

**Summary of Comments Submitted
3/14/23-4/10/23**

		191400-200 Moon Pit	201500-300 201500-301 Roth-Millican	191400-2400 Golden Basin	211900 212000 DSL
Total Parties Submitting Comments		0	8	0	0
General Dissent			3		
Zoning	Wildlife Zoning		1		
	Landfill Overlay				
	Zoning General				
Property	Residence Impacts		3		
	Property Value				
	Health				
Transportation	Truck Access Route				
	Self Haul Distance				
	Traffic		3		
	Haul Distance		1		
Wildlife	Wildlife (general)		3		
	Raven Impact				
	Sage Grouse		2		
	Eagles, other raptors		1		
	Antelope		1		
	Bats				
	Deer		1		
	Elk		1		
	Cougar				
Rodent Problems					
Recreation	Recreation (general)		2		
	Paragliders		3		
	OHV		2		
	Shooting		2		
	Hiking		2		
	Horses				
	Biking		2		
Environmental Impacts	Litter		2		
	Air				
	Groundwater		4		
	Noise		1		
	Light		2		
	Odor		3		
	Visual		3		
	Snow/Ice		1		
	Dust		1		
	Wind		1		
Engineering	Floodplain				
	Topography				
	Soils		1		
Other	Badlands Impact				
	Pine Mtn Observatory		5		
	Cultural Resources		1		
	Growth				
	Vectors (Birds, Rats)				
	Airports				
	Wildfire Concerns				
	Selection Process				
	Communications Concerns				
School					

DATE: 3/20/2023

TO: **Chad Centola, Deschutes County Department of Solid Waste**

CC: **Senator Jeff Merkley**

CC: **Representative Jason Kropf, Representative Laurie Chavez DeRemmer, Representative Cliff Bentz**

CC: **Commissioner Patti Adair, Commissioner Phil Chang, Commissioner Tony DeBone**

SUBJECT: Site Selection Criteria

PROJECT NUMBER: 553-2509-009

PROJECT NAME: Deschutes County Landfill Facility Siting

Dear Mr. Centola and Committee Members:

I am writing to voice my ***strongest opposition*** to the proposed site of a new Landfill Facility Siting in **Millican, Oregon. Specifically the following:**

SITE ID: 191400-3300

Site ID: 151300

SITE ID: 201500-300

After much consideration and research of the Tech Memo from your consulting firm Parametrix, it seems that there are many reasons a different location should be chosen.

#1 Site Characteristics

A) Danger to the aquifer under the Millican Valley – there are currently wells depending on this water source. Sandy soils and lack of proper silts and clays do not provide a non-permeable layer and allow for leachate contamination.

B) Distance and drive time from transfer stations and the big hill over Horse Ridge will increase the carbon footprint of the project. Additionally, weather conditions can pose increased risk during winter travel.

C) Higher elevation by nearly 1000 ft increases the amount of snow and the temperatures are generally 20-30 degrees colder than Bend. This could possibly affect daily operations and equipment use.

#2 Natural Environments

A) Threatened and Endangered Species: The region extending from the borders of the Badlands to the Millican Valley is within the Wildlife Combining Zone that includes the Antelope Migration Zone and is adjacent to the North Paulina Deer Winter Range.

B) The Greater Sage Grouse habitat extends throughout the whole Millican Valley.

C) Endangered Bald and Golden Eagles live and hunt in the Millican Valley year-round and would be threatened by collisions with structures that obstruct flight paths, disturbance at nest sites, habitat loss, and environmental contamination.

#3 Land Use

A) There are many groups that use the Millican Valley:

a) Pine Mountain Observatory is a huge asset for the county and would be negatively affected by light pollution from the facility.

b) Paragliders and Hang gliders - Pine Mountain is one of the premier free flight locations in the state, and is nationally known for the unique quality of flying opportunities.

c) OHV (off-road vehicles) trail system is already in place and heavily used.

d) Mountain bikers and hikers use this area extensively.

e) Designated shooting range (COSA) is in The Millican Valley.

