

**Summary of Comments Submitted  
8/9/23-10/9/23**

		191400-200 Moon Pit	201500-301 Roth-Millican	BLM - Powell Butte Hwy	BLM - Hwy 20/Horse Ridge Frontage Rd
<b>Total Parties Submitting Comments</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0</b>
General Dissent				160	
Zoning	Wildlife Zoning				
	Landfill Overlay				
	Zoning General				
Property	Residence Impacts			160	
	Property Value				
	Health			160	
Transportation	Truck Access Route				
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	Traffic				
	Haul Distance				
Wildlife	Wildlife (general)			160	
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	Sage Grouse				
	Eagles, other raptors				
	Antelope				
	Bats				
	Deer				
	Elk				
	Cougar				
Rodent Problems			160		
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	OHV				
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	Hiking				
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	Cultural Resources				
	Growth				
	Vectors (Birds, Rats)			160	
	Airports				
	Wildfire Concerns				
	Selection Process				
	Communications Concerns				
School					

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Lisa Flynn <lisa-flynn@live.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 10:47 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Flynn Len  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site - Powell Butte Highway

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

We strongly oppose the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along the Powell Butte Highway. There can be no question that a landfill on this site would negatively impact the health, safety and property values of the residents and guests of Powell Butte. The area proposed is adjacent to Pronghorn (Juniper Reserve) and Brasada Ranch, two highly rated and visited resorts and golf courses. The business impact would be devastating to our local economy.

We have lived in Powell Butte since 2008. We own a home at Brasada Ranch and have a territorial view towards the West. We can see the BLM land proposed for the landfill from our home. While we don't live in Deschutes County, we do live less than three miles from the proposed site. Given the elevation of Brasada Ranch, you can see the site from just about everywhere in our neighborhood!

We drive into Bend three to four times a week and use the highway next to the proposed site. The significant negative impact of a landfill in this proposed location will be felt primarily by Crook County residents and property owners.

For these reasons, please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering our opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Leonard and Elisabeth Flynn

15451 SW Branding Iron Court  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

206-679-3002



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Linda Zivney <lzivney33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 11:52 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Land fill site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,  
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I live in Deschutes County, I own land in Powell Butte and will be building on it in the near future because in the 28 years I have lived in Bend, the City and County are getting too overcrowded. There is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by the community of Powell Butte.

I encourage you to consider the following:

- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout our community.
- Landfills attract pests and vermin, which pose a nuisance and a severe health hazard. These pests carry diseases that are transmitted to humans, and they damage property. Landfills also attract birds that will nest in our neighborhood and become another nuisance.
- Landfills create a fire hazard, and the smoke and fumes from dump fires are toxic and cause respiratory problems. In addition, fires at landfills can release harmful pollutants into the air, harming the environment.
- By taking BLM lands, you threaten the health, diversity, and productivity of our public lands, and their use and enjoyment by present and future generations.
- This site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.
- A landfill at this site will ruin our panoramic views. Thanks to our higher elevation, you can't hide anything from us on Powell Buttes, and given the lack of onsite soil at the BLM site, you likely will not ever have the daily ground cover for proper landfill operations.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values. Please select a site that has less proximity to residences and remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Linda Zivney  
60210 Ridgeview Dr E

Bend, OR 97702  
541-410-8225

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jess Carrington <jessc@brasada.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 5:07 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Powell Butte BLM Landfill Opposition

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. As a resident of Deschutes Country, there is no doubt that this landfill would adversely impact my daily commute to work, my health, safety and environment enjoyed by 200 of my fellow team members, 2,000 Brasada Members and our 100,000 annual resort guests.

I encourage you to consider the following:

- A Landfill on the Powell Butte Highway will have a profound impact on the daily commute of Brasada Ranch team members. Increased traffic along the already congested highway would pose both a safety and environmental hazard for commuters.
- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch relies on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout our place of work.
- Landfills attract pests and vermin, which pose a nuisance and a severe health hazard. These pests carry diseases that are transmitted to humans, and they damage property.
- Landfills create a fire hazard, and the smoke and fumes from dump fires are toxic and cause respiratory problems. In addition, fires at landfills can release harmful pollutants into the air, harming the environment.
- By taking BLM lands, you threaten the health, diversity, and productivity of our public lands, and their use and enjoyment by present and future generations.
- This site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.
- A landfill at this site will ruin our panoramic views – we love the view from our workplace, please don't spoil it. It's one of the reasons we love to come to work every day.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, workplace environment.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Best,

**Jess Carrington** TALENT MANAGER, HUMAN RESOURCES

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Gj Na <gjna@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 12:12 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill location

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Hello

My name is Greg Evans, I am a resident of Powell Butte and business owner serving all of central Oregon but mostly Bend and Redmond. I formally object to one of the proposed locations for the new Deschutes county landfill. The location adjacent to the Crook County line near Powell Butte which is currently BLM land that you and I and every other person in this country own should not be used for this purpose. Residents in Crook County, residing on Powell Butte and Brasada Ranch should not be subjected to the noise and pollution created by the operation of this landfill.

The soils in the area are extremely shallow, often only a few inches deep, there is no practical way to dig through the bed rock to bury the waste (ask anyone who has built a home in the area - it is extremely expensive to go down 2 feet for a foundation, how deep do you need to dig for a dump?). Furthermore, the soils in the area are not even really soil, it is dust. The vegetation is fragile, the dust raised in the area by dump operations will be detrimental to the health of residents, vegetation and wildlife. The added traffic to an already dangerous stretch of the Powell Butte Hwy will cause more accidents and likely fatalities. The reasons why you should avoid placing the new landfill at that location is long.

There are much better locations that are not at the base of a large, populated butte and directly in the sight and view of the neighbors in another county. I would recommend finding a location well within Deschutes county where thousands of nearby residents, particularly those who receive no benefit from a dump in Deschutes County, are adversely affected.

Sincerely

Greg Evans

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** GREGORY HORSLEY <ghors35055@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 8:03 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill/dump along Powell Butte Hwy

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Dear members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC),

I live at 22977 Ghost Tree Ln, which is a part of the golfing community formerly known as Pronghorn at Juniper Preserve. It was a highly sought was golfing community. formerly known with expensive homes and known for it peaceful enviornment. I ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

I oppose siting the Deschutes County landfill at the proposed BLM site next to Powell Butte Highway for the following reasons:

1. The BLM land is owned by the federal government and the process to get the site transferred to Deschutes County will be long and uncertain. There are alternatives available for the county that the SWAC is reviewing that should be the priority over land owned by the federal government.
2. The BLM land targeted for the landfill dump should only be used by the public for recreation and enjoyment.
3. The proximity of Juniper Reserve Resort means that the BLM site for a landfill will produce noxious odors and attract large amounts of birds, all of which will negatively impact my home and others at Juniper Reserve. Noxious odors can travel a long distance.
4. Further, the accumulation of birds at the landfill site will cause harm to the safety of patrons of the Bend municipal airport. Large flocks of birds have been known to cause airplanes to crash by destroying their power plants, crashing through windshields and injuring pilots.
5. The proposed landfill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway will be seen by drivers. Further, it is doubtful the site will work for a landfill given that it appears to lack enough onsite soils for daily ground cover and the creation of berms.
6. Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is a terrible idea because it is too close to three neighborhoods nearby – Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. The landfill at the BLM site will reduce property values, increase starlings and other birds at those neighborhoods, and cause infiltration by mice and small mammals that are attracted to the landfill.

I ask the SWAC to remove the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential sites for the location of the new landfill for Deschutes County.

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** GREG <gregjudah7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 3:43 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Proposed Landfill 3 Miles West of Brasada Ranch

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

I encourage you to consider the following:

- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout our community.
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- By taking BLM lands, you threaten the health, diversity, and productivity of our public lands, and their use and enjoyment by present and future generations.
- This site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.
- A landfill at this site will ruin our panoramic views. Thanks to our higher elevation, you can't hide anything from us on these Powell Buttes, and given the lack of onsite soil at the BLM site, you likely will not ever have the daily ground cover for proper landfill operations.
- This site is just a third of a mile from families and their homes. And within three miles, you have 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Pronghorn. There are hundreds more. The SWAC's siting criteria provides a 3-mile buffer for the sage grouse, and I don't think it's asking too much to provide my neighbors and me at least this much.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Greg C. Judah  
15835 SW Hope Vista Drive  
Powell Butte, OR 97753



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jeanne Judah <jeanne.judah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 3:43 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Proposed Landfill 3 Miles West of Brasada Ranch

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

I encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Jeanne M. Judah  
15835 SW Hope Vista Drive  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** John and Connie Vaughn <oregonwalker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 3:40 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill location

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We wish to object to the proposed landfill in North Deschutes County adjacent to the Powell Butte Highway and the Crook County border.

- 1) Our home is at 14832 SW Sage Drive, Powell Butte. The proposed site is visible from our home. We will be directly impacted. We will be directly affected by truck traffic, airborne dust, and noise from operations.
- 2) The Powell Butte Highway is a rural highway that is increasingly impacted by daily Bend-Prineville vehicle traffic of all sorts. The addition of solid waste disposal trucks will increase conflicts with personal and other vehicles. Travel safety and the costs of mitigation concern us.
- 3) No public notice has been given us of this land use change, particularly concerning the impacts to Powell Butte residents that live in Crook County. The addition of two sites late in the site selection process, with only minimal public notice or chance to comment, impacts us adversely.
- 4) We have had zero information that this land use change is consistent with the LCDC approved long range land use plans for Deschutes County, Crook County, and the Bureau of Land Management. Solid Waste Disposal is a critical element for land use planning and placement of a major facility within a few miles of our residence without notice to us is poor land use planning and inconsistent with Oregon land use law and practice.
- 5) We have water rights to a well that draws drinking/home use water from under the proposed solid waste disposal site. (The water right was originally approved for the Powell Butte View Estates (PBVE) Water District, and later absorbed by Avion Water after its purchase of the PBVE water district.) How the proposed landfill will affect our water right is a major concern to us.

Please include us as concerned residents that object to the proposed landfill.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Vaughn and Connie E. Vaughn

Mail - 14832 SW Sage Drive, Powell Butte, OR 97753 Email - oregonwalker@gmail.com  
Phone - 541-815-3062(John). 541-390-8924(Connie)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Michael Wilson <bakerstvet1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 7:08 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my overwhelming opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles from the proposed site, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill would severely impact the health, safety, and environment of those who live in my community and the staff at the Ranch, and the tens of thousands of visitors to the Resort each year.

I hope you would consider the following:

Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and WATER, that could lead to various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills have been known to contaminate groundwater. Can you promise us that this will not happen??

Landfills produce horrible odors that can travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing winds will carry those odors directly into our community at Brasada Ranch. Can you promise us this will not happen

Landfills attract pests, which pose a nuisance and a severe health hazard. These pests carry diseases that can be transmitted to humans, and can damage property. Landfills attract huge numbers of birds which will nest and overpopulate in our neighborhood. Coyotes will be attracted to the garbage in the landfill which will cause an explosion in their population posing a huge risk to our pets. Can you promise us this will not happen??

Landfills create a huge fire hazard, and the smoke and fumes from dump fires are toxic and cause respiratory issues. In addition, fires at landfills can release harmful pollutants into the air, harming the environment. These potential fires can also spread, due to our dry windy climate, putting our whole community at risk. Can you promise us this will not happen??

This site is just one third of a mile away from families and their homes. And within three miles you have 750 homes in Brasada Ranch and 370 Homes in Pronghorn, with more being built each year. The SWAC's siting criteria provides a three mile buffer for the sage grouse, I believe you should show people the same respect as the sage grouse.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a horrible idea, that will negatively impact our safety, health, and well being. I ask that you do the right thing and remove the BLM site along the Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I would appreciate you considering my opposition to this project and make it part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Michael A. Wilson  
15799 SW Brasada Ranch Rd  
Powell Butte OR 97753

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Susan Allen <sjallen1385@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:53 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill on BLM property

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I am writing in opposition to the Deschutes County and its Solid Waste Advisory Committee proposal to consider BLM land off of Powell Butte Highway for a 100-year landfill.

First and foremost, this represents an inappropriate use of land managed by the BLM in Oregon. As stated on the BLM website:

"The Bureau of Land Management administers a variety of landscapes ... in Oregon and Washington. These lands host complex natural systems that provide habitat to thousands of plants and animal species and are **managed to overall promote landscape health.**"

I believe that using this land for a landfill is contrary to the very premise of designating land for BLM management. Considering that citizens of Deschutes County - and Oregon in general - are highly eco-conscious, I am surprised that any government agency would propose using this designated BLM land as a landfill. Why would anyone purposefully put this property and its unique plants and animals at risk?

Additionally, I am disturbed that one county - in this case Deschutes County - would propose an action that will negatively affect many citizens who reside in a different county (Crook County).

Using the designated BLM land will have serious consequences for residents in Crook County. For example:

- Air quality will be seriously affected by the harmful pollutants the landfill will emit into the air
- The groundwater on which we rely will be contaminated as landfill toxins seep into the soil
- The prevailing winds coming off the Cascades will carry noxious odors into our neighborhoods
- The pests, vermin and birds commonly associated with landfills will be an increased health hazard and nuisance for our community
- A landfill fire, of which there are more than 8,300 each year nationwide, will release toxic smoke and fumes that will cause respiratory problems and damage to the ecosystem.

And, on a personal note, a landfill at this proposed BLM site will ruin the view we have from our home - one of the key reasons we purchased property at Brasada Ranch - and will significantly lower our property value. Because the Solid Waste Advisory Committee previously agreed on two potential sites before adding this additional BLM property, I see this personal financial impact as unnecessary and hurtful. What reasoning could the committee possibly have to agree on two sites and then add two additional controversial sites that will have such negative impacts on people's lives?

My understanding is that the Bureau of Land Management is opposed to using this property for a 100-year landfill because of the land/soil makeup. I also understand that there is not enough soil in the area to cover the garbage, which means this landfill will be an open garbage dump.

I urge you to remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of sites being considered for a landfill and return to considering the initial two sites. Using this BLM land for a landfill will be harmful to my - and my family's - safety and health, and will devalue a property we purchased for our "forever" home.

Thank you for your consideration and please include my opposition as part of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee's records regarding this topic.

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Susan J. Allen  
14681 SW Spirit Rock Dr.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Katie Kissell <k.kissell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 2:18 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Proposed New Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, my parents live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch. There is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by the 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact their property values, but more importantly their safety and health.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Banuelos



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Angelika Buchanan <angelika.buchanan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 12:14 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Proposed Landfill

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August 11, 2023

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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- This site is just a third of a mile from families and their homes. And within three miles you have 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Pronghorn. There are hundreds more. The SWAC's siting criteria provides a 3-mile buffer for the sage grouse, and I don't think it's asking too much to provide my neighbors and me at least this much.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

***Angelika Buchanan***

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Tom Credelle <tcredelle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:28 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** No landfill in Eastern Deschutes County

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that **this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests, who spend \$\$\$ in Bend area each year.** I encourage you to consider the following:

- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area **rely on groundwater for our drinking water**, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway From your list of potential landfill sites, which I believe is selfishly sited as far away as possible from residents in Bend, but ignorant of many living in Eastern Deschutes County and in neighboring Crook County that would be living next door to the proposed site. .

