



March 19, 2025

Commissioner Anthony DeBone Commissioner Patti Adair Commissioner Phil Chang

Board of County Commissioners Deschutes County 117 NW Lafayette Avenue Bend, Oregon 97701

Dear Commissioners DeBone, Adair and Chang:

Thank you for the time and consideration the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Solid Waste have dedicated to siting a future landfill in Deschutes County. With negotiations over potential siting at the Moon Pit site now at an impasse, our organizations offer the following recommendations to timely select and secure a new location for a landfill.

As you know, we were deeply concerned about the proposed development of a landfill at the Moon Pit site. We have even greater concerns about siting at Roth East, the only other alternative location that the county has already extensively analyzed for potential development. Siting at either of these locations would threaten wildlife, fragment habitat, degrade recreational opportunities, and involve excessive transportation and infrastructure costs. We urge the county to drop these sites from further consideration.

Looking ahead, we recommend the Board of County Commissioners to reconvene the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to explore other options and sites for waste disposal. The SWAC had reviewed some additional sites that, upon further consideration, may be more feasible for development than Moon Pit and Roth East, the two locations the SWAC ultimately proposed to the Board.

Upon reconvening the SWAC, the Board and committee should revisit the Site Selection Criteria (SSC) used to determine site feasibility. We recommend amending the SSC to include consideration of smaller parcels and other creative solutions, including public land swaps from properties closer to the County's population centers.

Finally, we encourage the Board to continue to support the additional recommendations made by the SWAC, which also called upon Deschutes County to:

- Work with stakeholders to develop and implement a robust and comprehensive mitigation strategy that reflects community values to minimize impacts to area wildlife and recreation
- Prioritize waste prevention and recovery and move as quickly as possible to implement those strategies to reduce the overall costs and greenhouse gas emissions of the new landfill

These recommendations remain relevant as alternative locations for SWMF siting are considered. While some level of harm may be unavoidable in the development of a landfill, we urge Deschutes County to incorporate these recommendations to mitigate negative impacts and ensure that the SWMF will be looked upon as a model for efficiency and community benefit.

Thank you for your attention to these comments. We look forward to collaborating with you throughout the site selection process.

Sincerely,

Mark Salvo, Conservation Director, Oregon Natural Desert Association

Ben Gordon, Executive Director, Central Oregon LandWatch

Sabrina Robinson

From: Sent:	Stephen Payer <stephenpayer@gmail.com> Friday, March 28, 2025 11:08 AM</stephenpayer@gmail.com>
To:	Tony.DeBone@deschutes.org; Patti Adair; Phil.Chang@deschutes.org; Tim Brownell; Ryan
	Rudnick
Cc:	Stephen And Clancy; Janette Roth
Subject:	Roth East, Roth WestNew Deschutes County Landfill Search

Full Disclosure....I have followed the process for many meetings, testifying at some. I am an active Real Estate Broker. I live in a mobile home at the Roth East Property. I do not have a listing on these properties.

I reported the meeting of March 19th to Stephen Roth wherein the Commissioners charged Tim Brownell with re-opening the search for a landfill site.

Why???? Roth East was vetted and was the runner-up to The Moon Pit.Why re-open the search and spend more taxpayer dollars when you have a willing seller at a lower price than was originally offered, and a property that is a great opportunity for the County.

Stephen and his father, David Roth are ready to immediately begin negotiations with the County at \$5.5 million for both Roth East and Roth West,3449 acres, plus 370 acres of additional parcels in the basin AND work with Government agencies to retire the USFS Grazing Allotment, approx 17,000 acres on Pine Mountain, and the BLM Permit, approx 5,500 acres in the Millican Basin.

Recent consultation with a certified water rights examiner reveals a path forward for developing more than the three current wells, and acquiring the necessary water rights to satisfy the landfill needs.

Sage Grouse are happy to take baths in the Bradetich Well pond, considerably west of Roth East, which the Roths kept filled last summer.

All this winter I found the Horse Ridge grade to be acceptable for travel...ODOT did an exceptional job keeping it safe for 18 wheelers.

I strongly encourage you to re-examine Roth East, before starting the process all over again.

Respectfully,

STEVE PAYER, BROKER 541-480-2966

COLDWELL BANKER BAIN 486 SW Bluff Drive Bend, OR 97702

Sabrina Robinson

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Angie Comas <Angie.Comas@deschutes.org> Wednesday, April 2, 2025 8:38 AM managethefuture FW: Form submission from: Contact Deschutes County Deschutes County Contact and Support Form.pdf



Angie M Comas Ferrer Customer Service Clerk Tel: (541)-317-3163 or (541) 617-4768 email: angie.comas@deschutes.org DESCHUTES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE 61050 SE 27th Street | Bend, Oregon 97702 <u>www.deschutes.org/solidwaste</u> Quality Services Performed With Pride





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From: NoReply <noreply@deschutes.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 5:14 PM
To: solidwaste <solidwaste@co.deschutes.or.us>
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Deschutes County

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You have an incoming Comment or Question from the County's Website (deschutescounty.gov/deschutes.org).

Submitted Date: 4/1/2025 Name: Lisa York Email: lisa.york7@gmail.com

Phone: 5412807090

Message: Just heard your plans for a new site fell thru again. So, why aren't you considering/pushing for building an incinerator on the current site??? Several countries in Europe use them and from what I've read they work really well and even provide energy to the community. Time to move into the 21st century (or you can continue to pollute the only planet we have)

A copy of this submission is attached to this email for your records.

