

Character of the Area

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I moved to rural Oregon from the city of Denver where I was constantly assaulted by the noise of the city, the incessant roar of the interstate, constant heavy equipment. I purchased land with 2 creeks and adjacent to the Sandy River, where I can hear water flowing and birds chirping, where heavy equipment sounds are the exception, not the rule. My property is a haven for wild animals. I consistently see bear scat, elk tracks, lots of deer, birds of all kinds, a few illusive sightings of a bobcat and even a neighborhood mountain lion. All of this will be destroyed if the PWB is allowed to proceed with their poorly thought out plan for a filtration system upriver from me.

If the proposed water filtration facility is allowed to proceed, our idyllic country existence will be destroyed. The constant noise of heavy equipment and trucks on our road will destroy our quiet and drive away the local wildlife. It is impossible for me to understand how an environment impact study was not done to ascertain the damage to our local population of beautiful wildlife. The sheer volume of traffic on the roads will mean it is no longer safe for me to walk along our rural roads. I am also extremely concerned about the hazardous chemicals that will be coming into the neighborhood. I know that it will be impossible to have a timely hazmat response where it necessary and blanche to think of our aquifer, well, Sandy River and ultimately the Columbia being poisoned because of the lack of due diligence represented by the proponents of this ill considered filtration plane.