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To: [Benton Public Comment](#)
Subject: LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Feedback
Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 11:20:38 AM

Subject of Testimony: Groundwater and potential contamination of neighboring wells

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Written Testimony:

The applicant is not required, until after the CUP approval, to provide the level of testing necessary to ensure that wells on neighboring properties will not be affected by development of the proposed expansion area. At the point of approval, the applicant is authorized to proceed with all legal operations and has no obligation to protect neighboring properties.

Even in promising mitigation, the applicant has the authority to determine whether the impact is related to development or to other causes, and is free to determine what if any mitigation it wishes to offer.

Due to the nature of the CUP approval process, the only way to prevent damage to local wells is to deny the application.

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Subject of Testimony: Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) has not been asked to comment on the application

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Written Testimony:

Staff has indicated that they have no expertise in groundwater issues and rely on input from state and federal agencies. The supplemental staff report cites the lack of comment from DOGAMI as evidence of that the application meets all necessary criteria. The appropriate agency to comment on groundwater issues is Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), not DOGAMI, and OWRD has not been consulted.

I urge the County to take immediate steps to inform Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) of the expansion application and the concerns expressed by the public, so they can adequately assess the public impacts of application

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