In the future, The Millican Valley will likely become the next high-profile recreational destination area for Deschutes County users as other local state parks and recreational areas become inevitably overpopulated.

B) The proposed site will be too close to the community of residents that inhabit the Millican Valley. Obvious concerns being water quality impacts, noise pollution, light pollution, odor pollution, and traffic pollution which will all contribute to the degradation of the surrounding area. These proposed landfill sites will severely impact the quality of life for the residents of Deschutes County.

C) The site proposal is a poor choice because of the high impact on the visual scenic landscape and there is no way to conceal this type of facility in big open terrain.

D) There are many cultural heritage sites in the Millican Valley:

- 1) Pictographs at the head of the Dry River Canyon.
- 2) The Millican Wells are an ancient stopping ground for Native Americans traveling from Glass Buttes to collect obsidian; the University of Oregon has an extensive collection of artifacts from the site.

Additionally, there are historically significant architectural structures that remain from the settling of the valley 100 years ago. All of these areas are within close proximity to the proposed sites (1-3 miles).

Of the 13 other proposed sites, it appears that the already established transfer site in Redmond would be the obvious choice due to the close proximity and the fact that it is also in an established industrial area. In 2022, the Deschutes County Commissioners authorized the expenditure of \$20 Million in upgrades to the site/

In closing, I hope that you will consider these factors in your choice NOT to build the proposed Deschutes County Landfill Facility Siting in the regions of the Badlands wilderness, or in MILLICAN, OR.

If any of these sites are chosen, there will be significant degradation of the quality of life for the Deschutes County residents over the following century.

The importance of the MILLICAN VALLEY cannot be overstated for the natural, cultural and environmental resources this beautiful landscape provides our community. PLEASE consider my voice and the voices of many other people in Central Oregon and Deschutes County who need this natural area for the benefit of their health and that of future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Patti Mayfield, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Resident within the Badlands Ranch Neighborhood
Paraglider Pilot

Chad Centola

From: Harrison Ruffin <climbflykite@gmail.com>
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To: Chad Centola
Subject: Fwd: Landfill sites

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From: Harrison Ruffin <climbflykite@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 20, 2023, 9:44 AM
Subject: Landfill sites
To: <ChadCentola@deschutes.org>

Hi Chad,

I'm Harrison Ruffin, we have spoken a few times at the SWAC meetings. I'm the guy that was pushing for the Golden Basin site. I am opposed to the Roth property sites in Millican Valley. There are a variety of reasons, I am a paraglider, the Sage Grouse, Elk, OHV trail system, Pine Mountain Observatory, The sight lines from Highway 20, and high winds in the area that would scatter trash. I just wanted to let you know that I was on the phone with Jeff Merkley this morning discussing these issues. I don't know if the SWAC is aware but Jeff is the sitting head for the department of homelands and interior, they manage the BLM. He has indicated that he would be more than willing to help facilitate land acquisition for the county from the BLM. Jeff has some pull with the BLM. Jeff is also a paraglider, although he has yet to fly at Pine Mountain. So it is my hope that helping with the BLM may reduce the hurdles that the county may encounter and improve the odds of using a BLM site over using the Roth properties in the Millican Valley area. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call, my number is (541)399-7765. Jeff and I also reached out, well we left a voicemail with Deschutes County Commissioner Phil Chang in regards to facilitating a deal with the BLM. As always thanks for your time and see you on Tuesday.

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Harrison Ruffin
Astro Paragliding
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Chad Centola

From: Harrison Ruffin <climbflykite@gmail.com>
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To: managethefuture
Subject: SWAC

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello, my name is Harrison Ruffin, I am one of your constituents. I live in and own land in Deschutes County. I would like to voice my concerns and suggestions to my representative on a county and state level regarding the prospective landfill sites for the new 100-year Deschutes County landfill.

