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**CROOK COUNTY**  
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Dear Crook County Planning Department,

Thank you for taking the time to read why we object to the proposed destination resort in Powell Butte, Oregon. As property owners on Fleming Road less than a mile from where it's being planned, following are some of the reasons we aren't in favor of the development.

First, the issue of water use is a major concern. The water table in the area is dropping as evidenced by wells drying up or having to be drilled deeper to maintain useability. Also, the use of COI irrigation water for use on the proposed "open areas" of the resort. Who's to say that it won't be channeled onto landscaped areas rather than producing agricultural land. Our COI contract doesn't allow for use on landscaping. Who's going to police those activities?

The proposed closure of Wiley Rd as an access to Highway 126 is an unnecessary inconvenience to many people who live in the immediate area and use that route going to and from Prineville.

Traffic on Highway 126 through Powell Butte is already out of control and the additional use generated by the resort is a major concern. We've seen a substantial increase of traffic on Parrish and Minson Road by workers going to and from Facebook. Many of the people don't respect the rural area and drive way to fast. The safety of us, our kids and our animals is paramount!

Powell Butte is a rural agricultural community. We live and work here because of the livability that the area provides. We have seen that livability eroded in recent years by the increase in population, the development of data centers and the influx of people unfamiliar with the area and don't appreciate our lifestyle.

We cannot come up with one single benefit that this resort is going to bring to Powell Butte. Every concern, issue, etcetera brought out by those opposed, is because this is detrimental to our cherished lifestyle here. The purchasers of the property in the destination resort, should it be approved, won't think like us, won't drive like us and won't vote like us.

We stand alongside those respondents that feel that the county code has been violated by the extension time frame given the applicant.

In short, IT'S A BAD IDEA!!

Respectfully submitted,

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