

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Tuesday, January 2, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Present: **Pat Malone**, Chair; **Xanthippe Augerot**, Commissioner; **Nancy Wyse**, Commissioner; **Vance Croney**, County Counsel; **Rachel McEneny**, County Administrator; **Rick Crager**, Acting County Administrator/ Chief Financial Officer

Staff: **Tomi Douglas**, Natural Areas, Parks & Events; **Cory Grogan**, Public Information Officer; **Maura Kwiatkowski**, **Amanda Makepeace**, BOC Staff; **Sean McGuire**, Sustainability; **Erika Milo**, BOC Recorder

Guests: **Ken Eklund**, **Becky Merja**, **Debbie Palmer**, residents; **John Harris**, Horsepower Productions

1. Opening:

1. Call to Order

Chair Malone called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Introductions

3. Announcements

No announcements were made.

2. Election of the 2024 Board Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Wyse moved to nominate Augerot as Chair and Wyse as Vice Chair. Augerot seconded the motion, which **carried, 3-0.**

3. Review & Approve Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

4. *Comments from the Public

Ken Eklund, Benton County resident, Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Chair, shared the draft 2021 Community Concerns Annual Report (exhibit 1), containing concerns expressed by the community about Coffin Butte Landfill (CBL) in 2021. DSAC can review and finalize this report as soon as the Board unsuspends DSAC. Community Development Director Darren Nichols earlier stated that DSAC was delaying this report; Eklund asserted this is not true. In September 2023, Former Solid Waste Coordinator Daniel Redick asked Eklund to take over drafting this report, and neither Redick nor Nichols had checked in since. Eklund described Nichols' allegations about DSAC in late November 2023 as mudslinging. Eklund expressed support for previous testimony on this topic from residents Mark Yeager, Joel Geier, and Marge Popp. Eklund added that since Nichols' description of the report status was inaccurate, it is likely that the other accusations about DSAC are erroneous. Eklund looked forward to being part of a positive, productive future on DSAC when it resumes.

{Exhibit 1: Draft 2021 Community Concerns Annual Report}

Augerot shared that the County is hiring for the Solid Waste Coordinator position, and DSAC meetings will resume when staff have capacity. The Board recognizes the tense and fractious nature of the relationship and has every intention of healing that rift to the best of their ability.

5. Consent Calendar

5.1 In the Matter of Setting the Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule for 2024, Order No. D2024-001

5.2 In the Matter of Designating the 2024 Official Newspaper for Benton County, Order No. D2024-015

5.3 In the Matter of Designating the 2024 Official Newspaper for the Board of Health, Order No. D2024-023

5.4 In the Matter of Designating the 2024 Official Newspaper for the Contract Review Board, Order No. D2024-024

MOTION: Malone moved to approve the Consent Calendar of January 2, 2024. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

6. Old Business

6.1 Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #2023-0322 Amending Benton County Code, Chapter 9 – Tomi Douglas, Natural Areas, Parks, and Events; Vance M. Cronney, County Counsel

Counsel explained that the first reading of the Ordinance was held on December 19, 2023.

Douglas added that the Ordinance is identical to the one discussed at the previous meeting, except for the addition of the word ‘only’ in one sentence.

MOTION: Wyse moved to conduct the second reading of Ordinance #2023-0322. Malone seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

Counsel read the Ordinance aloud (short title). Effective date February 1, 2024.

7. New Business

7.1 In the Matter of a Resolution in Support of the Due Process Continuity of Care Act, Resolution #R2024-001 – Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner

Augerot explained that this matter arose through her membership in the National Association of Counties (NACo) Criminal Justice Committee; the issue has been of concern to counties around the country for many years. Under the Federal Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy, section 1905(a)(A) of the Social Security Act, adults-in-custody lose Medicare/Medicaid benefits as soon as they are jailed, even if they have not been convicted. This puts a heavy burden on local jails for the cost of medical care, and on the individual, disrupting any medical care they are receiving. Once the individual is released, they must repeat the process of obtaining coverage. Several bills are pending in Congress to address this issue. NACo is a strong proponent of passing these bills to help support better outcomes for adults-in-custody. Augerot drafted a letter, based on the NACo draft, asking Benton County’s delegation in the House and Senate to support this legislation.

MOTION: Malone moved to approve a Resolution in support of the Due Process Continuity of Care Act, Resolution #R2024-001. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

7.2 In the Matter of Appointing a Benton County Commissioner to a ‘County Not Otherwise Represented’ Seat on the Association of Oregon Counties 2024 Legislative Committee – Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner

The Board discussed which Commissioner would be appointed. Malone offered to serve.

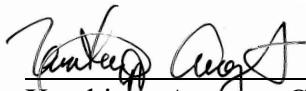
MOTION: Wyse moved to nominate Malone to a ‘County Not Otherwise Represented’ seat on the Association of Oregon Counties 2024 Legislative Committee. Augerot seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

8. Other


The Board expressed support for sponsoring a table at the Celebrate Corvallis event. Funds were already budgeted for this purpose.

9. Adjournment

Chair Augerot adjourned the meeting at 9.18 a.m.



Xanthippe Augerot, Chair



Erika Milo, Recorder

** NOTE: Items denoted with an asterisk do NOT have accompanying written materials in the meeting packet.*

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: About This Draft

In July 2022 the staff of Benton County government submitted a draft Community Concerns Annual Report (CCAR) for the year 2021 to the Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC). Staff's Draft CCAR was five pages long and consisted of:

- Page 1: an introduction page
- Page 2: the 2021 Coffin Butte Landfill Concern Log as kept by staff as Table 1
- Page 3: the 2021 Concern Log for the Solid Waste Advisory Council and DSAC as kept by staff, as Table 2
- Page 4: the 2021 Valley Landfills Inc. Complaint Log as kept by the landfill owner, as Table 3
- Page 5: a summary history of Coffin Butte Landfill Odor Notices 2014-2021, supplied by the landfill owner.

The Staff Draft CCAR thus focused on sixteen individual community concerns, as Table 2 and 3 are subsets of Table 1, and the summary history on page 5 reiterates concerns from Table 3.

The Staff Draft CCAR acknowledges in its introduction:

In 2021, a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application to expand the landfill site was denied by the Benton County Planning Commission, and many community member concerns about the landfill and the proposed expansion were received throughout that process. This report does not detail each of the community member concerns received throughout that public hearing process, however, the topics of concern include: acceptance of out-of-county waste, groundwater quality, air quality, odor, greenhouse gas emissions, roadside litter and debris, wildlife, vehicle traffic, and other impacts to nearby properties. These various concerns are generally acknowledged in Table 1 below. Several of the concerns received during Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) and DSAC meetings in 2021 were also related to the CUP application to expand the landfill and are detailed in Table 1.

In terms of numbers of community concerns, the Staff Draft CCAR devotes Tables 3 and 4 to three odor complaints; Table 2 to nine concerns; and Table 1 devotes 16 of its 18 rows to recapping these 12 complaints/concerns individually and adding four other individual concerns (one received by the county and three received by the landfill). The 17th row of Table 1 aggregates 16 community concerns that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) reported that it received in 2021. As stated in the Staff Draft CCAR, the "many" other community member concerns received by Benton County government in 2021 are not detailed, but are "generally acknowledged" instead in the 18th row of Table 1, aggregated as "various concerns." The Staff Draft CCAR does not indicate how many concerns are aggregated in row 18. It also gives no rationale as to why the first 16 concerns are individually detailed but the others are aggregated and made generic to the point of de minimis.

DSAC members raised many questions about the Staff Draft CCAR and why the several hundred community concerns relating to the landfill expansion should be treated differently than other concerns. DSAC members pointed out the depth of thought and research in many of the community concerns, and the wide range of community engagement that they represented. There were questions raised about the effectiveness of the standard County channels at collecting concerns, since as soon as the landfill expansion process opened a new channel, hundreds of community concerns were received. The main issue, however, is that the Staff Draft CCAR severely misrepresented what had happened in 2021, by itemizing certain concerns individually and aggregating hundreds of other concerns so as to obscure their number and depth. Staff did not put forward a rationale for this aspect of the Staff Draft CCAR. The July 2022 DSAC meeting ended with the Committee rejecting the Staff Draft CCAR and intending to reconvene in October 2022 with ideas and directives for a draft CCAR that itemized all the community concerns about the landfill expressed to Benton County government and Republic Services in 2021.

Benton County staff cancelled DSAC's October 2022 meeting, and restricted all its subsequent meetings through the first half of 2023 to preclude any action on the 2021 CCAR. Staff then prevented DSAC from meeting through September 2023.

On September 29, 2023, Benton County staff directed me, the Chair of DSAC, to develop the new Draft 2021 CCAR to present at the next DSAC meeting in October. Upon receiving the directive, I took two steps:

- I developed a format for the new draft, based upon what had been done previously. In developing the format for the new Draft 2021 CCAR, I consulted Benton County's 2020 CCAR, which I was able to obtain from ODEQ. I also inquired of ODEQ if they had a format they preferred. (They do not; they prefer to let each DSAC determine what format best suits its needs.)
- I responded with a public records request: I would need the meeting videos, minutes, written testimonies, etc. from 2021 to develop the new draft 2021 CCAR for the Committee. The Director of Benton County's Community Development Department, Darren Nichols, responded to say the records would be provided but that there were delays.

When DSAC took up the matter of the 2021 CCAR in its October 2023 meeting, it asked staff to fulfill the public records request so that work could proceed on a new draft of the 2021 CCAR.

Benton County staff did not act promptly to fulfill the public records request. Staff had not fulfilled the request when in late November Darren Nichols urged the Board of Commissioners to suspend DSAC operations, in part because he claimed that DSAC had not been making progress on the 2021 CCAR. At no time since DSAC was directed to develop a new draft, did staff or the Board of Commissioners inquire about the progress of that draft; as it turns out, they were mistaken in their inference that DSAC was making no progress on it.

In 2021, the public had encountered severe difficulties with Benton County staff's filing and record publishing protocols, and in order to maintain access to the public records many community members had made their own archives. Using these records, work had been progressing on the new draft CCAR since mid-October, and by late December was substantially complete. Over 300 individual expressions of concerns with Coffin Butte Landfill have been processed and summarized to generate the draft you are now reading, which intends to be the most accurate representation possible of the community concerns about the disposal site and its operations expressed to Benton County government and the landfill owner in 2021. It sets out plainly what the Staff Draft CCAR obscured.

As part of the responsibilities given to it by the State of Oregon, DSAC has a responsibility to provide a forum for the community's comments, questions and concerns about Coffin Butte Landfill. This includes responsibility to keep faith with the public that community concerns will not be misrepresented, diminished or disregarded by the Committee, and that the sometimes considerable effort made by community members to express their concerns be respected. The draft you are reading was guided by that state-mandated responsibility.

Note that this draft is indeed a draft – intended to be presented to the Disposal Site Advisory Committee for its further preparation and action, in accordance with state law ORS 459.325, which directs the Committee:

The committee shall prepare an annual written report summarizing the local citizens' concerns and the manner in which the owner or operator is addressing those concerns. The report shall be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in issuing and renewing a solid waste permit under ORS 459.245 (Issuance of permits).

According to ODEQ, the next regular review of the solid waste permit for Coffin Butte Landfill is scheduled in 2030.

At the time of this writing, DSAC is being prevented from further preparing or taking action on this draft. As it did from mid-2022 through the third quarter of 2023, the Benton County Board of Commissioners has again enjoined DSAC from exercising the power given to DSAC to meet and from fulfilling the responsibilities given to DSAC by the State of Oregon. The most recent rationale for this injunction is a shortfall in county staffing.

Ken Eklund
Chair, Disposal Site Advisory Committee for Benton County
January 2024

2021 Community Concerns Annual Report

Coffin Butte Landfill, Benton County, Oregon

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Prepared By: The Disposal Site Advisory Committee of Benton County

Preparation Period: September 2023 to January, 2024

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The duties of Benton County’s Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) are outlined in Oregon state law—specifically in ORS 459.325, which includes the requirement that “the committee shall prepare an annual written report summarizing the local citizens’ concerns and the manner in which the owner or operator is addressing those concerns.” The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality will consider this report as part of renewing a solid waste permit for Coffin Butte Landfill.

As requested by Benton County staff, DSAC has prepared the following staff report summarizing community member concerns regarding Coffin Butte Landfill in 2021. Concerns listed in this report have been compiled using information from the Coffin Butte Landfill and Pacific Region Compost Annual Reports for 2021, concerns sent to Benton County government, concerns presented during Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee or Solid Waste Advisory Council meetings, and concerns presented during a Planning Commission public hearing about an application by the owner to expand Coffin Butte Landfill. This Report includes community complaints received by the County government either in written form or as live testimony in public meetings, as well as various notices reported directly to the landfill, including three odor complaints, and sixteen complaints sent directly to Oregon DEQ, whose reasons for complaint were not documented to us by DEQ.

In mid-2021, the landfill owner, Republic Services, filed a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application to expand the landfill site; this application was denied by the Benton County Planning Commission in early December. This application process generated many expressions of concern from community members, about the landfill, its operations, and its potential to expand. This annual report intends to encapsulate the hundreds of community member concerns received throughout that public hearing process.

The public’s many topics of concern include: acceptance of out-of-county waste, hazards to groundwater quality and air quality, odor, greenhouse gas emissions, roadside litter and debris, impacts to wildlife, impacts to vehicle traffic, and impacts to the viability of local business operations and value and livability of area properties and character of the area. A focus of concern were the impacts the landfill may have on a county arterial road, Coffin Butte Road, and its intersection with Highway 99W. Almost every testimony relating to the CUP expressed concern that the landfill may expand beyond its currently permitted area; many also were concerned that the landfill owner would continue to expand the landfill’s intake/wasteshed.

