

## Multnomah County Land Use Planning Division

April 14, 2025

We have lived across the street from the Water Bureau filtration site for 27 years. Our back door is 96 feet from the site. Our property is part of the game trail that follows the Sandy River and up to the feeding grounds. The game trail runs on our property and south to the water towers on the filtration site then down the draw heading west towards town. This game trail has been removed now due to the mass excavation of the Water Bureau property , permanently changing the animals use of it for feeding, traveling, and breeding purpose.

Over the last 27 years we have had Elk, Deer, Cougar, Black Bear, Owls, Eagles, Hawks, Osprey, Geese, Coyotes, Bobcats and Rabbits. We have had many herds of Elk come through our property then travel to the filtration site prior to the start of the project. The largest group of Elk traveling the game trail was 28 head of cows and calves, a truly majestic sight. We often get groups of 2 to 4 in our back yard feeding on our grass as they pass through onto the filtration site. We have even had a 7 point bull and a 6 point bull in our driveway. We used to get the thrill of hearing them breaking through the timber on our property in early morning and evening. The Deer have followed the Elk using the same game trail and stopping to rest in our back yard before traveling onto the filtration site to feed and move through. We have had the joy of a young buck traveling through our garden and around our home. We have encountered 2 Cougars. One was on Mother's Day when the Cougar was using the game trail and came up on our back yard and then kept traveling down the game trail and onto where the filtration site is being built now. It stopped and looked back at us. The other was when I was mowing the lawn and I had stopped to put the lawn mower away and I looked back and up popped a Cougar right where I had been mowing. We both were probably scared of each other. The Cougar then proceeded to run towards the water tower and down the draw heading west. Another family member was walking out our back door early morning and there at the end of driveway was a Black Bear. We also have many Coyotes in our area. We had a denning pair for several years. Since the start of construction we have not heard or seen any wildlife.

We used to hear the owls many nights and have observed Osprey in the field on the filtration site. We also got to enjoy the Canadian Geese stopping to rest and feed on the field.

We are very concerned for the impact to the animals because this project has deeply impacted a 100 acres of prime grazing and hunting land important to our local eco system. We choose to live amongst all these magnificent animals to enjoy them and watch them in their natural habitat. This plant has and will change our livability in our rural community that we have come to embrace, living amongst the diverse wildlife.

When the remand order was issued, it took some time for the hustle and bustle noise to stop. Now that it has slowed for the last month, we have had a slow return of Coyotes close to the site. Driving after dark on our roads, the glowing eyes have returned, but we still have not had any rabbits since June of 2024.

In conclusion, our enjoyment of our rural property has been severely impacted causing extra stress and agitation to us and we can only imagine how the animals have been impacted. Please take into consideration all of these concerns to the natural resources this project has caused already and will in the future if this project continues to proceed forward.

Respectfully,

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### Character of the Area

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We live directly across from the proposed site for the Water Plant and have lived here for 25 years. We love living here in this rural area because it is so peaceful and quiet. We love listening to the owls at night and the Robins and Blue Jays and all the other birds talking back and forth early in the morning and in the evening. The wildlife here, which includes Bear, Cougar, Bobcat, Osprey, Coyote, Geese, Elk and Deer, has been fascinating to watch as they wander through our property and the proposed site across from us.

We love the night sky in this rural area. We can go outside at night and actually see the stars because there is no light pollution. This Water Plant will definitely take away our night sky even following the codes.

Safety is an issue also. We feel safe here and we watch out for each other. All the traffic this plant will bring to our area will affect our safety. The more traffic and people that come here make us more vulnerable.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our concerns!







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**Testimony --Bull Run Filtration Site Remand**

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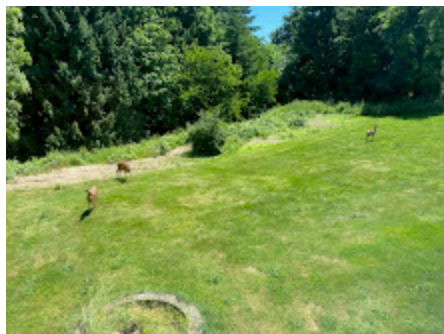
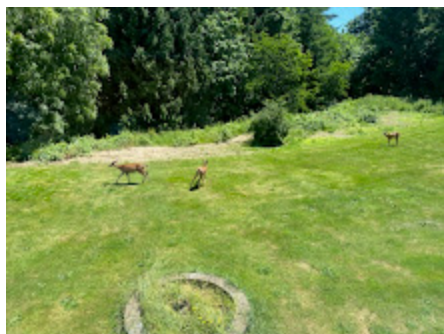
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