As an ardent outdoor enthusiast, I love central Oregon and Deschutes County for all that it has to offer. Pine Mountain and the Millican Valley represent one of the great treasures of central Oregon. Hiking, Flying, The Pine Mountain Observatory, Hunting, Extensive OHV trails, Bird and Wildlife watching, Shooting Ranges and the list goes on and on. There is almost no limit to how we recreate outdoors in the Millican Valley and around Pine Mountain. The Valley is also home to the nearly endangered Sage Grouse. I oppose a landfill on either of the Roth properties (sites 201500-300 and 201500-301). A trash dump at these sites would destroy what so many enjoy, and it could also potentially put the Sage Grouse on the endangered species list. These sites can be seen from Highway 20, acting like a welcome sign to Bend Oregon for those approaching from the East. High winds on these flats will scatter waste throughout the valley and along Highway 20. Hauling expenses to these sites will run \$2.5-\$3 million a year, costing Deschutes county users more of their hard-earned income, not to mention the environmental footprint. Lastly, workers at these sites are more likely to come from Prineville rather than Bend, potentially exporting Deschutes County tax dollars and jobs to Crook County. We have better options!

There are three new sites under consideration. One of these sites, the BLM land off of Highway 97 between Bend and Redmond, just East of the large solar farm is my choice. This area already has an industrial railroad right next to it. The closest house is a bit more than three-quarters of a mile away, exceeding the county ordinance by three times. It will not be visible from Highway 97. This site is centrally located. Saving millions of your constituent's hard-earned dollars over the years. A reduced environmental hauling footprint, and fewer trucking traffic miles on our roads. Ninety percent of the trash created in Deschutes County is produced along the Highway 97 corridor. More likely to create jobs for Deschutes County and keep Deschutes County tax dollars in the county. We are fortunate to have a Senator who sits on a sub comity that determines the budget for the BLM. I believe that Deschutes County is in a uniquely good position to make a deal with the BLM on this site. With the help of our awesome representative in Congress, we can get this done. Why take away from the County's recreational resources when we have the potential to add to the county with the addition of BLM land?

With citizen input and outstanding leadership, this can be a win-win scenario for all involved. Let's do the right thing and preserve our natural recreation areas while simultaneously being good stewards of our precious lands. The optics of producing trash and sending it off to some remote part of the County are less than ideal. It is my hope that we can be leaders in landfill management by being an example of the best possible management practices. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards

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Harrison Ruffin
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Chad Centola

From: E Aspinwall <goneflying.e@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 5:56 AM
To: managethefuture
Subject: Opposed to landfill Millican Valley

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Once again I want to point out the importance of the Aquifer under the Millican Valley. None of us can deny the importance of water to Deschutes county. To contaminate that water would be devastating to the future, and to all the future generations that come after us. A landfill on top of that ground water is not being proactive to save our future needs.

Sure the landfill is filling up. And no one is monitoring what goes in the landfill. I have seen trailer loads of cardboard and dimensional lumber dumped in the drop off shed by the local mattress factory and trailer loads of brush. And other things that should be taken to recycle or composting. But no one is doing anything. It seems that all the people are, in there are parking attendants.

Why aren't they or the people in the kiosk trained to direct people to the right location?

Now, at the last meeting Chad you said that the garbage is covered up with soil on a daily basis. My question is where is all that soil going to come from? Because it's not out there. Is that something else you are going to be trucking in?.

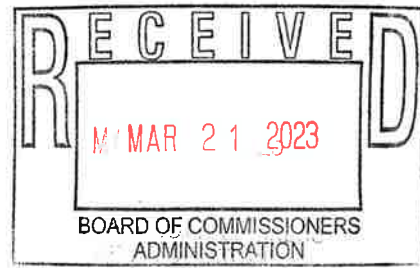
Highway 20 is a two lane highway that people drive 80 plus mph. There are no turn lanes. This is an accident waiting to happen. Then I guess you could say this really will be a memorial highway.

Please don't let the death of the Millican Valley be on your hands.

The future IS in your hands, I pray for you all.

Thank you

Frankie Watson
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To: Deschutes County Commissioners

Burying garbage is the best way to ruin the fresh water aquifer. The rubber bladders begin leaking into the ground and methane leaks into the atmosphere and smells awful. The only safe way to handle solid waste is to incinerate it in a pollution free boiler and generate electricity.