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: Set 1a, Written (and Other) Testimonies Jan 1 through Aug 25

Index Number	Date of Complaint / Concern	Community Member Name(s)	Who was the Complaint / Concern expressed to? (Benton County group, Republic Services, etc.)	How was the Complaint / Concern expressed? (call, email, testimony, etc.)	Source/Record of Complaint /Concern	Character of Complaint / Concern	Notes	Response
1a-1	4/15/21	not recorded	Coffin Butte Landfill	not recorded	Landfill Annual Report	price	exact day not recorded	none
1a-2	4/15/21	not recorded	Benton County	not recorded	Coffin Butte Landfill Concern Log 2021 (Benton County)	roadside litter and debris along Highway 99W	exact day not recorded	Notified Republic Services, requested further investigation
1a-3	7/15/21	not recorded	Benton County	not recorded	Coffin Butte Landfill Concern Log 2021 (Benton County)	"other"	exact day not recorded	none
1a-4	7/27/21	Bruce Bartlett	Inga Williams	email	1_NoAddress_Bartlett-.pdf	traffic, safety, access/egress, undue corporate influence	"...Coffin Butte Road would have to be closed. That means the only reliable access-egress of heavy equipment would be Tampico Road or Soap Creek to the Lewisburg Saddle. That is absolutely unacceptable to the families that live in Soap Creek and Tampico"	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-5	7/27/21	Debbie & Norm Johnson 28831 Tampico Rd	General Benton County	Letter/PDF	38_Johnson-.pdf	Impacts to blue Heron Rookery/Bald Eagles, Closure of Coffin Butte Rd, impact to Tampico cultural and natural features, concerns about diminishing landfill capacity/life, operating noise, lack of public engagement	Note: date of this complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-6	7/28/21	Joel Geier	Inga Williams; County Commissioners	email	2a_Geier-.pdf	groundwater contamination, impact on property values	"As an internationally recognized professional groundwater analyst, I'm very concerned about the potential impacts of this proposed landfill expansion on the wells that we and our neighbors depend on for our households, and the impact on our property values if those wells are contaminated by leachate from the expanded landfill."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-7	7/31/21	Willow Holdorf	Inga Williams	email	3a_NoAddress_WHoldorf-.pdf	impacts on property values, worsening odor, impacts of noise, traffic and safety, access/egress	"The property value will plummet and we've spent 32 years working on and improving this property, including the house with all of my late father's handiwork. My father, John Holdorf, worked the land and built our home. Our property is his legacy as he lost his battle to cancer in 2013 and what he built was his life's dream."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-8	8/6/21	Cynthia R Clapp	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	14_CynthiaClapp-.pdf	concerns about landfill's effect on water quality of both spring and groundwater systems, safety hazard of increased traffic on Tampico Road (especially to children / school bus stops), negative changes to character of the neighborhood, loss of storm and evacuation access, inadequate buffers, noise, traffic	Live on Poison Oak hill, property borders the proposed expansion area. Very troubled with the lack of time available to provide a response. Water comes from well and spring-fed system, concern for area water quality	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-9	8/7/21	Ada Hyla E. Holdorf	Inga Williams	email	4_Aholdorf-.pdf	loss of important through-route and scenic route (Coffin Butte Road), increased vehicle noise, truck pollution, loss of forest conservation, historical and rural character. Landfill expanding beyond local demand, increased size and intake	Currently lives on property close to landfill, dramatic expansion of landfill. A new private road would dramatically increase vehicle noise through Tampico and Soap creek valley due to the rise 130 and drop 100 that the heavy trucks would need to navigate. Expansion clearly contravenes the interests of forest conservation and rural use for which adjacent lots are zoned.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-10	8/8/21	Kyle and Jessica Ulassin	General Benton County	letter + pdf	7_Ulassin-.pdf	traffic study of Tampico flawed, road would be more dangerous, would change it from a rural forested road to a commercial district, evac routes	traffic study of Tampico was flawed as it was taken during COVID when traffic was way down, better understanding of actual flows and impacts is needed. Use of larger trucks will change the character of the area from a rural forested road to a commercial district. Tampico will get more dangerous with the increased traffic. Would not be comfortable letting kids cross the road to visit neighbors. Would not be the environment that they moved to to raise their kids 5 years ago. Improvements needed for Tampico are not clearly defined. Loss of access to Coffin Butte Road in the event of an unanticipated emergency.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-11	8/9/21	Lyla Houglum	Inga Williams	email	5_Houglum-.pdf	inclement and emergency egress via Coffin Butte Road; huge increase in truck traffic along Tampico Road; safety issues for bikers and pedestrians; landfill would be abrogating a long standing commitment to use the quarry rather than expanding	Both Sulphur Springs and Tampico Road where they intersect with Soap Creek Road can be impossible to negotiate when ice-covered, due to freezing rain or heavy wet snow. We need to have Coffin Butte Road remain open as a way out in winter and emergency situations. Tampico Road is not equipped to handle heavy truck traffic as it is an artery of a rural neighborhood. In addition, the increased truck traffic on Tampico Road will be dangerous for families with children who live on that road, bikers, walkers, and runners using the road, and for the residents who cross the road to retrieve their mail. Various assurances made previously by the landfill operators: Since the mid 1990s and again in the early 2000s, the changes granted at those times were based on the use of the rock quarry for the next set of garbage cells and that those cells would allow continued landfill operations until '2035 but until 2030 at the very least.'	Benton County denied application to expand landfill

1a-12	8/9/21	Catherine Holdorf	Inga Williams	email	6_CHoldorf-.pdf	impact to water supply, land improvements, increased odors, traffic, evac routes, dangerous new entry/exit for trucks	property is on the south side of that ridge at 38483 Plowshares Rd, 60 acres purchased 32-33 years ago, worked hard to manage the land putting thousands of hours into wildlife management plantings, Allowing the Landfill to dump so close to property would negate the added value of years of labor. Landfill on the same ridge would jeopardize the potability of our aquifer and ability to even get water. Odors would likely be worse with the landfill that much closer. Closing Coffin Butte Rd to through traffic, thereby re-routing onto Tampico Rd, is a dangerous idea. Locals have had to use Coffin Butte Rd as an alternative exit nearly every year. This year, Tampico had downed trees and power lines after the ice storm, but we were able to get out via Coffin Butte Rd. Other years, there has been impassable snow or ice or downed trees, etc. Imagine if a fire swept through Soap Creek or down Tampico. How would people get out? Tampico is a popular road for walking and bikes, putting trucks on the road would be asking for accidents. Coffin Butte Road has good visibility both ways. The Tampico entrance is in a low spot and does not.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-13	8/9/21	Lue Ann Davis and Steve Frazier	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	9_Davis-Frazier-.pdf	groundwater contamination, impact on property values, loss of evacuation route, road more dangerous	Potential contamination of groundwater, increase in the noise, losing fire evacuation route and alternative route during weather impacts, increase in traffic impacts on Tampico Road. Tampico is already a narrow winding road, how would it handle the additional traffic and large trucks, property values would plummet based on the expansion. Was not given direct notice about the proposed changes. Feels like there is an effort to rush through this decision quickly to help a large corporation pursuit profits by avoiding the need to shut down the quarry.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-14	8/9/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Ken Kenaston	letter + pdf	10b_Whitcombe-.pdf	loss of evacuation route	Coffin Butte Road is by far the best route out of the valley in the case of an emergency. Does not meet the criteria outlined in Section 53.215 'The Proposed use 'does not seriously interfere with uses on adjacent property, with the character of the area' 'does not impose an undue burden'. It is irresponsible and dangerous to approve an application which taking away a neighborhood's most vital, safest egress and replacing it with...nothing. In the event of an earthquake, ice storm, wildfire, or an everyday medical emergency, seconds can make the difference between life and death.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-15	8/10/21	Ryan and Lisa McAlister	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	8_McAlister-.pdf	increased traffic, unknown improvement needs, road degrading, road more dangerous	concerned about the increased vehicle traffic, road noise, property value erosion. Currently quiet rural neighborhood. Higher vehicle count would make road degrade faster, conditions would be unsafe for pedestrians, extent of improvements needed on Tampico are not currently known, improvements may be very expensive based on line of sight challenges. realignment may have a significant impact on residents. Section 53.215 (2) of the code has not be adequately addressed regarding the impact on public improvements needed	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-16	8/10/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Inga Williams	email	10a_Whitcombe-.pdf	loss of evacuation route	During ice storm, coffin butte road was the only exit. Getting rid of the straightest, flattest, driest, least treed, most direct road out of our valley and replacing it with a 510' tall pile of other counties' garbage There will absolutely be a time in the coming years that Coffin Butte will be needed as access for fire fighting.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-17	8/10/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Inga Williams	email	10c_Whitcombe-.pdf	loss of evacuation route	Applicants page four, at the grading of reconfigured Coffin Butte. There is a 50% slope to the south of the reconfigured Coffin Butte, and what looks like a 30% slope (of garbage) to the North at the saddle. Is that a tenable exit road in an earthquake? Is a road with a 10% grade a tenable exit road in the next ice storm? Is a road that heads "up" into the treeline a tenable exit road in a fire? Taking away a "public" road that is well served for egress/ingress in any emergency and replacing it with a road which is vulnerable in "all" emergencies is madness	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-18	8/10/21	Rose Holdorf	Inga Williams	email	11a_RHoldorf-.pdf	groundwater contamination, impact on property values, loss of evacuation route, road more dangerous	Expansion would cause the landfill to expand very close to home and family's land. added noise, distasteful smell, or added truck traffic on Tampico Road .worried about the safety and stability of my family and neighbors. our water table will likely be severely affected by the landfill expansion, and the aquifer from which we drink may well become toxic. With the added risk of wildfires, I am scared that our fastest evacuation route to Highway 99, Coffin Butte Road, will disappear. the land and the house make up the majority of my family's financial legacy. What will happen to the value of our property if the landfill extends to our doorstep? proposed landfill expansion threatens my life and livelihood, as well as that of my friends and family. the proposed expansion is against Benton County codes (listed above). Coffin Butte Road must remain an evacuation route for me and my Soap Creek and Tampico neighbors. Republic Services are already permitted to collect waste from up to five counties at our Benton County landfill at its current size. Why should Benton County residents be at risk of a Coffin Butte expansion that absorbs the waste from people and industry outside Benton County?	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-19	8/10/21	H. Christine Smith	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	12_Smith-.pdf	traffic, evac routes, potential costs to support expansion	Concerned as a benton county resident about additional traffic, evacuation routes, potential costs to support increased use and the short time given to comment.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-20	8/10/21	Lewis L. Nunnelley	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	13_Nunnelley-.pdf	traffic, evac routes, potential costs to support expansion	Concerned as a benton county resident about additional traffic, evacuation routes, potential costs to support increased use and the short time given to comment.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-21	8/10/21	Val Flak	General	letter + pdf	19_VFlak-.pdf	insufficient time to respond, loss of evacuation route	No notice provided, both parents medically challenged, loss of evac route puts everybody's lives at risk	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-22	8/11/21	Rose Holdorf	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	11b_RHoldorf-.pdf	impact on property values, loss of evacuation route	Loss of most direct evacuation route, frustration with the fact that garbage is collected from 5 counties, concern with loss of property value, land is family's financial legacy	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-23	8/11/21	Ken & Sarah Edwardsson 28840 Daystar, 97330	Inga Williams	Letter/PDF	31_Edwardsson-.pdf	Safety concerns re: widening of Tampico		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-24	8/11/21	Grant Carlin 38581 Soap Creek Rd.	BC Development staff, Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	32_Carlin-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd.EMS response, unabated NOISE, well pollution, odor, pests (skunk/rat) traffic, property values		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