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I need to: *	 Contact a Department Help with the DIAL/Property Research Website Help with Mapping/Geographic Information Services(GIS) 	
Department *	Solid Waste/Recycling	
Name *	Lisa York	
Email Address *	lisa.york7@gmail.com Your email address may be used to communicate with you, and will be used for no other purpose.	
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Tim Brownell

From: Sent: To: Subject: SS Ranch <cowgirlupwspurs@yahoo.com> Saturday, April 5, 2025 11:02 AM Tim Brownell land fill

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Dear Tim:

I am an interested party in wanting to know where you're proposing the next site for the land fill since the proposed site at Moon Pit was a bust.

Are you going to start the process all over again i.e. informing all the surrounding inhabitants of what is coming or are you just picking the next site that was on your list. I believe that your next site was to be out in Millican purchasing the 300- 400 acres from David Roth.

If this is to be purchased from David Roth. Could you please send me the coordinates and the address that the location is going to be.

I was wondering if it is located on the Observatory Road?

Thanks for the information Shellie Boyd 27827 Ford Road Bend, OR 97701 541-647-7518 cowgirlupwspurs@yahoo.com

Sabrina Robinson

Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 8:30 AM To: SS Ranch
To: SS Ranch
Cc: managethefuture
Subject: RE: land fill
Attachments: Roth East Site.docx

Good morning Shellie,

Thank you for reaching out to understand what are the next steps in regards to the landfill siting process. As you are aware, the negotiations with the owners of the Moon Pit site were unsuccessful, so we will be reconvening the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) that was involved throughout the site selection process and who had made the original recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners as to which site to move forward with.

The next meeting of the SWAC will most likely be the second week of May. All the meetings are open to the public, both in person and on Zoom. If interested, you are able to make public comment both in person or virtually. We are working to set the date this week. Once it is set we will be posting information at the Solid Waste Department's website at: https://www.deschutes.org/solidwaste/page/managing-future-solid-waste

There is also a lot of information along with the Final Site Evaluation Report from the previous process.

You can also send an email to the following address if you would like to be added to the interested parties list for updates: managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov

You can also send emails of concern or support to this address, and that information will be provided to the SWAC members and to the Commissioners.

At the meeting in May we will update with the SWAC on the Moon Pit negotiations, changes in regards to Sage Grouse Habitat mapping, status changes in regards to any other sites that might have impact on their availability or scoring due to those mapping changes and other issues, and answer any other questions that they might have. During the last process, Moon Pit and Roth East were the only two sites that made it to the point of doing the "Focused Screening" which involved a more significant review of the various technical criteria that were part of the determination process. At the next meeting the SWAC will be asked if they are interested in making a recommendation of the moving forward with "Roth East" site to the Commissioners, or if they would like staff to review other sites first and bring them back to the SWAC for further evaluation before considering what site to move forward with recommending to the Board.

Here is a link to the coordinates to the approximate location of where on the Roth East site the potential fill area would be located. I have also attached a map of the Roth East property. The Roth West is the parcel that straddles Pine Mountain Rd. This parcel is to the East of that.

https://www.google.com/maps/place/43%C2%B051'03.8%22N+120%C2%B053'06.0%22W/@43.8503658,-120.8746493,2643m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m4!3m3!8m2!3d43.8510556!4d-120.885?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MDQwMi4xIKXMDSoJLDEwMjExNjQwSAFQAw%3D%3D

Let me know if you have further questions.



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From: To:	<u>THPO THPO</u> Tim Brownell
Cc:	managethefuture; Angela Heffner; Austin Smith
Subject:	Re: Solid Waste Management Facility siting
Date:	Thursday, April 17, 2025 4:44:52 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png

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Hi Tim,

I appreciate the update. Given the multiple environmental issues that siting a waste facility can implicate, it's appropriate that Austin Smith Jr, the Director of the Branch of Natural Resources, be the Tribes' point of contact. However, please CC this address on any outreach.

If it's possible, can you provide a list of locations you are considering? I would like to review them for possible cultural resource concerns.

David E. Witt, Ph.D., RPA (he/him)

Review & Compliance Specialist Contractor (503) 894-6618

Correspondence prepared on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation Oregon, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) and the Cultural Resources Department (CRD).

On Thu, Apr 17, 2025 at 4:17 PM Tim Brownell <<u>Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org</u>> wrote:

Good afternoon David,

Thank you for reaching out. Yes, you are correct in that we recently received direction from our Board of County Commissioners to cease negotiations on the Moon Pit aggregate mine that we had originally selected. We do not yet have another site selected, so we will be reconvening the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) on May 6th to discuss next steps. It is possible that they will recommend another site that was studied in depth, or for staff to bring back information on additional sites for their consideration.

We will add you to the interested parties list so that you can get updates regarding upcoming meetings. Also, please let me know if you might be the preferred contact for us to reach out to when we are looking to see if there are comments or issues of concern that the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs might have about particular properties that we are considering.

Feel free to reach out at any time,

Regards,

Tim



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From: THPO THPO <<u>thpo@ctwsbnr.org</u>>
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 9:43 AM
To: Tim Brownell <<u>Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org</u>>
Subject: Solid Waste Management Facility siting

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Good morning, Tim.

I apologize if this email comes out of the blue. I was going through a box of correspondence from last summer and came across the attached letter regarding the new solid waste management facility.