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Tom and Marge Credelle  
Full Time Residents at Brasada Ranch, Powell Butte

[tcredelle@gmail.com](mailto:tcredelle@gmail.com)  
408 710 1030 (m)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Rex Daines <rdaines@olsendaines.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 2:54 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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I am writing to oppose the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. I live in Bend and I have been following the ongoing discussions regarding the new landfill closely. While there is not a “good site”, I believe this site is the worst of the options. There are a lot of populated areas near the proposed site and I believe more population than exists near the other sites. The prevailing winds blow west to east and while I haven’t seen a study on the issue, I am confident there is a much greater population to the west of this site than the other sites.

In addition, Powell Butte Highway is highly traveled including a considerable amount of bicycle traffic. The site would increase the traffic dramatically and cause this to be much more dangerous for motorists and cyclist. I ride on this road several times a year and I am concerned that it will no longer be safe.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Rex Daines  
541-330-5044

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Peter Fraser <twoflyers@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 12:41 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** New landfill

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Sincerely

Peter Fraser

[twoflyers@outlook.com](mailto:twoflyers@outlook.com)

Mobile: 805-377-4623

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Heather Garrigues <garriguesh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:49 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Landfill Opposition notification

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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
Brad & Heather Garrigues



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Darin Henry <darinhenrydvm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 4:46 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Darin Henry  
**Subject:** Please disband from considering 100 year landfill site on Powell Butte HWY Quickly!

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

My Name is Darin Henry. I am a lifelong resident of Eastern Oregon being born and raised in Burns and now with farming ground as well off Shumway Road in Powell Butte. I write you today as a landowner, a business owner and an expert in Renewable energy solutions including landfills. I know you are being charged with the less than enviable task of planning for the future waste disposal issues forthcoming as Deschutes County continues what appears to be a long and extremely rapid growth trajectory. A thankless job no doubt and your efforts and diligence on this matter is both appreciated and applauded.

Nonetheless, I strongly stand with so many others who have called or emailed me in recent weeks in absolute opposition of placing this landfill on the BLM lands bordering Crook County on the Powell Butte HWY. Yes, my property is in Crook County, however, the air and view corridors we enjoy were a major reason we recently made a significant and above market investment to farm and build our retirement home to one day be the "awesome grandparents and aunt and uncle where our families will come to vacation and spend holidays together. Our croplands and homesite which we have recently spent significant dollars in utilities, water, natural gas and septic to build on abuts Brasada Ranch Resort and is in direct line of site less than 3 miles east as the crow flies from this proposed site. While I am but a single individual who has made a significant investment there are hundreds of families nearby within a 5-7 mile radius of this proposed site with enormous investments at stake that will most definitely see a tremendous negative impact on their property values and recreational enjoyment amongst a host of potential other concerns.

I am personally very keen to your plight and understand the landfill business in 2 very fundamental ways. I own a master planned development directly across the street from a landfill that has been converted to a transfer station and woody biomass facility. The

municipality and County where this is located was in a similar situation about 15 years ago and made the decision to contract to transport the solid waste to the mega landfill in Arlington, Oregon. I assume you have explored this option?

Even more intimately, I am a developer, contractor and owner/operator of a landfill gas facility in a town about the size of Redmond, OR and have been commissioned to construct 2 new landfill to renewable energy facilities in Idaho and Texas. I most certainly understand Deschutes Counties plight. I can also share with you from experience that new sites have always met with the most support/least opposition when they are not located on major thoroughfares or within 10 miles and preferably 15–20 miles from major housing or retail. There are lots of places in Deschutes County that fit this basic description and will not encroach on a neighboring jurisdiction that may see economic hardship as a result of depressed building and devaluation or stagnation of property values.

I have not seen your reports but would definitely encourage you to consider the following as almost automatic reasons to quickly remove this site as a candidate for a 100 year landfill:

- A major concern with my wife is the fact that the Powell Butte, Hwy has already become incredibly busy with commuter traffic as deschuted county residents travel to crook county for employment. Her fear and one I share is that we are already practicing defensive driving along this road, but when we begin to add the number and size of large trucks turning on and off an already busy HWY we will have big and potentially dangerous problems. Have you tried to enter the HWY recently at the Powell Butte Post Office? Just 3 hours ago, in picking up a return traveler from the Redmond airport it took 7 minutes and 23 seconds to make a left hand turn in a small car. All of the trucks at this site will have to make that same left hand turn out of this proposed location onto an increasingly busy and increasingly dangerous Hwy and are not going to be as nimble as a passenger car.
- Is there any chance that this property and its leachate can make it into a critical aquifer? All homes and 2 of the Pacific Northwests best resorts rely on precious and clean ground water to bring tourism dollars to central Oregon and manage their grounds. They support hundreds of jobs, and create millions in tax revenue for Deschutes and Crook Counties given the generally high value homes that are part of these communities. A future contamination of the groundwater would be devastating.
- Will this negatively impact native flora, fauna and wildlife that may have to compete with rodents, birds etc that may come in with trash or be drawn by the smells of this facility leading to potential disease risk and or disrupt the natural hierarchy? This is a

basic question that so many in our community seem to be concerned with on other projects so assume this may be a hot button.

- These BLM lands, definitely have significant use as recreational spots which I myself enjoy as do many others. While we are fortunate to have vast areas like this to recreate in the region, those affected will be significantly increasing our carbon footprint if forced to go further away from home to enjoy our public lands. Any area where you have housing density will only exacerbate this problem as all folks are affected in that 10+ mile radius.

I will end here as I think this more than expresses my personal concerns and what I believe to be critical safety and financial concerns that make this proposed 100 year site to build a landfill a horrific choice if not potentially criminal in nature if you ignore facts, risks and common sense, especially since this committee is a responsible party. You must seriously contemplate and weigh these things for the greater good of the folks impacted today and for the next 100 years. This is clearly not a logical location for a landfill of this magnitude given our line of site on how and where central Oregon will be growing in the future.

Make your lives easy by making what you know in your hearts to be a swift and decisive decision to abandon the idea of a landfill at the Powell Butte, Hwy site near the Crook County line., The facts simply cannot support it as a site to consider. I suspect the massive amount of public sentiment you are undoubtedly receiving is negative and should speak volumes. Dismiss this site immediately from contention at your August 15th meeting. I am sure others have submitted similar and even vastly different lists of reasons why they are opposed to this location. We can't all be wrong, I believe you are hearing from an engaged and informed electorate and some of us opposed are even educated and make our living in the waste business.

I am unfortunately going to be out of town on August 15th doing of all things, finalizing a contract to eliminate greenhouse gases from a human food waste dumpsite (Imagine that!) or I would be there and request to speak as both an expert and as a concerned citizen negatively impacted. Just kill the idea of a landfill at this site. Its the correct decision.

Kind Regards,

Darin L Henry

President, AgEnergy Solution Inc, Henry Ranches, LLC and Monda Holdings, LLC

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Monica Henry <monicahenry@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 4:38 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway- Negative Impact

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I own property three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and am in the process of buying farm land even closer to your proposed site. I without a doubt know that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment of the Brasada Ranch Community as well as my farm land and livestock.

I encourage you to consider the following:

- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. My farm, Brasada Ranch and the homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater. The impacts to my farm and livestock as well of those around me will be great indeed.
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- Lastly, the one way roads to Bend are becoming more and more congested and unsafe. Adding garbage trucks to the mix especially in the winter months could add dangerous consequences to commuters and tourists.

As a Veterinarian, I truly understand the long lasting impacts to both the people and animals in this area. I implore you to consider another site to avoid negative impacts to our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

With Kind Regards,  
Monica Henry DVM

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Don Jones <donjones@inbox.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:32 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Dawn Jones  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site

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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Donald and Dawn Jones  
16820 SW Starview Dr  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Eric Mattson <ericm@brasada.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 10:59 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. As a resident of Deschutes Country, there is no doubt that this landfill would adversely impact my daily commute to work, my health, safety and environment enjoyed by 200 of my fellow team members, 2,000 Brasada Members and our 100,000 annual resort guests.

I encourage you to consider the following:

- A Landfill on the Powell Butte Highway will have a profound impact on the daily commute of Brasada Ranch team members. Increased traffic along the already congested highway would pose both a safety and environmental hazard for commuters.
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- A landfill at this site will ruin our panoramic views – we love the view from our workplace, please don't spoil it. It's one of the reasons we love to come to work every day.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, workplace environment.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

**Eric Mattson** IT Support Technician

16986 SW Brasada Ranch Rd., Powell Butte, OR 97753  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Nick Lelack  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 11:44 AM  
**To:** Tim Brownell  
**Cc:** Brent Martin; Brent McLean; Peter Gutowsky  
**Subject:** RE: Powell Butte Highway Landfill Location

Tim,  
Please reply to Brent.

Thank you.



**Nick Lelack, AICP | County Administrator** *(He/Him)*

**DESCHUTES COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

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**From:** Brent McLean <bmclean@nvhg.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 11:41 AM  
**To:** Nick Lelack <Nick.Lelack@deschutes.org>; Peter Gutowsky <Peter.Gutowsky@deschutes.org>  
**Cc:** Brent Martin <brentm@brasada.com>  
**Subject:** Powell Butte Highway Landfill Location

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Gentlemen, I hope you're doing well. We're just hearing that Deschutes County is considering a 100-year landfill site at the county line on Powell Butte Highway, within 3-miles of Brasada Ranch. I've also learned the SWAC has given a three miles buffer to the sage grouse, and therefore I am quite confused about how it would give less to humans. Do we need to have everyone in an uproar about this or can we assume reasonable minds will prevail? I appreciate you sharing what you can. Cheers, Brent

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** gerrymonin@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 3:54 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Powell Butte Highway Landfill Site

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- A landfill at this site would also be in an area near the approach path to the Bend-Redmond Airport and the helicopter training area for the Bend Municipal Airport, an unwanted sight for Central Oregon visitors and flight students.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, business revenues and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Gerald Monin  
15423 SW Hat Rock Loop  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Tim O'Shea <tim-oshea@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 5:36 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Potential Deschutes County Landfill Site on Powell Butte Highway

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August 11, 2023

To: Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Members

I'm writing to oppose the proposed solid waste disposal site on BLM land along the Powell Butte highway, near the eastern edge of Deschutes County.

Although I live in Crook County, at Brasada Ranch, a large landfill operation at the eastern edge of Deschutes County would be damaging to my family and me, and to all others who live in and visit Brasada Ranch and the residential and ranching areas in Powell Butte.

The impacts on us would include potential pollution of the aquifer which supplies our water; heavy traffic increases along the Powell Butte Highway; likely increases in vehicle accidents on the highway; degraded air quality; dust, and noise pollution; and spoiling of the views from the Powell Buttes toward the west.

Beyond the potential damage to our health, safety, and property values, I understand that choosing the Powell Butte highway BLM site would incur substantial land purchase costs relative to other sites you are considering, and would possibly conflict with recently expanded FAA requirements for distancing landfills from airports.

In view of all the above, I ask that you remove the Powell Butte highway site from the list of potential landfill locations.

Thank you for considering my views.

Tim O'Shea  
15900 SW Wooden Trestle Court  
Powell Butte, Oregon 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jeff Pancottine <jeffpanc@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 2:56 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Karen Pancottine  
**Subject:** Opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway.

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Jeffrey and Karen Pancottine  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Arlene Peil <apeil62435@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 12:24 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill

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August 11, 2023

RE: Proposed Landfill

Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

I strongly oppose the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

I am particularly concerned about our drinking water, pollution, damage to our environment, our wildlife, and the magnificent views for which this community has invested ridiculous amounts of money to enjoy.

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
Arlene Peil  
Brasada Ranch resident

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Roger Peterson <rogerpeterson311@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 3:44 PM  
**To:** Tim Brownell  
**Subject:** New Deschutes Landfill PBH Site

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Dear SWAC Committee Members-

I fully concur with the Jim Moss letter regarding the PBH. Please enter his letter as my response also. Add the following items.

- 1). Why would this Committee want to subject themselves and Deschutes County to liability for bird strikes on airplanes and helicopters? Federal law requires that new MSWLF landfills can NOT be built within 5 miles from any public airport? Some laws require a 6 mile buffer. This location is right on the border of 5 miles from both airports! The Bend and Redmond airports are both planning expansion and will affect that buffer zone. This is one of the worst locations you could pick for flight traffic! Bend airport has airplane, helicopter and glider training. If I was on this committee I wouldn't want a fatal bird strike on my conscience!
- 2). Crook County officials also are going to fight this location. I have contacted the appropriate officials at Crook County and they have indicated that they do Not approve of the PBH location. Why didn't this Committee talk to their neighboring Counties to get approval of sites?
- 3). Why would Deschutes County destroy BLM land, wildlife, water, scenic views and the environment? Only to replace it with garbage, trucks, dust, smell, chemicals for 100 years?
- 4.). Why would Deschutes County want to subject themselves to years of lawsuits that will undoubtedly come with this site? The committee already has admitted it will take 6 to 10 years for approval from the legislature. In summary just truck it to Arlington like Portland and Seattle already do! The committee should be using Deschutes County dollars to help Lake County approve and implement the proposed 8000 acre landfill that the Lake County wants for income and jobs for their residents.

-Roger Peterson  
15111 SW Twelve Elk Ct.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
Brasada Ranch Resident

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jerry Powell <jerry@powell-lumber.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 4:58 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Site

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Dear Tim and Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee;

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on the BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. The proposed site is approximately 3 miles from our property at Brasada Ranch. We moved from the Portland area to be back in a small community which we were both raised in and the proposed site would adversely affect our property and way of life.

We are concerned for many factors including;

- 1-The site would be ugly and emit strong odors and with the strong wind we have would be offensive to be outdoors when the wind blows our way, which it does on a very regular basis.
- 2-Concerned about the damage it would cause to our water source since it would be above our aquifer.
- 3-Pollutants that the site would cause.
- 4-Fire danger it would cause.
- 5-Ruin our panoramic views. (One main reason we built here)
- 6- Adversely affect the wildlife. Deer, Antelope and Elk.
- 7- Attract unwanted pests.
- 8- Adversely diminish our property values.
- 9- Increase congestion on an already busy highway.
- 10- Adversely hurt the resorts of both Pronghorn and Brasada; hurt the livelihood of the workers here.

We believe that there are more appropriate sites where the local community would not be as adversely affected.

Thank you for giving consideration to our concerns.

Respectfully Jerry and Janice Powell

Jerry Powell  
Powell Lumber Sales  
541-323-8801  
[Jerry@Powell-Lumber.com](mailto:Jerry@Powell-Lumber.com)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jim Rozewski <jim@rcodesigners.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 12:19 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Mark Gerdes  
**Subject:** Landfill Site

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

James Rozewski  
15017 Hat Rock Loop  
Brasada Ranch

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** W. Scott Ryder <wscottryder@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 3:53 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to a new Deschutes County Landfill near Brasada Ranch

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strongest possible opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I did until 2 years ago when my wife and I decided to build our last home at Brasada Ranch. As you know, Brasada Ranch is only 3 miles to the East of the proposed landfill site along the Highway. Undoubtedly the proposed landfill would severely and negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by Brasada Ranch's planned 750 homeowners, 200 staff, current 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

W. Scott and Linda S. Ryder  
14215 SW Spirit Rock Dr.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Steve Scheidler <steve@rmjpartners.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 4:08 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Powell Butte Highway Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

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Central Oregon has clearly established itself as a very desirable area, not only for recreation and vacationers but also as a great place to live. As a matter of fact, the Bend-Redmond area was recently listed by the Milken Institute in their top 5 "Best Performing Regions" for business.