1a-25	8/11/21	Cat Newsheller 37296 Soap Crk Rd.	BC Development staff	Letter/PDF	33_Newsheller-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd.EMS response, safety, out of county trash		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-26	8/11/21	Glenn & Diane Fisher 29164 Tampico Rd.	Inga Williams	Letter/PDF	35_Fisher-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd, traffic/ safety, quality of life		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-27	8/12/21	Joel Geier	Inga Williams	email	2b_Geier-.pdf	heavy vehicle traffic		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-28	8/12/21	Joel Geier	Planning Commissioners	letter + pdf	2c_Geier-.pdf	access/egress, negative impact to neighborhood character, groundwater and water contamination, public health, impacts on property values, effects of earthquakes, impacts on cultural resources, impacts on wildlife and other natural resources, public safety		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-29	8/12/21	Willow Holdorf	Inga Williams	email	3b_NoAddress_WHoldorf-.pdf	impacts on property values, well water impacts, worsening odor, impacts of noise, traffic and safety, access/egress	Property value will plummet, spent 32 years working on improving the land. Water table that they draw their well water from is next to expansion area which could easily be contaminated, odor is already noticeable many times throughout the year and the expansion will likely make it worse, noise will likely increase since the expansion will bring the landfill closer to property. Tampico doesn't have shoulders and the larger trucks would have to use this road, impacting the many cyclists, including her, that use it. Road closure will take away disaster relief outlet for Soap Creek Valley. Tree lined Tampico and Saddle exits are lined with trees, in the event of a fire, Coffin butte road may be the only viable exit.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-30	8/12/21	Ken Funk	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	15b_Funk-.pdf	ground water, traffic, loss of old growth	lived on Tampico for 20 years, leachate could contaminate well, diverted trucks would increase noise/traffic endangering pedestrians, widening road would remove many old growth trees altering the character of the corridor, traffic reports are incomplete, proposal is very vague about impacts to groundwater	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-31	8/12/21	Chrystal Young	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	16_Young-.pdf	purchased land with promise not to expand south, well impacts, wildlife impacts, evac route, climate concerns long truck routes	at time of purchase, parents were told landfill would not cross coffin butte road, land to the south of coffin butte road is one of the few remaining natural oak savannahs. Stream running through is salmon spawning habitat. Landfill crossing road will severely impact this habitat. Landfill expansion could impact well. Concerned about closing coffin butte as an evac route. Tampico is frequently impassible when it snows. Republic trucks coming in from 5 counties has environmental impacts	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-32	8/12/21	Faye Yoshihara & Kevin Kenaga	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	17_Yoshihara-Kenaga-.pdf	evac routes, expansion into conservation zone, groundwater contamination, increase traffic, noise, smells	don't understand why landfill would be allowed to expand into forest conservation zone, loss of primary evacuation route, groundwater contamination, increase in the noise, foul smells and air pollution. County revenues should not come at the expense of county residents	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-33	8/12/21	Janet L. Ohmann	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	18_Ohmann-.pdf	insufficient time to respond, evac route, safety, pollution, access to EE Wilson, land values	insufficient amount of time to respond, serious threats to health and safety posed by changes to the road system, Coffin Butte safest, more reliable evac route, leaving two poor choices (sulfer springs, tampico) both winding and heavily wooded, frequently impassible in winter. Routing traffic from coffin butte to these other roads is courting disaster. Latest ice storm in 2021 shut down these roads for several days. Six months later county has yet to remove all downed vegetation. Coffin Butte road provides access to EE Wilson. New proposed cell would bring landfill closer to residents increasing levels of noise, odors and nighttime light pollution, all of which are already noticeable. Expanding to save quarry access not in the public's best interest	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-34	8/12/21	Gina Flak	General	letter + pdf	20_GFlak-.pdf	insufficient time to respond, impact to water supply, land improvements, increased odors, traffic, evac routes, why is approval being requested prior to required ODEQ review?	concerns about impact to well, use water to grow food and for animals, concerned about loss of evacuation route, during last ice storm coffin butte was only evac route available, need the route for medically challenged inlans in case of emergency, if proposal is approved it will negatively affect the character of the neighborhood, creating noise, pollution and loss of wildlife due to noise and traffic, the reclamation plan does not include the expansion area, proposal contains no pertinent information on local geology, groundwater and surface water, no mention of monitoring wells south of the proposed expansion. Why is approval being asked prior to the required ODEQ review? The notification process for public comment was not sufficient. As a hydrologist, serious concerns for residents living along the base of Tampico Ridge	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-35	8/12/21	Joseph Crockett	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	21_Crockett-.pdf	Loss of evac route, traffic study flawed	Coffin Butte is needed access for 99W emergencies, Coffin Butte is an important link for bicycles, farm vehicles and slow moving vehicles. Applicant fails to address the improvements that would need to be made to Tampico road, without improvements, traffic incidents are likely to increase, costs of improvements are likely to be born by the taxpayer, traffic count is flawed as the numbers were taken during the height of the pandemic, application states there will be no traffic impacts, but clearly there would be if you packed all traffic onto Tampico, which will seriously interfere with local transportation systems. "permanently vacating a valued public road that has served the community since the early 1900s, for the short term benefit of a private enterprise so they can have a few more years to sell gravel, is not going to be looked upon in the future as a wise planning decision"	Benton County denied application to expand landfill

1a-36	8/12/21	Bryan Cornell	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	22_Cornell-.pdf	safety issue, suggested alternative route, applicant damaged road county paid to fix	the section of tampico considered for expansion is narrow and winding, with blind spots due to curves and humps re-open the vacated section of Coffin Butte Road from Soap Creek Road West to Wiles Road then North on Wiles Road to Robison Road and East out to Hwy 99W. This would require replacement of two bridges over Soap Creek, significant improvements to the intersection of Robison Road and Hwy 99W and paving. Wiles Road can also serve as the route for East bound truck traffic off of Tampico Road as well as North bound traffic off of Soap Creek Road. This route is flat, straight and wide making it a much better truck route than Tampico Road from Soap Creek Road to Hwy 99W. In 2017 republic Services completely destroyed the paved surface of Coffin Butte Road during operations to move overburden dirt from the North side of the road to a stockpile on the South side. Republic reimburse the county for damages when Coffin butte Road had to be resurfaced, pushing the cost of their operations off on the taxpayer	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-37	8/12/21	Doug Bisland	Inga Williams	email+pdf	23_Bisland-.pdf	impact to groundwater and well water supply, evac route, increased traffic	all surrounding residents have wells that could be contaminated in an expansion, water escaping from new leachate ponds a serious concern, closure of Coffin Butte Road would limit egress for local residents and close a vital evac route, Tampico would see much heavy traffic including logging trucks, increased noise, traffic and pollution for local residents	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-38	8/12/21	Lauri Richer	Inga Williams	email+pdf	24_NoAddress_Richer-.pdf	Concerns about the landfill expanding beyond its permitted area, increasing rate of garbage intake	Do not want to become a dumping ground for other counties	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-39	8/12/21	Michael Larkin	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	25_NoAddress_MLarkin-.pdf	insufficient time to respond, evac route removal impacts to emergency response	two weeks is not even 10% of the time needed to understand the proposal, study the data, determine what data is missing and analyze results against the code. As a member of the fire dept, concerned with emergency access if Coffin Butte Road is closed. Coffin Butte was last to close during the ice storm and easiest to open. By far the safest egress in case of a fire or earthquake. Closing Coffin Butte Road will add four additional minutes for mutual aid fire response to an emergency including the fire chief and captain to respond to emergencies, a difference between life and death. Closing Coffin Butte is not a public improvement, this access road has served the public well for 75 years	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-40	8/12/21	Patti Haggerty	Inga Williams + Commission	email+pdf	26_Haggerty-.pdf	evac route, safety, lack of details around improvement cost, odors, safety, trash on the roadways	Coffin Butte was designed to carry heavy vehicles, Tampico is not suitable for heavy traffic. The intersection of Tampico and 99 is not suitable for a truck exchange. This intersection has poor line of site and it would take a huge investment to modify it for this type of use. Closing Coffin Butte because Republic doesn't want to use other existing cells is not reasonable. Why should Benton County be the dumping ground for all of Oregon? Noxious odors, trash on the sides of road, potential groundwater contamination. This is a business opportunity for the landfill operator with all the costs being born by county residents. Why don't any of the documents provided explain how a private entity can demand the closure of a public road? These documents also only state the new route 'may' be improved without providing any details on the cost or timeline for doing so.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-41	8/12/21	David Vesely	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	27_Vesely-.pdf	impact to the heron rookery	Been a wildlife biologist for 25 years, most of which has been focused on conservation and research. Herons nest in the poplar trees since those trees became fully mature. Observations led me to believe there are between 15-25 active Heron nests in these trees. Code states that this is a sensitive wildlife area. BCC 87.220 specifies the need to re-evaluate any development activity to gauge impact of development work. Expansion of the landfill poses serious threat to the rookery due to tree loss and additional traffic/noise. Request confirmation that ODFW/ODF have been notified of this development plan.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-42	8/12/21	Millie Burton-Funk	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	28_Burton-Funk-.pdf	stop accepting out of county trash, potential cost of expansion, the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area	Communities should be in charge of their own local trash. Costs of expansion are too high, widening extraneous roads is expensive and unnecessary when there is an existing road that already serves this purpose. Coffin Butte should stop accepting trash from other counties with the exception of Polk since the landfill is on the border of that county. This will help to encourage other county's to come up with local solutions.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-43	8/12/21	Judith Kerr, Robert Brunck	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	29_Kerr-Brunck-.pdf	evac route, safety, quality of life for residents on Tampico, ground water concerns	Surrounding community was not given adequate notice for a response. Coffin Butte is a critical road. Closing this road would be dangerous to public health and safety. During the 2021 ice storm, Coffin Butte was the only egress route for many residents while Tampico was shut down. Coffin Butte is the safest road due to the limited number of trees. Soap Creek runs directly into Coffin Butte and provides safe access to Hwy 99. If Tampico is expanded, what happens to hikers and bikers that use the road? Having Tampico as the main road for access to the landfill destroys the quality of life for residents living on Tampico. Large expansion of the landfill can have potential impacts on the ground and well water that is used by local residents	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-44	8/12/21	Rebecca Merja	Inga Williams	letter + pdf	30_Merja-.pdf	evacuation route, noise and odor pollution, safety issues driveway line of sight/ Tampico intersection	Process seems to fall short for public notification considering the potential impact of the permit to expand. Concerns about losing the best evacuation route with the close of Coffin Butte Road. Rerouting through Tampico, through a neighborhood, is likely to cause additional time, congestion and risk. There is a safety issue with making Tampico alternative route, many driveways have limited sight distance due to hilly terrain. Same is true with the intersection of Tampico and Hwy 99. Negative Quality of life impacts for the residents, heavier traffic, increase in noise, dust and exhaust creating negative impacts to the character of the neighborhood.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-45	8/12/21	Candice Ireland 37332 Soap Creek Rd.	Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	34_Ireland-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd., EMS response, public safety/ egress, property values		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-46	8/12/21	Janet Larkin 29124 Tampico Rd.	Inga Williams	Letter/PDF	36_Jlarkin-.pdf	Traffic/safety, water quality impacts to aquifer		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

1a-47	8/12/21	Doug Pollock	Inga Williams BC Planning Commission	Email/PDF	37_NoAddress_Pollock-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd	This communication takes issue with the flawed wording in the County's notices regarding the CUP application	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-48	8/13/21	Ben Bliss 3304 NE 76th Ave, Portland	Inga Williams	Letter/PDF	39_Bliss-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Road/ safety, environmental concerns/ water quality, livability/odor,noise pollution, truck traffic,property values, out of area waste		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-49	8/17/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Xan Augerot	email	10d_Whitcombe-.pdf	loss of evacuation route, no notice to EMS personnel	<p>"Soap Creek Valley is very vulnerable to natural disasters – earthquake, ice storm, wildfire -- one of which we have experienced this very year. There aren't many ways out, and most of the ways out are steep, narrow, curved, tree-lined roads that are easily blocked. Coffin Butte is the one exception to this rule. It is flat, wide, straight, and not heavily forested. I estimate that hundreds of households – probably thousands of people – depend on Coffin Butte as a lifeline. the Fire District had not been notified of, nor consulted about, the proposal by either the developer nor County planning staff. I suggest that, in addition to incorporating Adair's comments into Staff's recommendations, the Benton County Sheriff's Office department of Emergency Planning be consulted to determine what effect this closure might have on Law Enforcement and EMS response times in the event of a medical emergency."</p>	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1a-50	8/25/21	Mathew Unitis Oregon Dept. of State Lands AttachmentB	Inga Williams	PDF	AttachmentB.pdf	Project will impact wetlands and requires a State permit		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: Set 1b, Live Testimonies to the Solid Waste Advisory Council, August 25, 2021

Index Number	Date of Complaint / Concern	Community Member Name(s)	Who was the Complaint / Concern expressed to? (Benton County group, Republic Services, etc.)	How was the Complaint / Concern expressed? (call, email, testimony, etc.)	Source/Record of Complaint /Concern	Character of Complaint / Concern	Notes	Response
1b-1	8/25/21	Joel Geier	Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Aug25 2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	premature show of support for the landfill expansion	DSAC member acknowledged the show of support for the conditional use permit application was precipitous	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1b-2	8/25/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Aug25 2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concern that DSAC was not fulfilling its mission to provide a forum for public input, especially from those in the neighborhood of the landfill	DSAC Chair acknowledged that DSAC had done "a very poor job" of that mission in its last meeting	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1b-3	8/25/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Aug25 2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concern that the County did not notify the public adequately about the application		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1b-4	8/25/21	Doug Pollock	Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Aug25 2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	continuing odor issues, traffic issues (truck traffic), greenhouse gas emissions, loss of capacity due to out-of-county tonnage; concern about influence of money from landfill profit on the landfill review process		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1b-5	8/25/21	Joel Geier	Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Aug25 2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	unknown geology and hydrology of the proposed landfill expansion		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1b-6	8/25/21	Kevin Kenaga	Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Aug25 2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	landfill was not (environmentally) sited, but inherited from the military		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1b-7	8/25/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Aug25 2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	impact on access/egress and emergency services		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
1b-8	8/25/21	Doug Pollock	Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Aug25 2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	impact on access/egress and emergency services, non-neutrality of county staff		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: Set 2a, Written (and Other) Testimonies from Aug 26 through Oct 13

Index Number	Date of Complaint / Concern	Community Member Name(s)	Who was the Complaint / Concern expressed to? (Benton County group, Republic Services, etc.)	How was the Complaint / Concern expressed? (call, email, testimony, etc.)	Source/Record of Complaint /Concern	Character of Complaint / Concern	Notes	Response
2a-1	9/7/2021	Nancy Whitcombe	Daniel Redick	email	10d_Whitcombe-.pdf	impact to emergency access/egress; concerns that emergency agencies not consulted/notified about changes to landfill scope and operations	The issue of the future of the landfill be addressed in detail via a comprehensive plan amendment or as a first step in the next comprehensive plan, invite the participation of stakeholders and provide that the future direction of the landfill be studied in the detail it warrants. The 2007 Comprehensive Plan, the landfill was projected to have a useful life of 43 years. Landfill & quarry usage at that time was very different from 2005, disposal volumes per year were 580,000 tons. By 2020, disposal volumes per year were 860,000 tons. The number of vehicles at the landfill has increased enormously, 127% in 2020 Stakeholders -- neighbors, EMS personnel, the fire district, Emergency Preparedness, law enforcement officials -- would all like a say in the future of the landfill. A Comprehensive Plan amendment or a section dedicated to issues of the future of the landfill in the upcoming Comp Plan is the right way to thoughtfully address consideration of numerous issues and help guide Advisory Committees. Issues: 1) Clear mission creep since 1974 when the original permit was provided 2) What impact has the landfill had on property values 3) Do forest zones around the landfill provide a buffer, or will the landfill expand into these zones eventually 4) Should there be more stringent requirements for conditional use permits 5) should there be a rock quarry and landfill in the same location? 6) to what extent does Benton county want to be the recipient of the states garbage?	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2a-2	9/15/21	not recorded	Coffin Butte Landfill	not recorded	Landfill Annual Report	public tipping area	exact day not recorded	none
2a-3	9/15/21	not recorded	Coffin Butte Landfill	not recorded	Landfill Annual Report / ODEQ	odor	exact day not recorded	Landfill responded, documented, and reported
2a-4	9/23/21	Inga King 2622 NW Bluebell Pl. 97330	Inga Williams	Email/PDF	40_King-.pdf	gas consumption to transport trash from so far, Blue Heron rookery, closure of Coffin Butte Road		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2a-5	10/11/2021	Rana Foster	Benton County	letter	6_Foster-.pdf	informing landowners; escape route; road maintenance; buffer zones, impact to private land; rainwater drainage, light pollution; noise, dust pollution, water contamination; wildlife impact; lack of alternative proposal; oregon forest practices act compliance; landslides; ecological impact; impact to historic and prehistoric culture sites; concerns not addressed by proposal; carbon emission mitigation; lack of involvement by Knife River		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2a-6	10/13/2021	David Hackleman	Inga Williams, Benton County Planning Commission	letter	1a_Hackleman-.pdf, 1b_Hackleman-.pdf	overburden of landfill mass, traffic safety, access to proposed vacated road	"Increased overburden in a region has been known to cause land movement issues in adjacent regions." "The road proposed to be vacated is a superior path for heavy vehicles to traverse to both Soap Creek Valley and points to the West compared to Tampico road."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2a-7	10/13/2021	Kevin Higgins	Benton County	letter	2_NoAddress_Higgins-.pdf	size of landfill, trash coming from neighboring counties, truck traffic, trash on roads, lack of responsibility cleaning up, trash falling out of landfill traffic on roads, losing room to road improvements, traffic noise, smells, liquids, danger to residents and children on roads, loss of egress route,	" Republic services has expanded the facility to receive an enormous amount of trash from all around the neighboring counties. It has added a significant amount of truck traffic on the roadways and highways leading to and from Benton County, and as you might guess, along with that is the enormous amount of traffic comes an enormous amount of trash on the sides of the roads" "Another impact that is near and dear to my heart is if Coffin Butte Road was to be blocked, effectively shutting it down would eliminate one egress route in the event of fire or natural disaster in the area." Note: date of complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: Set 2b, Live Testimonies to the Disposal Site Advisory Committee and Solid Waste Advisory Council, Oct 13

