

**Summary of Comments Submitted  
6/13/23-8/8/23**

		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>235</b>	<b>0</b>
General Dissent				235	
Zoning	Wildlife Zoning				
	Landfill Overlay				
	Zoning General				
Property	Residence Impacts			229	
	Property Value			4	
	Health			226	
Transportation	Truck Access Route			1	
	Self Haul Distance				
	Traffic			1	
	Haul Distance				
Wildlife	Wildlife (general)			225	
	Raven Impact				
	Sage Grouse				
	Eagles, other raptors				
	Antelope				
	Bats				
	Deer				
	Elk				
	Cougar				
Rodent Problems			224		
Recreation	Recreation (general)			3	
	Paragliders				
	OHV				
	Shooting				
	Hiking				
	Horses				
	Biking				
Environmental Impacts	Litter				
	Air			224	
	Groundwater			225	
	Noise				
	Light				
	Odor			224	
	Visual			224	
	Snow/Ice				
	Dust				
Wind					
Engineering	Floodplain				
	Topography				
	Soils				
Other	Badlands Impact				
	Pine Mtn Observatory				
	Cultural Resources				
	Growth				
	Vectors (Birds, Rats)			223	
	Airports			1	
	Wildfire Concerns				
	Selection Process			1	
	Communications Concerns				
School					

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Lauren Clark <lauren.dully@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 7:25 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Andrew Clark  
**Subject:** Opposition of Proposed Solid Waste Landfill Site

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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 have property 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 us and our 200 staff, 2,000 fellow members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

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

Sincerely,

Andrew and Lauren Clark

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Lauren via mobile smartphone device

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Nick Farina <nfarina@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 6:37 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site near Brasada Ranch

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Dear Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I'm writing to express my concerns about the proposed landfill site near Brasada Ranch resort. As a homeowner who visits frequently, I worry about how the landfill could negatively impact the surrounding area.

While I understand the need to plan for the future as we near the current landfill's capacity, I hope alternatives that are further from residential and recreation areas will be prioritized.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any other perspectives as a part-time resident and resort visitor.

Sincerely,  
Nick Farina

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** tony favia <tonyfavia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 9:38 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed landfill site along Powell Butte Highway

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Sincerely,

Sue Favia

[sfavia3@gmail.com](mailto:sfavia3@gmail.com)

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jordan Hiatt <jordanewalker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 9:32 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Landfill

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Sincerely,

Jordan Hiatt  
Crook County

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** iamejs@webtv.net  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 7:21 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County purposed landfill letter of opposition

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Besides having the airplane constantly flying over head at Powell Butte polluting our air daily now with the proposed landfills it would definitely destroy and contaminate our underground water systems, cause cancer, birth defects, respiratory problems, etc. I feel that this landfill should not be placed close to our homes to create future health problems or environmental problems. The president wouldn't like a dump site 3 miles from his home either. I think this matter should be thoroughly investigated and not be placed near Powell Butte at all. Totally opposed to this.  
Sincerely  
Ellen Jakab (edited)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Makenzie Longfield <makenzielongfield@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 9:14 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** URGENT: stop waste landfill site on BLM land

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Sincerely,

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Doug Musgrave <doug-musgrave@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 7:49 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Landfill Site in Mayfield Pond BLM Wilderness Area

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Dear Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

We have owned property and lived in Deschutes County for almost 20 years, and just moved to Powell Butte and Crook County from our home in east Bend two months ago. My wife attended COCC before she and I attended U of O, she and I still work full time, and we value ALL of Central Oregon. Our two sons graduated from Bend High School and attended Cascade Middle School and High Desert Middle School, before attending Oregon State University and the University of Idaho. My wife works in Redmond, my younger son works at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds for OSU 4H Extension, and my older son just started a job in Green Bay, WI. **I write to oppose the proposed landfill in the Mayfield Pond BLM land just west of Crook County.** Crook County and Brasada Ranch are two of the only remaining gems and attractions in all of Central Oregon. Brasada Ranch is one of the most desirable resort destinations in the United States and everyone would agree it is the most attractive destination resort in Central Oregon, comparable only to Bandon Dunes as an international draw destination resort within the state of Oregon. It attracts visitors from everywhere. To ruin it with a landfill upwind and polluting the very view that makes Powell Butte and Brasada Ranch desirable to visitors from around the world would only serve to further destroy what once was a beautiful and desirable Central Oregon. The Mayfield Pond BLM wilderness area is one of Central Oregon's remaining gems of wilderness, recreation, and natural beauty. To ruin that with such an ill-placed landfill would be a tragedy to all Central Oregonians, their children, and their grandchildren. It will not only destroy the region's beauty and wonder for locals, but it will severely harm the tourism economy and downstream businesses, most of which are in Deschutes County (including Redmond Airport) that benefit from Brasada Ranch's draw to international visitors. Powell Butte and Brasada Ranch offer visitors from around the world exposure to a welcoming rural, ranch retreat, exposing those to a way of living they do not see in urban society. Such visitors have their eyes and minds opened to an alternative way of life that is uniquely Central Oregon and gain an appreciation for the hard work and dedication Powell Butte ranchers live by every day. These visitors return home, not only with an appreciation of Central Oregon's beauty, a beauty which would be ruined by a Mayfield Pond BLM landfill, but with an open mindedness to people unlike themselves. Where else can people of such strikingly different backgrounds and perspectives come together for fun and learn to enjoy and appreciate one another in the modern world? No where....that I know of. I urge you to seek more strategic sites for a landfill and try to preserve what little remains of Central Oregon's beauty, attractiveness, and concomitant unique rural-modern Central Oregon culture.

