

**From:** [Tim Brownell](#)  
**To:** [managethefuture](#)  
**Cc:** [Sue Monette](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Public comment on "moon pit" landfill site.  
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**From:** Angie Powers <Angie.Powers@deschutes.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 8:37 AM  
**To:** Tim Brownell <Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org>  
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**Forwarding Citizen Input email re. Moon Pit -**

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**From:** Nicole Potter <njulyp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 8:36 AM  
**To:** citizeninput <citizeninput@deschutes.org>  
**Subject:** Public comment on "moon pit" landfill site.

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Regardless of final site for our waste, this move creates a rare opportunity and natural window for our county to strengthen our position as leaders in climate action. Whether through the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling funds, partnership with Llocal cooperatives or groups such as Sustainability Alliances, The Environmental Center, or other avenues, this is a perfect moment to bring in innovations to reduce waste. As an example, ByFusion's ByBlocks machine, or similar technology, not only captures plastic waste from the landfill, but also produces a saleable and usable product.

In Systems Thinking, paradigm shifts are the highest leverage points that create systemic change with lower efforts expended. As a community with deep love and close proximity to our natural world, we're wiser than many about climate change impacts; our County can lead with future-forward thinking and solutions that not only help in tangible ways (reducing waste, creating revenue and jobs), but also in the less-tangible but more critical areas of shifting mindsets. Our region represents many different political leanings and nature-engagement perspectives, priorities and honestly, tensions. While many may see varying interests as a barrier or complication, I know these dynamics can create more durable, demonstrable solutions that can be scaled and leveraged for the benefit of all.

I'm not sure if links are allowed in this email so I'm not including them, however there are active projects with this technology in neighboring Boise, drought-concerned Los Angeles and Tucson, amongst others. This is proof positive that smart, effective environmental actions are non-partisan and able to meet broad interests similarly found here.

Imagine the headline, "From spotted owl clashes to a hoo's hoo of leaders, Deschutes County sets the bar for municipal climate solutions."

Thank you, Nicole Potter