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To whom it may concern,

My family wanted to take the opportunity and provide some feedback regarding the proposed resort in Powell Butte. We live at 18351 Southwest Mount Saint Helens Drive in Powell Butte, and we have 3 major concerns regarding the development: Water, human waste disposal and impact to existing water quality, and massive influx of traffic into our rural community.

As our country, state, county, and city continues to account for climate change, where is all the water coming from to support these new residences? Prineville (currently 28%) and Ochoco (11% as of April 2022) reservoirs are at historical lows, and wells are drying up all over the county. We can't come close to providing enough water to our farmers to grow livestock and food, yet this proposal will add to an already taxed aquifers. Personally we had to replace our well pump this year, and the water level was down at least 20 feet from when the well was drilled (according to state records). Yes, this is a historic drought, but the bigger question is whether this is the new norm or not.

As the community increases the number of homes, the amount of human waste increases. Even with the most advanced septic systems, this could provide an influx of bacteria and disease into the ground water that the existing community relies upon for their family to drink. The chances of major incidents increase tremendously as more houses try to filter and treat their waste. I don't see any proposal for a water treatment plan in the documentation that I have read.

Lastly traffic is a major concern of ours. Currently we deal with holiday and vacation traffic throughout the summer. There are more cars than ever on the road, and several of them are used to large city aggressive driving. What will happen when 700-800 households get added into the community. There is talk about a roundabout, but what about enlarging the highway? Traffic through Powell Butte during rush hour is very difficult and time consuming. There has been an increase in speeding, aggressive, and risky driving just with the tourists, let alone another 600-1000 cars in the neighborhood. At a minimum a roundabout would need to be constructed in Powell Butte for the interchanges as it can take over 15 minutes to find an opening during Rush hour (just to pull onto the highway).

Regretfully we will be out of town visiting our daughter in Minnesota, so we will miss the hearings on 7/27 and 7/28.

Please feel free to reach out if we can provide any other datapoints.

Thank you,

Geoff Reid
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