Sincerely,  
Douglas S. Musgrave, MD  
(on behalf of my wife Amy Musgrave, PT, sons Colt Musgrave and Luke Musgrave)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** David Neumann <dneumann@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 10:53 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Concerns regarding Powell Butte Hwy land fill site

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Dear Advisory Committee

It's come to my attention that a site for a proposed landfill (near Powell Butte Hwy) was recommended for some reason. This site happens to impact views and water supply affecting Brasada Ranch and other nearby homes and farms. I find this is very alarming.

I believe this location will impact tax base for years to come in and outside of this part of Deschutes County -- not to mention possibly ruin what is today a wonderful tourist attraction (arguably the best in the state in my family's opinion) drawing people to the Bend area.

I encourage the committee to remove this Powell Butte Hwy site from consideration for this landfill.

David Neumann  
Cell: 281 221 0228  
3515 Upper Dr.  
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Harry <isdnews@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 7:40 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed LANDFILL SITE

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TO: Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Harry Schultz, Brasada Ranch homeowner

DATE: July 30, 2023

I am strongly opposed to the proposed landfill site along Powell Butte Highway, on BLM land. The location is just a few miles west of Brasada Ranch and 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms.

I don't live in Deschutes County. But I do live in Brasada, less than 3 miles to the east of this proposed site. And I am writing to express my opinion that this proposed landfill site is a very bad idea, to say the least. Taking this BLM land will not only negatively impact safety and health but also property values in both Brasada Ranch and Pronghorn, along with many hundreds of homeowners and thousands of annual resort guests.

Please include my opposition in the SWAC record. And please remove this site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

Sincerely,

Harry Schultz

Email: isdnews@aol.com



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Carl Thompson <ct@tahoegroup.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 9:02 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Location

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Sincerely

Carlo Thompson  
Tahoe Group  
PO Box 77821  
Stockton, CA 95267  
Ph.209.951.9451 Fax.209.957.2563

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**From:** Bob Williams <bobw51956@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 10:57 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location

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Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

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

I live 3 miles to the east of the site high on the Buttes in Brasada Ranch. The site is in clear view. It will create multiple problems including:

1. Damaging our primary water source as it will be located above our aquifer.
2. It will damage the natural wildlife in the area which includes Mule Deer and antelope.
3. Adding pollutants and horrible odors to the air on a daily basis.
4. The added traffic on the local roadways will increase the probability of increased vehicular congestion and accidents.
5. Landfills attract various unwanted pests, vermin and birds that would not otherwise be in this area.

Two huge issues in my opinion are:

1. The potential polluting of our primary water source.
2. The potential damaging impact to our property values.

Deschutes County is a huge area. I know the county has looked at over 30 potential sites and eliminated most of them if not all of them because Deschutes County residents don't want the landfill anywhere near them so now you push it up against Crook County residents. That is fundamentally wrong. Please do your best to find a location that doesn't hurt Crook County residents and doesn't involve natural BLM land.

Respectfully,

Bob Williams

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Steve Williams <swilliams@classward.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 9:00 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** NO to Brasada Landfill Site

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Stephen G. Williams

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Wonderly\_Debora <Debora.Wonderly@plateaufp.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 6:30 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Robert Carder  
**Subject:** Powell Butte Landfill Site

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To Whom It May Concern,

I live in Powell Butte and am deeply concerned and against any proposed landfill site in Powell Butte. This is a beautiful area full of agricultural farms and ranches.