I'm wondering if you happen to have an update regarding this. We've heard that the site may be changing locations from the one at 26300 Highway 20, but I would like to confirm that with you.

I appreciate any update you can provide.

Dave Witt

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From:	Tim Brownell
То:	<u>SW; managethefuture</u>
Subject:	RE: Future Landfill Site Selection Deschutes County
Date:	Thursday, June 12, 2025 2:53:33 PM
Attachments:	image001.png
	image002.png
	image003.png
	image004.png

Good afternoon Steve,

My apologies for not responding earlier to your email below and acknowledging receipt. For some reason it appears that your email got caught up in our Junk-Mail folders for both Sue Monette and myself. We were not aware of it until you sent an individual email to Sue this morning. If in the future you can make sure to add my email to your correspondences in addition to <u>managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov</u>, that should resolve it from happening again.

We are going to provide it to the SWAC on Monday ahead of Tuesday's meeting.

Thanks for your efforts to inform all of us of your concerns and thoughts.

Be well,

Tim



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From: SW <wright@bendcable.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 2:15 PM
To: managethefuture <managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov>
Cc: Board <Board@deschutes.org>
Subject: Future Landfill Site Selection Deschutes County

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SWAC, Paramatrix, Tim B, and County Commissioners,

I watched the SWAC meeting earlier this month (May 2025) and was quite surprised

to see the Roth Site on Pine Mountain being heavily favored as the future landfill site. After 2 years worth of monthly SWAC meetings, the Roth East site was thrown out for a number of important reasons, including location near Sage Grouse habitat areas, likely significant archeological findings, being an undisturbed site, having no commercial water rights, with dangerous transportation route over Horse Ridge grade/summit, extreme weather/wind conditions, location near U of O Pine Mountain Observatory (Dark Skies Area), nearby paragliding/hang gliding, location near numerous private property lands, frigid cold nighttime/wintertime temperatures prevalent in the Millican Valley, and numerous other reasons. I hope the new SWAC members can review the findings on the past decision to select the Moon Pit location over the Roth Sites.

If there is a way to restart negotiations with the Moon Pit, that would be great. Another option would be the Horse Ridge Pit, as this land has a very similar location and use as the Moon Pit. I would encourage Paramatrix and the committee to find additional viable sites to add to the current options list.

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

Thank You,

Steve Wright Deschutes County Resident Since 1998 Millican Landowner Pine Mountain Hang Glider Pilot

From:	Tim Brownell
То:	<u>"neil@envirocenter.org"; julia@olcv.org</u>
Cc:	managethefuture
Subject:	Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility: Supplemental Site Screening
Date:	Monday, June 9, 2025 10:53:13 AM
Attachments:	SWACOutreach Central Oregon Conservation Network June 2025.pdf image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png

Dear Neal and Julia,

I wanted to make you aware that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) has reconvened to consider potential new locations for the future landfill site here in Deschutes County after reaching an impasse in our negotiations to secure the Moon Pit site which had previously been recommended.

I have attached the current locations under consideration that are going through Supplemental Screening to determine if they warrant further consideration. We wanted to make you and the Central Oregon Conservation Network aware of these locations in case they were of interest or concern to our organizations. We would welcome your input and/or would be happy to set up a time to discuss.

The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th from 9-11am.

Regards,

Tim



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May 27, 2025

Central Oregon Conservation Network Sent via Email

Attn: Environmental Center Central Oregon LandWatch Oregon Natural Desert Association Deschutes Land Trust East Cascades Bird Alliance Oregon League of Conservation Voters Central & Eastern Oregon Bitterbrush Broadband 1,000 Friends of Oregon Oregon Land & Water Alliance

Re: Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility: Supplemental Site Screening

Dear Central Oregon Conservation Network,

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We would be happy to set up a call to discuss in further detail if preferred.

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Best Regards,

Timothy Brownell

Tim Brownell, Director Deschutes County Department of Solid Waste



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June 9, 2025

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Sent via Email Attn: David Witt

Austin Smith

Re: Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility: Supplemental Site Screening

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From:	Tim Brownell
Sent:	Monday, June 9, 2025 10:53 AM
То:	thpo@ctwsbnr.org; austin.smithjr2@ctwsbnr.org
Cc:	managethefuture
Subject:	Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility: Supplemental Site Screening
Attachments:	SWAC_Outreach _Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs _ June_2025.pdf

Good morning Austin and David,

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Regards,

Tim



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From:	Austin Smith
То:	Tim Brownell
Cc:	thpo@ctwsbnr.org; managethefuture
Subject:	Re: Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility: Supplemental Site Screening
Date:	Monday, June 9, 2025 10:58:43 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png

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Hello Tim,

Thank you for keeping the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs updated on the developments in the Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility site selection process. We appreciate your providing us with this update regarding the supplemental screening of the alternative sites east of Bend, following the end of negotiations concerning the Moon Pit.

We acknowledge the identification of the Dodds Site, Horse Ridge, Roth Northeast, and Roth East as potential locations. Please be assured that we will thoroughly investigate these new sites, considering the provided KMZ file and vicinity map, along with the background information available on the Deschutes County StoryMap and the minutes from the May 6th SWAC meeting. We will make our best effort to provide you with meaningful input and share any concerns that may arise from our review.

We appreciate your offer to set up a call to discuss this further and will reach out if we determine that a more detailed conversation would be beneficial after our initial assessment. We also appreciate the information about the next SWAC meeting on Tuesday, June 17th.