Also, the region is well known for its "crown jewel resort communities". Sunriver, Eagle Crest, Black Butte, Juniper Preserve (Pronghorn), Brasada Ranch, and coming soon...Thornburgh. Honorable mention belongs to communities like Broken Top and Tetherow.

It's no wonder why people are fleeing Multnomah County and the greater Portland Metro area in droves. Many who, like myself and my family, have landed in this great region.

All that to say, I recognize there are always needs for facilities such as this and that no one wants them. But what equally needs to be recognized is the value these areas center piece resort communities bring to the overall region and are significant reasons for the growth noted in the Milken study.

I don't need to repeat all the obvious objections that I'm sure you have already heard. But the fact is that there are vast areas of land that strategically and demographically are far better suited and that don't directly threaten the very areas that have driven the greatness of this region.

I respectfully request that you please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Stephen Scheidler  
16799 SW Pinnacle Ct  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
503.703.4319





## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Richard Sharp <brasadasharp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 7:18 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill opposition- Powell Butte Highway

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, we will be retiring at Brasada Ranch in the next year. It is clear that this landfill, on this site would severely and negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by the Brasada Ranch staff, 2000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a poor idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Richard Sharp

541-350-6107

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** John Smith <staang73@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 12:20 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

John and Jana Smith

Brasada Ranch Home Owners

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Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Richard Snyder <rsnyder528@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:32 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Powell Butte Highway Landfill

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I am writing you to register my opposition to the proposed landfill off Powell Butte Highway on BLM land. Although I'm sure no one wants a landfill in their back yard I think this site is a particularly bad choice. I have been a permanent resident of Brasada Ranch for the last 10 years and I would hate to see our neighborhood destroyed by siting this landfill less than 3 miles from our doorstep. I oppose the Powell Butte site for the following reasons:

1. It will directly impact the view shed of most of my neighbors who currently have views all the way to Bend.
2. The one thing I have learned from living out in the high desert is that sound travels a long distance. The sound of heavy equipment building the landfill and then the daily operation of the landfill will certainly interrupt the peaceful serenity we currently enjoy.
3. I think the water we drink at Brasada is some of the best water there is. Our water comes from a giant aquifer that I understand is directly below the proposed landfill site. The prospect of having the landfill leak into the aquifer is just too great to ignore
4. Living in the high desert, I have had to kill more than my share of sage rats and mice. Having a landfill this close to Brasada will only make the vermin issue worse. Also birds are attracted to landfills and we already have issues with birds nesting in our rafters.
5. We travel into Bend at least 3 times a week. The landfill will increase the traffic of both cars and heavy garbage trucks on Powell Butte Highway. There are no passing lanes on Powell Butte Highway and vehicles will try to pass slow moving trucks increasing the possibility of increased head on crashes.
6. For the reasons cited above I believe our property values will be negatively impacted. This was going to be our forever house and I hate the thought of having to move only to find out our property values have been negatively impacted by having a landfill three miles away.

I encourage you to remove the proposed Powell Butte/BLM landfill site from your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard and Kathy Snyder  
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Powell Butte, Oregon 97753

rsnyder528@gmail.com



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Penny Sproatt <pennyspud@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 2:58 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill site

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Sincerely

Penny Sproatt  
206-390-4711  
Pennyspud@gmail.com

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Wendy Stassens <wendy@winsomeconstruction.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 12:37 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to selection of the BLM land along Powell Butte Highway for landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. We are just finishing the construction of a beautiful home in the Brasada Ranch community just 3 miles east of this proposed site and with a clear view to the proposed area in the vista from our community. This will significantly impact not only the views from Brasada, but also the groundwater that this community relies on. Additionally, the prevailing winds would bring the smells and harmful air pollutants from this landfill into this residential community and will significantly impact the health and livability of this community that has been so heavily invested in and brings many, both permanent residences and vacationers, to our region. The selection of this landfill site would devastate many who have invested in this community, ourselves included. Brasada currently has 200 staff, 2,000 members, many of whom permanently reside at Brasada, and 100,000 resort guests every year. The developer and community have made significant investments to make Brasada a world renowned destination that brings tourists to the region and provides financial commerce and economic benefit to the surrounding communities.

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Wendy Stassens

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**Wendy Stassens**

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August 11, 2023

Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Deschutes Services Building  
1300 NW Wall Street  
Bend, OR 97703

Dear Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

This correspondence is to express resolute opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. I do not live in Deschutes County, but I live less than three miles east, in Brasada Ranch. There is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by the 200 staff members, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests at Brasada Ranch.

I do not question whether Deschutes County needs a 100-year landfill, but any such landfill should be sited in a location where any negative health, safety, and environmental impact is felt primarily by Deschutes County residents, not primarily by Crook County residents. The proposed site represents political chicanery at its worst.

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Given the foregoing reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values. Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

In advance, thank you for making this letter a part of the SWAC record and for your consideration of my opposition.

Very truly yours,

Bobbi Stedman  
Founding Principal  
HighThrive Consulting, LLC

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Derek Strader <dstrader@out-fit.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:22 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill

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Sincerely

Derek Strader

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Bill S <wstuntz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 12:52 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway

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I want to voice my strong opposition to the proposed site for the landfill next to Powell Butte Highway. There are many places in the county that could support this landfill without impacting the views, livability, and property value of so many homes in Deschutes and Crook Counties. This site is also in the flight path and view of planes using Bend and Redmond airports, creating a hazard from the associated birds, and a bad impression for visitors to our area.

From what I understand from many sources this site will embroil the county in lawsuits for years or decades to come, creating needless expenses for the taxpayers and residents in the area.  
Please find a more acceptable location.

Bill and Teri Stuntz  
15668 SW Hat Rock Loop  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

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***Bill Stuntz***  
408-930-5755  
[wstuntz@gmail.com](mailto:wstuntz@gmail.com)



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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Stephen Turner

16433 SW Ranchview Road

Powell Butte, Oregon 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jolie Veltmann <jlv@veltmannlawgroup.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 7:42 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site of BLM land along Powell Butte Highway

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

The purpose of this email is to notify the Committee and other responsible parties of my **strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site of BLM land along Powell Butte Highway**.

I was raised in Bend and Deschutes County but now live in Brasada Ranch **less than three miles** from the proposed landfill site. Should a landfill of such magnitude as the one proposed go forward, it would result in **an unlawful taking by Deschutes County** by reducing property values and putting residents' health at risk in a multitude of negative ways including, but not limited to, the following insurmountable irrevocable long-term issues:

- serious increased fire risks to me, all neighbors and BLM land in general
- increased toxic fumes impacting humans and animals increasing respiratory health issues for all
- increased negative bird activity
- introducing toxic odors carried by Westerlies into Brasada Ranch affecting human health
- increasing severe health hazards due to pests brought in from the landfill and transferred to humans
- unsightly constant view of landfill from Brasada homes reducing enjoyment of homes and reducing property values

Further, the committee must not fail to protect endangered animals and wildflowers species.

If the committee has conducted its own environmental impact study of this landfill so close to Brasada Ranch, I request a copy or instructions on how I may obtain a copy.

There are many locations available to the committee for a new landfill. Because of the severe negative impact to existing humans, animals, and property, please remove the site from your list of potential landfill sites.

As your email address suggests, you are charged with managing the future. A 100-year landfill at this location is detrimental and fraught with problems both current and future.

Sincerely,

Jolie Veltmann

Jolie Veltmann  
Veltmann Law Group  
619.885.7385  
jlv@veltmannlawgroup.com

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** DeAnne Welberg <welberg5@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 3:05 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Please redirect this BLM site!

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We appreciate you considering our opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Patrick and DeAnne Welberg  
16186 SW Vaqueros Way  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Lisa W <lisafwhitemore@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:16 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** New Landfill Location

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Sincerely,

Lisa Whittemore, Owner at Brasada Ranch

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Elisabeth ("Lisa") F. Whittemore, Esq.

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Tammy Boysen Wilhoite <tammywilhoite@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 4:54 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to potential Powell Butte Hwy landfill site

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Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I write to strongly urge you not to site your 100-year landfill at the identified site along Powell Butte Highway.

Nobody wants a landfill in their back yard and I understand that you have to put it somewhere, but please, please, please don't put it on this site. If you do, it will negatively impact thousands of Crook County residents in many ways:

- Potentially contaminating the aquifer that serves our community
- Creating ill will between Powell Butte and Bend/Redmond at a time when society is already divided
- Creating a greater fire hazard than already exists
- Impacting the air quality, views, and property values of Powell Butte residents
- Reducing the livability of Powell Butte and, thus, the Crook County tax receipts

Is there not a site available that will have less of a negative impact on existing communities?

Please remove the Powell Butte Highway site from your list and please make this letter a part of the SWAC record.

Respectfully,

Tammy L. Wilhoite  
Powell Butte, Oregon homeowner

**From:** jeff wurtz jeffwurtz@mac.com  
**Subject:**  
**Date:** August 11, 2023 at 12:20 PM  
**To:**



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Sincerely,

Jeffrey A Wurtz  
16106 SW HOPE VISTA DR.  
Powell Butte OR, 97752





## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Al Ashkar <ama@vt.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 9:29 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway

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Sincerely,  
Al Ashkar



To: Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

From: BR COMMUNITY COALITION

Date: 8.13.2023

RE: Proposed Deschutes County Solid Waste Landfill Site

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The Brasada Ranch Community Coalition (BRCC) is a non-profit organization of 21 active property owners formed by owners within the Brasada Ranch Community. The purpose of our Coalition is to enhance and protect the enjoyment, privacy, security and financial interests of all Owners throughout Brasada Ranch.

We are confident that by now you've received a large amount of correspondence from concerned neighbors in the Powell Butte area related to your proposal of the solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. We too are happy to provide you with our Members' objections related to your proposal, including the very real harmful health, traffic, and safety hazards you will bring to both Deschutes and Crook County residents who live close to the proposed landfill site.

Our Coalition's objections don't stop at the obvious negative aspects of your proposal. We also object to the misguided siting of the proposed landfill being within a few miles of the Juniper Reserve and Brasada Ranch resort communities, a zero-sum game to both property owners and the same resorts that help bring millions of tourism dollars annually to Deschutes County. Not only will the impacts be felt by the resorts and their guests, both full and part-time property owners in these areas will have their significant investments and enjoyment severely and permanently altered.

As you act on behalf of Deschutes County, this site happens to sit on the edge of your jurisdiction and bordering Crook County, a place where the trash would conveniently be dumped right next to where those in your neighboring County live and recreate. The burden you may be willing to saddle onto those that you don't govern is not only sad it's appalling.

Our Coalition is prepared to join all our fellow neighbors and businesses that oppose your development objectives for this site, but first we respectfully ask that you reconsider developing a landfill at this location. We will be eagerly following the outcome and urge you to establish new alternatives that are in less populated areas.

--The BR Community Coalition

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Thomas Brenneke <thomas@redux.co>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 4:32 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Nikki Brenneke  
**Subject:** Solid waste landfill site feedback

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my fervent opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. As someone who plans to become a full-time resident at Brasada Ranch, this decision carries significant weight for my family and me. The following points illustrate the potential harm that this landfill could bring to our community:

- **Health Risks**: The pollutants from landfills may lead to respiratory problems, cancer, birth defects, and contaminate our drinking water.
- **Environmental Concerns**: Odors, pests, vermin, and the risk of fire all present nuisances and severe health hazards. They can also have detrimental impacts on local wildlife and plant species.
- **Aesthetic Impact**: Our planned move to Brasada Ranch was fueled by the beauty of the region. The landfill will destroy our panoramic views, and the noxious odors could become a daily irritation, diminishing the quality of life in our community.
- **Personal Commitment**: As someone with strong intentions to move to Brasada Ranch and invest in the community as a full-time resident, I implore you to consider the long-term impact this decision will have on families like mine. The joy and excitement of planning our move have been overshadowed by this proposed landfill, and it may even force us to rethink our decision.

For these reasons, I firmly believe that the proposed solid waste landfill site is a detrimental choice that will negatively impact our community and those who cherish it.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of my opposition and ask that you include it as part of the SWAC record.

Thank you for your attention to this vital matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Nikki Brenneke  
16745 SW Pinnacle Ct  
Powell Butte, OR  
541-848-6202

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Feel free to further personalize this letter with any additional concerns or details that are important to you. Let me know if you need any more adjustments!

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** angelique deroux <derouxangel99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 3:02 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Location

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Angelique DeRoux  
Powell Butte, OR.

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Catherine Ferrin <cathyferrin@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 9:25 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

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- For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
Catherine and Joseph Ferrin  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Murray Jenkins <murrmoose@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 10:41 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Jenny Jenkins  
**Subject:** Urgent Concerns Regarding Proposed Solid Waste Landfill Site on BLM Land

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to vehemently express my unwavering opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site along Powell Butte Highway, situated on BLM land. Although my residence is not within Deschutes County itself, it is important to note that I reside a mere three miles to the east, within the Brasada Ranch community. The impending landfill's potential location casts a dark shadow over the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by a substantial population comprising 200 staff members, 2,000 community members, and approximately 100,000 annual resort guests. I implore you to give due consideration to the following concerns:

- The adverse impacts of landfills cannot be underestimated, as they release noxious pollutants into both the air and water systems, leading to a host of detrimental health consequences such as respiratory ailments, cancer, and birth defects. This issue is particularly critical for Brasada Ranch, a locale reliant on groundwater for its drinking water, which is in direct danger of contamination.
- Noxious odors, a common byproduct of landfills, have a propensity to traverse considerable distances. Given the prevalent westerly winds in Central Oregon, these odors are poised to infiltrate our community, resulting in a diminished quality of life for our residents.
- The unsavory reputation of landfills for attracting pests and vermin is well-documented, presenting both a nuisance and a grave health peril. The diseases carried by these pests are transmissible to humans, not to mention the significant property damage they cause. The concomitant bird presence only compounds the issue, leading to an escalation in neighborhood disruptions.
- A paramount concern is the fire hazard inherent in landfills, which can culminate in toxic smoke and fumes that severely exacerbate respiratory issues. The environmental consequences are equally alarming, with landfill fires releasing harmful pollutants into the air, thereby harming the delicate ecosystem.
- The proposed acquisition of BLM lands for landfill purposes imperils the health, biodiversity, and productivity of these public lands, jeopardizing their usage and enjoyment by both present and future generations. The potential loss of unique and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers is an irreplaceable tragedy that should be vigorously opposed.
- The intrinsic allure of the Powell Buttes landscape, defined by its panoramic vistas, stands on the brink of irreversible ruination. The elevated vantage point of Brasada Ranch grants an unobstructed view, making concealment impossible. Given the apparent lack of adequate onsite soil, the feasibility of proper landfill operations is dubious.
- A mere third of a mile stands between this site and numerous families and their cherished homes. Within a three-mile radius, Brasada Ranch houses 750 residences and boasts 300 hotel rooms, while Pronghorn contributes an additional 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms. The prevailing standards established by the SWAC indicate a 3-mile buffer to safeguard the sage grouse habitat. It is not unreasonable to expect at least a similar consideration for the wellbeing of our community and its residents.