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Thank you – Debora

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**Tim Brownell**

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**From:** Melissa Pearson <melissa97753@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 6:12 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** BLM Siting - Powell Butte Highway

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**Thad Buchanan - Powell Butte, OR**

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Michael LaCount <michael.lacount@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 5:56 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Landfill Site on Powell Butte Highway/BLM Land

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Sincerely,

Michael LaCount

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

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Marcie O'Reilly <oreiml@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 6:48 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Powell Butte Highway BLM land Proposed Landfill Site

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While the numbers I cited are specific to the communities of Brasada Ranch and Pronghorn, there are numerous family homes, ranches, and farms in the area that must be considered as well. It seems absolutely asinine to think that putting toxic waste where our food is grown could even remotely be an acceptable solution to the trash needs for the residents of Deschutes County. In addition to being incredibly thoughtless and disruptive to families that established safe homes long before this dump site was ever a consideration.

My husband and I specifically picked Brasada Ranch as the location of our forever home. It checked all the boxes of safety, preserved nature, clean air, good drinking water, and ample local wildlife to enjoy. Never in a million years would we have imagined anyone to have absolute disregard for the safety and health of established homes, farming systems, and wildlife.

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Throughout this whole planning process you the Committee have been incredibly short cited and I find this so very disheartening. Each one of you should be so ashamed of yourselves. Population growth of our community has exploded over the last few years making urban growth boundaries established not all that long ago widely insufficient for housing depends. There is already a need to expand this boundary. Yet every single site proposes has had grave impact on current families and water infrastructure.

Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites. Do better in picking a new landfill site. There is ample uninhabited land further East in Deschutes county. Look there. Find solutions that will not harm current or future populations and our wildlife. Do not waste perfectly good land better suited for families and farming on a toxic landfill.

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

Sincerely,

Marcie O'Reilly

*Current Deschutes County Resident & Current Property Owner/Future Resident of Brasada Ranch Community*

**Tim Brownell**

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**From:** Melissa Pearson <melissa97753@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 6:11 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** BLM Site - Powell Butte Highway

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**Melissa Pearson - Powell Butte, OR**

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Nathan Smalley <nathan\_alexander@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 7:00 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill site

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Sincerely,

Nathan Smalley

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Michael Szigeti <mszigeti9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 7:03 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill site opposition- Powell butte Highway

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Michael Szigeti, ATP  
Reach Air Medical  
mszigeti9@gmail.com

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Walker, Robyn <robyn.walker@hp.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 6:21 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Feedback about proposed solid waste landfill site

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Regards,

Robyn Walker  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** JOHN and ROBYN WALKER <johnwalkerfamily@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 6:19 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Feedback about proposed solid waste landfill site

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John Walker

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Andy Harris <andywarrenharris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 5:41 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill Concerns and Opposition

**Importance:** High

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Sincerely,

Andy & Janel Harris (owners at Brasada Ranch)  
503-880-2427  
[AndyWarrenHarris@Gmail.com](mailto:AndyWarrenHarris@Gmail.com)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Bryant Alvey <balvey@axian.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 7:47 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Shawna Larson  
**Subject:** Proposed solid waste 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,

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Marty Ambacher <Martin.Ambacher@mcnamaralaw.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 1:50 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Jennifer Ambacher; Marty Ambacher  
**Subject:** Proposed Solid Waste Landfill Site on Powell Butte Highway

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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, my wife and I own a house (where we will soon live permanently) 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 we enjoy living in Brasada Ranch. We purchased property in Brasada Ranch to make our forever home due to the unique and special rural environment and beauty that it offered, surrounded by open space and the recreational opportunities it offers. A landfill at the proposed Powell Butte Highway site would substantially negatively impact our enjoyment of the area.

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. There will undoubtedly be times where we are unable to enjoy sitting outside and enjoying the beauty of our area due to noxious odors that will drift into our community.
- Landfills attract pests and vermin, which pose a nuisance and a severe health hazard to humans and pets. 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. We regularly see pronghorn on this BLM land and are concerned about the effect the landfill would have on pronghorn and other wildlife in the area.
- A landfill at this site will ruin our panoramic views. As a result of our higher elevation, the landfill will be visible from the Powell Buttes, and given the lack of onsite soil at the BLM site, you likely will not ever have the necessary daily ground cover for proper landfill operations.
- This site is just a third of a mile from other 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 we don't think it's asking too much to provide our neighbors and us much more.