Thank you again for this notification and for including the Tribes in this outreach effort.

Austin

On Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 10:53 AM Tim Brownell <<u>Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org</u>> wrote:

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From:	Tim Brownell
То:	Emmy.andrews@cotamtb.com; President@cotamtb.com; Contact@cotamtb.com
Cc:	managethefuture
Subject:	Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility: Supplemental Site Screening
Date:	Monday, June 9, 2025 10:53:56 AM
Attachments:	SWAC Outreach Central Oregon Trail Alliance June 2025.pdf image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png

Good morning Emmy and Bill,

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Central Oregon Trail Alliance Sent via Email Attn: Emmy Andrews, Bill Lynch

Re: Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility: Supplemental Site Screening

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Regional Solutions Teams Sent via Email Attn: Zavier Borja Greg Svelund

Re: Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility: Supplemental Site Screening

Dear Regional Solutions Team

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Deschutes County's <u>StoryMap</u> provides background information including a summary of the siting process, and additional site details from the May 6th SWAC meeting can be found <u>here</u>.

We would be happy to set up a call to discuss in further detail if preferred.

We will continue to reach out to you as we have more information available. If you have any questions regarding the supplemental siting process, please contact us at <u>managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov</u>, or reach out to me directly at <u>tim.brownell@deschutes.org or</u> (541) 317-3177. You can also find more information or sign up for regular email updates at <u>deschutes.org/managethefuture</u>.

Best Regards,

Timothy Brownell

Tim Brownell, Director Deschutes County Department of Solid Waste

From:	Tim Brownell
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Cc:	managethefuture
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Date:	Monday, June 9, 2025 10:54:11 AM
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Regards,

Tim



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Scott,

Sorry about that. Here it is.

And yes, there is an ODOT parcel within the Horse Ridge site. We have reached out to our ODOT area group and are looking to meet with them over the next week or so. Thanks,

Tim



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Thanks Tim,

Quick question – do I recall correctly that the Horse Ridge site has an ODOT nexus? Also, I'm not finding the KMZ file that is referenced in the document.

Thanks!

Scott

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Subject: FW: Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility: Supplemental Site Screening

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From:	Ben Taber
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Subject:	Re: Deschutes County Solid Waste Management Facility: Supplemental Site Screening
Date:	Monday, June 16, 2025 9:26:09 PM

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Hello Tim,

Thank you for sending us information on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and insight into the alternatives under investigation for replacing the Knott Landfill.

As an organization we have not had enough internal conversations and fact finding to take a formal position as to whether a Horse Ridge landfill would conflict with COTA's mission of "Developing, protecting, and enhancing the Central Oregon mountain bike experience," but I wanted to provide you with some feedback in advance of tomorrow's SWAC meeting.

Given that Horse Ridge is a valued mountain bike area and one slated by BLM and COTA for expansion--with the proposed landfill site being flanked by both trailheads for the Horse Ridge Trail system--we do not love the idea of the landfill being sited at Horse Ridge and the potential for disruption of the mountain bike network it may bring. But, we in the COTA leadership understand that a landfill has to go somewhere.

People's first reaction is often to reject change, and mountain bikers are no exception. It's likely that if the Horse Ridge site was selected for further consideration there would be outcry from mountain bikers (both COTA and non-COTA members).

From my understanding, the three other leading alternatives are the Dodds site, Roth East, and Roth Northeast. While these three sites have some road/gravel cycling routes nearby, they are not near any public mountain bike trails and in my mind would thus be less likely to solicit resistance from mountain bikers.

Thank you again for reaching out, Ben Taber

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Cc:	Mark Salvo; Neil Baunsgard
Subject:	Comment letter to SWAC from Central Oregon LandWatch, The Environmental Center, and the Oregon Natural Desert Association
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Greetings Tim,

Please find attached a comment letter to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee from Central Oregon LandWatch, The Environmental Center, and the Oregon Natural Desert Association. We hope this letter can be distributed to the SWAC members prior to tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you,

Rory Isbell

Rory Isbell (he/him) Staff Attorney & Rural Lands Program Director Central Oregon LandWatch 2843 NW Lolo Drive, Suite 200 Bend, Oregon 97703 541-647-2930 x804 On the ceded homelands of the Wasq'u (Wasco) and Tana'nma (Warm Springs) people



June 17, 2025

sent via email: tim.brownell@deschutes.org

Solid Waste Advisory Committee %: Tim Brownell, Solid Waste Department Director 117 NW Lafayette Avenue Bend, Oregon 97701

Re: Request to broaden potential landfill site screening to include additional sites

Dear SWAC:

Central Oregon LandWatch, The Environmental Center, and the Oregon Natural Desert Association have engaged in your valued work to identify candidate locations for a new county solid waste disposal site over the past several years. Several of the higher-scoring sites you have considered in your decision-making, including the Moon Pit and Roth East sites, are in eastern Deschutes County. This area is far removed from population centers and within natural and connected landscapes that are home to dozens of sensitive wildlife species, as well as an array of land uses and recreational pursuits appropriate for the region.

After complications arose in negotiations over developing the Moon Pit site, we hoped that a renewed landfill identification process would consider locations closer to population centers with reduced transportation and climate impacts, minimize impacts to wildlife habitat and other land use goals. Your current supplemental screening process, however, appears to include only a short list of sites, the development of which would fail to meet these objectives.