In light of these compelling arguments, the proposal for a solid waste landfill site on this particular BLM location is fraught with detrimental implications for our safety, health, and property values. I fervently beseech you to expunge the Powell Butte Highway site from your list of prospective landfill sites, a decision that would unequivocally alleviate the impending peril.

Your thoughtful acknowledgment of my opposition and its subsequent inclusion in the SWAC record would be deeply appreciated.

With sincere concern,

Murray and Jennifer Jenkins

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Michael Jones <jonesusa@hey.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 4:38 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Oppose the landfill!

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to **strongly oppose** the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. As a concerned resident living less than three miles from the proposed location at Brasada Ranch, I must emphasize the severe negative impact this landfill would have on our treasured community of over 2000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

Here are some of the critical concerns that I urge you to consider:

- Health and Safety: Landfills emit pollutants causing health problems such as respiratory issues, cancer, and birth defects. We rely on groundwater for drinking, and landfills pose a threat to contamination.
- Odor and Pests: The noxious odors from landfills and the attraction of pests and vermin pose a severe health hazard and nuisance to our community.
- Environmental Impact: The proposed site contains essential wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved. A landfill here threatens the health and diversity of our public lands. I have already contacted several large environmental defense organizations for their assessment and for support of this opposition.
- Visual Impact: The site will ruin our panoramic views, impacting our quality of life and the overall appeal of our community.
- Proximity to Homes and Hotels: With families, homes, and hotel rooms in close proximity, it is unreasonable not to provide the same buffer as provided for the sage grouse.

I firmly believe that the proposed solid waste landfill site along Powell Butte Highway is a poor choice that will negatively affect our safety, health, and property values. I implore you to remove this site from your list of potential landfill locations.

Thank you for considering my opposition and making it part of the *SWAC record*.

Sincerely,

Michael and Nancy Jones  
Brasada Ranch  
15401 SW Caballo Ct, Powell Butte, OR 97753  
Jonesusa@hey.com  
503-701-4629

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Brent McLean <bmclean@nvhg.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 2:19 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Powell Butte Highway Landfill Site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, my group owns and manages Brasada Ranch, less than three miles to the east, and there is no doubt that a landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

I encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Brent McLean

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Debra Merskin <dmerskin@uoregon.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 12:25 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Debra Merskin, PhD  
Powell Butte

Debra Merskin, Ph.D.  
Professor Emerit  
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Pronouns: she/her/hers

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Adam Milam <adammilam@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 11:20 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed 100-Year Landfill Site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, and there is no doubt that the landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our community.

I encourage you to consider the following:

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- This site is just 1 /3 of a mile from families and their homes. And within three miles you have 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Pronghorn.

After learning that the SWAC's siting criteria provides a 3-mile buffer for the sage grouse, it seems reasonable that members of our community deserve the same consideration.

For these reasons, the location of this proposed solid waste landfill site will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values and there must be other locations that wouldn't infringe on community members.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
Adam Milam

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** james Parlette <jamesparlette@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 4:12 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

James Parlette

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Michael Price <mjp8877@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 10:35 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed 100 year Landfill three miles west of Brasada Ranch

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Dear Deschutes County. I built a retirement home at Brasada Ranch last year having moved from Wisconsin. I am a retired health care worker. I enjoy the view of the valley and mountains from my new home. I am concerned that the proposed landfill 3 miles west of our homes will have detrimental effects on our view, our home values and our entire community. I respectfully request that the county consider a landfill away from the proposed 750 homes to be finished at Brasada. We home owners and the Ranch management are prepared to fight the proposed building of this landfill near so many families and facilities. Thank you for your attention into this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael and Mary Price  
16723 SW Pinnacle Court  
Powell Butte, Oregon 97753-1948  
608-769-8896



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Keith Mossuto Seymour <sey.keith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 4:59 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed waste landfill site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

Increased traffic problems. We already have a very congested, and dangerous intersection at Powell Butte Highway and Hwy 126. If you increase traffic with 100s of garbage trucks and private vehicles coming and going to a landfill, major accidents and potential deaths on an already heavily traveled road system will occur.

I also feel it is very dangerous to put a landfill on top of a badly needed aquifer. There is already a shortage of water for the increased population growth expected in Central Oregon.

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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Linda Seymour  
Brasada Ranch homeowner

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Squire, David, SIOR <David.Squire@nmrk.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 5:04 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Waste Site

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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- The greatest opportunity for economic growth is thru development of housing and Brasada is one of the largest planned developments in the area. This waste site will do nothing but hurt future investment.
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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

**David C. Squire, SIOR**

*Executive Vice President / Managing Director*

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Percy Worthington <percyw@brasada.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 9:13 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** New Landfill Site

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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

**Percy Worthington** GUEST SERVICES AGENT

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**From:** Courtney Albertini <torts77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 5:21 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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Thank you! Courtney Albertini

Sent from my iPhone



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Todd Albertini <talbertini@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 12:41 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill Proposal

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Best,

Todd



206.755.0969 [Todd@movementmedical.net](mailto:Todd@movementmedical.net)

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Gmail <kenpattyborst@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 3:50 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Please listen to us! You choices will negatively impact our health, our children's health, wild life on the BLM and the vitality of our community.

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Sincerely

Patty and Ken Borst

16209 Sw Brasada Ranch Road

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Danielle Carter <danilcarter@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 3:55 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway

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Sincerely  
Danielle Anderson  
(503) 409-4868

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Sal Cesario <scENARIO8830@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 7:23 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site near Brasada Ranch

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We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While we do not live in Deschutes County, we do live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. We encourage you to consider the following:

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Sincerely,

Sal and Thalia Cesario  
15976 SW Wooden Trestle Court  
Powell Butte, Oregon 97753



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Robert Cumpston <karenrob3972@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 9:49 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

As members of the Brasada Ranch community it has come to our attention that a proposed site for a landfill along the Powell Butte Highway is being considered. We strongly oppose this site for the following reasons:

1. Brasada Ranch and nearby homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for drinking purposes that will be contaminated by this landfill.
2. Landfills create a fire hazard, and smoke and fumes from dump fires are toxic and cause respiratory problems. Noxious odors travel long distances and the prevailing westerlies will carry them into and throughout our communities.
3. Brasada Ranch and Pronghorn are two of Central Oregon's premier resorts. This landfill would have a detrimental impact on these resorts and income produced for the local areas.
4. BLM lands should be kept undisturbed for wildlife and plants to be enjoyed by us and future generations.

For these reasons we strongly oppose this landfill site.

Sincerely,  
Robert and Karen Cumpston

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** guyle davidson <guyledavidson5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 8:45 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Landfill

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Sincerely

Richard (Guyle) Davidson  
Susan H. Davidson

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Doug Epstein <dougep233@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 7:45 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Solid Waste Landfill Site on BLM Land Along Powell Butte Hwy

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Sincerely,  
Doug Epstein

Brasada Ranch member

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Lisa Ferraris <lisamarie2004@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 12:38 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Deschutes County Proposed Landfill Location

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Sincerely,

Lisa Ferraris  
15884 SW Brasada Ranch Rd.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
lisamarie2004@comcast.net

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** RAF <bob.firth2012@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 7:40 PM  
**To:** managethefuture; solidwaste  
**Subject:** Proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway

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Robert & Elise Firth  
16368 SW Hat Rock Loop  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
541-306-0049

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Greg Groshong <ggroshong21@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 7:34 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Vikki  
**Subject:** Landfill near Powell Butte

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Greg and Vikki Groshong

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** DAVID HILL <dhill167@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 9:55 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Please protect what matters: the Powell Butte corridor

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Dear Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee member,

In a rush, please jump to the last line of this letter. Otherwise, read on and thank you for your time.

For the better part of 20 years, I have driven up and down Powell Butte highway, from east of Redmond to our home near Alfalfa Market. Every time I am awed by the pristine beauty and wildlife in this open track of mostly BLM land, and grateful that my grandchildren will come to know this wild stretch of paradise as I have - its hidden ponds and nesting grounds, incredible flora and endless tracks inviting us to roam.

Now comes word that the good leaders of Deschutes County are thinking to take a strip of this paradise and turn it into a trash heap. Having built-built-built in Bend, some smart public official has decided to quite literally dump a problem created by runaway growth on an area with few voters and even less tax revenue. Because it is cheap and expedient, and really, who will care?

You know it's true.

I've watched, like many, as piss-poor zoning in our county has led to over-congestion, the destruction of view corridors (and who doesn't love a cheap high-rise hotel, right?), and the degradation of our shared natural resources. And to my credit, I've held my tongue. But this, dear Advisory Committee, is a bridge too far. A landfill in this pristine corridor will generate pollution that harms wildlife and people; attract pests and non-native species that threaten our desert ecosystem and surrounding farms, and create new fire hazards at a time we hardly can afford it.

Not to mention the view: that wild, unspoiled expanse of mountain, scrub and sky as far as the eye can see - something you can no longer experience on the Mad-Max road to Sisters or byways east of Greenwood. A perfect starry sky unblemished by the lights of progress. That rare and precious wonder that once gone, is gone for good.

So here's a thought: go climb in your truck, roll down the windows and take a drive down the Powell Butte highway just at dusk, as the birds bed down and the coyotes wake up. Breathe in that rarefied air and listen to the desert around you, watch the fading light dance in the crowns of the juniper trees. Be awed by it all.

You do that, and I'm pretty sure you will keep the trash where it belongs, with the good people of Bend who keep generating it at breakneck speed.

Do not sell our environment and kids' futures cheap for the benefit of folks who wouldn't know a badger if it bit 'em. Please take the Powell Butte corridor off your list of possible landfill sites.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Hill

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** jlhwesties@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 11:26 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** 100 YEAR LANDFILL 1/3RD MILE FROM BRASADA RANCH

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To whom it may concern:

I seriously doubt any soul would want a dump so close to their home that -

1. Breeds Pollutants
2. Gives Off Noxious Odors
3. Homes Pests & Vermin
4. Is A Potential Fire Hazard
5. Destroys BLM Lands
6. Obliderates the Lord's Views

To name a few.

My wife & I hope to heaven that you choose another sight which is far-less harmful to God's creations.

Thank You For Your Consideration.

John & Linda Huseby - Brasada Ranch Residents  
15754 SW Hope Vista Drive  
Powell Butte, Butte OR 97753-2120

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Dan Klowden <dklowden@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 3:06 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** In opposition to the proposed solid waste site

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Dan Klowden and Sumi Chandra  
16849 SW Brasada Drive



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** DebSK <debsk@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 4:27 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid waste landfill opposition Powell Butte Highway / BLM land

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I also strongly oppose a possible solid waste landfill along the Powell Butte Highway on BLM land. As a resident of Brasada Ranch, I agree with the bullet points below that have been previously submitted for consideration of removing the location from the list of potential sites and the overall conclusion that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by the home owners, employees and guests at Brasada.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

Sincerely,  
Debra Krichko  
Brasada Ranch Resident

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** John Land <jland1969@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 4:51 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** proposed landfill sites

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While we do not live in Deschutes County, we live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. We encourage you to consider the following:

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

We appreciate you considering our concerns and opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

John and Lena Land

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Tom Malace <tomm@malacehomes.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 6:52 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely;

*Tom Malace  
PO BOX 2332  
BEND, OR 97709  
TEL. & SMS TEXT 541.408.2178*



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Hometown Drugs Madras <hometowndrugsmadras@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 8:41 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County (I do own property in Deschutes County however), I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Mike Mendazona  
16204 SW Vaqueros Way  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
541-325-1059



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Bruce Milam <bruce\_milam@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 7:03 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 100-Year Landfill Site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, and there is no doubt that the landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our community.

I encourage you to consider the following:

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- This site is just 1/3 of a mile from families and their homes. And within three miles you have 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Pronghorn.

After learning that the SWAC's siting criteria provides a 3-mile buffer for the sage grouse, it seems reasonable that members of our community deserve the same consideration.

For these reasons, the location of this proposed solid waste landfill site will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values and there must be other locations that wouldn't infringe on community members.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Milam  
15722 SW Brasada Ranch Rd.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kelly Mills <Kelly.D.Mills@Outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 11:27 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Kelly Mills  
**Subject:** Deschutes County proposed solid-waste landfill site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

It is my understanding the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) is considering locations for a new Deschutes County landfill site. One site being considered is on BLM designated land along Powell Butte Highway that is 3 miles from my home in Brasada Ranch.

While I understand the need for landfills it is questionable as to why one would be sited near multiple residential areas (Pronghorn, Powell Butte, Brasada Ranch, etc.) and impacting the health, safety, and environment of thousands of residents and tens-of-thousands of tourists to the area.

Please consider the following:

- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health issues, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch, Pronghorn, and Powell Butte homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
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- This proposed site along Powell Butte Highway contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.

In addition, Deschutes County has access to a 12,000-acre regional disposal site in Arlington, Oregon, with a permitted 120 years of capacity, a contiguous 320-acre hazardous waste facility, and the entire site is surrounded by 10,000 designated acres of buffer agriculture and wildlife land.

The Arlington disposal site accepts millions of tons of waste per year from regional sites by both truck (from Portland) and by train (from Seattle). Therefore, why does Deschutes County need to reinvent the disposal of solid waste within Deschutes County? It already been done by the creation of the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, Oregon. They have a 120-year permit, have solved the environmental issues, have a recycling plan for waste management, are capturing methane gas for energy production, and have a delivery plan to the site by either truck or train which has been in operation since 1990.

Committee Members, you do not need to spend more time on this issue. Utilize the Arlington disposal site which was developed to serve the local region (including Central Oregon). You will save millions of dollars not having to site a new landfill and those millions can be used for many needed programs in Deschutes County (as well as cover the costs of

transportation to the Arlington site for years to come). Other municipalities have faced similar decisions and have solved it using the Arlington disposal site.

Thank you for your consideration and let's focus on other issues of importance in Deschutes County. Please remove the BLM location along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my concerns and opposition to the Powell Butte site and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

*Kelly Mills*

*Kelly.d.mills@outlook.com*

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Mary Olund <gvmmary@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 8:28 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Landfill

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely  
Mary Olund

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Donna Rachinski <omidgem@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 8:01 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill site proposal

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Sent from my iPhone Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, I would like you to know that I am strongly opposed to proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. This considered location would have a severe negative impact on the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our Brasada Ranch community of 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. Furthermore, this proposed location would also have a significant negative effect on one of Deschutes County's top tourist attractions – Juniper Preserve (Pronghorn Golf Resort).

