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**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 9:01 AM  
**To:** Nicole Stevens; Plan  
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**Attachments:** Quick facts on CT.pdf; Crossing Trails FAQ.pdf

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Good morning,

The post cards that were sent out did not come from Crook County Community Development. Evidence, testimony, or comments should be submitted as early as possible, but can be submitted up to and at the hearing. We will add your email as an exhibit to the record, post to our website, and distribute to the Planning Commission. Please let us know if that is not your intent. Attached are two handouts with basic information about the Crossing Trails proposal, including information on when and how exhibits can be submitted. You can also find more information on our website: <https://co.crook.or.us/planning-commission/page/217-22-000082-plng-crossing-trails-destination-resort-modification>

Best,  
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**To:** Plan <Plan@co.crook.or.us>  
**Subject:** Crossings Trails Destination Resort

To whom it may concern,

As you will read in my letter I did not receive the informational postcard regarding this outrages "resort" until last night July 7, 2022. It is absolutely paramount that our "letter" deadline be extended to allow all informed residents to voice their concerns!

Please see my attached letter of Opposition.

Thank you

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"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.  
If you can dream it, you can become it"

-William Arthur Ward

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Regarding: The Proposed Crossing Trails Destination Resort

July 8, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I would like to first and foremost point out that our correspondence deadline should be extended for at least another week as all the Powell Butte residents DID NOT receive the informational post card regarding this potential action until July 7, 2022. Not all of us had even heard of this audacity and should be allowed to state our oppositions.

There are several concerns regarding this "resort" that need to be addressed that are not only detrimental to our small community but will also impact the surrounding communities as well.

- Traffic – Traffic is already extremely congested adding to this with, 400 vacation villas, 200 overnight rentals, 50 overnight seasonal rentals and 100 workforce housing, would exasperate our small country roads. Not to mention the accidents and deaths that would occur with such congestion. We just recently had a fatal collision on the hwy. Our instruction is not made to handle the current number of cars on the road let alone adding more to that.
- Farming Community – Powell Butte IS a farming community where we all make our living from the land either farming hay or raising cattle. Taking away our farmland is going to put more stress on those farmers and animals that rely on not only the water we receive but the food that is grown. Not to mention the safety of our farm animals. As previously mentioned, the traffic is so bad now that our neighbor's horse was hit and killed by a speeding driver. WE DO NOT NEED any more excess drivers on our roads who disregard our way of life.
- Water – Water is life a force not only for us, but for our crops and animals. With this proposed "resort" our water is in jeopardy. As a rancher I already must fight for irrigation water because of the drought. We can not afford to have water needlessly wasted. Water is a key source to what we do and with the shortages now there is not enough to go around.
- Safety – How will our sheriffs and emergency personnel be able to respond to the increased demand. As it stands now when you need a sheriff for a situation the response time can be up to 30 - 45 minutes. How will our emergency personnel be able to keep our community safe with the rise in congestion, tourists, and crime that nature brings with more people. Not to mention the fire hazards, medical emergencies and again back to traffic accidents. Powell Butte has one ambulance.
- Power – Can electrical power grid handle such an increase in fluctuation?! We all rely on electricity not only for our homes but for our farming equipment and water lines.
- Taxes – We already pay high taxes. With the proposed "resort" who would have to pay for the road upgrades, electrical grid upgrades, sewer etc.. Most of us live paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford to have higher taxes.
- Sewer – Where will all the absorbent amount of "waste" go? Most of us are on septic. What is the proposed plan for all the new waste?
- Internet/Cell Towers – How will this affect our small internet providers and minimal cell tower coverage? We absolutely do not need or want to add to this putting more radiation into the airways.

In conclusion Powell Butte is a small farm community. We all live here for that reason for either the peace and quiet or for the fact that we raise food and animals. Our community where neighbors help neighbors, and we still wave as we pass by. We are 100% in opposition for this "resort". It is detrimental to our community and to our way of life. We can not allow this to happen.

Thank you,

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