We write today to encourage the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to give further consideration to sites closer to the developed footprint in the county. Specifically, we recall that certain sites were excluded based on their <5 mile proximity to the Bend or Redmond airports. These sites, which appear to be between 4.5 and 5 miles from where "aircraft operations" are occurring, otherwise represented some of the highest-scoring sites considered by the SWAC during the Broad Site Screening Process. Site 181315, for example, was the second-highest-

scoring site screened by the SWAC, with a score of 3.82. This included a 4.80 score based on environmental considerations and a well-above-average land use compatibility score of 2.88.

With Deschutes County's newfound flexibility in terms of lifespan of the Solid Waste Management Facility, and willingness to consider site footprints of 200 acres or less, sites that were previously deemed to have a "fatal flaw" based on airport proximity may be newly eligible. For example, certain sites may be able to accommodate increased setbacks that would push them beyond the 5-mile radius where the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) would otherwise recommend against siting a landfill. See *FAA Advisory Circular 5200-33C (Hazardous Wildlife Attractants on or near Airports (2020))*.

Similarly, the SWAC could reconsider its previous recommendation to measure the 5-mile radius from the edge of the airport property and instead measure from the end of the runway or wherever "aircraft operations" are occurring. Measuring from the edge of where "aircraft operations" are occurring would align with the provisions of FAA AC 5200-33C, which provides that "[f]or all airports, the FAA recommends a distance of 5 miles between the closest point of the airport's aircraft operations area and the hazardous wildlife attractant." FAA AC 5200-33C at p. 1-2. "Air operations area" is "[a]ny area of an airport used or intended to be used for landing, takeoff, or surface maneuvering of aircraft. An air operations area includes such paved areas or unpaved areas that are used or intended to be used for the unobstructed movement of aircraft in addition to its associated runway, taxiways, or apron." FAA AC 5200-33C at p. A-1.

In short, some combination of a smaller landfill size and adjusting the 5-mile measurement from the edge of the airport property to the edge of where aircraft operations are taking place would be sufficient to comply with FAA recommendations and produce more alternatives for consideration. Moreover, should a site near (but beyond the 5-mile radius of) any airport prove the best option, Deschutes County could also devise operational plans to minimize the landfill's potential to serve as a hazardous wildlife attractant. In Crook County, for example, the county landfill is essentially co-located with the Prineville Airport. We understand that in order to prevent birds from interfering with airport operations, the landfill uses several auditory deterrents, including broadcasting predatory bird calls.

Finally, we are aware that landfill sites closer to population centers are more likely to cause conflicts between landfill operations and nearby residents, farmers, and ranchers. We are sympathetic to those concerns and urge Deschutes County to consider any public health threats that could arise based on landfill siting. Nonetheless, we offer that such concerns should not necessarily outweigh the negative impacts on sensitive wildlife habitat, recreation, and other values that would occur should the landfill be sited in more remote areas.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. We look forward to our continued participation in the county landfill siting process.

Sincerely,

Rory Isbell, Rural Lands Program Director Central Oregon LandWatch

Mark Salvo, Conservation Director Oregon Natural Desert Association

Neil Baunsgard, Climate & Transportation Policy Manager The Environmental Center
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Skye Kimel <skyekimel@gmail.com> Tuesday, June 17, 2025 11:25 AM managethefuture Landfill Siting

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Hello,

Listening to the public comments at the meeting today. I'm not very comfortable speaking in public, but I would like to follow up:

I have already voiced my opinion on the Roth sites in previous emails and they remain the same.

My concerns are:

1. Developing an undeveloped place. Saving open spaces should be of the highest priority especially in these troubling times of environmental decline.

2. The Dodds road people all mentioned that it affects neighborhoods and traffic. I would gently point out that the current dump site is in a neighborhood and actually currently powers the middle school across the street. As far as I know there have not been complaints about the location of the current landfill.

3. Please don't prioritize property values over open spaces and intact habitat.

4. Please prioritize the disturbed places as potential landfill sites, not sites that are currently open space and habitat for species that are not humans.

5. I spend a considerable amount of time at the various high points of Pine Mountain and it breaks my heart to think that someday I might look out over the land and see a landfill below me.

6. Not to belabor the point, but my vote would be for renegotiation of the Moon Pit. How can the costs of doing business there possibly exceed re-doing all of the work you have already done? And, while I understand not choosing the most expensive site, but isn't it of value to balance financial considerations with the invaluable preservation of open spaces and habitat?

7. If negotiations are impossible to restart at the moon site, please consider the Horse Ridge site. It is already disturbed. Again, IT IS ALREADY DISTURBED.

I would like to thank the gentleman that brought up that it wasn't exactly due process to just remove the Dodds road site after one round of community debate. The conversation seemed to revolve around disregarding the Sage Grouse as a legitimate rating. If it is not a legitimate rating, why are you using it? It

seems abundantly clear that you are unfairly weighing the personal testimony of the neighborhood of Dodds Road. This also seemed to happen during the last round. The wildlife and plants cannot speak as loudly as the humans.

"Even though it scored the highest, doesn't mean it did score the highest." Sounds ridiculous. I'm not even sure I think it should be on the table, but I feel like the decision to remove Dodds seems highly emotional and counter to the whole process. If you would like to have the backing of the public for the site, please review EVERYTHING with as little bias as possible. Although you don't consider those of us that are landowners in the Millican Valley, we will be heavily affected by the landfill. We are landowners and property tax payers and also deserve a voice. Just because our land is zoned differently than Dodd's and our property does not have as much value as those homes on Dodds Road do not make our feelings irrelevant to the process. You seem to have completely disregarded us as stakeholders in this.

