

I would like to preface my following comments with the following requirements of Multnomah County for a conditional use permit. Please pay special attention to items 1,2,4, and 8.

(A) A Conditional Use shall be governed by the approval criteria listed in the base zone under which the conditional use is allowed. If no such criteria are provided, the approval criteria listed in this section shall apply. In approving a Conditional Use listed in this section, the approval authority shall find that the proposal:

- (1) Is consistent with the character of the area;
- (2) Will not adversely affect natural resources;
- (3) The use will not:
 - (a) Force a significant change in accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use; nor
 - (b) Significantly increase the cost of accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.
- (4) Will not require public services other than those existing or programmed for the area;
- (5) Will be located outside a big game winter habitat area as defined by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife or that agency has certified that the impacts will be acceptable;
- (6) Will not create hazardous conditions; and

(7) Will satisfy the applicable policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

(8) For uses in the West of Sandy River Planning Area, the use is limited in type and scale to primarily serve the needs of the rural area.

My name is Samuel Diack. I reside at 35547 SE. Lusted Rd., Boring, OR 97009.

I have been on this property for 80+ years. There are now five generations of the family having been involved in our ownership (and more to come!). We have a small farm operation producing hay, berries, and maple syrup from trees we tap.

In the early 70s our family donated 150+ acres to The Nature Conservancy. TNC knew this stretch of the sandy river gorge had unique properties that needed preservation and protection, from potential development in the future. My wife, Conni, and I remain on the property as volunteer preserve managers. We are deeply intimate with this biome, which extends into adjacent rural areas.

We are now threatened. A years-long industrial construction project is proposed on 100 acres of land that is part of the above-mentioned biome. This is not a small project. Hundreds of thousands of large truck trips bringing diesel exhaust, and heavy equipment, excavators, bulldozers, etc. doing the same. There will be drilling and tunneling within eyesight and ear shot of the Sandy river gorge and security lighting to confound the wildlife, not to mention local residents. Bird nesting habits will undergo

mutation. We could lose certain species commonly found here because they were scared away. As for animals, they will find roadblocks to their normal areas of movement, and perhaps move away. Please reread item two. Industrial activity in a rural area does indeed change the character of that area. Our furred and feathered friends will attest to that.

I have been educated by my upbringing on this property more than I could ever get in any classroom. My memories of the berry farms, the nursery's, the dairy farms and horseback riders are deep inside me. The wildlife abounded, and still does. Deer and elk at all times, bear, cougar, fox, bobcat, bald eagles, osprey, owls...all in their rightful place, part of an enviable ecosystem which is under threat by PWB proposals. I live in this quiet, bucolic, and visually energizing place. But the PWB filtration project will tear my existing quality of life to shreds, not to mention that of future generations.

PWB would make my memories just memories. It will apply a tourniquet to our rural lifestyle. It will alter forever a jog in the morning, walking a pet by day, cycling for fun or just sightseeing.

I offer an analogy. If the Mona Lisa were to undergo a small modification, erasure, or coverage of the lips for example, how would it then be appreciated? Its intrinsic

value would be lost. The enjoyment of the whole work of art would be lost.

The PWB filtration project would have the exact effect on our rural area, and we implore Multnomah County to deny a conditional use permit for this project. Our future well being depends on this decision.

Thank you

Sam and Conni Diack