: Please deny LU-024-27, the application to expand Coffin Butte Landfill

**Date:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 8:51:05 AM

Gabe Shepherd (he/him)

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Dear Gabe Shepherd,

We must focus on waste reduction as the main solution to the problem. Please protect Benton County's residents, agriculture, and ecosystems by rejecting the expansion of Coffin Butte.

I oppose LU-024-27, the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill, because of the negative impacts such an expansion would have on the environment and because it will seriously interfere with the mostly rural character of the area. If approved, this expansion will also diminish sustainability efforts in the region, and derail alternative waste management initiatives needed to protect Oregon residents. The extent of the landfill?s negative impacts are only now beginning to be known. These impacts include unacceptable health effects from polluted air, ground, and water; PFAS and other toxics that flow from the landfill; a weakening of alternatives to waste creation; and a hastening of climate change, to name a few. It would be irresponsible to assert that expanding its operations would not seriously interfere with the air, water, wildlife, and other natural resources that we all share. For these reasons I'm urging you to deny LU-024-27.

Sincerely,

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