There are many reasons that this proposed location should be immediately removed from your consideration, but here are just a few:

1. Landfills contaminate groundwater, and the two large communities – Brasada Ranch and Juniper Preserve – along with all the other homes throughout this specific area rely on groundwater for our drinking water.
2. Landfills produce noxious odors, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies would carry these noxious odors directly into and throughout our community.
3. This proposed area is in a well-known area for community wellness. A landfill in this prime location would attract pests and vermin, which pose a nuisance and severe health hazard.
4. Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory illnesses, cancer, and birth defects.
5. By taking BLM lands, you threaten the health, diversity, and productivity of our public lands, and their use and enjoyment by present and future generations.
6. This proposed site is just a third of a mile from families and their homes. And within three miles you have 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Juniper Preserve (Pronghorn Resort). There are hundreds more. The SWAC's siting criteria provides a 3-mile buffer for the sage grouse, and I don't think it's asking too much to provide my neighbors and me at least this much.
7. A landfill at this proposed site will ruin our panoramic views. Thanks to our higher elevation, you can't hide anything from us on these Powell Buttes and, given the lack of onsite soil at the BLM site, you likely will not ever have the daily ground cover for proper landfill operations.
8. This proposed site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Donna Rachinski  
16219 SE Brasada Ranch Rd  
Powell Butte, OR  
97753



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Dryden Rachinski <drachinski1995@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 7:34 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed BLM Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

In this email I shall express my opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. My Family has had two vacation homes in Deschutes County for 30 years, additionally we now live in Brasada Ranch not far from here. There is no doubt that this proposed landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by the 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. This proposal also has a significant negative effect on one of Deschutes County's top tourist attractions – Example: Juniper Preserve (Pronghorn Golf Resort).

While there are many reasons for my opposition, here are a few:

- 1) Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry these noxious odors directly into and throughout our community.
- 2) Landfills create a fire hazard, and the smoke and fumes from dump fires are toxic and cause respiratory problems. The proposed area is a much-appreciated and well-known area for community wellness. In addition, fires at landfills can release harmful pollutants into the air, harming the environment.
- 3) This proposed site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.
- 4) This proposed site is just a third of a mile from families and their homes. And within three miles you have 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Juniper Preserve (Pronghorn Resort). There are hundreds more. The SWAC's siting criteria provides a 3-mile buffer for the sage grouse, and I don't think it's asking too much to provide my neighbors and me at least this much.
- 5) Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, landfills contaminate groundwater, and Brasada Ranch, Juniper Preserve, and other homes throughout this specific area rely on groundwater for our drinking water.
- 6) Landfills attract pests and vermin, which pose a nuisance and a severe health hazard. These pests carry diseases that are transmitted to humans, and they damage property. Landfills also attract birds that will nest in our neighborhood and become another nuisance.
- 7) By taking BLM lands, you threaten the health, diversity, and productivity of our public lands, and their use and enjoyment by present and future generations.
- 8) A landfill at this proposed site will ruin our panoramic views. Thanks to our higher elevation, you can't hide anything from us on these Powell Buttes and, given the lack of onsite soil at the BLM site, you likely will not ever have the daily ground cover for proper landfill operations.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
Dryden Rachinski

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jeff <4ramirez@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 4:24 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** My objection

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As a resident of the community..I am opposed of this proposal. There are so many reason. let's start with communities with a growing aging population /families with kids could have long time affect to health and ground water that many of us are on wells . I would ask for reconsideration of a garbage alternative site . Central Oregon has vast amounts of land that I'm sure we can figure away that it's away from families and our food that is grown in the surrounding areas

Jeff Ramirez  
360-607-6588

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Sarah Reid <sarahreid3@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 5:48 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Landfill Site on BLM land on Powell Butte Highway

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I own property in Brasada Ranch, less than three miles to the east. There is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout our community.
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- Landfills create a fire hazard, and the smoke and fumes from dump fires are toxic and cause respiratory problems. In addition, fires at landfills can release harmful pollutants into the air, harming the environment.
- By taking BLM lands, you threaten the health, diversity, and productivity of our public lands, and their use and enjoyment by present and future generations. This site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.
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soil at the BLM site, you likely will not ever have the daily ground cover for proper landfill operations.

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values. Simply put, this proposed site must be reconsidered.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Sarah Reid

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Rose Schaefer <candrschaefer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 3:20 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed Landfill Location near Brasada

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Rose and Casey Schaefer  
503-913-3779

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Patrick <patricksexton19@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 10:58 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill Near Powell Butte Highway

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Patrick Sexton





## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Eden Mullins Thiessen <edenjer@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 4:57 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Jeremy Thiessen  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Landfill Site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While we do not live in Deschutes County, we own a home less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by the 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. We encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

We appreciate you considering our opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Jeremy & Eden Thiessen  
Homeowners  
16707 SW Brasada Ranch Rd  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kevin Westlye <kevin.westlye@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 3:41 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Potential Landfill on BLM Land along Powell Butte Highway

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Kevin Westlye

Permanent Resident

15322 SW Esperanza Ct

Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** SYLVIA WESTLYE <westlye@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 3:41 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Powell Butte Highway Landfill Site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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- **Also, the additional large truck traffic on the Powell Butte would stifle the traffic flow, the intersection of Powell Butte Highway and Hwy 126 can't safely handle the the trucks that would be entering/exiting from that portal.**

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Westlye  
15322 SW Esperanza Ct.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** mike williams <emailmikew321@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 5:14 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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I am opposed to the landfill in crook county near my home in Brasada.  
Mike Williams  
Sent from my iPhone



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Mark Zornow <mzornow@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 7:46 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Mark Zornow  
**Subject:** Potential landfill on Powell Butte High

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To the Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

I am a resident at Brasada Ranch and wish to reiterate my strong opposition to siting a waste landfill on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway.

Putting a landfill so close to the growing communities of Brasada ranch (which has over 2,000 residents and tens of thousands of visitors each year), Pronghorn, Grandview, and local residents is a bad idea.

Residents and visitors would be adversely impacted by increased noise, heavy truck traffic on Powell Butte Highway, noxious odors, and possible contamination of the underlying aquifer.

There must be a better solution that will not impact so many people.

I urge you to continue your efforts to find a better site.

Thank you,

Mark Zornow  
15480 SW Hope Vista Drive  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
[mzornow@comcast.net](mailto:mzornow@comcast.net)

*William & Jean Avison*  
*Post Office Box 1203*  
*Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035-5514*  
*503-799-1392 • jeanmavison@icloud.com*

August 14, 2023

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While we do not live in Deschutes County, we do own property, in Brasada Ranch, and are planning on building there soon. There is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, and safety in the area. If we would have known that you were considering this action, we most likely would not have purchased a lot at Brasada. We encourage you to consider the following:

Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.

Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout our community. Landfills attract pests and vermin, which pose a nuisance and a severe health hazard. These pests carry diseases that are transmitted to humans, and they damage property. Landfills also attract birds that will nest in our neighborhood and become another nuisance along with flies.

Landfills create a fire hazard, and the smoke and fumes from dump fires are toxic and cause respiratory problems. In addition, fires at landfills can release harmful pollutants into the air, harming the environment.

By taking BLM lands, you threaten the health, diversity, and productivity of our public lands, and their use and enjoyment by present and future generations. This site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.

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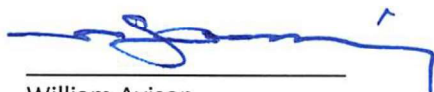
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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

We appreciate you considering our opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
William Avison

  
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Jean Avison

Cc: Brasada Ranch

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** the Spitfire117 <baxtenone@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 4:29 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Future Waste Disposal site located on BLM Lands

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### Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

I recently learned about the addition of two sites located on BLM land to the list of possible landfill sites for Deschutes county. I was surprised at this as I had understood the list had been narrowed down to two other locations. I wish to voice my concerns regarding the selection of the northern site located near or on the Mayfield Pond Recreation Area. I have four specific concerns:

1. Traffic on the main road between Bend and Prineville (Powell Butte Highway). I drive this road often, and as you know there are no separate passing lanes. It is a two-lane road which frequently has high-speed traffic. I have witnessed a few close calls out there due to cars passing slow moving vehicles. Adding a lot of trucks on this highway would increase the number of close calls and I believe would definitely lead to crashes, which because of the higher speeds would result in serious injuries or death. While I'm sure the traffic consultants would dismiss this with a "we'll just add 20 new roundabouts", I seriously think that unless you're planning on converting that entire stretch to 4 lanes wide, you can't in good conscience add a ton of garbage vehicles to this road.
2. This is the Mayfield Pond Recreation Area. It is an area criss-crossed with trails and will likely see an increase in use as more people build out towards the east side of the county. It's one of the few places we have that off-road-vehicles can use, as well as a great place for dog walkers and mountain bikers. I myself have gone out there and biked around. I can't believe that BLM would release this land in an age where we've lost so much recreational spots due to development or overuse. We should be far-sighted enough to realize how important these areas are for our future, and not crowd them out with landfills.
3. It seems it's close to the Pronghorn and Brasada resorts. These locations, while not in Bend, bring many visitors into the area. I myself had friends stay at Brasada just a few weeks back, and while they golfed at Brasada, they also golfed at Awbrey Glen. What you find is that many come in to stay, but then spend their time in Bend. More importantly, they spend their money at restaurants, pubs, shopping, and recreation. At a time when we need the tourist dollars, it seems wrong to drive them away by putting waste near those two resorts. I'm sure those folks aren't going to be thrilled about it.
4. Lastly, it seems peculiar that we are putting our landfill right on the county line. It's as if we're saying "Hey Crook County, we don't care about you". We're generating the waste, we should deal with it locally. Granted, I live on Awbrey Butte and don't want the landfill next door to me, but that it still seems bad to make it someone else's problem. I think the other sides are sufficiently far away from a county line that it doesn't feel like we're purposely trying to put the landfill (and sights/smells) into another county.

I appreciate the hard work you all have, and have done well with all the competing requirements. I just urge you to drop the Mayfield Pond site from your potential list.

Thank you.

- Bruce Axten

Bend, OR

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Charlie Bray <charliebray44@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 11:27 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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We want to let you know how much we oppose the proposed landfill in Powell Butte. We live directly along Majestic View road and this would definitely affect us. There are so many reasons this is a very bad situation.

Sincerely

Dave and Charlie Bray  
15650 SW Majestic View Lane  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Matthew Chin <chinmtt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 9:51 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Attention: Deschutes County and The Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway.

I recently purchased a home and moved from the very crowded east coast to Brasada Ranch. The open places, clean air, and lack of ground and water pollution were critical reasons for our move. We have delighted in the short time we have lived in the west side of Brasada Ranch - which is closer to the proposed site.

While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that the landfill on this site would have a negative impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

I encourage you to consider the following:

Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.

Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout our community.

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Landfills create a fire hazard, and the smoke and fumes from dump fires are toxic and cause respiratory problems. In addition, fires at landfills can release harmful pollutants into the air, harming the environment.

By taking BLM lands, you threaten the health, diversity, and productivity of our public lands, and their use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

This site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.

A landfill at this site will ruin our panoramic views. Thanks to our higher elevation, you can't hide anything from us on these Powell Buttes, and given the lack of onsite soil at the BLM site, you likely will not ever have the daily ground cover for proper landfill operations.

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Matthew Chin  
17484 SW Chaparral Dr.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

[chinmtt@gmail.com](mailto:chinmtt@gmail.com)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kris Cline <kriscline1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 11:06 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** For SWAC record-Proposed landfill site near Powell Butte Hwy

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Dear members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC),

I live at 66500 Pronghorn Estates Dr., which is a part of the community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Destination Resort. I ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

I oppose siting the Deschutes County landfill at the proposed BLM site next to Powell Butte Highway for the following reasons:

1. The proximity of Juniper Reserve Resort means that the BLM site for a landfill will produce noxious odors and attract large amounts of birds, all of which will negatively impact my home and others at Juniper Reserve. Noxious odors can travel a long distance. This also increases the likelihood of respiratory illness is heightened with the presence of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide. The proposed site's location presents too many serious respiratory risks especially when it is so close to Juniper Preserve where most residents are in advanced age. Further, the accumulation of birds at the landfill site will cause harm to the safety of patrons of the Bend municipal airport as well as the RDM airport. It is especially noteworthy that currently the Bend airport already presents difficult challenges for pilots. They are trying to self manage radar and radio in attempts to land due to no air traffic control. Many times they have to circle the area or take a wider path to obtain clearance from other aircraft to land. This danger is more severe in times of mild to heavy wildfire smoke. Since wildfires occur in warmer climate the birds will also be more active during the warmer season traveling across a planes flight path to get to the landfill. Even if air traffic control was present this would still add another obstacle for pilots with an influx of birds and presents a hazardous, costly, and possible deadly event. It's just too high of a risk for pilots and passengers.
2. The BLM land site contains important species of both wildlife and wildflowers that should be preserved, not destroyed. Some of those species may be endangered. A landfill will be a negative impact on wildlife and wildflowers. Wildlife are dependent upon large areas to thrive and breed.
3. The proposed landfill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway will be seen by drivers and passengers in vehicles that travel pass it. Further, it is doubtful the site will work for a landfill given that it appears to lack enough onsite soils for daily ground cover and the creation of berms. A landfill constructed over a permeable formation such as lava bedrock pose a significant threat to groundwater quality. This is a cause for concern amongst neighboring communities specifically Juniper Preserve because it is less than 2 miles from the proposed site.
4. Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is a bad idea because it is too close to too many homes. There are three neighborhoods nearby – Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. The landfill at the BLM site will reduce property values, increase starlings and other birds at those neighborhoods, and cause infiltration by mice and small mammals that are attracted to the landfill.

I ask the SWAC to remove the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential sites for the location of the new landfill for Deschutes County.

Respectfully,





Frederick Cronin  
64682 Cook Avenue PMB89  
Bend, OR 97703

Juniper Preserve (Pronghorn) Lot Owner  
21 Pronghorn Estates  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

Lot 273

August 14, 2023

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. I own property within a few miles and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment. I encourage you to consider the following:

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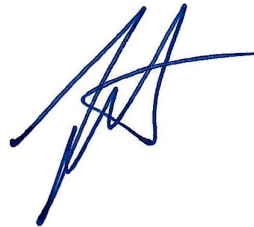
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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Frederick Cronin

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'FC', is located to the right of the typed name 'Frederick Cronin'.

Adriana Cronin  
64682 Cook Avenue PMB89  
Bend, OR 97703

Brasada Ranch Lot Owner  
Lot 371 Arroyo Court  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

August 14, 2023

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adriana Cronin".

Adriana Cronin

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Joseph Ferrin <joseph.ferrin@lpl.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 9:33 AM  
**To:** Tim Brownell  
**Subject:** Landfill placment mistake

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I live in Deschutes County, I own property less than three miles to the east of the proposed site, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests as well as reduce potential property values and ultimately future property tax revenues in surrounding counties.

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Sincerely,

**Joseph P. Ferrin CRPC®**

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kay Fleskes <fleskeskay@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 10:39 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** proposed 100 year landfill

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- The Powell Butte Highway is already a dangerous high-speed commuter traffic corridor, without adequate shoulders. During commuter hours it can already take several minutes, with long backups to make a left turn (north) from Butler Market road onto Powell Butte Highway. Adding several hundred dump trucks and personal vehicle dump runs to mix will only make a dangerous road more hazardous.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.



I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Kay Fleskes

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Tim & Kay Fleskes <tim.kay.fleskes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 10:14 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** proposed 100 year landfill

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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Timothy Fleskes

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Ford Donna <rdcsford4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 1:51 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Land fill East of Juniper Preserve

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Please do not approve a landfill near Brasada Ranch and Juniper Preserve. The traffic on Powell Butte Hwy is already horrible and the increased truck traffic will only further complicate this issue. Cars/trucks drive so fast and make very poor passing decisions jeopardizing the safety of all on the road. Increased traffic without a long term plan seems dangerous to all using the Powell Butte Highway.

