

CHARACTER OF THE AREA CASE FILE: T3-2022-16220

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I live on 63 acres between Lusted Rd, Dodge Park Blvd, Hudson rd, and Bluff. I am within a half mile of the proposed filtration plant. I have been in the area since 1982. My family purchased the property in the 80's. I used to come out and help on the property since middle school. After college, I became a full-time employee, working the land for 25 years, and currently owning the acreage and home. I feel very fortunate to have worked on the property, before inheriting the acreage. I do lease some of my property to Surface nursery.

The wildlife I have seen has been amazing, see attached photos. I have had dozens bobcats sightings, mountain lion, had several bears living on the property, beaver, several mountain beavers, deer, coyotes, and the Bluff Elk Herd (more than thirty elk that migrate back and forth through the area). I also enjoy the Bird of Prey in the area- Bald eagles, red tail hawks, sharp shin hawks, osprey, and golden eagles. At night the owls are vocal, and I have been fortunate to see a spotted owl. I guess that is why the area is a Rural Reserve!

I could not imagine living in where other than the area and my property. It is a quiet Farming Community. I feel safe day and night, I am able to sleep with my windows and doors wide open to enjoy the fresh air, the sounds of the night critters and waking to the birds chattering back and forth. The night stargazing is incredible. I enjoy listening to the nursery workers singing in the fields, the neighbor kids playing in the irrigation pond, and the tractors at work. I have wonderful neighbors- we watch out for each other.

I have been told that this was a big hunting and trading area for the Native Americans Tribes. We have found artifacts. As well as underground lava tubes.

The area has a huge amount of classic car, hot rods and antique car owners! We get a lot of classic car owners touring our roads out here heading to car shows in the summer months. We also have a huge amount of cyclist riding bikes all year round.

PWB proposed Industrial Plant does not fit the characteristics of the area! This is a agricultural community with a lot of history. There is no such plant in the area and no agricultural business that requires massive amounts of hazardous chemical to be transported in and used in their daily operations.

The local Fire District is concerned about call loads. Gresham Barlow School District is concerned about safety of their students during and after construction. This will have a major and permanent impact on the on the wildlife in the area. As well as our watershed, ground water, vegetation.

The proposed Industrial Plant will change the way of farming in the area. It is taking 100 acres

of prime farm land out of production. This farm land is in a Rural Reserve. Surface Nursery was farming the land where the proposed site is located. Not farming that land- Surface is losing 1/3 of their business. The area is for rural living, farming and for preserving the Sand River watershed wildlife – It is not an Industrial Area!

Below is a collection of photos taken on my property by trail cam or cell phone camera. These photos were taken in the last few years.



Bobcat



Bald eagle



Black bear



Black bear



Beaver



Black tailed deer



Grouse