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Character of the Area [Case File: T3-2022-16220]

I grew up in Corbett Oregon, one of my main thoughts was 'I gotta get outta here'. And I did, over the course of 30 years I lived in a variety of medium and large cities, east and west coast. I also had the opportunity to travel extensively. As I moved around and travelled I realized there is no place like the PNW, it really has it all.

I lived in Portland for years, then in the city of Gresham and then moved to Carpenter Lane so our kids and we as a family could enjoy and experience outdoor life. Be living in a place where I could get the kids outside, off their devices and not worry about their safety. This area and life is not for everyone but we chose it specifically for our family.

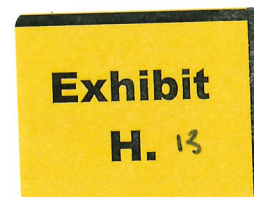
The quiet of Carpenter Lane is incredibly healing and being able to take daily walks with my dog and often my kids where we are immediately in nature and walking either safely on a sparsely driven road or in the nursery fields where the dog chases (without any success) bunnies, squirrels, birds or coyotes is truly a gift.

The quiet is noticeable. I have a large family and a few times throughout the year we have them over and without fail each time they come over one or more comment on how quiet and peaceful it is outside, there simply is nothing to hear except the birds or occasional plane flying overhead.

As for wildlife, while we do not live in the forest there is a steady drip of wildlife to see on nearly every walk or run. Plenty of rabbits, squirrels, birds galore, a crane that lived in our area for a little more than a year, a peacock (still not sure where this guy came from), coyotes, foxes, ducks, geese, and also many of the domesticated kind as well including horses, chickens, cows and pigs.

Given that Carpenter Lane is outlined by the PWB to be a main road for their construction vehicles will without a doubt severely impact the quality of life for us and all those connected to this road, both human and animal. How often have we been instructed that our ecosystem and wildlife is a delicate balance and when we hike or go into the forest we are instructed to be careful to not offset this balance and take with us what we brought in. For any person or group to imply this construction build will not massively and permanently alter this areas ecosystem and wild life is being purposefully dishonest. Carpenter Lane probably has less than 25 cars per day take the full length of the road, so when this road converts to hundreds of vehicles a day what person with a straight face can state the impact will be negligible or temporary?

Also with the current minimum level of traffic the road is presently and mostly full of potholes already, with the increase and heavy truckloads the road will soon be more pothole than road.



Nighttime around here is really special. Away from city lights, able to view the stars and of course quietness you can practically hear and being on a street where you know your neighbors. This all allows for time that can be spent outside at night either alone or with others and feel safe.

Given that driving is the most likely my teens will die I've been thankful to live in an area where their first years of driving can be in an environment of minimal traffic. Allowing them to build up driving experience in there most at risk years with limited opportunities of encountering traffic.

The proposed construction for the water plant would without doubt impact each and every category of the daily living experience. We are talking about a 2 billion dollar construction and for any person or committee to imply they will manage the chaos is either insanity or arrogance.

The increased traffic and large construction vehicles will instantly place my teens at a higher risk of death from driving, this is indisputable. It is also indisputable the noise level will dramatically increase with a steady flow of construction traffic that by PWB's own projection will be 250,000 vehicles a year, that number is mind blowing.

Carpenter Lane is a side road built and maintained for side road traffic and the condition even with extremely limited traffic is still populated with significant potholes. The heavy traffic and large vehicles will tear it to shreds and my understanding is the PWB had committed to returning the roads to the condition they are currently. Will that be after the 4 or so years of construction? And who will hold them accountable to this level of road maintenance? Nobody, as the PWB is responsible to nobody.

I cannot consult with wildlife but in the history of the world where has wildlife stayed where there are suddenly an additional 250,000 vehicles a year? Of course wildlife will relocate because they don't care about home values, comfort, their kids staying at the same school or a desire to not change, they will just leave, that is as long as they don't get squished first by one of the annual 250,000 vehicles.

There is no confusion about what PWB is doing. They have moved the construction of this 2 billion dollar plant to a location of sparse population with fewer financial resources hoping the approvers of this project will be able to overlook the facts and approve this project, not because it's a good idea or there's no other viable option for a solution, but because it's in an area where there's not enough people that it matters.