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Good Morning.

I am writing to you to express my concerns and views of this resort, as well as the proposed extension they are requesting.

I would like to begin with the infrastructure concerns. Fire response, Police/Sheriff response, and traffic concerns. The fire Dept is spread very thin here, with increased response times etc already, and limited water resources to fight any fires. The medical responses have extended response times and the Dept has limited ambulance resources. As to Sheriff responses, they are so short handed as it is, that they have huge coverage areas and response times. IF this resort were to be completed as proposed, those resources for us in the community could be taxed by the over 750 residences in this resort-fire/medical/police-sheriff-that it would take more to respond to a second call for service.

An example would be if they were on a heart attack call at the resort, and another call came in in Prineville or Powell butte, the fire Dept would be at it's limit, resulting in calling in other resources. Any police incident would immediately send available units from the already large and spread out response area, and any second call would require calling units from other agencies or volunteers, thus increasing the response time.

With any significant quick increase in residents, comes with it a certain increase of criminal activity. Thefts, fights, domestics, duii burglaries, thefts from vehicles, road rage, assaults, etc. This is backed up by imperial evidence across the nation.

Here is a fact. The Sheriff's office has 2 or 3 deputies on at any given time. This is for ALL OF CROOK COUNTY. The deputies respond to anywhere the calls for service are, and as a result of a two-person call (fight, duii, accident, traffic incident, arrest, etc) the deputies could be at the far end of the county and have to respond all the way across the county to the next call.

The Crook County Fire Dept has 6 career firefighters at 3 stations, for 450 square miles. The ambulances cover 3000 square miles. Additional personnel come from volunteers. They ran 4,002 calls for service in 2021.

The "fix" for this is increased funding for more police, sheriff, fire and medic units-TAXES.

The next concern, is **water**. Of course they plan to use Avion water as backup (trucked in at high expense and only in emergencies) but they already have put in a new well. With the water situation as it is, plus the added reduction in irrigation flow due to environmental court rulings, drought conditions, and the added burden on our aquifers, we are in danger of loosing water. This area, as you know, is fertile and prospering with agriculture, livestock and people due to water—we are in a desert, and water is life, here. To not consider our limited water resources can devastate and impact the entire caldera on which Powell Butte sits.

Traffic concerns. Well, I am sure you have been inundated with this message. But let's face it. This is valid. The increases in vehicular traffic will result in more crashes, DUI's etc. as well as wear on the existing roadways. The traffic on hwy 126, backroads, and in Prineville is already a huge concern. Trying to go to the post office is a chore and can be dangerous. Trying to turn at the Powell Butte store is currently an issue as well.

It is apparent by reviewing older studies, that the road dept. is aware of current issues. Discussions have been had regarding wider roads, turn lanes, roundabouts etc. The backroads, Wiley, Parrish, and Houston Lake would require widening striping etc, thus Imminent Domain would likely affect many residences-losing their property so someone else can have a resort. This increase in traffic along these roadways has been realized with Facebook already, and increasing the traffic again with the resort traffic seems to burden our country roads even more. Again, TAXES. And to enforce any traffic violations, accidents, patrol, increased crime responses etc means more police/sheriff..TAXES.

I should also point out the movement of cattle that occurs at different times of the years, during which the cattle are herded along roads and pathways to different pastures. (An American way of life and good animal husbandry) There are tractors, combines, swathers, flatbeds of hay, horse trailers, hay movers, and all matters of agriculture that move along the roads within this community. Not only to harvest, but to feed the livestock as well.

The increase traffic load will increase concerns of livestock and agriculture moving because with more traffic, better roadways, comes faster traffic. Speed increases with roadway improvements and increased number of cars. Just look at any of the 4 lane sections of roadway-happens all the time.

Sewage: The burden will be either increases in septic tanks, or a sewer line to the Prineville treatment, which was just updated, but not expanded to handle this amount-from over 750 residences (avg of 3 people each means 2,250 individuals, utilizing sewer only 3 times/day each=6,750 flushes...not to mention the waste water from dishes, clothing, bedding, running water, etc) means a HUGE burden on a system. To fix this, either expand the treatment center (TAXES) or put all of it through septic systems. Not to mention the amount of water alone that goes through the system.

Let us not forget fire pits during fire season, swimming pools, yard sprinklers.

As a result of all of this, I see a lot of tax burden being pushed onto existing residents. No one has come up with a monetary value of cost to the taxpayer to put in and maintain all of these things I have listed, plus the myriad of roadway designs, maintenance costs to roads, water systems, sewer systems, potential sheriff/fire stations, fire apparatus and police cars, maintenance of those etc.

Conclusion: I live here because of the country atmosphere, the livestock and farms, and the small-town atmosphere. I am concerned because of the infrastructure burden that I understand will be put on our community. The increase of taxes, population, burden of water usage and septic/sewer, and electrical power. I understand that the organization constructing this resort is running out of time on their existing approvals to break ground. If the county grants the modification approval, this will increase the deadline restrictions they are currently under. That makes sense from their point of view, because they probably do not want to begin construction of a project of this size under the current economic status with regard to high prices, inflation, fuel costs etc. If they can get the deadlines extended, then they will be able to start building when the economic environment changes.

I would like to ask these **questions**; if there is no golf course, only a community pool and hot tub, what other amenities are there that actually make this a "resort"? Do we not have enough resorts in Powell Butte-Remington Ranch and Brasada? What will make this resort a benefit for Powell Butte and it's residents while increasing taxes, increased roadways traffic, construction and maintenance, loss of private property along roads, and the increased burden police and fire?

And most of all, this consideration-our water we use for not only our own survival but the survival and prosperity of our communities greatest asset-the family run livestock and agriculture culture we have all grown to love and live here for in the first place.

Thank you for making this available on your website as well as letting me take the time to submit this for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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