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Fw: Case # T3-2022-16220 PWB intends to remove over 425 trees and wildlife habitat along the Dodge Park Blvd Right-Of-Way.

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From: Cindy Bennington <emailoregon@yahoo.com>**To:** LUP Comments <lup-comments@multco.us>; Lisa Estrin <lisa.m.estrin@multco.us>**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 09:44:31 AM PDT**Subject:** Case # T3-2022-16220 PWB intends to remove over 425 trees and wildlife habitat along the Dodge Park Blvd Right-Of-Way.

This email is 1 of 2. Please attach video clip sent in email #2
Thank you Cindy Bennington

Exhibits referenced in this rebuttal are in the PWB Treatment Plant Library:

Refuted Exhibit I .96 ESA Consultants, Potential wildlife habitat impacts from the Bull Run Water Filtration Project

My Exhibit I .24 Cindy Bennington, Wildlife Habitat Loss Along Dodge Park Blvd Right-Of-Way.

Forthcoming Exhibit: ***Multnomah County West of Sandy Rural Area Transportation and Land Use Plan. Adopted December 12, 2002*** (this is being entered PWB Treatment Plant as a separate Exhibit ICW this Exhibit 9/7/2023)

The Portland Water Bureau intends to remove over 425 trees along the south side of two sections of Dodge Park Blvd. (DPB) within the right-of-way (ROW). ESA memorandum references planned removal of 324 trees along DPB along the south side of a section between SE Altman Road and SE Cottrell Road. They made no reference to the additional 100 plus trees PWB intend to remove east of Cottrell Road. See attached email from Ben Kernes, PWB Project Engineer, August 3, 2023, wrote: The trees in the right-of-way on the southern side of Dodge Park Blvd. are planned to be removed from Cottrell Road (east) to north of the filtration site at 35227 SE Carpenter Lane (see orange line on map below). Within this stretch, 101 trees are proposed to be removed."

This 1,700 plus feet, of ROW is part of the area designated as Riparian & Wildlife Habitat in the 2002 – Multnomah West of Sandy Rural Plan, Significant Goal 5 Resources ***and Inventory Site, MAP 21, "ST"***. The value of this habitat and the wildlife here has been well documented. Our 3-acre property is located the northside of Dodge Park Blvd. Our personal experiences with the wildlife are included in Exhibit I .24

[Exhibit J.92](#)

PWB and hired consultant ESA Memorandum, Exhibit I .96 attempt to minimize the number and maturity of trees, the rare wildlife, and habitat intended for removal from DPB. The example photos #1 and 2 DO NOT reflect the ROW. Quite the contrary. They picked the most sparsely tree populated and overgrown blackberry sections. Photos looking west instead of east do not show where the vast number of mature trees are located.

There is misleading language and omissions in an attempt to downplay the impact to the wildlife and way of life in this area. Just a few of the examples include describing mature the area as, "woody vegetation, single line of mostly small saplings and trees form a hedgerow . . .providing limited food and shelter functions for common wildlife species . . ." There is no mention of the extensive shade canopy provided by these trees for wildlife, bicyclists and ascetics for all to enjoy. See my photos looking east, and an example of a mature tree across from our driveway. References to mitigation measures like not removing trees on the northside of DPB. There are VERY few trees on the northside, and they are in residence front yard for the most part! ESA Memo Page 6 states, more that 200 trees along DPB ROW will be retained (I would like to know where these are!) There are claims of replacing trees to mitigate those they cut, this might be on the project sight but NOT along the ROW.

It is obvious that these consultants spent very little, if any, time along this ROW. We have only seen the timber contractors surveying the roadway for purposes of giving PWB a bid to cut the trees. Please review my amateur thirty second video. I am recording in fast motion, from west to east along DPB. Note the video at :6 seconds in is the Cottrell - DPB intersection to the PWB property. This is the section with 100+ trees, (along approximately 1,700-feet) earmarked for removal.

Cindy Bennington

This photo represents the ROW section with 100+ trees east of Cottrell.

5 attachments



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