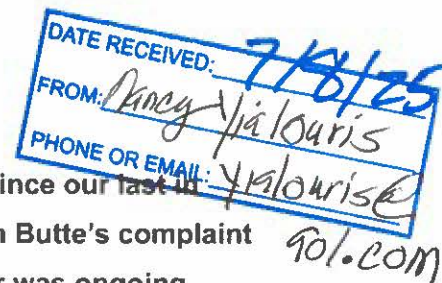


Oppose/Deny LU24-027

July 8, 2025



I am strongly opposed to the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. Since our last person public meeting, I have filed 3 odor complaints directly to Coffin Butte's complaint website, as well as DEQ. Two of them were filed as the pervasive odor was ongoing, specifically because the manager said they get reports after the fact and can't really respond directly to the odor issue. I expected some kind of response from someone at Coffin Butte but never heard from anyone. I did hear from DEQ, who called and listened to my concerns and assured me that Coffin Butte is required to keep a log of complaints even though no one contacted me from the landfill.

The complaint form on Coffin Butte's website states that they "...will get back to you," however, in the two months since the last public meeting, not even a phone call. This underscores how unresponsive Republic Services/Coffin Butte management is to community complaints and should alert the present committee regarding any followup from the landfill. It won't happen! They just don't care about public opinion.

The third odor complaint I mentioned woke us up at 3 AM because the stench was so pervasive. I didn't expect a response to that one due to the same excuse given at the first landfill presentation ("We get complaints after the fact..") but since the other two complaints were sent as the pervasive odor was flooding the neighborhood and it continued for some time, I thought someone would at least call to let me know what was taking place at the landfill to cause it.

Piling garbage 150 feet above the lip of the pit only exacerbates these odor issues and directly affects our property value, not to mention environmental concerns that have previously been mention during other public testimony. If expansion is allowed, Benton County will have no recourse to address any public concerns related to this landfill.

I therefore strongly oppose the expansion.

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