Index Number	Date of Complaint / Concern	Community Member Name(s)	Who was the Complaint / Concern expressed to? (Benton County group, Republic Services, etc.)	How was the Complaint / Concern expressed? (call, email, testimony, etc.)	Source/Record of Complaint /Concern	Character of Complaint / Concern	Notes	Response
2b-1	10/13/21	Dorothy Balisok	Disposal Site Advisory Committee	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about protections in place to prevent hazardous materials from going into the landfill; concerns about protections in place to contain hazardous materials in the landfill; questions about inspections of those protections; concerns about air quality, given her experience of intense odor near the landfill; concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits		Republic liaisons responded in person; Republic referred public to their town hall on Oct 20; Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-2	10/13/21	Joel Geier	Disposal Site Advisory Committee	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about prioritizing profit from quarry operations over concerns with the proposed expansion site; concerns about noise, road safety, and protection of groundwater quality; concerns about overloaded quarry trucks; concerns about effects of open-pit mining on groundwater quality, especially regarding arsenic levels		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-3	10/13/21	Gina Flak	Disposal Site Advisory Committee	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about odor, about landfill traffic issues on Soap Creek Road; questions about operations noise beyond normal operating hours		Republic liaisons responded in person regarding operating noise
2b-4	10/13/21	Mark Yeager	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns that the accelerated intake rate of trash has drastically reduced landfill life; concerns that expanding the landfill will prove to be unnecessary due to successful waste reduction efforts; concerns that landfill expansion is motivated by owner profit, not county need; concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-5	10/13/21	Kenneth Funk	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about the impacts of the landfill expansion on the rural character of Tampico Road; about leachate leaking into groundwater; that these effects and others will reduce area property values, and dash hopes of passing on a good life on a small farm to successive generations; concerns that human error will undermine the efforts to mitigate the risks of landfill operations; concerns about unlimited size of wasteshed; concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-6	10/13/21	Gina Flak	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	notes that closing Coffin Butte Road will restrict their ability to evacuate their children, medically frail family, and horses; noise concerns; wildlife concerns; concerns about unlimited size of wasteshed; concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits; concerns about inappropriate landfill traffic on Tampico Road		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-7	10/13/21	Grant Carlin	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about noise of landfill operations and its health and economic effects on landfill neighbors; concerns that owner-funded studies are not objective or reliable		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-8	10/13/21	Doug Pollock	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about viability of alternatives to Coffin Butte Road for cycling, auto and emergency traffic; concerns about legitimacy and wisdom of ending the road's long use as an enduring publicly funded asset; concerns that the larger public has been inadequately notified about road closing		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-9	10/13/21	Nancy Higgins	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about negative effects on the public value of the land surrounding the landfill, especially the large amounts of natural land dedicated to public outdoor uses and habitat for wildlife; concerns about the lack of limits on growth of the landfill; concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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2b-10	10/13/21	Kevin Higgins	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about the increasing growth pattern of the landfill; concerns about impacts of increasing truck traffic; concerns about increasing volumes of roadside trash; concerns about the lack of effort to clean up operations by the landfill; concerns about negative impacts to Tampico Road and its residents, including noise, roadside trash and effluent, traffic; inappropriate for a rural road, and traffic hazard; loss of emergency egress; concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-11	10/13/21	Dorothy Balisok	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about loss of safety to the community; negative effects on water quality and wildlife; concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-12	10/13/21	Kevin Kenaga	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns that the economic gains of the landfill overshadow its environmental costs; concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-13	10/13/21	Joel Geier	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about increasing volume coming into the landfill; concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-14	10/13/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about what will happen to the landfill when it closes; concerns that requested studies of landfill impacts have not been done; concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-15	10/13/21	Joe Crockett	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about traffic impacts to east-west crossings of Highway 99W for hikers, cyclists and traffic if Coffin Butte Road is closed		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-16	10/13/21	Kate Harris	Solid Waste Advisory Council	live testimony, chat testimony	SWAC Oct 13 2021 7010445875117741060.mp4, minutes, 10.13.21 SWAC meeting - chat.pdf	concerns that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted limits; concerns that the County be good stewards of the land for all residents; concerns about landfill hazards to new area residents		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
2b-17	10/13/21	Tom Hewes	Solid Waste Advisory Council	chat testimony	10.13.21 SWAC meeting - chat.pdf	concern about water quality in groundwater and in Soap Creek downstream from the landfill; concern that landfill expansion will have negative impacts on nearby property owners and wildlife		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: Set 3a, Written Testimonies from Oct 14 through Oct 20

Index Number	Date of Complaint / Concern	Community Member Name(s)	Who was the Complaint / Concern expressed to? (Benton County group, Republic Services, etc.)	How was the Complaint / Concern expressed? (call, email, testimony, etc.)	Source/Record of Complaint /Concern	Character of Complaint / Concern	Notes	Response
3a-1	10/14/21	George Dragich	Ned Harris, Benton County	phone call	10_Dragich-.pdf	noise from equipment, noise from trucks; stray debris on hwy99 and independence; traffic danger; property values;	"Tampico where I raised my children is dangerous as it is. Speeding cars very close to our mail boxes. Now Trucks? There goes all our life long investments. This is rural residential property, not the entrance to a land fill. "	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-2	10/14/21	Joseph Crockett	Inga Williams	letter	3_Crockett-.pdf	closing of Coffin Butte Road, danger and discomfort of alternate routes	Closing Coffin Butte Road presents an undue burden for those seeking to stay on rural roads for safety as well as a quieter experience. Not only are the alternatives routes longer, they are more dangerous due to having to use 99W which has higher traffic volumes, higher speeds, and higher noise than our rural Roads.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-3	10/14/21	Janet L Ohmann	Inga Williams	letter	4_Ohmann-.pdf	closure of road, lack of compensation for land transfer; violation of 53.215 criteria, traffic danger and inconvenience of alternate route, loss of emergency use, impact to environment, impact to livability, impacts to hydrology, noise, odors, light pollution, stray garbage, increased traffic, impacts to wildlife; capacity for county residents' waste	The lifespan of our Landfill is finite, and the faster we fill it up with garbage from outside our area, the sooner Benton County will have to seek more expensive options for our waste disposal I'm also concerned about impacts to wildlife habitat and other ecosystem services provided by the forest, woodland, and savannah in the expanded dump. the Tampico Rd./Hwy. 99W intersection has poor visibility, limited turning lanes, and requires rapid acceleration into traffic. The alternate route proposed is longer, inconvenient, and a poor replacement for Coffin Butte Rd.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-4	10/14/21	William J Briskey	Benton County	letter	5_Briskey-.pdf	increased traffic loads on poor road conditions, wind carried debris, odors		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-5	10/14/2021	George Dragich		email	10_Dragich-.pdf	noise from equipment, noise from trucks; stray debris on hwy99 and independence; traffic danger; property values;	" Tampico where I raised my children is dangerous as it is. Speeding cars very close to our mail boxes. Now Trucks? There goes all our life long investments. This is rural residential property, not the entrance to a land fill. "	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-6	10/14/2021	Joseph Crockett	Inga Williams	letter	3_Crockett-.pdf	closing of Coffin Butte Road, danger and discomfort of alternate routes	Closing Coffin Butte Road presents an undue burden for those seeking to stay on rural roads for safety as well as a quieter experience. Not only are the alternatives routes longer, they are more dangerous due to having to use 99W which has higher traffic volumes, higher speeds, and higher noise than our rural Roads.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
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3a-8	10/14/2021	William J Briskey	Benton County	letter	5_Briskey-.pdf	increased traffic loads on poor road conditions, wind carried debris, odors		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-9	10/15/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Inga Williams	email	9_NoAddress_Whitcombe-.pdf	flaws and inaccuracies in application materials; lack of citizen involvement	" There are so many flaws & inaccuracies in the material presented by the applicant that it is basically impossible to note them out in the short time citizens have been given to respond to this mammoth proposal, and the hundreds of pages of material the applicant has dropped at (after) the last minute."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-10	10/15/21	Mona Goetzinger	Inga Williams	email	11_Goetzinger-.pdf	increased traffic; closure of road; traffic on Whites; Whites bridge condition		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-11	10/15/21	Joel Geier	Benton County Planning Commission, Ken Kenaston	letter	7_Geier-.pdf	short notice for comment; failure of supplemental materials to address issues in original proposal; lack of public access to planning department staff report; egress; lack of report from ORDEQ; impact to adjacent land; increased dust, noise, odors; decreased buffer zone; lack of reclamation plan; cultural and archaeological impact; great blue heron rookeries; misleading statement of public benefit to county residents	" Back in May, the Applicant gave you a flimsy, incomplete, and often misleading application. Their recent supplementary information filed in haste by their consultant on October 5th attempts to paper over the gaps and errors with arguments, opinions, and promises from their consultants."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-12	10/15/21	Becky Merja	Linda Ray	email	8_Merja-.pdf	loss of public road; traffic impact on Tampico Rd residents; truck traffic impact; lack of benefit to local waste management; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area	" I also take issue with the need to expand the landfill because Republic Services accepts garbage from 22 Oregon counties and a couple from Washington State. ... Benton County only contributes about 12% of the total annual tonnage. How long would the current cell last if some of those loads were redirected to fill sites closer to where the trash originated?" " Coffin Butte Road is the entrance to Soap Creek Valley filling this area with trash and permanently cutting off access is irresponsible."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-13	10/15/2021	Nancy Whitcombe	Inga Williams	email	9_NoAddress_Whitcombe-.pdf	flaws and inaccuracies in application materials; lack of citizen involvement	" There are so many flaws & inaccuracies in the material presented by the applicant that it is basically impossible to note them out in the short time citizens have been given to respond to this mammoth proposal, and the hundreds of pages of material the applicant has dropped at (after) the last minute."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
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3a-16	10/15/2021	Becky Merja	Linda Ray	email	8_Merja-.pdf	loss of public road; traffic impact on Tampic Rd residents; truck traffic impact; lack of benefit to local waste management; concern that landfill will expand beyond its current footprint	“ I also take issue with the need to expand the landfill because Republic Services accepts garbage from 22 Oregon counties and a couple from Washington State. ... Benton County only contributes about 12% of the total annual tonnage. How long would the current cell last if some of those loads were redirected to fill sites closer to where the trash originated?” “ Coffin Butte Road is the entrance to Soap Creek Valley filling this area with trash and permanently cutting off access is irresponsible.”	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-17	10/18/21	Dr. Eric Rehm	Inga Williams	email	5 -EricRehm-.pdf	concerned that existing waste reduction tools are not being employed		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-18	10/18/21	Jim Martinez	Inga Williams	email	7 - NoAddress_JimMartinez-.pdf	concerns about general decline in property values and livability/desirability of the County; concerns about roadside trash; concern that the landfill will continue to expand	“With the proposed expansion, bucolic Corvallis that is considered to be one of the nation's most “Desirable Cities” will be viewed “Dump City.” Why not? That will become our most prominent feature.”	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-19	10/19/21	Cheryl Martinez	Inga Williams	email	2 - NoAddress_CherylMartinez-.pdf	concern that the landfill owner's current path will lead to landfill closure and greater public costs, and saddle the County with future problems; complaints about excessive roadside litter; concern about the unsightly visual appearance of the dump and its becoming a negative landmark for the area; concerns about methane emissions and groundwater contamination; concerns about high carcinogen levels in trash coming into the landfill; concern that the negative effects on water quality will be of vital importance in a climate-changed future; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area	“As it is, when visitors come in, they comment on “The Dump” alongside the road. Corvallis is quickly becoming known as “The Place With The Landfill”, not for the benefits of OSU, the Willamette River or its tributaries, clear skies and beautiful forests/fields and a welcoming community.”	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
3a-20	10/20/21	Stratos Flanders	Benton County Planning Commission	letter	12 - KnifeRiver.pdf	concern that landfilling will cut off access to rock resources in the Coffin Butte quarry	“We currently are mining rock at a slower pace than Republic is bringing in materials. If Republic is unable to expand its operations at the landfill, Knife River would have to leave the property with millions of tons of rock left unmined. We believe the current arrangement – we are able to mine the rock and create a lower-cost option for customers, and Republic fills the land back in with their materials – has been beneficial for all, including Benton County residents.”	Benton County denied application to expand landfill

