



Bobcat



Black Bear



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Buck



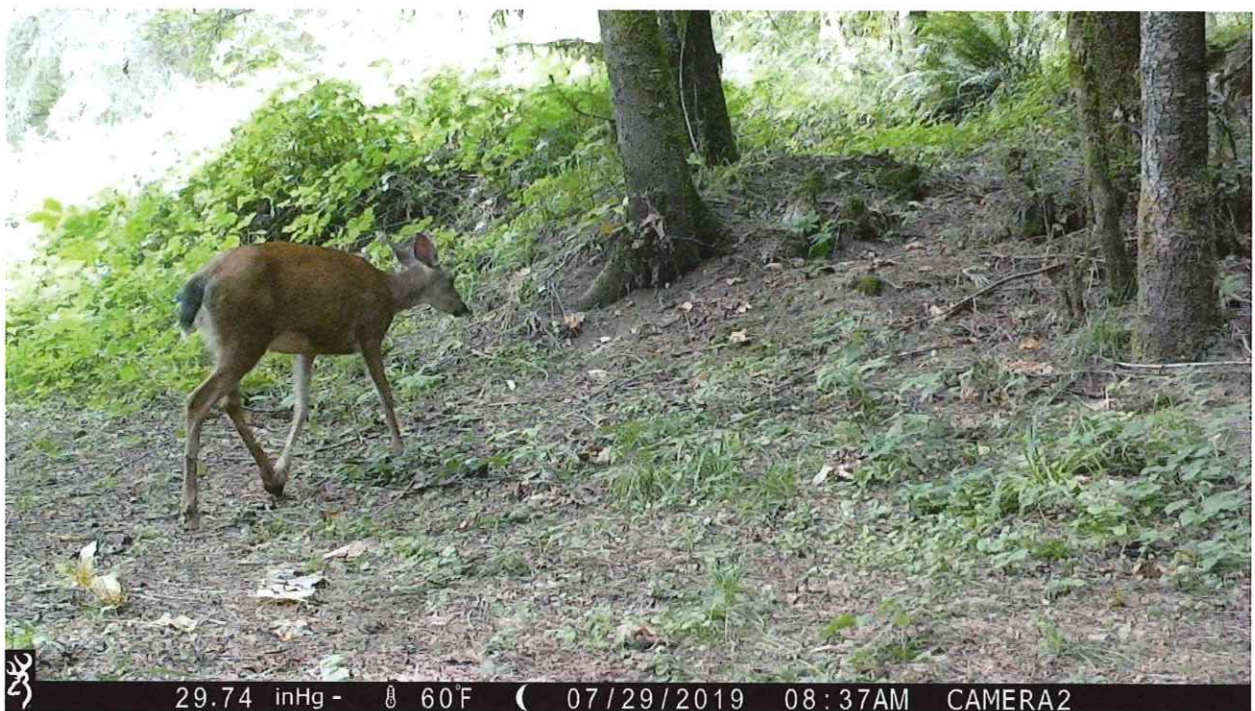
Buck



Velvet Buck



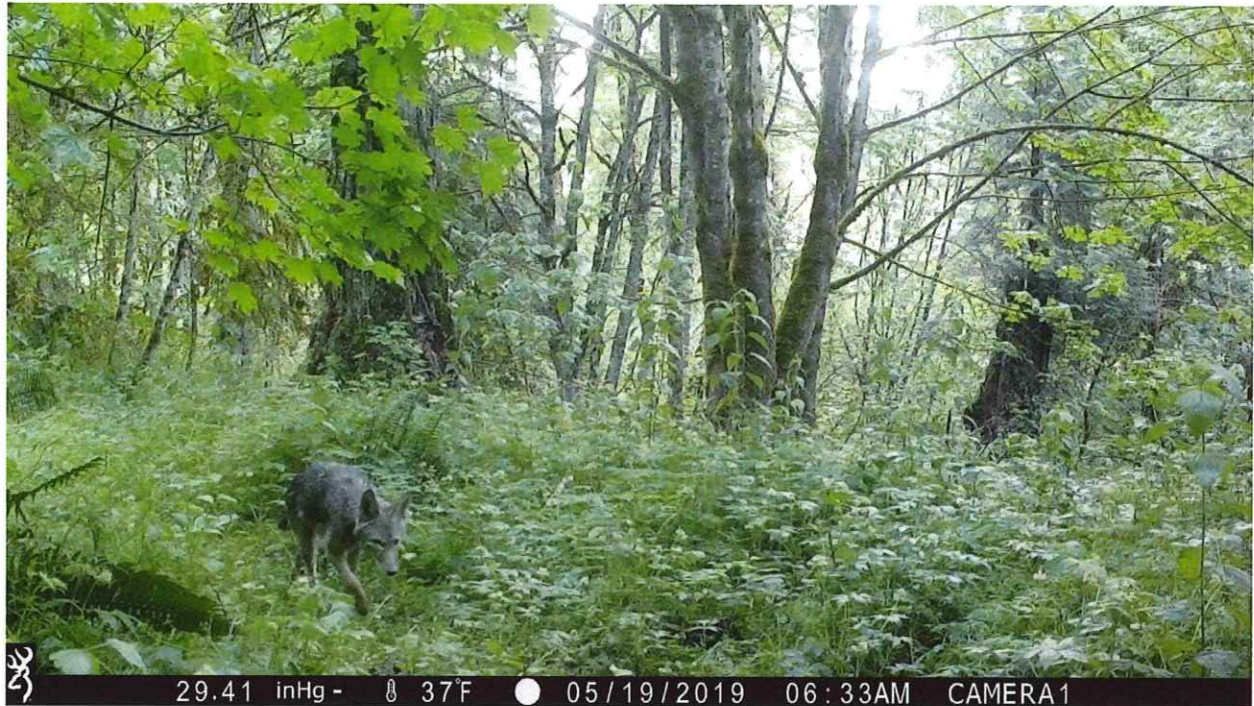
Doe



Young Doe



This one is quite the mystery! Is that a wolf or a coyote crossed with a wolf?



Clearly a Coyote and clearly different than the coy/wolf



And then there is me and one of my sons. I have two children I am raising here.

I am against the PWB filtration plant for the main reason that the traffic from the construction and after construction the daily maintenance will adversely affect the wildlife in the forest. I have plenty of evidence showing that many species of animals are using this forest for all phases of life which includes the rearing of young and the survival of harsh winters. This heavy machinery traffic will also affect the lives of my children because the roads will be made less safe.

Please take the time to watch my documentary about the area to see how beautiful this little area of Oregon is and how people like me, Sam Diack and Doug Siltan are doing their parts to protect and preserve Oregon's wildlife legacy: <https://youtu.be/0zQO-X-AAK4>
I advise fast forwarding to the 40 minute mark to view the portion of the documentary in which I talk about running the trail cameras and for footage of the various animals.

Please don't hesitate to ask me any questions but please understand that combing through all the videos and creating still images is something I do not have the time for.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Shaprio

From the Desk of
Commissioner Mark Shull
Clackamas County

24 April 2023

Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Suite 600
Portland, OR 97214-3587

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to do everything possible to stop any further work on the Portland Water Bureau filtration plant that the PWB is planning for the rural Cottrell area.

As Commissioner it is my primary duty to represent the concerns of my constituents. The people of the Cottrell area, on both sides to the county line, have invested their hopes, dreams and work into their homes and farms. They realize that an industrial project such as the one PWB is planning for their rural community will drastically detract from their community safety, livability and from the value of the place they call home.

-The Bull Run watershed provides one of the best sources of water in the nation, and the negligible issue of cryptosporidium does not warrant in any way the 1.5 billion dollar project cost. That cost will be passed on to the rate payer, resulting in an 800% increase in water bills within a decade. Most of the residents of the area cannot endure that cost. Add the treat of tolling and we have a serious family budget problem.