Thank you

Donna Ford  
22810 Stone Wall Court  
Bend OR 97701

August 13, 2023

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that a landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

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For these reasons, I believe that the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values. I am therefore requesting that you please remove the proposed location along the Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate your consideration to my opposition and making my concerns a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. Foy

16721 SW Lago Vista Dr.

Powell Butte, OR. 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Steven Geiger <spgeiger65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 12:53 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** 100 year landfill

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I am extremely worried that the County will choose the site between Pronghorn and Brasada for the new landfill. Two world class destination resorts employing 100s and bringing significant real estate dollars to the area would be ruined by the sight, sounds, and odors from the mega site being considered. Please don't.

Steve Geiger  
65836 Sage Canyon Ct, Bend, OR 97701

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Steve Geiger

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Marjorie Grafe <grafem@ohsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 1:32 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill site

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To the Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

I am a resident at Brasada Ranch and wish to state my strong opposition to siting a waste landfill on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway.

Putting a landfill so close to the growing communities of Brasada Ranch, Pronghorn, and Grandview, as well as long-standing Powell Butte area residents is a bad idea.

Residents and visitors would be adversely impacted by increased noise, heavy truck traffic on Powell Butte Highway, noxious odors, and possible contamination of the underlying aquifer. A landfill so close to residential areas will create a nuisance and health hazard due to the attraction of rodents and birds that will then come into our neighborhoods. The increased risk of fire produced by a landfill creates additional health hazards from smoke, fumes and harmful pollutants.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites. There must be a better solution that will not impact so many people. I urge you to continue your efforts to find a better site.

Thank you,

Marjorie Grafe  
15480 SW Hope Vista Drive  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
[grafem@ohsu.edu](mailto:grafem@ohsu.edu)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Mark Griffie <griffiemark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 4:22 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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Sincerely,  
Kenneth Mark

***Kenneth Mark Griffie***

*Email: griffiemark@gmail.com*

*Phone: 503-830-9725*

*Address: 16214 SW Brasada Ranch Rd, Powell Butte OR 97753*

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Steven H. Gurnee <steve@gurneelaw.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 7:56 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Waste Site Near Brasada Ranch

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We thank you in advance for your serious consideration of our opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Very Truly Yours

Steve & Linda Gurnee

16570 SW Vaqueros Way

Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** ramona harrington <ramona@oregoncp.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 8:58 AM  
**To:** Tim Brownell  
**Subject:** From John Harrington lot 46- Landfill opposition letter, please confirm receipt

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**John** Harrington  
jharring1220@gmail.com  
**Lot** 46, Wooden Trestle  
Powell Butte,OR 97753  
503-679-6688

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Ramona Harrington  
16743 SW Brasada Ranch road  
Powell Butte, Oregon 97753  
503-679-9400

REC'D AUG 14 10:51 AM

8-7-2023

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Heichelbech". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "H".

Dan Heichelbech

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** kbin@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 12:16 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** New 100 year Landfill

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Kurtis and Peggy Hobin  
16964 SW Starview Drive  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

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**From:** michael jackson <mjzeal1@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 3:07 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** LANDFILL SITE

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Hello

I was so despondent to hear that there would be even a remote chance that the landfill site was being considered as an option between Brasada and Pronghorn on HWY 20.

We ride our bikes out in this area and the amount of wildlife is surprising. If you were to choose this site I am certain that it would have a negative impact on the present animals that live in this area.

Not to mention the short sighted decision to even consider an area that is home to 2 of Oregon's world class resorts. The impact of this decision would be immeasurable both in economic terms but also for any long term quality of life for those that live in these areas.

I ask that your decision for this site be reconsidered.

My vote is no.

Kind regards

Michael Jackson

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Angie Johnson <aej97401@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 2:54 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed solid waste landfill site

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Sincerely

Angie and Eric Johnson  
Powell Butte, Oregon

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Craig Keudell <ckeudell@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 6:21 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** No Landfill on Powell Butte Hwy

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. I will spare you all the obvious objections you will see from others.

I have never sent a letter to a public official/office/committee in my life. I am a 54 year old native Oregonian (as is my wife of 30 years), son of a Willamette Valley row crop farmer and a part time resident of Brasada Ranch since 2011. My wife and I recently retired in Brasada after raising our two daughters on 25 acres in the West Linn area and a career in the Portland software industry. We have recently broken ground on our third home in Brasada on two pristine lots up against BLM land. Having lived in the Portland area since 1991, I thought I had finally escaped the short sided, expedient, governmental decision making. A decision to put a landfill within such close proximity to arguably the two most uniquely beautiful Oregon communities (Brasada and Pronghorn) would be a forever, irrevocable mistake. Doing so would lead to turning our beautiful Central Oregon into the mess Portland and surrounding counties have become from similar ill-advised decisions. Imagine the impact a landfill so close to these communities would not only have on the livability but the perception all the visitors would have from such a governmental decision.

I love Oregon and always will. Many things have changed throughout my lifetime, some good and some not so good. The grounded in common sense Central Oregon diversity we all enjoy is what still gives me hope for the future of our great state. I assure you, positioning a landfill off Powell Butte Hwy would demonstrate to everyone the damage poor governmental decision making can have for generations to come. We can do better, we can continue to grow smarter, with a clear view of the longer term impact our decisions will have on our community.

Finally, this is not a "not in my backyard" email, this is an email begging the committee to exercise common sense. Please find a more logical, less impactful location for what I'm sure is a much needed landfill. Thank you for your service to our community and great state.

Respectfully,  
Craig & Kelly Keudell

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Molli <molli.lang@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 11:54 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Land Fill proposal

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Dear Committee,

Absolutely No one wants the proposed Landfill. The location to too close to residents and poses serious health issues for the community.

Molli Lang

Sent from my iPhone



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Heather LeClair <h.j.leclair@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 6:54 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** RE: OPPOSITION TO NEW 100-YEAR Landfill NEAR JUNIPER PRESERVE.  
**Attachments:** RE OPPOSITION TO NEW 100-YEAR Landfill NEAR JUNIPER PRESERVE.LeClair,Heather and Scott.pdf

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August 14, 2023

Nathan Hovekamp, Vice Chair  
Deschutes County Planning Commission  
117 NW Lafayette Avenue  
Bend, Oregon 97708

### **RE: OPPOSITION TO NEW 100-YEAR Landfill NEAR JUNIPER PRESERVE.**

Dear Mr. Hovekamp:

Please accept this letter as our strong opposition to the recent proposal to develop a 100 year landfill just east of Juniper Preserve. Research shows that landfills negatively impact the environment, human health, and potential property values. We are very concerned that the Deschutes County Planning Commission is considering developing a new landfill on land in proximity to Juniper Preserve.

As Oregonians, we highly value environmental conservation and preservation. Juniper Preserve and the areas surrounding it, contain unparalleled beauty and support wildlife habitats for a number of animals. There is a significant correlation between residential proximity to landfills and adverse health outcomes. Research demonstrates that people living closer to landfill sites are at increased risk for serious health conditions like lung cancer, respiratory disease, and allergies which result from continuous exposure to chemicals, inhalation of toxic fumes, and dust from the landfill sites. Further, landfills depress the value of adjacent and surrounding properties, which is very concerning to us given our investment in Juniper Preserve and Pronghorn Estates. For all of these reasons, we respectfully request that you and the other members of the Deschutes County Planning Commission reconsider your introduction of this proposal and remove the area near Juniper Preserve from the list of potential landfill sites.

Sincerely,

Heather and Scott LeClair

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** C. Allen Logan <al.logan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 4:20 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** New Deschutes County 100-Year Solid Waste Facility

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  - Per the Columbia Riverkeeper, "Throughout the Hanford Nuclear Site contaminated groundwater seeps closer and closer to the Columbia River, in some cases already reaching the river. Within Hanford's Central Plateau, several groundwater plumes containing high concentrations of both radioactive and toxic chemicals—far exceeding drinking water standards—are moving toward the Columbia River. Migrating towards the Columbia, Hanford's groundwater poses a serious and invisible threat to the River, people, and salmon."
  - Per documents distributed by the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, each of the proposed solid waste sites will be lined and "monitored" for chemical leakage outside the landfill.
  - Monitoring ground water contamination without an active plan to mitigate potential leakage is irresponsible. The Hanford groundwater contamination disaster is just one northwest example of creating a contamination problem without a viable cleanup solution. What possible motivation could there be to locate a solid waste facility on one of the nation's most pristine aquifers, an

aquifer found in a high desert landscape where clean water is already a scarce commodity? There are better alternatives to the BLM Powell Butte Highway property: the Moon Pit site, the Roth East site, and transporting by train to the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington are all better alternatives.

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C. Allen Logan  
16256 SW Brasada Ranch Rd  
Powell Butte, OR 97753-0425

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**From:** Brent Martin <brentm@brasada.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 4:51 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Powell Butte Highway Landfill Site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

I am Managing Director of Brasada Ranch, the 1,800 acre resort community located west of Bend in Powell Butte. **We strongly oppose** the proposed location of a future Deschutes County landfill along Powell Butte Highway on Bureau of Land Management Land.

Brasada Ranch is composed of 260 overnight accommodation units, 327 single-family homes, 423 home sites, and club / hospitality facilities including an 18-hole golf course, three swimming pools, tennis and pickleball courts, athletic center, event center, two restaurants, and equestrian center. Brasada Ranch generates the following for the community:

- Employment for over 200 persons living in Deschutes and Crook Counties earning more than **\$6 million in wages**, benefits and associated taxes
- The Resort purchases more than **\$15.4 million in goods and services** from within the local community each year
- Bolstering tourism within the region, the Resort garners more than **\$1.1 million in occupancy taxes** from its more than **100,000 visitors** annually

Although there are many reasons why the proposed site along Powell Butte Highway is inappropriate including the negative impact on the life-sustaining aquifers and the threat of vermin, wildfires and noxious odors, another concern is the long-term impact on the major economic engine of Brasada Ranch. The following benefits could be lost were this site selected:

- The more than **\$21 million** is generated annually in wages, goods and services, and occupancy tax revenue (outlined above), which is re-invested in the community each year, could be diminished.
- Brasada Ranch has 423 home sites to be built. If these homes are not built in the future, the community could forgo the associated **construction value totaling \$698 million**.
- Loss of prestige for the region as Brasada Ranch was named the **#8 Best Resort in the Nation** by *Condé Nast* magazine.

Over the past 10 years of our ownership, we have invested over \$30 million in buildings and improvements. The strategic plan for the Brasada Resort Community calls for an additional \$45 million of investments. The placement of a landfill merely three miles from the Community will jeopardize those investments.

On behalf of our members, staff, and resort guests, we urge you to remove the BLM location along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential landfill sites.

Most sincerely,

**Brent J. Martin** MANAGING DIRECTOR  
COO, Northview Hotel Group

16986 SW Brasada Ranch Rd., Powell Butte, OR 97753  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Matt Matteson <mmatteson@jbmatteson.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 2:49 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Landfill Site on BLM Land off of Powell Butte Highway

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**From:** Matt Matteson  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 2:35 PM  
**To:** [managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov).  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site on BLM Land off of Powell Butte Highway

Dear members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC),

I live and have lived at 23137 Watercourse Way, Bend OR for eight years. Our home is a part of the community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Destination Resort. I ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

I am in strong opposition to the siting of the Deschutes County landfill at the proposed BLM site next to Powell Butte Highway for the following reasons:

1. The proximity of Juniper Reserve Resort means that the BLM site for a landfill will produce noise, noxious odors and attract large amounts of birds, all of which will negatively impact our home and others at Juniper Reserve. In this area, both noise and noxious odors travel a long distance.
2. Greatly increased traffic, especially by large refuse disposal trucks, on Powell Butte Highway, a 2-lane road already carrying agricultural traffic and our primary route to the airport, will very negatively impact us. Further, the majority of the traffic heading to the landfill will be from Bend to the south, where the majority of the waste is generated, traveling a long way up Powell Butte Highway, passing the Juniper Preserve entrance, before reaching the landfill. Sites closer to Bend are preferable and more environmentally efficient with their proximity to the majority of the waste generated. This would be rapidly revealed if traffic studies were to be conducted on the traffic impact of a landfill at this site. This greatly increased traffic will not only burden this already well-trafficked road, but create significant safety concerns.
3. Powell Butte Highway is often very icy and treacherous in the winter, at times sufficiently unsafe to force Juniper Preserve to re-route Roberts Field bound airport traffic from the resort to the airport via the alternate unpaved road from Juniper Preserve. Landfill traffic during the winter months will create greatly increased danger of spin outs and accidents on Powell Butte Highway. Some of these accidents could be fatal, especially those involving heavy refuse disposal trucks.
4. The BLM land should be used by the public for recreation and enjoyment, not for a landfill. We purchased our homes at Juniper Preserve specifically because it was surrounded by BLM land that was intended for these recreational uses.

5. The BLM land site contains important species of both wildlife and wildflowers that should be preserved, not destroyed. Some of those species may be endangered. A landfill will be a negative impact on wildlife and wildflowers. Wildlife are dependent upon large areas to thrive and breed.
6. This BLM site is quite close to Roberts Field, the Bend-Redmond airport. The flight patterns for take-off and landing are near if not over the proposed landfill site. The accumulation of birds at the landfill site will cause significant safety concerns for flights using Roberts Field.
7. The proximity of landfill sites to existing homes has been a chief criteria in the search process. Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is a bad idea because it is too close to too many existing homes as well as lots already sold to private citizens for home construction. There are three significant existing neighborhoods near this proposed landfill site – Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. The landfill at the BLM site will significantly reduce property values in each of them, and create negative impacts even beyond these property value issues.

I firmly ask the SWAC to remove the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential sites for the location of the new landfill for Deschutes County.

Sincerely yours,

Duncan L. "Matt" Matteson, Jr.  
23137 Watercourse Way  
Bend, OR 97701

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jon McArthur <jonanmon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 3:46 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Landfill Selection

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by Brasada Ranch staff, residents and resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely  
*Jon McArthur*



*17055 SW Paragon Court*  
*Powell Butte OR 97753*  
[jonanmon@gmail.com](mailto:jonanmon@gmail.com)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** James McKenzie <jmurmac@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 3:53 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County proposed 100 year landfill

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Dear whoever is managing the future of the Deschutes County proposed 100 year landfill:

We vigorously oppose the new solid waste landfill that will be located 3 miles east of Brasada. How far East of Juniper Preserve(Pronghorn) will this site be?

Juniper Preserve is a world class golfing facility that attracts travelers from all over the world. It makes no sense from the members' point of view carry out this action. While the long term vision is necessary, that land can be put to better use that will not effect tourism and what might lead to declining property values. We are already besieged by the possibility of having a psilocybin based treatment being forced on us. I that this(not your department) plus the landfill will unintentionally dissuade world travelers to Central Oregon golf and recreation resorts in this area.It will be a down grade.

Respectfully,

James M. McKenzie and Frances McKenzie  
Year around Residents and members of Juniper Preserve.

