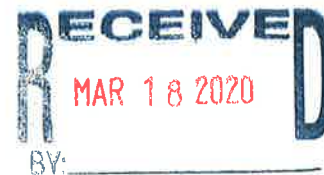


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Subject: Application # 217-20-000116-PLNG Private Airstrip



To Planning Commission:

We are John and Peggy Morgan and we are the owners of the land to the west 1516120000100 that is currently on the tax roles under Schnoor Land and Trust LLC. This land was deeded to us in 2013, however the assessors office has had trouble reading the legal description on the deed because it split tax lots. We have been working with them all these years to get this straightened out. We have completed a partition and it is recorded with the county and a new deed has been prepared and is out for signatures. It should be recorded with the county within a week. This is a very simple deed naming parcels so they should have no trouble understanding it.

John was planning on attending the meeting on March 11, 2020 and due to illness was not able to be there and I had a previous commitment. We do have some concerns with the proposed air strip and would like to have the opportunity to voice them for your consideration.

We have read the application and the exhibits and have the following concerns:

1. The application addresses the wildlife winter range and states that use would be restricted from Dec. 1 to April 30, that would mean that the use would be from May through November, not April through November as stated on page 3 of application.
2. We are concerned about the wildlife, we already have problems with them breaking down fencing and if they are spooked it will only increase.
3. ccc 18.160.020 addresses the necessity of having an airstrip. The ranches named on Exhibit 4 are in remote areas where there are no other airstrips available. This property is located 6.8 miles from the Prineville Airport and is an easy commute. The request seems to be for personal use of owners and there guests that would be social and has nothing to do with agricultural use. With an airport so close, we feel this is not a necessity for agricultural purposes but as a luxury for one property owner.
4. The proposed airstrip would affect the livability of the neighboring property owners. According to the map that was provided the planes will be going directly over Brett and Kim Morgan's house and very close to Mike and Teresa Ervin's house. This is a safety concern for the Morgan house as they go directly over the house and a noise concern for both properties.
5. We also want to address the accusation of poaching in Exhibit 4. There has absolutely been no poaching and there is nothing that we are trying to hide from planes flying over. When we got the property, there were numerous carcasses from the previous lessees that used it for a dumping ground for the cattle and calves that had died. This took place over a number of years. After we took over the property, John spent days cleaning up the carcasses and debris that was left behind. We also have a problem with people using it as a dumping ground for garbage as well as carcasses. We feel this is a personal attack by someone we have never met and who doesn't know us. There are several of you on the planning commission who know us and know this is not our practice or how we operate.

These are the reasons we are opposing an approval for a conditional use for an airstrip in an exclusive farm use zone. It is a want not a need. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
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