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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. Public input is essential in our governments and I value the opportunity to do so.

Interest in this proposal is quite high as indicated by the June 14th session at the Powell Butte Community Center, the central theme is the residents are not in favor of another destination resort in our community. Part of what make Powell Butte special is the agricultural component of farming and ranching, it defines the community, both in the products produced and the culture it represents. Protecting both are essential in maintaining the integrity of Powell Butte.

There are several concerns with the proposed destination resort Crossing Trails which I would like to address.

Traffic and Infrastructure:

Our population in Central Oregon is growing exponentially , Redmond has doubled in size in the past 10 years to 36,000, Bend is now over 100,000. Commuter traffic between Prineville and points west has dramatically increased stressing the road systems. Highway 126 is now a ribbon of traffic, especially during commuter hours. Accidents are increasing, the road are deteriorating and emergency response vehicles are more frequently heard. Congestion at the Powell Butte School/Store and Church are a factor as is the intersection of the Powell Butte Highway and Post Office. The road system is much busier than 10 years ago. Adding another 750 housing units as projected by the destination resort would require significant improvements to Highway 126 for structural and safety requirements.

The study conducted by Transight Consulting states significant traffic and roadway concerns that adversely impact the existing road system. Involvement from Oregon Department Of Transportation is needed during this evaluation.

It was mentioned that the proposed destination resort would use Avion as a potential water source. Does Avion have the capacity to provide the necessary water ? How can they provide adequate water if the company is now imposing staggered irrigation times for their existing customers? Do they have the ability to bury underground delivery systems in the primarily lava rock substrate?

If the destination resort cannot get water from Avion, would on site wells negatively impact the agricultural water sources?

Emergency services such as fire and EMS need to be addressed. Would the resort have its own fire department or would it put further stress on the existing Fire District? Where would funding for fire/EMS and road construction and maintenance come from?

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and for making mine and others viewable on the county planning website.

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