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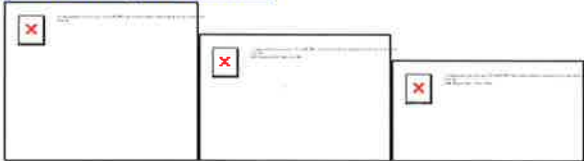
**CROOK COUNTY**  
**JUL 26 2022**  
**PLANNING DEPT**

Good afternoon,

Please see my attached letter from my wife and I regarding the proposed resort development at the intersection of Wiley Road and Parrish Lane in Powell Butte. Thanks for your time and consideration. I'm always available for discussion.



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**July 26, 2022**

**To:** Will VanVactor (Crook County Community Development Director), Seth Crawford, Jerry Brummer and Brian Barney (Crook County Court Members)

**Re:** Proposed Resort in Powell Butte at Wiley Road & Parrish Lane

Sirs:

My wife, parents and I have a personal connection to the property slated for resort development. Beginning in 1978 through 1990, we rented this irrigated farmland and rangeland. We raised peppermint, potatoes, wheat and grass hay on the farmland and grazed cows on the rangeland and non-tillable irrigated acres. The farm we owned and lived on at the time was only half a mile to the south. Our current residence is farmland one mile to the west on Fleming Road. Our blood, sweat and tears were expressed over the years making a living on Central Oregon farming right on that land.

What attracted us to Powell Butte in 1976 was the prospect of irrigated farming. What's kept us here is the country lifestyle. Our three girls participated in 4-H animal projects, rode their horses along with 3- and 4-wheelers and did their share of farm chores. They're grown now and have moved on, but still refer to memories of our Powell Butte farmstead. We've found the people here to be friendly, hardworking and always willing to lend a hand. I shared many lunch breaks with Vic Wiley (Wiley Rd.), sold hay to Dot and Bill Robinson (Parrish Ln.) and shared equipment with Wampler and Werth. My parents are both buried at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery. Powell Butte is our forever home.

The proposed change of use to the property at Wiley Road changes the complexion of the land and culture of Powell Butte. Hundreds of residences and amenities identified in the proposal will change our lifestyle and Powell Butte forever. Our concerns are the same others have cited: increased traffic, water/sewer issues and unwieldy population growth. We are steadfastly against this proposed "resort" and will do all we can to resist its fruition. Keep Powell Butte the home it's been for us and not transient vacation rentals, major housing units and infrastructure for high density urban life. We're not a bedroom community for urban sprawl.

Sincerely,

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