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: Set 3b, Live Testimonies to Republic Services, October 20

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3b-1	10/20/21	unknown	Republic Services	live testimony	none found	unknown	Republic Services held a public presentation regarding their application to expand the landfill. This event was not sponsored by Benton County. In the October 13, 2021 DSAC/SWAC meeting, the public was directed to attend this presentation and present views there. DSAC was unable to locate any record of the event.	unknown

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: Set 4a, Written Testimonies from Oct 21 through Nov 2

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4a-1	10/21/21	Mark and Marcella Henkels	Benton County Planning Commission	email	14 - Mark-Marcella-Henkels-	Increased amount of fallen trash littering surrounding roadways; windblown trash disrupting work on farms; trucks causing runoff water pollution; Benton County absorbing trash from many other counties; disruption from heavy truck traffic; impact on traffic from closing Coffin Butte Road	"A simple review of the proposal shows how this is not in the long-term interest of the county and that it would have an immediate negative impact on the lives of county residents."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-2	10/21/21	Patti Haggerty	Inga Williams	email	15 - PatriciaHaggerty-	Closing Coffin Butte Road: impact on traffic on Tampico road, no sufficient plan to improve Wiles and Robinson Roads (the proposed new truck routes), Republic having access to expansion further north but choosing to close Coffin Butte Road instead	"I reviewed the Development Code and have found no section that says that if you own property on both sides of a road, you may take it away from the public. Is this to be the new norm, that private entities can abscond with public rights of way at will?"	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-3	10/21/21	Kendra Callahan	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter	9 - KendraCallahan-.pdf	concerns about noise, smell, garbage blowing from the site, dust, vibrations from trucks, air pollution; concerns about impacts to the character of the area; impacts to forestland and wildlife, including loss of a wildlife corridor; concerns about loss of a public improvement (Coffin Butte Road); concerns about road safety; concerns about loss of an emergency evacuation route; concerns about cyclist safety; concerns about security of power and telephone services; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area	"In closing, I would like to state again that I object strongly to the Conditional Use Permit set forth by Republic Services to expand their landfill onto a different part of their property and to their request that the county closes Coffin Butte Road and gives it to Valley Landfill. Coffin Butte Road DOES NOT have to be closed for Republic Landfill to continue their operations. They can continue disposing of trash into the quarry area as was previously planned. They can extend the life of the landfill by taking less garbage from counties outside of Benton County. They can extend the life of the landfill by separating out more recyclables or separating construction waste from other waste. It is short sighted to think that expanding the landfill and closing a public road is the only way forward. But most importantly, this application clearly does not meet the conditions of approval stated in Benton County Code."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-4	10/22/21	Doug Pollock	Benton County Planning Commission	email	3 -DougPollock-.pdf	Concerns about emergency access/egress, increased vehicle miles and other effects of closing Coffin Butte Road	"I would strongly encourage Planning Commission members to visit the area and drive the various routes. If you do, think about what would happen if Tampico Road were closed for several days (as it was during last winter's ice storm). Coffin Butte Road was our only safe route out of the Soap Creek Valley. Or consider what might happen in the event of a catastrophic wildfire. Both Tampico Rd. and the proposed re-routing via Wiles/Robison Rd. are much less direct. In an emergency, egress/access is everything. Coffin Butte Road provides the best egress/access by far."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-5	10/22/21	Elizabeth & David Patte 37655 Zeolite Hills Rd. Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams	email	4 -Eliza-David-Patte-.pdf	concerns about the accelerating trash intake at the landfill; concerns that impacts such as noise, loss of emergency egress, and wildlife and natural resources degradation would affect surrounding communities; concerns about landfill stench; concerns about roadside trash; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area	"October 13th testimony to SWAC made it abundantly clear the burdens, from noise, well-water contamination concerns, the loss of important emergency egress and other traffic safety concerns, and the impact on the area's wildlife and natural resources that landfill expansion would force on surrounding communities."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-6	10/22/21	Rana Foster	Benton County Planning Commissioners	Letter	16 - RanaFoster-.pdf	concern about landfill cutting off emergency evacuation route; will significantly increase fire hazard; concern about power, gas and cable lines needing to be rerouted; loss of east-west travel connection; concern for wetlands/floodplain; concern for wildlife endangered species; concern for biodiversity in Forest Conservation area; concern for long term maintenance and clean-up costs; concern over dump abandonment; concerns about expensive environmental remediation; concern about environmental monitoring plans; concerns over PFAS and other toxics monitoring and containment; concerns about long-term effects of using Alternate Daily Cover, especially to wildlife; concerns over great blue heron nesting site; concerns about increases in haul road and power plant operating noise; concerns about light pollution from operations; concern that cultural and botanical surveys have not been done; concerns over visual impact of landfill to recreational uses at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area and others; concern about air quality impacts due to landfill odors, dust, and landfill gas emissions; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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4a-7	10/22/21	Robert Larkin	Inga Williams	email	17 - RobertLarkin-	Closing Coffin Butte Road, closing off routes for emergency services/evacuation.	"Coffin Butte Road exists today as a Benton County Minor Arterial. That road belongs to Benton County. It is used by residents and commerce. It provides access and travel savings. Most importantly, it provides a route for emergency services as well an evacuation route... If Coffin Butte Road must be moved, so be it, but DO NOT close it!"	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-8	10/22/21	Robert Morris & Jackie Calvert	Inga Williams	email	18 - RobertMorris-JackieCalvert-	environmental impact, impact on wildlife, impact on native plants, public not given enough time to respond	"Our home is located on 8 acres, a portion is native, untilled prairie. We are deeply concerned to learn that the Planning Commission may allow a disposal site expansion in Benton County. We are working very hard to preserve and protect our prairie by planting native grasses, trees and flora. Allowing the enlargement of the Coffin Butte landfill goes against one of the main reasons we located here. Especially since there is no advantage to our local environment, that we can imagine. We foresee only detrimental effects."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-9	10/22/21	Faye Yoshihara & Kevin Kenaga	Inga Williams	Letter	19 - Yoshihara-Kenaga-	closing Coffin Butte Road, access/egress, impact on traffic, impact on wildlife, advisory council not given enough time to properly research/evaluateimpacts		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-10	10/22/21	Jeff Morrell 38464 Hwy 99W Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	email/PDF	JefferyMorrell-.pdf	No buffer from odor,noise, roadside litter, reduced property values,Safety concerns re: closure of Coffin Butte Rd., increased road maintenance, Annual reports that misrepresent landfill lifespan	Jeff Morrell was a SWAC/DSAC member for 2 decades	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-11	10/22/21	Brady Callahan 28283 Stage Stop Ln. Corvallis, OR 97330	Benton County Planning Department Attn: Benton County Planning Commission	email/PDF	1 - Brady-Kendra-Callahan-.pdf, 1-b Brady-Kendra-Callahan2-.pdf	issues with operating noise; concerns about visual impacts; concern about closure of Coffin Butte Road, a major thoroughfare for over 80 years, especially regarding emergency egress and ingress; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-12	10/22/21	Joel Geier 38566 Hwy 99W Corvallis 97330	Benton County Planning Commissioners	Email /PDF	8 - JoelGeier-.pdf	Concerns about emergency access/egress, impacts upon the character of the neighborhood; significant impacts on the uses of adjacent parcels, including those dedicated to public recreation; concerns about loss of buffer zones around the landfill; concerns about lack of cultural resource assessments and disregard for cultural resources, including archaeological resources and native flora; concerns for great blue heron rookeries; concern that extending the life of the landfill will impact rare and endangered species in the area due to prolonged presence of nuisance species; concerns about harms to area high-priority conservation efforts; concerns about misrepresentation of landfill public benefits; concern that the landfill will expand its service region and beyond its currently permitted area		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-13	10/22/21	Ken Eklund	Inga Williams	email/PDF	10- KenEklund-.pdf	concern about landfill operator locking in high impacts to community; concern that landfill operator is not planning for future improvements to landfilling methods and technologies; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area	"Republic is advancing their request for a Conditional Use Permit now, many years before it's actually needed, because they would like to develop the garbage mountain alongside Highway 99 first and fill in the quarry last. This is because the quarry produces profit for them, and because they are not impacted by the many costs for the garbage mountain over the road and alongside Highway 99. Approving the Conditional Use Permit now would lock in a future where Benton County residents do suffer these impacts and pay these costs, and they pay them in full and soon. Rejecting the CUP application now defers all these many costs for decades and may obviate some of them entirely, depending on what happens in the region and in Oregon to manage wastestreams and encourage reuse and recycling."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-14	10/22/21	Ken Funk	Inga Williams, BC Planning Commission	email	11 - KenFunk-.pdf	concerns about traffic flows and safety, and the character of the Tampico Road corridor, due to the landfill closing Coffin Butte Road; concerns about leachate leakage and spills contaminating groundwater; concerns about consequent loss of property value and livability; concerns about inadequate and incomplete studies and testing; concern the landfill is rapidly growing; concern the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area	"It seems a great injustice for my Benton County neighbors and me to bear the risks associated with the rapidly growing pile of waste from people in Salem, Portland, and as far away as Washington state who wish to simply discard their trash and forget about it."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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4a-15	10/22/21	Lori Tully	Inga Williams	email	13 - NoAddress_LoriTully-.pdf	concerns about who will pay for road changes due to landfill expansion; concern about lack of local control over landfill wasteshed; concerns about surface and groundwater pollution, smell, noise, traffic burdens of the landfill; concerns that local government is not monitoring or enforcing agreements with the landfill; concerns that the landfill's large wasteshed erodes waste reduction efforts; concerns about surface pollution (roadside trash), greenhouse gas emissions, traffic congestion; concern that the landfill will expand its service region and beyond its currently permitted area		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-16	10/22/21	Erin McMullen Philomath OR	Inga Williams, Benton County Planning Commissioners	Email/PDF	ErinMcMullen-.pdf	Landfill risks the health, livelihood, well being of residents. Out of county trash, profits over people		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-17	10/23/21	Jerry Paul	Inga Williams, Community Development Department	email	6 -JerryPaul-.pdf	concerns about water contamination in E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area and Soap Creek; concerns about air quality from dust and noxious odors and from methane; concerns about blue heron nesting colony; concerns about impacts to Carson Prairie, archaeological sites including the Leticia Carson Homestead; concerns about lack of egress/safety		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-18	10/23/21	Kristan Mitchell Oregon Refuse & Recycling Association PO Box 2186 Salem	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	KristanMitchell-.pdf	Coffin Butte Landfill is a modern state of the art facility operating in one of the most heavily regulated industries in the country	"Today, the technology exists to build safe landfills, complete with high tech lining systems, advanced technologies to collect and remove leachate and gas and ultra-sofisticated systems to monitor long-term environmental performance."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-19	10/23/21	Nancy Hyde 37845 Soap Creek Rd 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email /PDF	NancyHyde-.pdf	increased dangers to clean water and quality of life in Soap Creek Valley; damage to character of the area; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area and take over more private properties		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-20	10/23/21	Dani Melton	Inga Williams	Email/PDF	DaniMelton-.pdf / NoAddress_DaniMelton-.pdf	impact to friends, family, horse and self		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-21	10/27-21	Laura Tilley Corvallis resident	BC Commissioners office	Phone Call/PDF	LauraTilley-.pdf	Out of county trash		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-22	10/27/21	Mark Yeager	BC Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	MarkYeager1-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd. Landfill capacity		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-23	10/27/21	Nicole Dolan	Inga Williams	Email/PDF	NicoleDolan-.pdf	Well water contanination, noise, stress to horses at Biy by Bit impact to that business		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-24	10/28/21	Steve Strauss 3322 SW Cascade 97333	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	SteveStrauss-.pdf	Can we not find an alternate landfill location further from recreational and residential sites? Transporting out of county trash impacts our local environment and increases our statewide carbon footprint. In Dunn Forest, the landfill smell greatly reduces the recreational value, inhaling may impact health		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-25	10/28/21	Christina Clark 6109 NW Appaloosa Lane Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams for Benton County Planning Commission	email/PDF	ChristinaClark-.pdf	Impact of air quality, odor on residential, businesses, outdoor spaces, out of county trash, road closure impacts evacuation,emergency services response time		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-26	10/28/21	Cynthia Clapp 38277 Brenneman Lane Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams for Benton County Planning Commission	letter/PDF	CynthiaClapp-.pdf	Out of County waste, frequent stench, dust/debris/migrating trash, daily/nightly noise, evacuation route closure, heavy truck traffic diverted to Tampico Rd		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-27	10/28/21	Judy Juntenan 4215 SW 53rd 97333	BC Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	JudyJuntenan-.pdf	Out of county trash		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-28	10/28/21	Suzanne Ortiz Corvallis	Inga Williams BC Planning Commission	Email/PDF	SuzanneOrtiz-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd, safety/EMS access, volume of out of area trash. Environment safety, future (of BC residents)		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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4a-29	10/29/21	Heidi Igarashi	Inga Williams, for Planning Commission	email	HeidiIgarashi-.pdf	Landfill is transforming the character of the area as it grows. Concerns about the landfill increasing its footprint and impacts. Heavy truck traffic, trash escaping from vehicles heading to the dump, odors. Concerned about hazardous consequences for air and water quality including PFAS; concerned about contamination risk to the physical/natural environment including streams, well water and wildlife; concerned about impact on livelihood of local farmers; concerned about increased concentrations of invasive grass species and invasive bird species (attracted to trash) competing with native birds for feeding and nesting. Concerned about Coffin Butte Road closure threat and commensurate severe impact to community and emergency vehicle ingress/egress	"I want to emphasize that all over the Willamette Valley landfills are closing because the lands here are very fertile, and because there are relatively high levels of precipitation that prevent efficient landfill functioning. Although I recognize the problems associated with the "not my backyard" response, objections to this notion assume equivalent backyards. There are other areas in Oregon where land is cheaper, population density is minimal, and there is less precipitation. The Coffin Butte area is enjoyed by hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians, as well as by hunters and others outdoors people. It seems ludicrous and short-sighted to allow this expansion given these factors."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-30	10/29/21	Bryce Downy 2325 NW Maser Drive Corvallis	Benton County Planning Commission	letter/PDF	BryceDowny-.pdf	Out of county waste, passing on to future generations	"Waste disposal is itself a tax passed on to the future as our lifestyles now create a "waste" legacy that others will inherit." Note: date of complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-31	10/29/21	Cheryl McLean 2150 NW Jackson Creek Rd Corvallis, OR 97330	Inga Williams for Benton County Planning Commission	email/PDF	CherylMcLean-.pdf	Closure of public road, Limit trash intake to Benton County		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-32	10/29/21	Gary Barnes	Inga Williams, for Planning Commission	email	GaryBarnes-.pdf	Odor several miles away from landfill; concern about risk to groundwater, especially from unknown toxic waste deposited there (likewise to wildlife and forest); noise, smell and unsightly view impact on nearby recreational forest areas (McDonald and Dunn Forests, plus EE Wilson area); concern about impact of landfill on nearby property values; concern about injustice of having local area bear long-term cost of regional garbage service; concern about impacts on rural character of the area; concern about Coffin Butte Road closure threat and multiple dangers this would create for Tampico Road (increased traffic at dangerous intersection of Tampico and 99W, road damage, increased danger if snow or ice since Tampico is much hillier, narrower, more difficult (and longer) emergency vehicle ingress/egress); concern about impacts to Comp Plan goals such as forest conservation and recreation preservation		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-33	10/29/21	Janet Lee	Inga Williams, for Planning Commission	email	JanetLee-.pdf	Concerns about trash escaping from vehicles heading to the dump, odor; concerns about hazardous consequences for air and water quality (both streams and wells) including PFAS due to being located in an area with high levels of precipitation; concerns about threat of closure of Coffin Butte Road to allow future expansion (it is heavily used and an important emergency access route. Closing it would severely affect people and services); concerns about lack of transparency regarding toxic environmental consequences of landfill; concerns about impact of increased populations of invasive bird species (European starlings) and invasive grass species		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-34	10/29/21	Julianne Freeman 3775 Wysteria Way Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	email/PDF	JulianneFreeman-.pdf	concerns about rapid landfill growth due to out of area trash; impacts to area natural beauty, agriculture, and tourism; health risks from landfill toxins leaching into wells and waterways; concerns the landfill owner does not value local ecosystems or trash reduction values	Julianne attached Janet Lee's letter (see above) to echo Janet's concerns (air water quality, PFAS, property values, increased traffic, Well and stream water quality, impacts to wildlife from invasive species, closure of a public road impacts safety, EMS response, etc.)	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-35	10/29/21	Ken Funk 29195 Tampico Rd. Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	KenFunk-.pdf	Potential well contamination, diminished property values, increased traffic, noise, out of county waste		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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4a-36	10/29/21	Laura King 1735 NE Seavy Ave Corvallis 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	LauraKing-.pdf	concerns for climate, sustainable economy and community; concerns about disruption due to landfill growth; concerns the landfill is increasing its out-of-area intake and footprint, increasing long-term local economic burden and environmental toll; questions about whether the landfill owner will take responsibility for impacts in the future; environmental impacts to ground and surface water resources; impacts upon county transportation system plan and air quality; closure of Coffin Butte Rd., increased traffic, emergency egress and response time		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-37	10/29/21	Machteld Mok 3024 Garryanna Dr. 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	MachteldMok-.pdf	Out of county waste, Closure of a public road CB Rd.		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-38	10/29/21	Pat Newport 2710 NW Jackson Creek Rd. 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email /PDF	PatNewport-.pdf	Landfill expansion for out of state company profit and short term gains for county is shortsighted. Great harm would come to the environment, residents, wildlife and flora of the area		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-39	10/29/21	Charlotte Headrick			CharlotteHeadrick-.pdf	I pay my property taxes and use Tampico & soap Creek Rd. daily		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-40	10/29/21	Jeanne Raymond	Inga Williams, Benton County Commissioners	Email/PDF	JeanneRaymond-.pdf, JeanneRaymond2-.pdf	Out of county trash		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-41	10/29-21	Mark Yeager	BC Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	MarkYeager2-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd. Health & Safety, EMS response, vehicle emissions	Cites Transportation Plan	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-42	10/29/21	Mark Yeager	BC Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	MarkYeager3-.pdf	Important word left out.	Amended Mark Yeager 2	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-43	10/29/21	Martha Rockey	Inga Williams, To Whom	Email/PDF	MarthaRockey-.pdf	Well water contamination, Closure of coffin Butte Rd. safety, traffic, noise		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-44	10/29/21	Mike and Edith Shields	Inga Williams	Email/PDF	MikeEdith Shields-.pdf	Out of area trash	Referenced Janet Lee letter	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-45	10/29/21	Phyllis Bailey Corvallis	Xan Augerot, sent to Inga Williams, Greg Verret	Email/PDF	PhyllisBailey-.pdf	out of area trash, impacts to Blue Heron Rookery		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-46	10/30/21	Marge Popp	Board of Commissioners	Email/PDF	MargePopp-.pdf	Out of county waste, short term & long term environmental impacts, concern for Great Blue Heron rookery, safe access/egress for local residents	Note: date of this complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-47	10/30/21	Mark Vomocil Starker Forests Inc. 7240 SW Philomath Blvd Corvallis 97333	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	MarkVomocil-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd. a major haul route for Forestry and Agricultural operations	Note: date of this complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-48	10/30/21	Nancy Whitcombe 37049 Moss Rock Rd. 