I wasn't actually that upset until I watched this meeting and heard you completely disregard Millican Valley property owners as having legitimate concerns.

Best,

Skye Kimel Property owner Redmond, OR Property owner Millican Valley Business owner Bend, OR Lifelong Central Oregon Resident

Hello,

My name is Mackenzie Bussard, I am a lifelong resident of Obernolte Rd, off Dodds Road and I want to express my extreme concern regarding the proposed Dodds road landfill location as well as its impact to local residents.

Dodds road is a narrow winding country road that hosts a number of cattle ranches, family farms, and is also a popular road for the road cycling and motorcycling communities. Since I was young there has been a (no thru truck traffic sign at the Hwy 20 entrance, which, I suspect is due to the narrow winding nature of the road.) Frequent truck traffic down Dodds road would be dangerous to both the residents who live off of the road as well as the many hundreds of cyclists and motorcyclists who use it every year. Dodds rd boasts several blind corners from Hwy 20 to the proposed dump site. When you are coming around one of those corners you are unable to see cyclists on the other side. A large truck hauling waste coming around one of these corners with a cyclist in it would not have a chance at stopping and will prove fatal to the cyclist and potentially other motorists.

Ground water usage and contamination is also extremely concerning. Every resident near the proposed site uses well water and within the last couple years multiple wells have ran dry and had to be drilled deeper. The landfill is expected to use a large amount of water and the canal only runs half the year so where is the other water going to come from? If the landfill uses well water I have no doubts that it will drain the local aquifer and local wells will run dry starving local residents of the most valuable resource we have. While I'm on water I would like to also voice my concern on groundwater contamination. There are several homes close to the proposed site, how would Deschutes county guarantee that the groundwater isn't contaminated by the dump leaching into the aquifer?

Noise and air pollution are huge concerns as well. We live in the country because its quiet and peaceful. Deschutes country choosing a landfill near our homes would ruin that for every local resident as well as the residents of Alfalfa. We don't want our homes smelling like the landfill and we do not want to hear the sound of heavy equipment running day in and day out. The Proposed Dodds road dump site is an inappropriate place to consider for a landfill. The negative impacts of the dump should not be placed on the shoulders of the ranchers and farmers of Central Oregon for the convenience of the residents of Bend.

I implore you to find another site that is away from peoples homes, ranches and farms.

Thank you,

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Deschutes county and to whom it may concern,

We have lived in the area since 1984 and bought our property on Obernolte in 1986. We feel that the area on Dodds Rd is the wrong choice for a landfill. as it would have a devastating impact. Here are some of our concerns:

-Year round Heavy truck traffic would significantly increase the safety risk to local residents and others that travel Dodds Relie; school buses, bike riders and computers.

- Noise and pollution of the area

-Too close to airports re: bird strikes

-Most land Zoned EFU -(Exclusive Farm Use)

-Open range area possible animal damage

-Groundwater contamination.

-Depleting the aquifer with some wells already going dry in the area and competing with our irrigation water especially during drought years

-Predators from landfill targeting domestic farm animals ie. birds of prey feeding on domestic chickens ,waterfowl and smaller farm animals.

-Trash birds such as crows and starlings invading the area

- Property values dropping

-Too close to Badlands Wilderness area

To the people that are making this decision, put yourself in our place and consider the implications if the county put a landfill next to where you lived for 40 years. There has to be another option where it wouldn't impact special areas like ours.

Sincerely Ron and Julie Bussard

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My name is Abby Kellner-Rode, I am a landowner and Farm owner of Boundless Farmstead at 25360 Walker Rd, just off Dodds Rd, and a user of COID services. I am totally opposed to a Solid Waste Facility being considered on the Obernolte Rd. land, which is zoned EFU and urge COID not to consider selling it to you and for you to remove it from consideration. Obernolte and the entire Dodds Rd area is home to farms and ranches that are productive. Everyone in the area would be impacted by so much truck traffic, by the horrid noise created when grinding up the solid rock which is there, to create the dirt needed to cover the land fill as it fills. Imagine the dust! We have a limited supply of EFU land in Deschutes county and it is constantly being considered for various development. From what I've heard, we are losing more EFU land than any other region in Oregon. Once our farmlands are gone they are gone! Our irrigation canal goes right by this land. The water would be endangered as well. We must preserve our open spaces not only for farming and ranching but also for the open space and recreation that they provide. We cannot afford to allow it to be degraded by a landfill. Many people, recreate in that area, with hunting, biking and hiking appreciated there. The wildlife includes elk, deer, porcupine, birds of all varieties, and much more. A landfill would degrade that area. The truck traffic, would be on Dodds Rd which has been off limits to heavy traffic and isn't designed to accommodate it. Of all the areas being considered, this is the most highly populated of any of them with hundreds of people living nearby. I know that this is has been a very divisive and difficult decision. I urge you to look more closely at the Horse Ridge site. Please take this site out of consideration! Thank you.

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Jeffrey & Sarah Lillesve 23880 Dodds RD Bend, OR 97701 (541) 419-5942 Sarah.lillesve@gmail.com

June 13, 2025

To Whom this may concern,

This letter is in complaint with the Dodds Rd. proposed site for solid waste. We are deeply concerned and reject this site proposal for multiple reasons.

