

Character of the Area

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I love living in this agricultural area because of the peace. It is a wonderful area to raise a family. The roads are safe and pretty quiet. In the evening when it is dead quiet we can hear the sandy river and occasionally the train going through the gorge.

My family owns a farm and we have two locations. We use the roads to transport equipment, people and plants between the two. Almost always there is no traffic. I don't have to worry about my employees getting in an accident because there is very little traffic. We only move tractors when necessary, but sometimes I need 16' wide and i don't have to worry much because if i have to pass a car or two it isn't a big deal.

The roads are safe to walk or bike on in the evenings because most of the traffic is local and know how to respect others that use the road.

There are many animals that you see it is not uncommon to stop to let a deer cross the road or even a heard of elk.

The night sky is beautiful because it is so dark and you can see many many stars.

If the plant is allowed to be built here it would greatly impact the area in a negative way.

Road closures and hugely increased traffic would change the way we operate the farm. If Dodge Park Road is closed I have no way to move large implements to our other location. The increased traffic also is a huge impact on moving employees between farms. There is times in the season where we make lots of trips on the roads. Most of the traffic during the day is farm traffic and having dump truck drivers and Portland drivers don't mix. The people that live out here respect the roads and give slow vehicles space. Drivers from out of the area you can tell and drive way too fast and if this plant is allowed it will be way less safe.

There is alternative to this plant that would serve the people who use the water.

Also as a person who uses the beautiful soil we have it is insane that Portland Water Bureau wants to destroy 100 acres of prime farm land to put an industrial plant in a rural farming community. They should be ashamed of themselves. Farmland is being lost at an alarming rate and a local government that prides itself on sustainability and reducing impacts is making one of the biggest impacts it could by placing this type of facility and on wonderful farming soil that could produce for centuries.