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email /PDF	NancyWhitcombe-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd. a vital emergency ingress/egress, a reliable access for EMS and Law Enforcement		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-49	10/30/21	Lisa & Peter Adamczyk	Inga Williams, BC Planning Commission	Email/PDF	LisaPeterAdamczyk-.pdf	Out of county trash, environmental, health & quality of life impacts. Toxic chemicals		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-50	10/30/21	Meleah Ashford	Xan Augerot, sent to Inga Williams	Email/PDF	MeleahAshford-.pdf	Not opposed to expansion, curious about why we take waste from Portland Doesn't think that's a good idea.		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-51	10/30/21	Robert Taniguchi	Inga Williams	Email/PDF	RobertTaniguchi-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd. a public asset, out of county trash, impacts to Bit by Bit		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-52	10/31/21	Chris Bentley 2175 SE Powell Rd. Corvallis 97333	Benton County Planning Commission	letter/PDF	ChrisBentley-.pdf	concerns about clear, direct, and well-known routes for access and egress during a wildfire; adequate wildfire response routes for firefighters and residents using the roads simultaneously; concerns that the Coffin Butte area is a key access to the local area which lacks access improvements and has fire hazards; concerns that the landfill will expand its footprint into buffer areas; concerns that growing landfill operations will not be adequately buffered	past involvement with Benton County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)	Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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4a-53	10/31/21	Grant Carlin	Benton County Planning Commission	letter/pdf	GrantCarlin-.pdf	As close neighbor of landfill, impact concerns include: noise, airborne trash and odors, bright lights at night; Coffin Butte Road closure threat; illegal nearby dumping to avoid dump fees; negative impact to character of the neighborhood and subsequent drop in property value		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-54	10/31/21	Janet Ohmann	Inga Williams, for Planning Commission	letter/pdf	JanetOhmann-.pdf	Concerns about threat of closure of Coffin Butte Road, which would be a blatant undue burden on public improvements and services available to the area.		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-55	10/31/21	Joseph Crockett 37609 Soap Crk Rd. Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	letter/PDF	JosephCrockett-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd eliminates the safest intersection, limit out of county waste		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-56	10/31/21	Sharon King Lewisburg	Inga Williams BC Planning Commission	Email/PDF	SharonKing-.pdf	Quality of Life, Property Values, safe drinking water, noise dust pests, traffic congestion		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-57	11/1/21	Robert & Christine Wheatcroft 7755 NE Logsdon Rd 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	RobertChristine Wheatcroft-.pdf	Increased truck traffic on Hwy 99 & Independence Hwy, Landfill is not compatible with Adair Village & Calloway Creek growth, increased frequency of putrid odors (almost weekly) Stop the Stink! out of county trash, closure of Coffin Butte Rd, Profits for out of state company.		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-58	11/1/21	Stewart Holmes 5888 SW Englewood Ave. 97333	Inga Williams Benton County Commissioners	Email/PDF	StewartHolmes-.pdf	Landfill has grown in size and complexity, appears to be a model in the recovery of waste gas that generates electricity. Can out of county waste be excluded to extend landfill life?		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-59	11/1/21	Vicki Idema 37358 Soap Creek Rd. 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	VickIdema-.pdf	Surface, ground water/ well contamination by leachate, Safety concerns about closure of Coffin Butte Rd.	Note: date of complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-60	11/1/21	Judy Sundquist 7928 Arboretum Rd Corvallis 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	letter/PDF	JudySundquist-.pdf	Out of county trash, optics (landfill is ugly) and odor		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-61	11/1/21	Allan Fudge & Betsy Rock 28971 Tampico Rd	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	AllanFudgeand BetsyRock-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Road, resulting in increased traffic heavy freight traffic on Tampico Rd.		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-62	11/1/21	Audubon Society of Corvallis Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair PO Box 148 Corvallis	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/ PDF	AudubonSociety-.pdf	concerns about the landfill's ongoing significant impact on birds and wildlife; concerns about predation pressure by birds attracted to the landfill upon protected species; concerns for specially protected great blue heron rookeries; concerns with lack of proper wildlife and heron studies; concerns with lack of proper protocols in place for wildlife preservation around the landfill	Coffin Butte Landfill has significant impact on birds and other wildlife around N Benton County. It attracts large concentrations of crows, ravens, and gulls. Threatening federally listed streaked horned lark, Oregon vesper sparrow, Great Blue Heron rookery. Known heron rookeries are afforded specific protections under Oregon wildlife laws (OAR 629-665- 0120, 635-100-0140).	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-63	11/1/21	Joel Geier 38566 Hwy 99W Corvallis 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	letter/PDF	JoelGeire1-.pdf	Impact to Blue Heron rookeries heavy equipment noise, bright lights, predator birds attracted by landfill refuse		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-64	11/1/21	League of Women Voters PO Box 1679 Corvallis	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	LeagueOfWomenVoters-.pdf	concern about lack of local control over waste inflow and landfill lifespan; questions about cost-benefit to the County of increased landfill operation; concerns about adequate waste reduction efforts; concerns about lack of planning for future closing of the landfill; concern about emergency safety for area residents; concern about air pollution from additional vehicle miles; concerns about increasing leachate burdens; concerns about leachate leakage into groundwater and surface water, contaminating nearby wetlands and streams		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-65	11/1/21	Pam & Randy Comeleo 1475 NW Skipanon Dr. 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	PamRandyComeleo-.pdf	Coffin Butte Rd. is the shortest most direct, unforested escape route for valley residents. Burying the most viable emergency egress makes no sense as wildfire risk is increasing		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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4a-66	11/1/21	Amy Munger	Inga Williams, Greg Verret Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	AmyMunger-.pdf	Out of county waste, closure of Coffin Butte Rd. to public. "This proposal makes our county uglier, more polluted and increases traffic, there simply are not benefits to justify this choice that would only address the waste issue for such a short period of time"		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-67	11/1/21	Berthe & Tom Palmrose	Inga Williams, Greg Verret Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	BertheTomPalmrose-.pdf	Out of county waste, putting profit over people & environment, time to aggressively reduce overconsumption of plastics and other waste.		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-68	11/1/21	Brandon Trelstad	Inga Williams, Greg Verret Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	BrandonTrelstad-.pdf	Wildlife impacts, water contamination, landslide risk, lack of any community outreach by the landfill owner; lack of community support; scar on our natural systems; public impacts to enhance private profitability; violating core community values (2040 Thriving Communities Initiative); impacts to health and vulnerable populations	"It's hard to believe in 2021 with our knowledge of human-caused global environmental devastation that we would not collectively try to find a solution to the antiquated practice of landfilling. As holders of the public trust, and protectors of the future, governments are the only entities with a continued, large-scale responsibility to protect the livability of our communities. The County is our social memory and must protect the vulnerable, not the profitability of private entities. "It's strange to talk about expanding a trash landfill in the year 2021. After so much great work the County did during the 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative, it would be a shame to not actualize the Core Values the County took such care to create."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-69	11/1/21	Brian Morey	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	BrianMorey.pdf	comment lost	PDF of testimony incorrectly made or copied	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-70	11/1/21	Carol Alex Fischler	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	CarolalexFischler-.pdf	Disagreeable burning odor, the sight and smell of an immense garbage dump is an embarrassment, negative impact on property values, increased traffic/accidents, closure of CB Road /safety, pollution		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-71	11/1/21	Cliff Hall	Inga Williams, Board of Commissioners	Email/PDF	CliffordHall-.pdf	concerns about whether appropriate agencies and environmental organizations have studied landfill growth; concerns about lack of public opportunity to express views; concerns that county is being inadequately compensated; concerns that landfill is located close to homes, wells, and farmlands; concern that level of protection required for landfilling is too low; concern that landfill places financial gains over health and wellbeing of citizens	past Board Chair of the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-72	11/1/21	Dylan Sears	Inga Williams	Email/PDF	DylanSears-.pdf	exposure to odors and gases from land fill,ground water/well contamination,health problems, pests and pollution impacts to residents, health risk, eyesore, burden to residents		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-73	11/1/21	Janet Hagen Thyme Garden Herb Company, Certified Organic	Inga Williams, Benton County Commissioners	Email/PDF	JanetHagen-.pdf	Out of county trash		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-74	11/1/21	Susan McLaren	Inga Williams BC Planning Commission	Email/PDF	SusanMcLaren-.pdf	Out of area trash, Closure of Coffin Butte Rd.Traffic, roadside garbage		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-75	11/1/21	Taira Nittka	Inga Williams BC Planning Commission	Email/PDF	TairaNittka	Roadside trash polluting landscape, creating hazards to animals, farm equipmentand motorists.Starling/Gull magnet they spread bacteria & pathogens. Closure of Coffin Butte Rd.		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-76	11/2/21	Sarah Edwardsson 28840 Daystar Rd. 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	SarahEdwardsson-.pdf	Safety: closure of Coffin butte Rd. would increase traffic in surrounding areas	More concern about the CUP "process", lack of timely citizen notification/ involvement etc.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-77	11/2/21	Stacey Goldstein & Priya Thakker 38987 Arena Rd. 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	StacyGoldstein PriyaThakker-.pdf	Impacts to wildlife /habitat Great Blue Heron and Bald Eagle, Cultural/Archeological impacts, Safety: closure of Coffin Butte Rd. increased traffic in surrounding areas, evacuation rte,fire, life & safety concerns	More about the "process"	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-78	11/2/21	Stephen Fitzgerald OSU Forestry Dept. 8692 Arboretum Rd 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	StephenFitzgerald-.pdf	Closure of Coffin butte Rd. Ag and forestry operations impacted		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-79	11/2/21	Todd Rowland Vicki Druliner 27673 Writsman Crk Dr. 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	ToddRowland VickiDruliner-.pdf	Safety: Closure of Coffin Butte Rd. impacts to RR,EFU,FC lands, Wildlife habitat, hiking trails and viewsheds,out of county trash		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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4a-80	11/2/21	Warren Johnson 600 NE Grand Ave Portland 97232 Metro Waste Prevention Environmental Services	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	WarrenJohnson1-.pdf	Metro's Landfill capacity policy prohibits disposal of waste generated in the Metro region at a "new or limited capacity landfill". Metro code defines a "limited Capacity landfill" as a landfill that seeks a site development plan amendment to expand. This means if Coffin Butte seeks an expansion, Metro will prohibit dumping there.	Warren asked to meet with BC rep.	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-81	11/2/21	Warren Johnson 600 NE Grand Ave Portland 97232 Metro Waste Prevention Environmental Services	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	WarrenJohnson2-.pdf	Metro's supporting documents	Amended?	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-82	11/2/21	Brett Reistad Writsman Creek Dr	Inga Williams for Benton County Planning Commission	email/PDF	BrettReistad-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd an Evacuation Route, Access/ Egress for Emergency Services, Safety, Routing freight traffic to Tampico Neighborhood		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-83	11/2/21	1000 Friends of Oregon Dan Lawler	Inga Williams for Benton County Planning Commission	letter, email/PDF	DanLawler-.pdf	concerns about intensifying landfill impacts to the community, eliminating a valuable transportation route, using forest conservation land for industrial uses; concerns about noise, odor, vibration, impacts to rural residential and forest conservation land; concerns about impacts to the rural and scenic character of the area; concerns that the landfill interferes with the Transportation System Plan and burdens private and commercial traffic	"1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choices. We have members in all parts of Oregon, including Benton County."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-84	11/2/21	Elizabeth & Dave Patte 37655 Zeolite Hills Rd. Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams for Benton County Planning Commission	email/PDF	DavidElizabethPatte-.pdf	Intense odor, roadside/field trash, wildlife impacts, road closure:safety/evacuation route	"Welcome to Benton County" optics	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-85	11/2/21	Debra Higbee-Sudyka	Benton County Planning Commission	letter/pdf	DebraHigbee-Sudyka-.pdf	impact of landfill on climate change and environment (negative effect on air, land and water); concerns about a rapidly expanding landfill and its negative effect on recycling, reuse, and other trash reduction efforts	"I appreciate having the opportunity to comment on this important issue. For the following reasons: 1) Urgency of Climate Change; 2) Urgent need of source reduction, recycling, reuse, and resource recovery; and, 3) Non-urgency of the Timeline & Environmental Impact, please reject the expansion"	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-86	11/2/21	Dylan Sears	Inga Williams, for Planning Commission	email	DylanSears-.pdf	Impact of odors and gases on their young children; concerned about groundwater contamination; health problems, pests and pollution impact on landfill neighbors; impact of close proximity to populated area		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-87	11/2/21	Jeremy Howes 7244 SE Dot Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	email/PDF	JeremyHowes-.pdf	Out of county trash, increase in noise, odor, heavy truck traffic		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-88	11/2/21	Joel Geier 38566 Hwy 99W Corvallis 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	letter/PDF	JoelGeire2-.pdf	No reclamation plan		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-89	11/2/21	Joel Geier 38566 Hwy 99W Corvallis 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	letter/PDF	JoelGeire3-.pdf	impact to archeological and botanical resources		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-90	11/2/21	Josh & Stacie Dodson 29047 Harvey Lane Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	email/PDF	JoshStacieDodson-.pdf	increased traffic/safety, roadside garbage, diesel fumes, noise pollution, impacts to wildlife, trash attracts invasive bird species that compete with natives, well water impacts, out of county trash		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-91	11/2/21	Ken Edwardsson 28840 Daystar Rd. Corvallis 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	email/PDF		Noise: heavy equipment, back upbeepers, blasting at the quarry traffic impacts by closing Coffin Butte Rd redirecting to Tampico neighborhood, EMS response time		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-92	11/2/21	Kenneth Funk	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	KennethFunk-.pdf Duplicate	Potential well contamination, diminished property values, increased traffic, noise, out of county waste		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-93	11/2/21	Kurt Widstrand 29634 Cronn Dr. Corvallis 97333	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	KurtWidstrand-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd, out of county waste, corporate \$\$\$ influence on local government		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-94	11/2/21	Mark Yeager 37269 Helm Dr. Corvallis 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	MarkYeager1-.pdf	What is the long term plan for leachate disposal, on average 17.5 million gallons a year, PFAS "forever chemicals" that breakdown slowly and can build up in people animals and environment		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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4a-95	11/2/21	Mark Yeager 37269 Helm Dr 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	MarkYeager2-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd.imposes burden on transportation system and services in the surrounding area by increasing distance, travel time, increasing conflicts at driveways and intersections, interferes with RR and Ag lands through redistribution of vehicle traffic/truck trips to roads unsuitable for that use. Safety, EMS response time		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-96	11/2/21	Mark Yeager 37269 Helm Dr 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	MarkYeager3a-.pdf	Coffin Butte Rd. Closure, details "process" for closing/ vacating and who has the authority		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-97	11/2/21	Mark Yeager 37269 Helm Dr 97330	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	MarkYeager3b-.pdf	Benton County Transportation System Plan (effective March 21, 2019) Calls for widening Coffin Butte Road	Plan pages attached	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-98	11/2/21	Rana Foster	Benton County Planning Commission	Letter/PDF	RanaFoster-.pdf	Long term impacts to wildlife,threatened or endangered species, Great Blue Heron Rookery, leachate contamination of RR well water (PFAS, & other toxins). Closure of Coffin Butte Rd impacts to health/ safety, methane/greenhouse gases, noise & light pollution, air land and water impacts.		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-99	11/2/21	Rebecca Geier 38566 NW Hwy 99W 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email /PDF	RebeccaGeier-.pdf	Landfill expansion: increase in noise from landfill and truck traffic, roadside garbage, decrease in property values, threat to Great Blue Heron		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-100	11/2/21	Karen Lindsey 38974 Wiles Rd.97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email /PDF	RichardKaren Lindsey-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd., increase traffic on surrounding roads, out of county waste		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-101	11/2/21	Barb Fick 29894 Blaze Dr. 97330	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	BarbFick-.pdf	Noise, smell, etc. limits outdoor time, nuisance birds and rodents.Hours of operation can be very disruptive. Coffin Butte road closure- safety, emergency access, would disrupt daily trips.		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-102	11/2/21	Carolyn Young	Inga Williams Benton County Planning Commission	Email/PDF	CarolynYoung-.pdf	Closure of CB Road, increased roadside trash, airborne debris causing unsafe driving conditions, air pollution /health hazard, water contamination, bad smell keeps me inside sometimes, damage to hwy 99 that is not being repaired		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-103	11/2/21	Chris Gibson	Inga Williams, To Whom:	Email/PDF	ChrisGibson.pdf	Opposed to closure of Coffin Butte Road, Not opposed to expansion		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-104	11/2/21	Edward Brook	Inga Williams	Email/PDF	EdwardBrook-.pdf	Landfill Methane/ global warming	OSU Climate Scientist /Atmospheric methane sources	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-105	11/2/21	Josh Munger Benton County Resident	Inga Williams, Greg Verret, BC Planning Commission	Email/PDF	JoshMunger-.pdf	Don't expand over Coffin Butte Rd, redirect non-local waste, better recycling options, reduce waste		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-106	11/2/21	Pam Wilson Soap Creek Valley Resident	Inga Williams,BC Commissioners, BC Planning Commissioners	Email/PDF	PamWilson-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd.emergency ingress egress, safety	"My comments are not about the mess of trash along the road,or event the smell that permeates the valley from time to time,nor is it about the sight of the mountain of trash growing taller and taller."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4a-107	11/2/21	Scott Carson	Linda Ray, sent to Inga Williams	Email/PDF	ScottCarson-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd. a safe public access		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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4b-1	11/2/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	loss of property values, unscreened visually, history of adjacent properties blighted, visual corridors blighted, escalation of all impacts with escalating intake		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-2	11/2/21	Paul Nietfeld	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	loss of tax revenue, escalation of odor, noise, traffic and other impacts and risks of groundwater contamination with escalating intake		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-3	11/2/21	Joel Geier	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	risk of groundwater contamination, especially arsenic; traffic and public safety; threats to wildlife; damage to character of the area		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-4	11/2/21	Cat Newsheller	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	traffic, dump smells, safety concerns, loss of access		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-5	11/2/21	Kevin Kenaga	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	loss of public asset (Coffin Butte Road), traffic concerns		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-6	11/2/21	Becky Merja	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	loss of farmland, loss of forest conservation land, impacts to area wildlife, impacts to scenic and historical resources and landscape, traffic and scenic access, smells and deteriorating air quality, risks to local groundwater and of larger watershed impacts, risk in event of earthquake, traffic safety concerns		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-7	11/2/21	Rana Foster	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	geology and hydrology hazards		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-8	11/2/21	Norm & Debbie Johnson	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	concerns about wildlife, archaeological and botanical impacts; visual deterioration of area character; deterioration of livability due to heavy truck traffic; risk to archaeological and greenscape resources		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-9	11/2/21	Kenneth Funk	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	risk of groundwater and well contamination; property use and value reduction; loss of greenscape resources; traffic safety concerns; unjust damage to character of the area; many risks not known		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-10	11/2/21	Dorothy & Russell Balisok	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	risks to safe traffic access in times of inclement weather		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-11	11/2/21	Tom Hewes	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	concerns about cancer cluster in the landfill area; concerns that landfill fumes contain environmental toxins; concerns about potential contamination of water supplies; concerns about losing scenic character of the area		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
4b-12	11/2/21	Brady and Kendra Callahan	Benton County Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov2-2021.mp4 video/audio, meeting minutes	concerns about noise, odor, groundwater contamination, impacts to wildlife in E.E. Wilson; concerns about traffic safety and evacuation access during fire or other disaster		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: Set 5a, Written Testimonies from Nov 3 through Nov 16