First and foremost, the toxic waste the land fill will produce. This is a Home, farming and agricultural area. The definition for **Aquifer** is a body of **permeable** rock which can contain or transmit water. We live and that land is part of the aquifer we draw our well water from. Permeable definition = Material or Membrane allowing **liquids or gases** to pass through it. Permeable is important for reasons of allowing chemicals, HAPS, PFAS into the grounds and air it will poison our water sources for not only Human, but farming and animals. (All food sources) This in turn violates environmental regulations.

The toxins well known along with many others from landfills contain Vinyl Chloride, ethyl benzene, toluene, benzene, arsenic, methane, PFAS (forever chemicals) HAPS (Hazardous air pollutants) will be seeping into our aquifer below and in the air. All of these Chemicals are known carcinogens. They are also studied in medical journals of inducing auto immune disorders. This will affect our health, water, food sources and animals. This will also affect our pollinators that are already deeply disturbed in our area.

Secondary, that area is well known for animal habitat. These animals include Deer, Elk, Owl, multiple raptors and a long list of other animals. To disrupt that area will not only move safe spaces and habitat, but they will also affect our Ecosystem. It changes migration patterns which in turn can and will cause loss and animal life and potentially human life as patterns change. There are studied importance of wildlands and the ecological benefits of preserving those areas. The Dodds rd proposed site will threaten wildlands and safety to native animals. These numbers are increasingly reaching historic lows.

There are also consequences of the amount of water the site will need either taken from agriculture (COID) or well water. This does not even touch drilling into the aquifer in a toxic area. Either way it is a shortage that is already at its limits. It is unacceptable to COID patrons, farmers and long term Ranchers in the area.

In closing, this site proposition is well within an unsafe Agriculture, Farming, animals, farms, ranches and homes with wells. It is an unacceptable risk to humans and animals alike. The effects of Landfill on Human health, our environment, our groundwater (aquifer), and soil is unacceptable.

We are patrons of this land and the life within it. Understanding it is difficult to find area's that are acceptable sites. There is acceptable risk area's. These areas are not bottled in the middle of homes and home aquifers.

Regards,

Jeff and Sarah Lillesve

Jarah E. Lillesen

To the Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

My name is Shawn Morris and I live on Obernolte Rd, in one of the 3 houses within 0.5miles of your proposed Dump location. When people ask me what I like the most about where I live the first thing I say is the "peacefulness." If you allow a Dump to be placed on Dodds and Obernolte that will be gone- full stop. The road noise alone from the large trucks will be miserable for all those who live on the 3 miles of Dodds Rd before the proposed site and on all of Obernolte. My 2 children catch the bus at the corner of Dodds and Obernolte and its already a blind corner for the bus to do turn arounds. Dump trucks who routinely are seen diving fast would be a severe hazard on this corner and present a danger to anyone walking or standing there.

This site is right along the Irrigation canal- in fact, it goes through some of the proposed property. I can't imagine it will be possible to keep waste from entering the canal including litter, bags, trash and other harmful objects to animals and pumps all downstream of the irrigation canal. Waste products leaching into the soil and into the irrigation canal is also of great concern. Additionally, Dodds road is not regularly plowed in the winter, after every snow storm it takes at least 2-3 days for Dodds to get plowed.

Lastly, this site is in the middle of a Farming, Ranching and Agricultural <u>COMMUNITY</u>. This is not out in the middle of the desert with no neighbors or families. If a Dump is allowed to be put in this proposed site the property values will steeply decline and more importantly the Quality of life for the residents of this community would decline. I urge you to remove "the Dodds Road site" from your list and move forward with one that has no houses or community and is logical- as this one is clearly not. Deschutes county has thousands of acres of land that is not in use for anything, trying to put a Dump in the middle of a community is absurd.

Thank you for your time,

Shawn Morris

61290 Obernolle Rd Bend OR 97707

Dear Committee, I spoke at the meeting June 17, 2025 in opposition to any consideration of the Bodds Rd site. Allison K. White 25325 Dodds Rd. -> as shown on map -> we are one of the residences within the .5 mile radios - directly south. (Downwind in Summer) I will not list all the Negative factors that I and my neighbors Voiced in the meeting. However, after heaving the 3 point weighted scoring. I have further comments: = Fata (Flaws - Fatalities from accidents on Dodds - additional cost from LAWSUITS Jesalting from Damages to Health, property, And, most importantly, the number of HUMAN'S impacted (if Dodds is approved.) Far Outweighte the Natural POTENTIAL consequences on the Sage Grouse At other sites. Apparently this is the only factor that Brings up the Dodds Score. Really? In light of the Huge Costs of the problems in other categories, this makes no sense when you consider HUMAN impacto Has it really some to disregolidic Human neather HUMAN impacto Has it really some to disregolidic Human neather HUMAN impacto Has it really some to disregolidic Human neather HUMAN signed: Allism K. Wiik (25325 Dodds Rd) June 17, 2025 ->>



Dodds Road Site



Considerations:

- 480 acre property Owned by Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID)
- Acquisition potential TBD
- 14 miles from waste centroid, access via Hwy 20 and Dodds Road
- Approximate 80-yr capacity anticipated
- Shallow basalt bedrock anticipated, based on nearby well logs and visible rock formations
 - Existing wells and residences nearby, approx.:
 - 3 within 0.5 mile
 - ~25 within 1 mile
 - ~60 within 2 miles
- Adjacent to farms, ranches, and Badlands Wilderness Area (to the East)
- No known wells or water rights onsite
- 3-phase power near SW corner of site at intersection of Dodds & Obernolte
- Undulating terrain, gently sloped down north

in in addition, Airport considerations I have seen numerous small, personal, recreational aircraft flying low directly oper the proposed Dodds Site - very numerous on the weekends - BIRD Hazard? 1

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Hello,

ODFW was not able to attend the SWAC meeting yesterday, but I had sent the attached comment and the email below on Monday prior to the meeting, but received an "Undeliverable" kick-back from Outlook yesterday saying it could not be delivered to 'managethefuture@deschutes.gov', an address that was copied from the meeting materials.