The Eastern side of Deschutes County would be an ideal spot because of our wind comes from the Southwest generally.

California could also sell us their trash, which would then be adequate to power our Tri County area.

I suggest that you take 3 or 4 officials on a fact finding tour in Tampa, FL to inspect their facility before any final decisions are made to locate the new solid waste site in Deschutes County.

Regards,

Stephen W. Wilkins

63392 Lamoine Ln, Bend, OR 97701

March 21, 2023

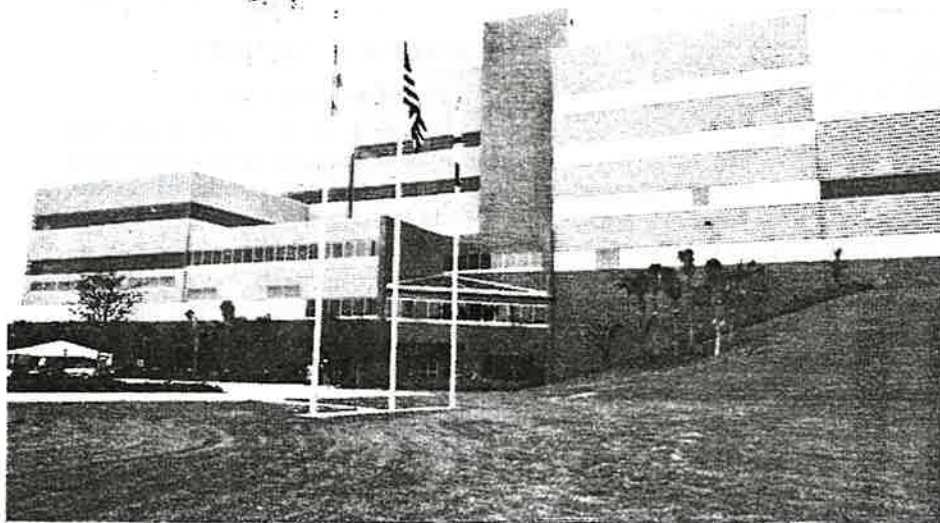


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The Resource Recovery Facility, located on Falkenburg Road in Brandon, converts garbage into electricity.

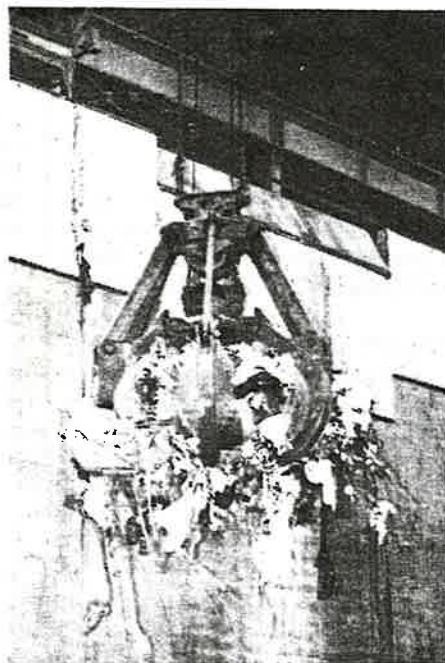
Dedication Of Resource Recovery Plant Culminates Years Of Effort

Hillsborough County dedicated its Resource Recovery Facility Nov. 5 in a festive ceremony that included speeches, a ribbon-cutting and a keynote address by Dale Twachtmann, secretary of the state Department of Environmental Regulation.

"It's a day for everybody to be proud," Twachtmann told a crowd of about 175 people who gathered under a tent next to the building's entrance.

The event capped years of planning and development of the \$80 million waste-to-energy facility, located on Falkenburg Road in Brandon. The plant can burn 1,200 tons of garbage a day, producing steam to generate enough electricity for 11,500 homes.

"It's a miracle it all came together so well," Twachtmann said as he recalled the events leading to construction of the facility. "It took a lot of nerve and a lot of push, and a bunch of courageous decisions."



