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Dear Commissioners,



Here are a few things to consider regarding the new proposed destination resort in East Powell Butte:

1. There is already a destination resort (D.R.) in Powell Butte with Brasada less than 13 miles from the proposed new resort location. To say nothing of Pronghorn Resort close by.

These resorts should not be clustered so close together.

2. Powell Butte is an overwhelmingly AGRICULTURAL area. Farming/ranching is the main economic activity. A D.R. is not compatible with this area.

Deschutes county in places like Sun River and Sisters is an overwhelmingly TOURISM area. As such those areas are much more aligned to a destination resort with way more resources to support

tourist activities than there are in Powell Butte. ANOTHER D.R. just doesn't fit or make sense in Powell Butte.

3. Obviously, a D.R. will have a sizable impact on the water supply (in an area that is already one of the absolute most drought impacted areas in the state - and nation! As a resident living

within a few miles of the proposed D.R. site, if my well goes dry due to over-use of the existing aquifer brought on by a D.R., is CROOK COUNTY GOING TO REIMBURSE ME TO RE-DRILL

my well deeper or pay for a water delivery service? If not, then make note of the fact that your constituents stand to be personally and financially harmed by the approval of this resort. THIS ISN'T JUST A CASE OF NIMBY where people just don't like the IDEA of a resort nearby. They are very worried about their access to water and do not want to see that water further depleted - for the purpose of RECREATION! Even if Avion Water would be used to supply the resort, Avion has wells that will ultimately be tapping into and adding to the depletion of the aquifer.

4. The additional cars coming and going from highway 126 will make an already massively congested area even worse! Look at the number of wrecks that have happened in the last year or two (with Eacebook and Apple expansions) on 126. It's getting to be a year dangerous segment of highway. Mo

or two (with Facebook and Apple expansions) on 126. It's getting to be a very dangerous segment of highway. More people will be killed and injured - to say nothing of the slow-down of

**traffic as a result of a D.R. right off the road.** The infrastructure isn't expanded enough to support the number of cars and equipment that will come with this resort. The traffic slow-downs and

accidents aren't worth it! Now is the time to prevent the problem rather than move forward and later try to SOLVE it. (The OUNCE of prevention...)

**5.** Weigh the pros and cons. Are the benefits for the CROOK COUNTY RESIDENTS going to outweigh the current and future problems to them? What are the benefits of this D.R.??? Tax revenue? More economic activity?

The state and county tax expenditures that will be required to upgrade the infrastructure to support this D.R. will likely far outweigh any revenue it would derive.

Economic activity? Look at the current growth of the city and county. Economic growth IS markedly occurring. We don't need this D.R. for that.

S0... what IS the benefit of approving the resort? You represent the residents of this county - not private developers who want to make a fast buck at our expense. PLEASE represent OUR needs and interests and vote this destination resort down.

Thank you. ]

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