Index Number	Date of Complaint / Concern	Community Member Name(s)	Who was the Complaint / Concern expressed to? (Benton County group, Republic Services, etc.)	How was the Complaint / Concern expressed? (call, email, testimony, etc.)	Source/Record of Complaint /Concern	Character of Complaint / Concern	Notes	Response
5a-1	11/5/21	Mary Flahive	Benton County Community Development Department	email	MaryFlahive-NoAddress-.pdf	landfill filling up		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-2	11/7/21	Patty Nosack	Benton County Community Development Department	email	PattyNosack-NoAddress-.pdf	odor, importing waste, blocking route		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-3	11/9/21	Mary Devine	Benton County Community Development Department	email	MaryDevine-.pdf	lack of consideration for public, money grabbing, importing trash		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-4	11/9/21	Mark Yeager	Benton County Planning Commission	letter	MarkYeager-.PDF	traffic blockage, emergency evacuation	Note: date on this complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-5	11/9/21	Mark Yeager	Benton County Planning Commission	letter	MarkYeager2-.PDF	poor application	Note: date on this complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-6	11/10/21	Aaron Harris Chief ARF&R	Inga Williams, BC Community Development Depart.	Letter/PDF	AAaronHarris1-AdairFireChief-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd./ Public Safety	Includes conditions to address inadequacies of N. route if Coffin Butte closes	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-7	11/10/21	Aaron Harris	Benton County Planning Commission	letter	AaronHarris2-AdairFireChief-.pdf	public safety, Wildfire evacuation	"The proposed landfill cell haul road will provide little to no value as an emergency escape route during a wildfire situation. Due to the fact the gate will be locked, has increased slopes, unknown road surface type, and travels alongside a portion of forest, ARF&R sees this route as potentially dangerous during evacuations, due to wildfire"	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-8	11/10/21	B. Starr McMullen	Benton County Community Development Department	letter	BStarrMcMullen-.pdf	water contamination, odor, noise	Note: date on this complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-9	11/10/21	Cat Newsheller	Benton County Planning Commission	letter	CatNewsheller-.pdf	emergency evacuation, public safety, taxpayers and public road	"The taxpayers of Benton County pay for that road and it does not belong to Republic. It is an important road for emergency evacuations. We experienced the problems with lack of egress this past winter with Tampico Road being littered with downed power lines, as was Soap Creek Road over the Lewisburg Saddle." Note: date on this complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-10	11/10/21	Cheryl and Samuel Phillips	Benton County Planning Commission	letter	CherylPhillips-.pdf	concerns about access/ egress in inclement weather or for emergency evacuation; loss of any evacuation route is a burden; impact on agriculture and agricultural character of the area; concerns about well and groundwater contamination, dust/light pollution, loss of buffer between property and landfill operations; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-11	11/12/21	Electrify Corvallis via Court Smith	Benton County Planning Commission and Community Development Department	letter	CourtSmith.pdf	methane control	"The expansion plan review should include current methane emissions and mitigation measures for the methane that is and will be produced with the Coffin Butte expansion. Methane will be a continuing condition even after the landfill ends its useful life."	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-12	11/12/21	Paul Nietfield	Benton County Counsel	email	PaulNietfield-VanceCronney-.pdf	budget discrepancy		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-13	11/13/21	Sarah Goode 7652 12 Mill Rd. Shepard MT	Benton County	Letter/PDF	SarahGoode-.pdf	Water & land health issues, Well & surface water contamination, Impacts to Bit by Bit non profit clients, staff, animals & volunteers	Note: date of complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-14	11/13/21	Debra Terry	Benton County Community Development Department	email	DebraTerry-.pdf	water contamination, accepting outside waste		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-15	11/14/21	Debbie Palmer	Benton County Community Development Department	email	DebbiePalmer-.pdf	interference with private property, environmental concern for future generations, accepting outside waste	"In summary, this application is full of holes and demonstrates an uncomfortable (as viewed from the public perspective) chumminess between the applicant and the County; there is obfuscation instead of transparency; business as usual. Where is any demonstration of consideration for the future, for future generations?"	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-16	11/14/21	Patti Haggerty	Benton County Community Development Department	email	PattiHaggerty-.pdf	importing waste, traffic, emergency evacuation, groundwater contamination		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-17	11/14/21	Vicki Idema	Benton County Planning Commission	letter	VickIdema-.pdf	cancer from pollutants	Note: date on this complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-18	11/15/21	Joel Geier	Benton County Planning Commission	letter	JoelGeier-.pdf	impact on blue heron conservation		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-19	11/15/21	Ken Funk	Benton County Community Development Department	testimony	KenFunk-.pdf	human error in system design	the inevitability of human error at the Coffin Butte Landfill increases the probability of adverse events whose impacts would place undue burden on county services, seriously interfere with the use of nearby properties, and adversely and permanently affect the character of the surrounding area	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-20	11/15/21	Tom Hewes	Benton County	letter	ThomasHewes-.pdf	cancer from pollutants	Note: date on this complaint/concern is approximate	Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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5a-21	11/16/21	Paul Nietfeld	BC Planning Commissioners	Memorandum/PDF	PaulNietfeld-.pdf	Landfill Life, Landfill Revenue, Erroneous SWAC recommendations, Questions for Republic Services & BC Staff. Background information		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-22	11/16/21	Robert Larkin 29124 Tampico Rd. 97330	BC Planning Commissioners	Email/PDF	RobertLarkin-.pdf	Closure of Coffin Butte Rd./ Public Safety, health and welfare		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-23	11/16/21	Jeffrey Kleinman	Benton County Planning Commission	testimony	JeffreyKleinman-.pdf	impact on agriculture/ forests, emergency evacuation		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-24	11/16/21	Ken Eklund	Benton County Planning Commission	story	KenEklund-.pdf	corporate greed, climate change, methane, groundwater contamination		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-25	11/16/21	Kevin Kanaga	Benton County Community Development Department	email	KevinKanaga-.pdf	impact to logging transportation		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-26	11/16/21	Marcie Kay	Benton County Community Development Department	email	MarcieKay-.pdf	odor, landscape		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-27	11/16/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Benton County Planning Commission	letter	NJWhitcombe1-.pdf	reduced life of landfill, financial risk, land use impact, agriculture impact, traffic, property value		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5a-28	11/16/21	Kevin Kanaga	Benton County Community Development Department	email	KevinKanaga2-.pdf	more impact to transportation		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: Set 5b, Live Testimonies to the Planning Commission, November 16