The grapple transfers refuse from the plant's storage pit into one of three furnaces.

(See PLANT, p. 6)

Brown Gets Employee Teams Moving

Solid Waste Will Be First To Form Teams

Hillsborough County's front-line employees will comprise the core of the new Productivity and Service Improvements program, according to County Administrator Larry Brown.

Employees who serve citizens directly -- such as at Community Disposal Centers, Road Maintenance Units, fire stations and social service centers -- will pinpoint ways to minimize costs and improve operations and services in their areas.

"I think the reason there has been some uneasiness about change in the past is that nobody asked the person on the other end of the shovel, or on the wheel, what he thinks about changes in his world -- his job," Brown said.

Teams of 4-12 employees will be established in a work unit. Each major job function will be represented, and eventually every employee given an opportunity to participate.

The first department to utilize participation teams is Solid Waste. Action plans already are being developed to improve service to citizens at the Northwest Facility on Linebaugh.

The ambitious participation approach will require the cooperation of employees at all levels, and it will take time and evaluation to polish the process, Brown said.

(See IMPROVEMENTS, p. 6)

We're Expanding

This issue marks the start of biweekly production for the Newsline. To find out about some of the changes we're making, turn to page 4.

Employee Teams Are Working Successfully At Parks and Rec

Employee participation teams have been used by the Parks and Recreation Department for years, and are working well, according to Director Ed Radice.

"The input comes from the bottom to the top," Radice said. "We listen to it, act on it, and the program improves."

There are six "quality committees" which set schedules and plan activities

for the department's supervised playgrounds. Each committee -- Recreation Programming, Training, Volunteers, Arts and Crafts, Athletics and Special Interest Classes -- is composed of an area supervisor and a field staff employee from each of the department's five districts.

Radice said the groups were formed three years ago after he and

other managers realized the difficulty of selecting programs and events that were appropriate at each of the department's playgrounds.

"Not everybody wants to play kick-ball at 5 o'clock," Radice said. "By listening to all our playgrounds, we hopefully can come up with a program that we can implement countywide."

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Improvements

(from page one)

Brown launched the plan last month in an address to 300 employees from Public Utilities, Public Works and Projects Management.

"We must set about creating an organization that is second to none," Brown told the group. "We must be second to none in establishing an organization that values all employees at all levels."

Coordinating these efforts will be the Productivity and Service Improvements Team, a small group of County employees under the direction of Ruth Ann Bramson, Assistant County Administrator for Productivity and Service Improvements. For more information, employees may call Bramson at 272-5750.

Plant

(from page one)

Twatmann's address was followed by remarks by County Commissioners and executives with Ogden-Martin Systems Inc., the company which built the plant. Commission Chairman Pam Iorio, who served as master of ceremonies, closed the dedication by cutting a red ribbon stretched across the brick path into the building.

Tours of the plant and a reception followed the ceremony. A dinner, sponsored by Ogden-Martin, ended the day's events.

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To: managethefuture
Subject: Proposed Roth Landfill Sites

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I am part owner in three properties on the north side of Pine Mountain and I would like to express my opposition to both Roth sites being considered for the future County landfill. Aside from being a landowner I have spent a lot of time in and around Pine Mountain over the past 40-years as a hang glider pilot. Prior to that, in the early 1970's, I worked for the Forest Service maintaining campgrounds and roads in and around Pine Mountain. This area has always held a special attraction to me.

The following are my reasons for opposing the 2 sites.

1. Both sites will have negative visual impacts to the properties (tax lots 201509000 2900, 3600 & 4501) in which I have ownership. The west site will be completely visible while it appears that the east site may be partially blocked by a small butte.
2. Both sites will be entirely or partially visible from traffic on highway 20.
3. This area is very sparsely treed. It is not uncommon to see wind speeds sustained 30-50 mph. There is a real potential for dust and debris to be spread over a large area. I am not convinced a 2-mile buffer means anything in a 40 mph wind.
4. Potential for liability should wind blow dust across highway 20 creating a situation where drivers cannot see the road, stopped traffic or oncoming traffic. Vehicle speeds of 70 mph are not uncommon of this stretch of highway.
5. Potential for polluting the aquifer.
6. Impact to the telescopes and astronomy study at the top of Pine Mountain.
7. Potential for odor.
8. Impact to recreation.

