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To Whom It May Concern

My name is Patricia Walter. My husband, Dean, and I are 72 years old. I have lived in the Boring/Gresham area all of my life and and my husband of 52 years and I have lived off of Dodge Park Blvd for 26 years. We love living in the country. We enjoy the deer, elk, coyotes and the rest. We also have cougar but thankfully they are very elusive. We have at least a dozen different species of birds that we enjoy so much. We grow hay, have an orchard and a beautiful garden every year. My garden is my refuge and is stress-free.

When we initially heard about what the City of Portland and Portland Water Bureau wanted to do with the 95 acre piece of property immediately to our west, our hearts sank. We thought to ourselves, "there goes the peace and quiet". We have worked our entire married lives together to buy the property we now have.

Little did we know that the middle of our 70s would be plagued by noise from trucks and construction for at least 5 yrs. So much for the golden years.

Thank you.

Dean and Pat Walter



Young male deer on Walter property in 2022, adjacent to proposed site. Deer was injured and was hand fed until recuperated. He found a mate and left after recovery.



Critter cam photo of elk on Walter property, adjacent to proposed site, in the winter of 2022.



Quail, black capped chickadees, sparrows and other birds, 2022. Photo taken from deck of Walter property, adjacent to proposed site.