Index Number	Date of Complaint / Concern	Community Member Name(s)	Who was the Complaint / Concern expressed to? (Benton County group, Republic Services, etc.)	How was the Complaint / Concern expressed? (call, email, testimony, etc.)	Source/Record of Complaint /Concern	Character of Complaint / Concern	Notes	Response
5b-1	11/16/21	Jeff Morrel	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about air quality, noise, extended hours; unsafe changes to traffic patterns; lower land values and neighborhood quality of life		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-2	11/16/21	Marge Popp	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	accepting waste from elsewhere in the region undercuts local incentives to conserve and recycle; erosion of trust in landfill owner raises questions of true risks of groundwater contamination, local quality of life, traffic safety, and wildlife; private corp owning the landfill prioritizes its profit over local impacts and concerns		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-3	11/16/21	Grant Carlin	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	noise concerns; past non-action on noise complaints; groundwater concerns and concerns about timely compliance; impacts to historic sites; landfill owner's history of paying fines rather than clean operations; impacts on the character of the area		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-4	11/16/21	Mardi Bilsland	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about methane emissions and other pollutants to air quality; climate damage; health risks of air pollution; increased risk from natural hazards due to road closure; non-objective studies; increased dangers to clean water and quality of life in Soap Creek Valley		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-5	11/16/21	Jeff Kleinman	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	closure of traffic access and freight access; loss of emergency access; detriments to public safety		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-6	11/16/21	Mark Yeager	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	road closure impacts on safety, health, environment; increased greenhouse gas and particulate emissions; rerouting and extending more than 70,000 vehicle trips annually adding over 200,000 miles annually; increases in leachate, which contain PFAS and heavy metals; concerns about future disposal of leachate; other hazard due to legacy environmental liabilities		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-7	11/16/21	Joseph Crockett	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns with traffic impacts; concerns with landfill profit taking priority over public safety; groundwater contamination concerns		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-8	11/16/21	Ken Eklund	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about methane leakage as local pollutant and as greenhouse gas; concerns about changing local natural systems and degrading character of the area through climate impacts		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-9	11/16/21	Jim Fairchild	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns that private quarry extraction use in the designated landfill zone is precluding that zone's approved public intended use (landfilling), leading to impacts to air quality, groundwater risks, and other local resources		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-10	11/16/21	Catherine Stearns	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about impacts to area rural character, to highway greenway; complaint about roadside trash		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-11	11/16/21	Tyrone Belgarde	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns that landfilling will preclude full extraction of the rock resources of the quarry		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

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5b-12	11/16/21	Priya Thakkar	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about transportation safety, especially in winter; loss of emergency egress; concerns about impacts to wildlife (herons, elk, wild birds); concerns about impacts to local species by invasive species attracted by the landfill; concerns about odor and groundwater pollution; questions about regulations on the landfill not being enforced; concerns that fines do not deter the landfill from causing impacts; risks to character, livability and safety of the area; frequent strong odor with health and livability concerns; concerns that these impacts make it hard to attract workers to her business		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-13	11/16/21	Doug Pollock	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns that traffic impacts will worsen cyclist and hiker safety, on Tampico Road and at the Tampico Road and Coffin Butte Road intersections with 99W		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-14	11/16/21	Adam Hyla Holdorf	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about unprecedented transformation of a rural-natural local environment; impacts to local woodworking business and educational space; noise and other impacts from rerouted truck traffic; concern that failure elsewhere in the region to site landfills is influencing Benton County decisions about the landfill; concerns about traffic impacts on cyclist safety; concerns about both the increasing intensity and frequency of landfill odor events		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-15	11/16/21	Debra Higbee-Sudyka	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	Urgent concern about climate change impacts, such as the summer's statewide heat dome and its fatalities; concern that ease of landfilling leads to larger carbon footprint and undercuts resource recovery efforts		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-16	11/16/21	Mike Houglum	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	Concerns about impacts to the scenic area; impacts on safety and traffic, especially during winter; increasing concerns about landfill odor, even at 3 miles distance away; concerns that the landfill's increasing size is changing local weather patterns; health concerns (including cancer) due to hydrogen sulfide and other air pollutants; questions about what pollutants are in landfill gas		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-17	11/16/21	Lyla Houglum	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about dust, light, noise, odor, and traffic impacts and safety, as well as human health; concerns about hazards of truck traffic on Tampico Road and alternate routes		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
5b-18	11/16/21	Carrie Norris	Planning Commission	live testimony	_LU-047-Nov16-2021.mp4 video/audio, minutes	concerns about safety on Tampico Road, including impacts to wildlife and especially to cyclists, pedestrians, those using mailboxes, school bus stops and other local human activities; concerns about increasing impact and number of "dump days" with landfill odor; concerns about negative impact to character of the area; concerns about emergency egress; concerns about groundwater contamination, leachate, deleterious effects on area wildlife, archaeological resources		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

Community Concerns Annual Report 2021: Set 6, Written, Live (and Other) Testimonies from Nov 17 through Dec 31

Index Number	Date of Complaint / Concern	Community Member Name(s)	Who was the Complaint / Concern expressed to? (Benton County group, Republic Services, etc.)	How was the Complaint / Concern expressed? (call, email, testimony, etc.)	Source/Record of Complaint /Concern	Character of Complaint / Concern	Notes	Response
6-1	11/28/21	Ken Eklund	Inga Williams	testimony	LU-21-047-CoffinButte-KEklund-methane.pdf	methane, climate crisis		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
6-2	11/28/21	Ken Eklund	Inga Williams	appendix to testimony	LU-21-047-KEklund-appx.pdf	methane, climate crisis		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
6-3	11/29/21	Grant Carlin, Ken Eklund, Joel Geier, Rebecca Sherman Geier, Paul Nietfeld, Nancy Whitcombe, Mark Yeager, Lowell Bradley, Erin Bradley; attachments by Aaron Harris, Cheryl and Samuel Phillips, GHGdata website	Inga Williams, Greg Verret, Ken Kenaston, Planning Commission, Planning Staff	emailed letter with attachments	11292021 Consolidated Landfill Comments. pdf	emergency access/egress; mileage burden and land use access burdens of closing Coffin Butte Road; permanent loss of forestland; lack of appropriate visual buffers; burden on neighboring agriculture and livability; traffic impacts on neighboring agriculture and livability; roadbuilding impacts on rural residential land; disruption of great heron rookeries; flawed studies of biological impacts; disruption of wildlife corridors and increase in wildlife-livestock conflicts; impact upon streaked horned lark, vesper sparrow and other threatened or endangered species; impacts on other wildlife and wildlife habitat; adverse impacts to air and water quality; concerns about unknown levels of landfill gas emissions; concerns about greenhouse gas emissions; concerns about adverse health effects of landfill gas, including miscarriages, neurological effects, cancer clusters, and asthma and other respiratory problems; concerns about treatment of increasing levels of leachate; concerns about toxins in leachate, including PFAS; public burden of increasing levels of noise, odor, air quality and traffic impacts; adverse impacts upon area land value; concerns about visual blight and permanent area disfigurement; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area; threats to quality and quantity of clean well water; impacts of dust and light pollution; impacts on area microclimate and agriculture	letter not included in county archive; also, resubmittal of 5a-10	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
6-4	12/1/21	Nancy Whitcombe	Solid Waste Advisory Council, Benton County Staff	live testimony	120121_SWAC_19669651488 73118468.mp4, minutes	property values; health concerns (asthma); wildlife concerns; shortening landfill life; loss of county road; concerns about methane and leachate production; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area, and increase its inflow and wasteshed		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
6-5	12/2/21	Joel Geier	Solid Waste Advisory Council, Benton County Staff	live testimony	120121_SWAC_19669651488 73118468.mp4, minutes	concerns about lack of independent information about the landfill (source other than the landfill owner); concerns about local loss of control over garbage intake rate		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
6-6	12/3/21	Rana Foster	Solid Waste Advisory Council, Benton County Staff	written testimony, live testimony	120121_SWAC_19669651488 73118468.mp4, minutes	not provided	Rana wrote an email with landfill questions to SWAC member Linda Brewer, who responded; that email thread not included in county archive	unknown
6-7	12/4/21	Ken Eklund	Solid Waste Advisory Council, Benton County Staff	live testimony	120121_SWAC_19669651488 73118468.mp4, minutes	concerns about greenhouse gas emissions at the landfill; concerns about leachate production; concerns those emissions will increase with a landfill expansion		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
6-8	12/5/21	Kevin Kenaga	Solid Waste Advisory Council, Benton County Staff	live testimony	120121_SWAC_19669651488 73118468.mp4, minutes	concerns about the many impacts of closing Coffin Butte Road		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
6-9	12/7/21	Priya Thakkar	Solid Waste Advisory Council, Benton County Staff	live testimony	120121_SWAC_19669651488 73118468.mp4, minutes	concerns with landfill odors and the health issues it causes for the 800 or 900 homes in the odor area; concerns that the County relies on information provided by the landfill owner rather than by independent or third parties		Benton County denied application to expand landfill
6-10	12/8/21	Greg Storms	Solid Waste Advisory Council, Benton County Staff	live testimony	120121_SWAC_19669651488 73118468.mp4, minutes	concerns about where the next landfill will be sited when Coffin Butte Landfill is full		Benton County denied application to expand landfill

6-11	12/4/21	Nancy Hyde	Benton County Board of Commissioners	letter	NancyHyde2-.pdf	increased dangers to clean water and quality of life in Soap Creek Valley; damage to character of the area; concern that the landfill will expand beyond its currently permitted area and take over more private properties	letter not included in county archive; resubmittal of 4a-19	Benton County denied application to expand landfill
Other Testimonies								
6-12	11/21	not recorded	Coffin Butte Landfill	not recorded	Landfill Annual Report/ ODEQ	odor	exact day not recorded	Landfill responded, documented, and reported
6-13	12/21	not recorded	Coffin Butte Landfill	not recorded	Landfill Annual Report/ ODEQ	odor	exact day not recorded	Landfill responded, documented, and reported
6-14	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-15	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-16	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-17	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-18	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-19	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-20	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-21	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-22	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-23	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-24	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-25	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-26	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-27	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-28	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none
6-29	11/21 or 12/21	not provided	Benton County	not provided	ODEQ	not provided	exact day not provided	none