Finally it would like to add that Pine Mountain is a very special place. In the early 1980's I worked with the Fort Rock Ranger District as a representative for the local hang gliding club to secure a permit to build a road to our northerly launch on the Mountain. As part of the process an environmental impact statement was required. The lady that prepared the statement told me that almost everything that grows in the Deschutes National Forest, grows on Pine Mountain. Siting a landfill at the entrance to this feature seems to me a travesty and very short sighted. Surely there is a more appropriate location for the landfill.

Regards

David R. Williams
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Tim Brownell

From: dmurray0311 <dmurray0311@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:33 AM
To: managethefuture
Subject: Millican landfill

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

As the owner of 27650 ford rd, I oppose any and all landfill development anywhere near Millican.

Tim Brownell

From: Charlie Baughman <circle.with.eagles@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 10:58 AM
To: managethefuture
Subject: WASTE SITE

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Deschutes County,

The Millican Valley is a very quiet place with a pristine panoramic view. I don't think it is appropriate to ruin the valley with a dump site.

The area is used by homeowners, hikers, observatory viewers, bikers, paragliding and hanggliding enthusiasts and other recreationists.

Please use a different area in your selection process.

Charles Baughman

Tim Brownell

From: SW <wright@bendcable.com>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 2:31 PM
To: managethefuture
Subject: Proposed Landfill Sites - public comments
Attachments: 20221203_154144.jpg

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC),

The following comments mostly relate to the SWMF Focused Screening Report dated 3/21/23, available on the SWAC website.

In section 3.1 Focused Site Scoring: The Parametrix published grid shows the *Haul Distance to Waste Centroid* scored at 2 for the Moon Pit Site and also 2 for both Roth Sites. This seems incorrect. The Moon Pit scoring should be higher versus the Roth Sites because the Moon Pit site is much closer to the waste centroid (8 to 10 miles one way) and trucks going to the Moon Pit will not have to climb the long steep Horse Ridge Summit grade.

Distance to Nearest Residence (Human Factor) is scored at only 1.5% of the total 100%. I believe this line item scoring should be a substantially higher percentage of total. There are numerous private landowners (including cabins, homes, ranches) close to the Roth Sites and very few private lands near the Moon Pit.

Thank You SWAC and Parametrix for providing a *Residential Proximity* section to the report. Residences, Private Properties, and People are important.

Regarding the map for the Roth sites, I can see Parametrix calculated distances based upon estimated locations of landfills to residential structures. I understand the 1/4 mile rule, landfills from public roads. My thoughts are that distances should be calculated from actual property boundaries. Here is my reasoning:

1. The locations of the landfills on the maps are only estimates and could change.
2. The county would own, and potentially use, the whole tax lot on which the landfill is located.
3. There will no doubt be areas away from the actual landfill pit which will be utilized by the county as landfill related areas (piles, buildings, equipment, service roads, etc.).
4. Landowners may also have other activities they do on their land, away from their structures, out to the property lines.

If the distances on the map were calculated from property line to property line, the Roth West landfill property would be within 1 mile distance of most Millican community landowners and the Roth East landfill property would be within 1.5 to 2.5 miles distance to most Millican community landowners. The extreme winds in this area will seem to make the distances even shorter when it comes to landowners experiencing blowing trash and other adverse affects from the nearby landfills.

Pine Mountain is a special, beautiful, unique, natural treasure, located in Deschutes County (See Attached Picture). There is a world class Observatory located on top of this mountain. There are numerous recreational activities that take place on Pine Mountain and the Millican Valley. Beautiful wildlife frequent this area. Do we really want to locate a landfill on the edge of Pine Mountain? I say no. Let's keep Pine Mountain clean and natural.

Please, No Landfills in Millican.

Thank You SWAC for all your time and work on this process,

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