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To the honorable Hearings Officer,

I testified in person with the compilation video of the animals of the Lusted Woods. In matters like this, when so many community members care about the present situation and the obvious disruption to the land being caused by construction, it's hard to remove oneself from the present and look into the future. But that is what is needed at this time, to look into the future and see what the Portland Water Bureau's final product will look and act like.

The Water Bureau showed rendered images of a bucolic green oasis with large trees and a perfectly integrated native ecosystem that magically appeared fully grown after construction. As they are known to do, the Portland Water Bureau is misleading the public with these images. Those bucolic scenes will never be visible to the eyes of this generation. Maybe, just maybe if there is a diligent and consistent team of naturalists and landscapers assigned to a 45 year restoration plan, fighting invasive species and constantly working with the land, then perhaps that vision will hold.

That PWB wants us to believe that this water filtration plant will be a small, peaceful addition to the landscape, quietly producing clean safe drinking water for the city of Portland. The reality is that this will be a highly impactful facility that will continue to be incredibly fuel dependent while operating. They are proposing to use a chemical caking agent to filter the water. There will be daily removal of the caking agent. The caking agent will be trucked in from a port in San Diego, having come from overseas, most likely at a great cost because this trade war isn't going away.

You will need an incredible amount of diesel needed to ship it in and bring it up to Boring.

But after it does the job of filtering the water it will be spent and the spent caking agent will have to be removed and the PWB will put it on large trucks daily and send it down the small and winding roads that lead to I84. Will animals get run over? These large diesel burning dump trucks will also be shedding their microplastics into Beaver Creek, Johnson Creek, and the Columbia River as they make their way to Pendleton.

The saddest part about this whole boondoggle is that it didn't have to be this way. The PWB got greedy. The Feds said that the PWB had to build this filtration site and the PWB went with the most expensive and resource intensive option available. They have been dancing around for the past 5 years defending their right to be greedy and deceiving.

I spoke on behalf of the wildlife and I can assert that the operation of the PWB filtration plant will continue to do harm to the wildlife. Trucks will run over bobcats. Migration patterns of elk will be disrupted. The crows will continue their relentless march into East County. Currently the owls and hawks keep the crows out of the Sandy River Gorge but if they continue to lose habitat the crows will eventually gain a foothold and as we have seen in Portland and San Francisco, once the crows take hold, they take over and when they take over bird diversity disappears.

Please protect the integrity of the rural reserve. The PWB monstrosity does not need to be built here. It's wrong. The PWB is misleading its contractors and they are misleading the public. They can not remediate the land as proposed and the operation of the mega-filtration site will cause harm to the natural resources of the land in perpetuity until the Cascadia Megaquake finally arrives and the land at the site turns to jelly and all that water and junk will slide down the hillside.

Respectfully submitted,

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