Please see attached for a few comments from ODFW, and please distribute to the SWAC committee members. Also, feel free to contact me if ODFW can be of any assistance discussing wildlife impacts/mitigation during this siting process.

Thank you,



OREGON Andrew Walch

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Hello,

Please see attached for written comments from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for the June 17, 2025 landfill siting meeting. Please distribute to the SWAC members and

include in the record.

Thank you, Andrew



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June 16, 2025

Re: Solid Waste Management Facility Siting Study

To whom it may concern:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is submitting the following comments regarding the 2025 siting process for a new landfill in Deschutes County. It is the policy of ODFW to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations (ORS 496.012).

ODFW provided verbal testimony during the previous site selection process on March 19, 2024. This letter will reiterate many of those same concerns that ODFW has in relation to the landfill siting process, particularly where it impacts Greater sage-grouse habitat.

Proposed development projects in sage-grouse habitat that require a county or state permit and are identified as a conflicting use, as outlined in OAR 660-023-0115(7), must coordinate with the Mitigation Program (<u>https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/sagegrouse/mitigation.asp</u>) to ensure the Mitigation Hierarchy outlined in both OAR 660-023-0115 and OAR 635-140-0025 has been achieved.

For the previous two finalist sites, Moon Pit and Roth East, ODFW worked with Parametrix to provide a preliminary estimate of migration requirements. For that exercise, the estimated inlieu mitigation fee for Roth East was ~\$7.6 million, and Moon Pit ~\$538,000. These numbers were preliminary, and are outdated now due to inflation, etc, but can still serve as a helpful example of the costs associated with this type of development in sage-grouse low density habitat, directly adjacent to Core habitat. ODFW is available to provide updated estimates of mitigation requirements for new finalist sites if that is helpful to the County.

In addition to the direct footprint impact of a new landfill, there are indirect impacts on sagegrouse and other wildlife species associated with the noise, increased traffic volumes, and increased corvid (ravens and crows) populations. Ravens are a significant source of predation for nesting sage-grouse, and a landfill sited so closely to Core habitat is very concerning.

Of the five alternate sites identified in the slides for the June 17, 2025 meeting, the Dodds, Moon Pit, or Horse Ridge sites should have significantly less impact on sage-grouse and therefore would have much lower mitigation requirements. The two Roth sites remain a concern due to their proximity to sage-grouse habitat and will likely have significant mitigation costs.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment, and please feel free to engage with ODFW if we can assist with this process.

Thank you,

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Andrew Walch District Wildlife Biologist Deschutes Wildlife District

Cc: Sara Gregory, Deschutes Watershed Manager Greg Jackle, Mitigation Coordinator Jessica Wilkes, Wildlife Habitat Biologist

Greater Sage-Grouse Core Habitat, Proposed Millican Valley Landfill Sites and Common Raven 40-Kilometer Impact Zones



Tim Brownell

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments: Mark Salvo <msalvo@onda.org> Tuesday, July 1, 2025 9:39 AM Tim Brownell Bill Marlett Roth Landfill Sites and Sage-Grouse Raven Impact Zones Roth Landfill Sites, Raven Impact Zones.pdf

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Hello Tim,

While Oregon Natural Desert Association has submitted this information to the landfill siting decisionmaking process previously, I wanted to surface it again in light of Skyler Vold's and Dr. Christian Hagen's presentation to the Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners last week. Following is an explanation, with scientific references cited, of raven predation on sage-grouse. Attached is a map depicting the 40km raven impact zones radiating across the Brothers (sage-grouse) Priority Area for Conservation from the two Roth properties being considered for landfill siting.

Mark

...anthropogenic changes in land use, such as development of roads, transmission lines, and landfills, have benefitted ravens by providing additional food sources and roosting locations particularly in winter, allowing for their increased distribution and abundance (Coates et al. 2020; Peebles and Conover 2017). Although sage-grouse are predated on by a variety of species, ravens (*Corvus corax*) are responsible for the most nest depredation, contributing significantly to the decline of sage-grouse populations in the last century (Conover and Roberts 2017; Peebles and Conover 2017). Coates et al. (2020) found that proximity to developed areas exhibits the strongest influence on raven density in landscapes throughout the Great Basin and Peebles et al. (2017) determined ravens exert the most damage in areas within a 40-km radius of landfills where they wintered. Further, Coates et al. (2020) estimated that increased raven populations and distribution throughout the Great Basin are already affecting "at least 64% of the most important breeding concentration areas for sage-grouse" and mapped the central Oregon as among some of the highest levels of predicted raven density. There may be dozens of leks (and associated nesting habitat) within 40-km of both potential landfill sites, significantly increasing the vulnerability of sage-grouse nests to depredation by ravens with corollary declines in local sage-grouse populations.

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