-The degradation of community safety, should construction begin, would increase accidents on roads, many of which are already prone to accidents. The intense truck traffic would be intolerable. In Clackamas County, nearly all the routes out of the site pass closely by schools. The safety of our residents would suffer.

-The loss of Exclusive Farm Land zoned lands could start the beginning of the end for even more EFU lands, forever altering the landscape that is so loved by our people. We must preserve our limited farm land.

-In the event that the plant would be built, the operational traffic and the need for constant chemical resupply would mean that for the many decades of the life of the plant, the quiet environment our people currently enjoy would be gone forever.

It is imperative that the PWB reassess, look for another solution, and listen to the impassioned request of the people of the Cottrell community, both on the Multnomah side and the Clackamas side of the county line. Please do everything possible to stop this disastrous project. Listed to the impassioned pleas of our residents.

Sincerely,


Commissioner Mark Shull
Clackamas County, Oregon

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Commissioner Mark Shull
Clackamas County

Gabe Solmer
Director, Portland Water Bureau
664 N Tillamook St, Portland, OR 97227

24 April 2023

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Sincerely,



Commissioner Mark Shull
Clackamas County, Oregon

John Sieling
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What's compelling about living in this part of East Multnomah County is the vibrant, greener than green vistas far and wide. Whether it's the endless rows of agricultural productivity or the wooded stretches that run all the way out to the Cascades including the ever present Mt. Hood. Less light and noise pollution means that Black bear, Elk, Black Tailed Deer, coyote eagles, osprey, hawks and any number of other critters have adapted and are comfortable in the existing environment.

The filtration plant will be a jarring imposition on this peaceful rural landscape, both in it's construction as well as in it's operation. Safety is the number one concern, so many large trucks driving down narrow country roads that are barely kept up as it is. It's so bad they should label them like they do ski runs...double black diamond, etc. Cyclists and equestrians stand no chance against a wide, multi ton truck with a load of debris or chemicals creeping down the Dodge Park road.

Don't Plant that thing here!

Character of the Area

[Case File: T3-2022-16220]

1. Full Name: Susan and John Swinford

2. Full Address: 7428 SE Cottrell Rd, Gresham, OR 97080

3. Email: john.and.sue@frontier.com

4. Please describe the “character of the area” of where you live, and what do you like about it?

We live on 21 acres of land, approximately 1,700 feet (.32 miles) directly north of the proposed water filtration plant on Carpenter Lane.

Our area possesses a character defined by its resplendent night sky and the rich tapestry of wildlife that thrives within its boundaries. Here, under the celestial canopy, the heavens reveal their grandeur, captivating our senses and evoking a profound sense of wonder.

When darkness descends, the brilliance of our night sky emerges, painting a celestial masterpiece above us. Far away from the luminous haze of urban life, our region boasts minimal light pollution, allowing the stars, planets, and galaxies to shine with unparalleled clarity.

This area teems with life, a testament to its ecological vitality. Amidst the forests and meadows, deer and elk gracefully roam, their majestic presence echoing the rhythms of nature. Bobcats, with their elusive nature, move silently through the underbrush, embodying the untamed spirit of the wild. Rabbits, swift and nimble, inhabit the fringes of woodlands, while coyotes, their haunting howls piercing the night, symbolize the resilience and adaptability of wilderness.

In the skies above, bald eagles soar majestically, their wings outstretched, embodying freedom and strength. They are guardians of our ecosystem, surveying their dominion with watchful eyes. Owls, wise and enigmatic, emerge from the shadows, their haunting calls echoing through the night, reminding us of the mysteries that lie hidden within the darkness.

Together, these diverse creatures compose the vibrant symphony of life, each playing a unique role in the intricate web of our ecosystem. They serve as a constant reminder of the delicate balance that nature meticulously maintains. The beauty of their existence nurtures our souls and connects us to the natural world, forging an unbreakable bond between humankind and the wilderness that surrounds us.