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Henry Mendazona <hmendazona@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 12:05 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express to you that as a resident of the Brasada Ranch community our strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While Brasada Ranch is not in Deschutes County the proposed site is less than three miles to the east. To say that a landfill this close to Brasada Ranch would have a negative impact is an understatement. The health, safety, and the environment would be very negatively impacted for 200 staff, 2000 members and 100,000 annual resort guests. There are also many residential acreages and homes nearby that location that would experience the same negative implications. Please consider that a landfill this close to so many people would almost certainly cause harm from pollutants into the air and water, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. Also keep in mind that Brasada Ranch relies on groundwater that could get contaminated from a landfill. These and many other problems not mentioned would be enough for this proposed site to be eliminated as a possibility. Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites. Thank you for your consideration in my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Henry Mendazona  
15967 Brasada Ranch Road  
Powell Butte, OR. 97753

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** D Merrill <dcmerill@ykw.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 5:51 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Dennis Merrill

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Chad Miller <chadmiller33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 2:38 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill near Juniper Reserve

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I writing this letter to let you now what a terrible idea it is to put a landfill near Juniper Reserve. Having the landfill in this area will cause more congestion and traffic on the already overtaxed Powell Butte Hwy. The environmental impact to the area hasn't been determined and could be a problem for all the of local ranchers and farmers in the area of the landfill. The increase of animal/bird activity around the landfill will cause problems to the local residents in the area. I urge you to find a better suited spot for this landfill.

Chad Miller  
20745 NE Comet Ln  
Bend OR 97701

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Lori Deering-Mohr <lori4@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 8:35 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** landfill

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Dear Advisory committee,

I am writing this letter in hope that you will consider our strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Hwy.

I do not live in Deschutes County, but I have a home three miles to the east in Brasada Ranch.

I worked many years to be able to save enough to purchase a lot within this community and then it took me another three years of diligent savings and hard work to be able to build a home, this landfill will decrease the value of my home, take away views and decrease the lifestyle that this beautiful and peaceful area enhances.

Some of the reasons besides personal reasons that I am opposed to this site are:

1. The odors that it produces are noxious that with the wind blowing in the correct direction will prevent my family from going outside for any length of time.
2. Harmful pollutants may emit into the air and water causing various health problems. We will never know if our drinking water is truly safe.
3. Landfills attract rodents and pest, which are already somethings we deal with currently. Adding more is a health hazard.
4. The area is currently dry. Landfills will cause an extra layer of fire hazards, with fumes causing health issues.
5. The BLM lands are protected for future diversity and productivity, there are many wildlife animals and plants that should be preserved, not destroyed.

For these reasons, I believe the proposed site will negatively impact our safety, health and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Hwy from your list of potential landfill sites.

Thank you for listening to me, and making my voice a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Lori Mohr

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Trudi Morrison <trudimorrison7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 7:38 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site  
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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

Five months ago my husband and I decided that we wanted a healthier lifestyle for ourselves and for our eight grandchildren. We found a house at Brasada Ranch that is perfect for our family. Powell Butte allows us to breathe clean air away from city pollutants as well as a very active life for us and our family. Fishing, hiking, biking and outdoor sports in Deschutes and Crook County provide healthy activities for our whole family to enjoy together.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites so we can continue to breathe deeply, live longer and enjoy giving our grandchildren the gift of health and safety in a beautiful rural area.

We are joining others in our community to express our strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While we do not live in Deschutes County, we live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site will negatively impact our safety, and health.

I appreciate you considering our opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,



Trudi Nagel Morrison  
trudimorrison7@gmail.com  
503-816-9072



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kyle Murphy <kylemurphy2128@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 3:53 PM  
**To:** managethefuture

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Kyle Murphy 23000 Brushlit Court Bend, OR 97701 [kylemurphy2128@gmail.com](mailto:kylemurphy2128@gmail.com) 508-454-1810  
August 14, 2023

Solid Waste Advisory Council Deschutes County, Oregon

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Landfill Location

Dear Advisory Council,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing as a concerned resident and advocate for environmental preservation in Deschutes County. I recently became aware of the proposed construction of a 100-year landfill site just three miles west of Brasada and east of Juniper Preserve. I am deeply troubled by this proposal and would like to express my strong opposition to it.

The Brasada and Juniper Preserve areas are not only cherished by local residents but also hold significant ecological value. They provide a sanctuary for diverse wildlife, offer recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike, and contribute to the overall beauty and health of our community. Introducing a landfill in close proximity to these vital natural areas poses several grave concerns:

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1. **Tourism and Economy:** Brasada and Juniper Preserve are not only cherished by residents but also draw tourists seeking a natural escape. Introducing a landfill in such close proximity could deter visitors, leading to a negative impact on the local economy that relies on tourism and outdoor recreation.

**Wildlife Disruption:** The construction and operation of a landfill involve heavy machinery, noise, and increased human activity, which could lead to the displacement and disruption of the local wildlife. Many species in these areas are already vulnerable, and any disruption could have cascading effects on the entire ecosystem.

**Aesthetic and Psychological Impact:** The presence of a landfill can significantly diminish the natural beauty and serenity of the surrounding areas. Residents who value the tranquility and aesthetic appeal of Brasada and Juniper Preserve may experience distress and a reduced quality of life.

I implore you to reconsider the decision to establish a landfill in this sensitive location. Rather than compromising the environment and the well-being of the community, I urge you to explore alternative waste management solutions that prioritize sustainability and the long-term health of our region. This could include increased recycling efforts, waste reduction programs, and investment in innovative waste-to-energy technologies.

As a concerned citizen, I am dedicated to working with local authorities, environmental organizations, and fellow residents to find solutions that align with our shared commitment to preserving the natural beauty and ecological integrity of our community. I kindly request that you take into account the concerns raised in this letter and actively seek alternatives that ensure a sustainable and prosperous future for Brasada, Juniper Preserve, and the surrounding areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you and being a part of the dialogue surrounding this important matter.

Sincerely,

Kyle Murphy

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Brenda Newton <indoman60@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 1:52 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Purposed landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Newton

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** STEPHEN OTT <sjott@gmx.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 11:32 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my very strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway.

While I reside in Seattle, WA, we purchased a lot at Brasada Ranch in 2021 (Lot 567, SW Hope Vista Drive) and are currently in discussions with our architect with a view to commencing construction of our 'holiday home' in early 2024.

I can honestly say that should the BLM site not be removed from the list of potential landfill sites, our family will very likely place construction of our home on hold and/or consider selling the lot.

While I understand that other residents who have already written to you have outlined the many health, safety and environmental impacts of landfill sites, I would specifically like to draw attention to the 100,000+ annual resort guests at Brasada Ranch, and the money that these folk spend not only at the Brasada Ranch resort (within Crook County), but at restaurants, pubs and leisure activities within Deschutes County and the broader Bend region. It is not possible to know for sure, but fair to say, that total guest & member (ie. resident) numbers could reduce if the BLM site is not removed from the list of potential landfill sites (resulting in reduced revenue for Deschutes County), with potential job losses at Brasada as well.

I appreciate you considering my opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway, and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Kind regards,

Stephen Ott

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** The Rees' <pandkrees@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 2:05 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway.

I know you have read that line many times, and to be honest, how I wanted to start this missive is: REALLY!! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!!

Let me explain why I strongly oppose the proposed landfill.

My husband and I live in West Linn, Oregon, but have been lovers of central Oregon for many decades. We first purchased a two acre lot on Round Butte, when our son was 12. He is now 55 years old. We built a nice home there, doing most of the work ourselves (with the help of talented neighbors), our son learned to water ski on Lake Billy Chinook, and we fell in love with the high desert with its wonderful sage and juniper smells, the Mule deer, rabbits and quail. However, if I had to choose one word for why we were so smitten with the high desert, it would be the natural beauty, lack of traffic, and the dark sky with all of the stars on display. I realize that is more than one word, but I guess what makes central Oregon so special is the sum of all of those things.

In a mere three hour drive, we can go from a rainy, damp, mossy climate to a completely different experience and scenery.

After 30 years of spending as much time at Round Butte as we could, we sold our home, and only recently reinvested in central Oregon. We have purchased a lot and cabin at Brasada Ranch in the last three years. As with our home at Round Butte, it was the mountain view, smells and relaxed vibe that drew us back.

We are not alone in our love of the scenery in and around Brasada Ranch. As you know, it has become a very popular tourist destination, as well as home to many. The taxes the County collects must be quite significant. Which brings me to my point, why on earth would you choose to put an unsightly, malodorous, vermin-attracting landfill anywhere near such a lovely section of our state. I have not done any scientific research on alternate destinations for a landfill, but I have to believe there are many areas that are not near an established, upscale, income-generating community that would work.

And by the way, is Seattle still bringing truckloads of their garbage to Arlington, Oregon? Is that what you have in mind for the proposed landfill; accommodating others' garbage?

I would love to hear the rationale and discussion between the decision makers at the next meeting. Please remember, the choices you make now, will have a profound impact on the land and everyone who lives or vacations nearby for the foreseeable future. One needs only to look at what has become of downtown Portland to realize the decisions of a few can affect so many.

Please make the appropriate choice for the future of the high desert.

Thank you for listening.

Kathi Rees  
971-219-2104

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Donald Reid <donaldbreid@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 4:39 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed Powell Butte Highway solid waste landfill site

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely



Donald B. Reid  
Brasada Ranch Property Owner

August 14, 2023

Re: Opposition to Proposed Landfill Site

Dear members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC),

I live at 65856 Sage Canyon Court, which is a part of the community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Destination Resort. I ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

I oppose siting the Deschutes County landfill at the proposed BLM site next to Powell Butte Highway for the following reasons:

1. The BLM land is owned by the federal government and the process to get the site transferred to Deschutes County will be long and uncertain. There are alternatives available for the county that the SWAC is reviewing that should be the priority over land owned by the federal government.
2. The BLM land should be used by the public for recreation and enjoyment. For Deschutes County to seek ownership of federal land is a troubling example for other counties. How long will large tracts of public land be available for our grandchildren when carved up for county uses when privately-owned land is available? Central Oregon is getting more denser in population and future generations need access to large tracts of land for recreation and enjoyment.
3. The BLM land site contains important species of both wildlife and wildflowers that should be preserved, not destroyed. Some of those species may be endangered. A landfill will be a negative impact on wildlife and wildflowers. Wildlife are dependent upon large areas to thrive and breed.
4. The proximity of Juniper Reserve Resort means that the BLM site for a landfill will produce noxious odors and attract large amounts of birds, all of which will negatively impact my home and others at Juniper Reserve. Noxious odors can travel a long distance. Further, the accumulation of birds at the landfill site will cause harm to the safety of patrons of the Bend municipal airport.
5. The proposed landfill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway will be seen by drivers and passengers in vehicles that travel pass it. Further, it is doubtful the site will work for a landfill given that it appears to lack enough onsite soils for daily ground cover and the creation of berms.
6. Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is a bad idea

because it is too close to too many homes. There are three neighborhoods nearby – Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. The landfill at the BLM site will reduce property values, increase starlings and other birds at those neighborhoods, and cause infiltration by mice and small mammals that are attracted to the landfill.

I ask the SWAC to remove the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential sites for the location of the new landfill for Deschutes County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Ritter", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Rodney Ritter

Dianna Ritter

65856 Sage Canyon Court

Bend, OR 97701

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Sandy Schwartz <sandysgotmail@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 4:41 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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Sincerely

Sandy Schwartz  
17646 SW Chaparral Dr  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
360-904-7491

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Sincerely,

Ryan Schwartz  
[Rjsvino1@gmail.com](mailto:Rjsvino1@gmail.com)  
480.459.1955

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Nancy Sexton <sextonfamily6@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 9:19 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Landfill

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In addition to the above listed health hazards this proposal brings, we are very concerned about the adverse affects this would play to our very expensive property values we have invested in. It would compromise this beautiful Central Oregon location we so dearly love and have invested millions of dollars in.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values. Surely there must be a much more remote location for this type of landfill, or from what I understand, sending it to a facility in Portland specifically designed to handle this waste.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
John and Nancy Sexton

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*~Nancy*



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Desiree Sii <siidesiree@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 7:08 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Disposal Site

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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kelly Sjolander <kellysjolander@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 2:27 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** opposition to proposed powell butte hwy landfill site

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Sincerely,  
Kelly Sjolander

**Tim Brownell**

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**From:** Bernie Smit <bernie.smit3333@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 3:24 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill

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Dear Deschutes County Government,

In the strongest terms possible, I OBJECT the the proposed landfill site on Powell Butte Highway. Landfills should be placed at least 10 miles from residential developments. The smells, rodents, birds and trucks would be a serious affront to any nearby developments.

Best Regards,

Bernie

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Dave Spaulding <DSpaulding@redcanoecu.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 11:05 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Future location of solid waste landfill

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David Spaulding  
14224 SW Spirit Rock Dr.  
Powell Butte, OR 97763



**Dave Spaulding**

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Rusty <rustysproatt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 2:12 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Landfill Site Proposals

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I am a resident of Crook County adjacent to and clearly in sight of a proposed location for the new 100 year landfill being proposed in our vicinity. How the options for site location have come down to one that is squarely in-between two existing and thriving resort complexes is beyond me. Not to mention, one of the late entries into the selection process would hugely impact Brasada Ranch, located in Crook County. Let's not pass the buck. Get a grip on your task and select a location that will fill the needs for generations without endangering hundreds of property values. You couldn't pick a site further from the Bend community and still be in Deschutes County.

I am unable to attend the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and open discussion with the public. Accept my message as **"opposing"** the proposal of sighting a new landfill 3 miles west Brasada adjacent to the Powell Butte Highway.

Respectfully yours,

James Sproatt and Penny Sproatt  
15370 SW Branding Iron Ct.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Elizabeth Squire <squirefamily68@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 7:18 PM  
**To:** managethefuture

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Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Squire

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Elena <elenamariestapleton@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 6:26 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Solid Waste, along Powell Butte Hwy - Advisory Meeting  
Please Read

**Importance:** High

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Dear Deschutes County ~ Solid Waste Advisory Members,

We are writing to your committee to express our **Strong Opposition** to the proposed Landfill on BLM along **Powell Butte Hwy!**

A landfill at this current proposed site will **negatively impact many permanent residences in Powell Butte, OR**

**Please Do Not put in a Landfill site along Powell Butte Highway!**

There must be plenty of other land options that would not negatively impact so many in our community.

Please consider if your own Family or a loved one lived with in 3 to 10 miles of the proposed site, for obvious reasons this would be a disaster for our Family to see after moving here a year and a half ago.

Please find an alternative site for the Landfill that is not near Homes and Ranches in Powell Butte, OR, Crook County.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Elena and Robert Stapleton  
Powell Butte, Oregon

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Michael Strand <michael.strand19@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 1:14 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Landfill Site

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- Although we are not Deschutes County residents, together the Crook and Deschutes counties are neighbors and stewards of Central Oregon quality of life. The negative impact of a landfill only 3 miles from our homes and our thriving community would be significant and a crushing blow to our home values and overall neighborhood quality.
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I beg that you remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

Michael Strand  
206.617.9675

[michael.strand19@gmail.com](mailto:michael.strand19@gmail.com)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** J David Swan <swanj david@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 10:17 AM  
**To:** Tim Brownell  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public Input: Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

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**From:** J David Swan <[swanj david@gmail.com](mailto:swanj david@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 14, 2023 at 10:11 AM  
**Subject:** Public Input: Solid Waste Advisory Committee.  
**To:** <[sue.monette@deschutes.org](mailto:sue.monette@deschutes.org)>, <[managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov)>, <[Patti.Adair@deschutes.org](mailto:Patti.Adair@deschutes.org)>, <[Phil.Chang@deschutes.org](mailto:Phil.Chang@deschutes.org)>, <[Tony.DeBone@deschutes.org](mailto:Tony.DeBone@deschutes.org)>, <[chad.centola@deschutes.org](mailto:chad.centola@deschutes.org)>

**Re: Site: BLM Land along the Powell Butte Highway. August 15, meeting.**

Dear Committee Members and Staff:

I recognize that this Committee's work is controversial. I wanted to open the conversation as to the potential hazards that need to be addressed when locating a Solid Waste Landfill in the area of Powell Butte Highway on the county line of Deschutes and Crook Counties.

