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To the Crook County Planning Commission, with respect:

We would like to add our objections to those of our neighbors, to the proposed destination resort at the intersection of Parrish and Wiley in Powell Butte. As you know, Powell Butte is an unincorporated, rural area of pasturelands with cattle and horse husbandry and hayfields to feed those animals. Our community doesn't have the resources or amenities to service the proposed resort.

More importantly, perhaps, State Highway 126 runs E/W through the center of our small community and is a major transit corridor. This 2-lane road is already insufficient to handle the amount of travel that passes through our community, especially in the peak tourist seasons. It is difficult enough for residents to access Hwy. 126 to go to work, shopping, or enjoy "our" Central Oregon activities. There are no signal lights or roundabouts to slow or stop the traffic, so we wait. Vehicular accidents are occurring more often, with fatalities. This re-routes cars, RV's, and long-haul trucks from an overloaded major thruway to rural roads even less sufficient. This area supports farm equipment movement, local residential, utility and other service vehicle traffic on our narrow side roads.

Those of us who live in Powell Butte do so because it is NOT a bustling town with gas stations or strip malls on every corner. We pay a higher price for real estate to live in a rural area that experiences less crime, offers more open space and natural views, as well as the chance to see wildlife cross our properties. The increased disturbance to husbanded animals, wildlife, and tax-paying local residents should override providing tourists with yet another place to pollute and disrupt when there are already other options. This proposed destination resort in Powell Butte is not something we will support.

Ken & Teena Shields  
Powell Butte, Oregon residents

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