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Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Conditional Use Request Appeal
Record Number 217-22-000540-PLNG

Crook County Planning Commission:

Many thanks again for denying Knife River's and the property owner's conditional use permit. Without question, it was and remains the right decision. While we appreciate the right to appeal this decision, it is wearisome that time and money must be spent defending this decision when there is overwhelming evidence that the applicants failed to demonstrate consistency with CCC 18.160.020(2). Additionally, as we all know, there is a long list of additional reasons the denial decision should not be overturned per the prior documentation submitted by the public and in some regards Knife River's own testimony.

On behalf of ourselves and the greater north valley residential and farming community, please do not overturn your denial of their conditional use request. Their proposed strip mine is not good for our farming culture, not good for our farmland, and certainly not good for current and potential residents and residences. More personally, farmers in our valley are struggling with water issues, fuel and fertilizer prices, labor shortages, etc. This is one headache that needs to be stopped without fanfare.

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