

## Subject File # T3-2022 - 16220 Comments - Wildlife Habitat Loss Along Dodge Park Blvd

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The Portland Water Bureau intends to remove over 100 mature trees and wooded habitat along Dodge Park Blvd. east of Cottrell Road on the right-of-way.

The area on the northeast side of the PWB land is designated as Riparian & Wildlife Habitat. It is described as such in the **2002 - Multnomah West of Sandy Rural Plan**, Significant Goal 5 Resources and Inventory Site, MAP page 21, "ST". The value of this habitat and the wildlife here has been well documented.

However, equally as important, is the adjacent wooded habitat along Dodge Park Blvd which provide protective cover for migrating herds of elk, daily travel of deer, coyotes, lynx, bobcats, and occasional bear, as they make their way along the bluff of the Sandy River Canyon. This right-of-way area is home to numerous birds like bald eagles, falcons, owls, doves and other creatures.

We live at 35161 SE Dodge Park Blvd., on the north side of the road directly across from where this established habitat exists. We have lived here for 25 years and have first-hand experience with the comings and goings of the mentioned birds and animals traversing through our property.

The proposed PWB plant will adversely affect the lifestyle of all living in the greater Multnomah County Countryside. For our family personally, the absence of these trees means that we lose:

- o wildlife that we enjoy, and coexist with
- o privacy barrier from neighboring homes on Carpenter Lane
- trees that block Carpenter neighbors' night lights, farming noise and the tremendous amount of seasonal dust from tractors
- o protection from the high winds that blow in from the south

The visual exposure of this Water Treatment Plant would impact the experiences sought by tourists and those who recreate along Dodge Park Blvd. especially bicyclist, and those participating in motorcycle rallies, cruise-ins and rod runs.

## Images Attached Below:

- 1. Dehydrated Paragon Falcon chick who was near death, found in our backyard. Aug 2022. (We believe he did survive.)
- 2. From our window, deer enjoying fallen apples and blackberries on our property along the Dodge Park Blvd. bank. Trees in the background and above the blackberries

are on the south side of Dodge Park Blvd. right-of-way. July 2023

- 3. PWB MAP marked in orange to show the tree habitat area to be removed.
- 4. Dodge Park Blvd facing east. Trees to be removed are on the right side of the road. Aug 2023

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## 4 attachments



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**Deer from our Window.jpg** 3521K



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