

**Braeden Culver
35534 SE Bluff RD Boring Or 97009
Character of the Area
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My name is Braeden Culver, I'm almost 22 and I live on 35534 SE Bluff RD Boring Or 97009. I live on my parents farm that we started almost 7 years ago. We moved out here from the Rockwood area. We saw all sorts of things out there from drug dealers right across the street to police shutting down and barricading our whole neighborhood searching for people. We had police spotlights going through our backyard multiple times.

As the oldest brother of 4, I never felt safe being able to have my siblings go and play or ride a bike or even play with chalk. They weren't able to be little kids because of where we lived. Living out in the country my siblings can run and play all day long without a worry at all. They can have that childhood that they deserve, that every kid deserves. If there was anything to ever happen out here we have neighbors who are close and can help who we trust.

We are able to have livestock out here. We have chickens, cows, bunnies, dogs and cats. Owls in the barn, they can hear birds of prey looking for their next meal. They get to learn what it's like to take care of animals and have farm chores that will set them up for their future life. We have a huge garden stock full of produce that we use on the daily. We also have a fruit tree orchard and berry field. My siblings and I are able to learn real life lessons that we weren't ever taught in school.

By being out here they get to have fresh air that smells like spring and summer with trees in bloom. It's not polluted by a microchip plant across the street, like where we used to live. We could hear the constant drone of fans 24/7. We moved out of Gresham specifically to get away from the factories and industrial plants.

There's peace and quiet with very little road noise. We live on a road where folks like to go for a country drive. See the sights and watch nurseries grow trees and flowers and grain. Watch farmers where they grow and get their meat from. See the cows that feed them. There's no construction out here. We are a tight community and if someone needs something we all will be right there. We can't do that if hundreds of construction trucks go by day after day.

We get to see the stars. I never was able to see stars till we moved out here. To much white noise the stars just weren't there. I'm able to teach my siblings about constellations and where stars are. We can lay underneath the night sky and fall asleep to the sounds of frogs in our creek and the crickets in the grass with the owls hooting overhead.

If the water plant barges in and builds what they are wanting it's going to ruin our way of life that we have carved out here. What's going to stop others from taking advantage of this land also. There is a 50 year no build zone, we still have 40 more years of no build zone. This land is agriculture not utility and they are undermining everything and everyone who lives here.