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Hi Planners,

We definitely need housing in central Oregon, and reasonably affordable house is a must. I think a resort could add some of the needed housing if done well. A few thoughts regarding the Crossing Trails proposal:

1. Traffic along hwy 126 is already very heavy between 4 and 5:30 pm. Installing a round about at powell butte highway and hwy 126 is needed now so I hope that is part of the resort's requirements and required to be installed early, phase 1 or before.
2. If the community is " In short, *Crossing Trails will be an affordable, family friendly, outdoor living experience that anyone can enjoy*" then the swimming pool and other amenities should be open to the residents of Powell Butte not just the resort residences. A reasonable fee could be charged. The Prineville pool is so sadly outdated it does not reasonably serve the community.
3. Regarding water, the application says they are exploring drilling a new well. I am not in support of this. Our wells have been drying up for over 10 years. Water rights in Central Oregon are loosely regulated and people abuse them regularly. We cannot support another high-water demand sucking up very limited ground water. When this new well fails, where will the water come from? Who's responsibility will it be?
4. Are the applicants proposing a wetland type sewage treatment plant similar to Prineville's wetlands? That would be much better than the rectangular ponds of nasty.
5. It would be great if they held outdoor music events and such. Is that a possibility with the developer? Property management group?
6. Will the trails connect to a greater trail system? None planned? Let's start one.
7. Will there be charges to the developer to support the Powell Butte School?
8. The workforce housing should have trails linking to the amenities of the resort. As the plans are now, it appears that they are the outcasts and are not welcome to the resort facilities. Not really the "outdoor living experience that anyone can enjoy".

Thanks for your consideration,
Sincerely,

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