

Tim Brownell

From: SW <wright@bendcable.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 2:23 PM
To: managethefuture; Tim Brownell; Sue Monette
Cc: Board
Subject: Future Landfill Site Selection for Deschutes County

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7/31/2025

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC),

Thank You for your time and efforts on the landfill site selection process.

I have been watching and participating in the SWAC meetings for the past two plus years. I appreciate you reading and listening to my comments.

My vote, as of now, would be for Deschutes County to proceed full forward with the selection, due diligence, and purchase of the Horse Ridge Site.

Per the last SWAC meeting, the Horse Ridge property owners are willing to sell. The Horse Ridge Site location is very similar to the Moon Pit Site, which was chosen as number one before those negotiations stalled. You already have lots of detailed site information on the nearby Moon Pit Site and farther away Roth Sites on Pine Mountain/Millican Valley. If the Moon Pit negotiations start back up, great, that's an option. The Roth Sites, as documented in past meetings and public comments, have many flaws and should not be selected. The Dodds Road Site for a landfill does not seem right with all the nearby residences, farms, and ranches.

I realize there is mountain biking trails near the Horse Ridge Site. I am a mountain biker myself. The SWAC committee should know these biking trails are mainly used on a seasonal basis, during the winter, approximately December thru March. The Horse Ridge Site is already a disturbed site, currently used for gravel mining, making it a good candidate for a landfill. Also there are wells on the property, which may have good potential for the landfill's use.

Please, No Landfill on Pine Mountain. Please, No Landfill in Millican Valley.

Thank You,

Steve Wright

Deschutes County Resident Since 1998

Millican Landowner

Pine Mountain Enthusiast

Hang Glider Pilot

From: [Steve Wright](#)
To: [Tim Brownell](#); [managethefuture](#); [Ryan Rudnick](#)
Subject: Future Landfill Site, Horse Ridge Site Photo
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025 10:11:00 PM

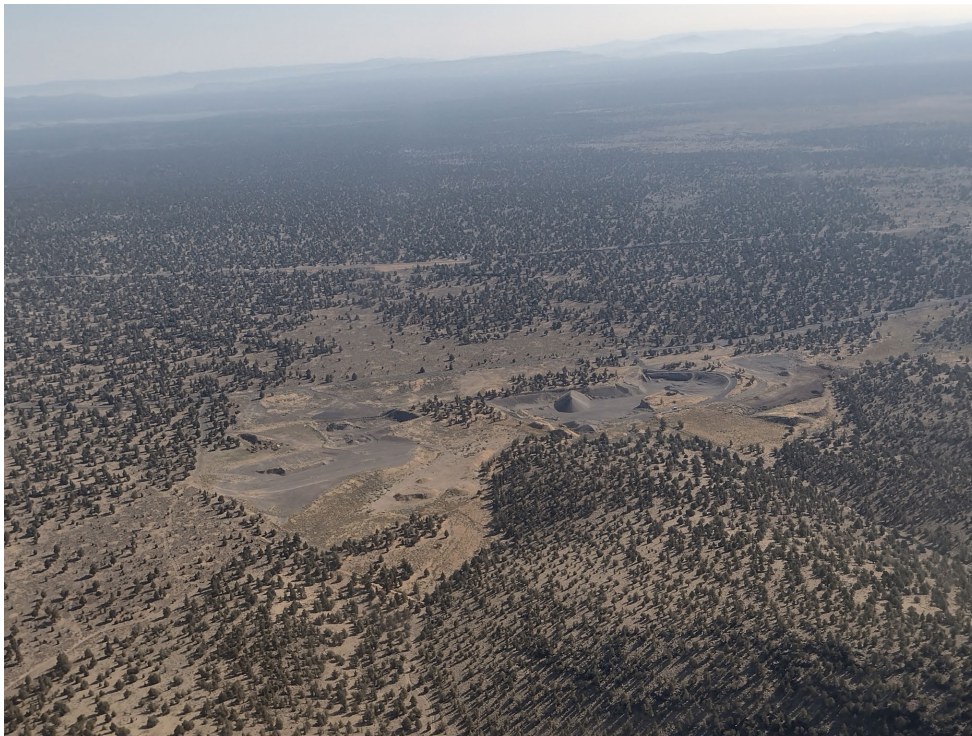
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Hi Tim, Ryan, and SWAC. Here is a photo of the Horse Ridge Site, looking north. Feel free to use it for the record. As of now, this site gets my vote for the top finalist selection of the future Deschutes County landfill.

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Thank You,

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Horse Ridge Site

Tim Brownell

From: Brenda Fritsvold
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 12:20 PM
To: Tim Brownell
Cc: Sue Monette
Subject: FW: Dodds Road - Solid Waste Site

Tim:

Forwarding so you're aware the Board received this email.

Brenda Fritsvold | Executive Assistant
DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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-----Original Message-----

From: Flying Flower Ranch, LLC <flyingflowerranchllc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 12:00 PM
To: Board <Board@deschutes.org>
Subject: Dodds Road - Solid Waste Site

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Dear Deschutes County Commissioners,

My name is Bonnie Lovecchio and I own and operate Flying Flower Ranch, LLC at 62250 Dodds Road. I am writing with extreme concerns regarding the COID property on Dodds Rd being named as a potential future solid waste management site.

While I fully appreciate the challenge of finding an acceptable solid waste site; there are several concerns with the Dodds Road site being considered. First, and of most significant concern, is water. There are numerous home water wells within very close proximity to the COID Dodds site. Dodds Road homes ONLY have access to well water. There are NO city water options on Dodds Road. In the last 5 years, the water table on and around Dodds Road has had a significant reduction in water table levels. As a result, SEVERAL residents had their wells dry up completely. Mind you, the expense to redrill wells, IF there is an alternate well site, can be upward of 50K or more. Due to lava flows, current wells cannot always be dug deeper either. Furthermore, Dodds' residents have concerns about toxic contamination of well water, from the Solid Waste site, which is used directly for human consumption.

Dodds Road is lined with large ranch properties with significant COID water use. The properties on Dodds Rd produce hay for livestock, milk for consumers, and beef for consumption. The COID canal runs through and/or next to the COID Dodds Road property in question. This canal is not lined or piped. Toxic contamination of the water in this canal would be detrimental directly to animals and then indirectly to the humans who consume the products they produce.

Dodds' residents also have traffic concerns. Adding to current traffic on Dodds Road, and the safety concerns this pose, is reckless. For those who are unaware, Dodds Road connects HWY 20 to Alfalfa Market Road. The City of Bend/Deschutes County deemed Dodds Road as a "Scenic Byway" for bicyclists. As a result, we have seen increased bicycle traffic on a road with NO bike lanes, no side road to the right of the white lines, and numerous blind curves. This has already resulted in one bicycle fatality. Farmers/Ranchers on Dodds Road take their heavy equipment on Dodds Road to reach their ag fields. These heavy equipment vehicles can only travel at 20mph max. This often results in congestion points and unsafe passing of impatient commuting vehicles. It is already a disaster waiting to happen let alone adding additional large vehicles on a road with existing safety concerns.

Lastly, Dodds Road has a Recycling and Solid Waste Transfer Station off Walker Road. This Transfer Station already brings several safety concerns to Dodds Road residents.

The residents of Dodds Road are against the use of the COID Property site for Solid Waste Management for the reasons listed above. We urge the council and committee members to remove this site from consideration so other more appropriate sites can be vetted.

Thank you,

Bonnie J. Lovecchio

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