1. The Powell Butte Highway site is between two busy Airports (Bend) 4 miles and (Redmond) 3-4 miles from the landing pattern of commercial aircraft from the Redmond Airport. As noted in other public Input documents, i.e. the response/public input from Todd Kane and Nathan Braun and submitted by Dickson/Hatfield LLP dated 1-16-2023.

It is a known fact that Landfills are a magnet for very large birds (Eagles, Ravens, and Crows) that would be flying in and around for miles in the general area of the proposed site. This location would magnify the potential of a Bird strike resulting in an In Air Collision and potential loss of life.

" Airport Safety is relevant to solid waste landfill locations because landfills attract birds, and "collisions between aircraft and birds have resulted in fatal accidents, bird strikes pose a special danger to smaller aircraft , and landfills ner airports pose a potential hazard to aircraft." U.S.C. Title 49, Pub.L. 106-181, title V, Sec. 503(a), Apr. 5. 2000, 114 Stat. 133. also referenced as 49 U.S.C. Ch. 447. Sec. 44718. These are findings by Congress.

This statute thus determined (5) while certain mileage limits have the potential to be arbitrary, keeping landfills at least 6 miles away from an airport, especially an airport served by small planes, is an appropriate minimum requirement for aviation safety....."

Section (d) Limitation on Construction of Landfills, (1) specifies " **No person shall construct or establish a municipal solid waste landfill...within 6 miles of a public airport** (if received grants and flights for less than 60 passengers)."

The Bend municipal airport is approximately 4 plus miles from the Powell Butte Hwy. site. and less than 3 miles from the traffic pattern flying into the Redmond Airport. The potential for in air bird strikes will be magnified in this location ( this is not a part of the above public record).

Data taken from google states " According to the FAA database there were **17,000 thousand bird strikes at 693** United States airports in **2022**"

Location of a municipal solid waste landfill within 6 miles of the Bend municipal airport is thus not recommended. Efforts to force such a location would require extensive study and findings to safety. Such a site location selection would also require specific analysis by both the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and the Oregon Department of Aviation to justify selection of such a disfavored location.

In conclusion, selection of the Powell Butte Highway site, so close to the Bend Airport and Redmond Airport, is not recommended.

2. The site is a protected Antelope zone and an area for migrating Bald Eagles, and Dove, the construction of a municipal Landfill would destroy the natural wildlife habitat.

3. From living in Bend for over 50 years I have watched the area of the Landfill off 27th Street have traffic issues with large semi-trucks traveling in and out of the Landfill along with the resulting trash that flies out of trucks has degraded the area as well and will degrade the Powell Butte Highway.

4. For the record, this input is part of existing public record input and google search data., we own property in both Deschutes and Crook counties. The Powell Butte Highway is **NOT a suitable location for the next Landfill.**

Regards,

J. David. Swan

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** jacquelyn tierney <interiorfevers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 10:29 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Remove the proposed landfill site along Powell Butte Highway

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I would like to express my concerns regarding the proposed landfill site on BLM land in Powell Butte.

Landfills emit harmful VOC's, methane, and other pollutants into the air and water systems that result in skin and respiratory disorders, birth defects, and cancer, childhood leukemia in particular, while in operation *and* after sites have closed. Landfills also produce levels of noise that will further disturb both the natural ecosystem and quality of life for residents.

Being that this proposed site is within a few miles of Brasada Ranch, Pronghorn Estates, and adjacent neighborhoods, to view this landfill from our homes will additionally make the area far less attractive to potential home buyers and investors.

Let's avoid harm to our community members and environment by removing this BLM site NOW along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential landfill sites.

Thank you,  
Jacquelyn Tierney

14757 SW Lupine Drive,  
Powell Butte, Oregon

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Liz Walker <liz@lgofs.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 4:17 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill east of Juniper Preserve

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This is to advise that as residents in this area we do not support the proposed location of the landfill east of Juniper Preserve.

Liz & Lee Walker  
Los Gatos Oral & Facial Surgery  
14830 Los Gatos Blvd Ste 200  
Los Gatos, CA 95032  
T: 408-412-8400



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Bob Welle <welle128@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 3:17 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Bob Bailey <bob@execuchart.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 7:58 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed BLM Landfill on Powell Butte Highway  
**Attachments:** image004.wmz

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Sincerely

Bob Bailey  
Resident and Member of Brasada Ranch



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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Mike Burnett <burnettm66030@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 7:46 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Oppose Landfill Near Juniper Preserve

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Dear members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC),

I live at 66030 Pronghorn Estates Dr, Bend OR 97701, which is a part of the community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Destination Resort. I ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

I oppose siting the Deschutes County landfill at the proposed BLM site next to Powell Butte Highway for the following reasons:

1. The BLM land is owned by the federal government and the process to get the site transferred to Deschutes County will be long and uncertain. There are alternatives available for the county that the SWAC is reviewing that should be the priority over land owned by the federal government.
2. The BLM land should be used by the public for recreation and enjoyment. For Deschutes County to seek ownership of federal land is a troubling example for other counties. How long will large tracts of public land be available for our grandchildren when carved up for county uses when privately-owned land is available? Central Oregon is getting more denser in population and future generations need access to large tracts of land for recreation and enjoyment.
3. The BLM land site contains important species of both wildlife and wildflowers that should be preserved, not destroyed. Some of those species may be endangered. A landfill will be a negative impact on wildlife and wildflowers. Wildlife are dependent upon large areas to thrive and breed.
4. The proximity of Juniper Reserve Resort means that the BLM site for a landfill will produce noxious odors and attract large amounts of birds, all of which will negatively impact my home and others at Juniper Reserve. Noxious odors can travel a long distance. Further, the accumulation of birds at the landfill site will cause harm to the safety of patrons of the Bend municipal airport.

5. The proposed landfill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway will be seen by drivers and passengers in vehicles that travel pass it. Further, it is doubtful the site will work for a landfill given that it appears to lack enough onsite soils for daily ground cover and the creation of berms.

6. Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is a bad idea because it is too close to too many homes. There are three neighborhoods nearby – Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. The landfill at the BLM site will reduce property values, increase starlings and other birds at those neighborhoods, and cause infiltration by mice and small mammals that are attracted to the landfill.

7. The proximity of Juniper Reserve Resort means that the BLM site for a landfill will produce increased ambient noise levels that will have a negative impact on the serene setting at Juniper Reserve which will negatively impact my home and others at Juniper Reserve. Noise can travel a long distance as evident by the Redmond Gun Club, Concerts at General Duffy's Waterhole and Deschutes Fairground and the Redmond Airport.

I ask the SWAC to remove the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential sites for the location of the new landfill for Deschutes County.

Sincerely,  
Mike and Diana Burnett  
66030 Pronghorn Estates Dr  
Bend, OR 97701  
360-620-6761

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Burton, Alan <Alan.Burton@westerntitle.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 3:06 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** For the record: Opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway.

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong personal and professional opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east of the proposed site, at 16333 SW Shumway Road, Powell Butte, OR 97753.

There is no doubt that the landfill on this proposed site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by my wife and I, and our many neighbors on Shumway and Alfalfa Roads, as well as the Powell Butte Highway.

In addition, it will dramatically impact the Brasada Ranch Community of 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to please strongly consider the following:

- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. In addition, Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record. Thank you all again for your time and attention to this matter.

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Alan Burton  
President Emeritus  
Western Title & Escrow  
503-367-9903  
16333 SW Shumway Road  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

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**From:** EVE RYAN <laeve2@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 8:19 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Eric McClellan  
**Subject:** 100 year landfill

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As residents of juniper preserve we find the mere idea of a landfill within 3 miles of our area totally repugnant. It most certainly will bring down home values; will be discoverable on title and pose hazards none of us can envision.

Please squash this proposal.

Eve and Skip Crank  
66904 Fazio Lane  
Bend, Or 97701

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Gigi Cutler <vkcutler@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 6:45 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid waste landfill site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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- BLM lands were set aside by the federal government for the protection of our public lands, not to be used as a dumping ground for our waste.
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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely  
Virginia Cutler

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Pat Dowell <patdowell@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 8:40 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill

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We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed landfill site that is being considered near our residential area. As a **native of Bend**, a concerned landowner, and member of this community, I am deeply troubled by the potential negative impacts that such a facility could have on our quality of life, environment, and property values.

First and foremost, our community values the tranquility and serenity of our neighborhood, which has been a safe haven for families and residents for many years. The introduction of a landfill in close proximity poses significant risks to the air and water quality, as well as the potential release of hazardous substances into our surroundings. The associated odors, noise, and increased traffic on an already overused Powell Butte Highway would undoubtedly disrupt the peace we have cherished for so long.

Furthermore, the proposed landfill site's proximity to residential areas raises valid health concerns for our families. Numerous studies have highlighted the potential health risks associated with living near landfills, including respiratory issues, allergies, and other adverse health effects due to air pollutants and contaminants. Our children, elderly residents, and those with pre-existing health conditions would be particularly vulnerable to these risks.

In addition to health and quality of life concerns, the value of our properties is at stake. The stigma associated with living near a landfill will undoubtedly lead to a substantial decrease in property values, making it more difficult for homeowners to sell their properties or secure fair prices if they decide to move. This would not only impact our immediate community but could also have broader economic implications for the entire area, not to mention the loss in substantial tax revenue dollars to Deschutes County.

I urge you to consider alternative sites that would not jeopardize the well-being of our community. It is crucial that any decisions made regarding this landfill project take into account the concerns and wishes of the people who will be directly affected by it. I implore you to prioritize the health, safety, and overall welfare of our community over short-term convenience or cost savings.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that the potential negative consequences of siting a landfill near our residential area far outweigh any perceived benefits. I urge you to reconsider this proposal and

explore alternative solutions that are more suitable and environmentally responsible. Our community deserves a thoughtful and responsible approach that aligns with the best interests of its residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will give careful consideration to our concerns and take the appropriate action to ensure the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Pat and Jeff Dowell  
22850 Stone Wall Court  
Bend OR 97701

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I am building a retirement home less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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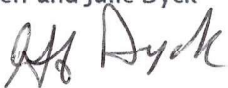
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Sincerely

Jeff and Julie Dyck



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kristian Enestvedt <kenestvedt@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:27 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Powell Butte Hwy landfill

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. I encourage you to consider the following:

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- We should recognize and celebrate that Brasada Ranch is the top ranked destination resort not only in Oregon, but in the entire Pacific Northwest. As such, we should strongly reconsider any projects that would negatively impact the experience for guests and visitors.

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Sincerely

C. Kristian Enestvedt  
16382 SW Vaqueros Way  
Powell Butte, OR 97753



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** sklfool@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 6:45 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill site

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Sincerely

Vaughn And Laura Grubaugh

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** J M <mendazonaj@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 7:43 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Re: Opposition to Proposed Landfill Site

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Thank you,

Jeanne Mendazona  
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**From:** J M <mendazonaj@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2023 9:36 AM  
**To:** managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov <managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Landfill Site

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. As someone who has lived in this area for most of my life, and now resides in Brasada Ranch which is less than three miles to the east of the proposed site, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts it would have on our community.

There are several critical factors to consider:

1. Landfills emit harmful pollutants that can cause various health problems, and as residents of Brasada Ranch, we rely on groundwater for our drinking water, which could be contaminated by the landfill.

2. Noxious odors from landfills can travel long distances, and with Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies, these odors would directly affect our community.
3. Landfills attract pests and vermin, posing health hazards and damaging property. Birds nesting in the area would also become a nuisance.
4. Landfills create a fire hazard, releasing toxic fumes that harm the environment and cause respiratory problems.
5. Taking BLM lands for the landfill threatens the health, diversity, and productivity of our public lands.
6. The site is home to important wildlife and wildflowers, possibly including endangered species, which must be preserved.
7. The landfill will ruin our panoramic views, and the lack of onsite soil at the BLM site raises concerns about proper landfill operations.
8. The proposed site is just a third of a mile from families and their homes, and within three miles, there are hundreds of homes and hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch and Pronghorn. It's crucial to provide a buffer zone for our community's safety and well-being.

For these compelling reasons, I firmly believe that the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that would significantly and negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

I urge you to reconsider and remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of my opposition and hope that it will become a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Mendazona

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Tom Mooney <fireprospec09@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:39 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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To Whom It May Concern:

Just over a year ago my wife and I purchaed our land and are close to finishing our dream home build. We chose this area because of the views, the wildlife and the peace and quiet.

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- This site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

There are plenty of other areas to choose from and not directly impact our community.

Thank you,  
Tom Mooney  
SW Hahlen Ave

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** donpaumier@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 2:58 AM  
**To:** managethefuture; donpaumier@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill location

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee & County Commissioners–

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. I live in Deschutes County and have property at Brasada Ranch.

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites. Your original 2 sites that were proposed make more sense.



I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,  
Don Paumier

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Ryan Ramona <ryan.ramona2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 6:17 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely  
Ryan Ramona

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**Ryan Ramona**  
[ryan.ramona2@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.ramona2@gmail.com)  
503-740-9064

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Shaun Tinney <shauntinney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 12:20 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill opposition

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Thank you,  
Shaun & Jenn Tinney

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@shauntinney  
503-927-7698

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Todd Underwood <tunderwo1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 8:48 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to landfill site

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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Todd Underwood

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Josh Wilcox <joshwilcox47@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 7:23 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Powell Butte Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

No doubt you will receive many emails regarding the proposed landfill site along Powell Butte Highway.

Given many of the factors, I am surprised this is even an option. The impact this would have just on people and their property values alone should be enough for you to reject this site. I could list all the reasons regarding human health, or all the reasons environmental which also should be enough for you to reject this site. I could list the impact it would have on two of the premier resorts, Brasada Ranch and Pronghorn/Juniper Ridge, which bring in how many people each year, who then in turn spend money in our community. Simply put this is not a good idea. It would show complete ignorance and lack of respect towards the amount of people it would affect if this site were to be an option going forward.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely

Josh Wilcox

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Mary Wilkins <whereiswilkins@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:09 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site

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Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely



Mary Wilkins  
16560 SW Ranchview Rd  
Powell Butte OR. 97753  
(415) 405-6497

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** b w <w\_wolframe@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 12:28 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Proposes New 100-Year Landfill East of Juniper Preserve- OPPOSED  
**Attachments:** Deschutes County Landfill\_ WWOLFRAME.docx

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To Whom it may concern:

I oppose this location of the Deschutes County Proposes New 100-Year Landfill East of Juniper Preserve.- Pronhorn Club, LLC.

Regards,  
William Wolframe

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Bill Nisbet <billofbend52@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 1:52 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Manage the Future of Solid Waste

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An all electric vehicles landfill including hauling to it would be best.