For these reasons, among others, 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.

Thank you for considering our opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Marty and Jennifer Ambacher  
17757 SW Chaparral Drive  
Powell Butte, OR 97753-0455

**Martin J. Ambacher**  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kelly Baer <khill105@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 8:21 AM  
**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.
- 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 an annoyance 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 annoyance.
- 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,

Kelly Baer

Property Owner

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jane Bjork <janebjork@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 9:17 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Newly Proposed Land Fill Site on the 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 newly 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, at Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt 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:

- 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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- This 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.

Sincerely,

Jane Bjork  
425-208-1041



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Sue Blatner <sueblatner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 5:46 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Hwy. While we do not live in Deschutes County, we are right next door less than three miles east, in Brasada Ranch. There is no doubt that this landfill on this site so close to our home would severely negatively impact the health, safety, environment and value of the Ranch, members, staff and guests.

I am sure you have heard from Brasada leadership/management regarding the many issues and concerns from putting a solid waste landfill so close to residential property. Pollutants, contaminated groundwater, noxious odors, vermin, fire hazards, improper and illegitimate use of BLM land, view desecration and loss of property values are all valid reasons to look elsewhere for a location more suitable and less damaging to the wildlife, residents, visitors and employees who live and work in this beautiful part of Central Oregon.

Sincerely,  
Joe and Sue Blatner  
15579 SW Mecate Lane

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Emily Breuer <emilybreuer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 9:51 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.

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.

Thanks,

Emily

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Alana Burk <alanaklautzsch9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 9:17 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Powell Butte 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:

- 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

Alana Klautzsch and family

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Scott Chamberlain <sc.28372@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 11:20 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed 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,

**Scott**

Scott Chamberlain

503-453-6487

"Here I Am, Send Me!"

Isaiah 6:8

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Nancy Chamberlain <nancydeanchamberlain@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 12:44 PM  
**To:** managethefuture

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,  
I am strongly opposed to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I have 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 residents as well as the resort guests.

Please consider the following:

- **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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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,  
Nancy Chamberlain

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Nancy Dean Chamberlain

graphic design

503-871-1249

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** kelly\_cheek <kelly\_cheek@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 7:15 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill near our home.

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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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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,

Kelly Cheek

Brasada Ranch Homeowner

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Lynn <mommylynn@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 10:34 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Sites

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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 five miles to the east in Powell Butte, and own property 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 of Brasada, and the hundreds of residents in the West Powell Butte area.

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,

Lynn Coleman  
14901 SW Hahlen Ave.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jim <jim@teamcoon.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 7:35 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site

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I live in Powell Butte at Brasada Ranch. Siting a landfill off Powell Butte Hwy that close to Brasada and our farming neighbors is the worst idea I've heard in a while. Just ask those on the siting committee if they want a landfill that close to where they live. The answer, I'm certain, would be a big NO. I sell real estate in Central Oregon so I know a thing or two about property values. This is a terrible idea, for many reasons. Please use your heads and do the right thing. Thank you

Jim Coon  
Principal Broker/Owner  
Alleda Real Estate  
Bend, Oregon  
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Licensed In the State of Oregon

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Patrick Getzen <pgetzen1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 9:24 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Proposed Landfill Site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to let you know I am strongly opposed to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. I do not live in Deschutes County, however I 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 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 Getzen

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Dave Haney <frostyboy2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 8:17 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill 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 a landfill on this site would 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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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Dave Haney  
Brasada Ranch Homeowner

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** John Herrick <pjherrick2019@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 9:04 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed 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.

Air quality is paramount for those of us that live at Brasada Ranch that have health issues.

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

Sincerely,

John and Patricia Herrick

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** keithhill1 <keithhill1@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 8:35 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Xuxa Hill  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Landfill Proposal

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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. There is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by Brasada Ranches 200 staff, 2,000 members, it's homeowners, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

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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,

Keith Hill  
Hsiu Hsia Ho

15626 SW Brasada Ranch Rd  
Powell Butte, OR, 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Andrea Johnson <andreajohnsonbroker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 8:40 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid waste proposed site 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.

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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,

Andrea Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** DARRIN KELLEY <dlkdvm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 2:47 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site off 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. This proposed site is directly over a heavily used flyway between two of the busiest towered airports (KRDM–Roberts Field and KBDN–Bend towered in 2024) and S39–Prineville. I understand the FAA has been consulted on some of the previous site locations between Bend and Redmond airports, however, I will be writing to the FAA as a pilot to bring to their attention the flyway between Bend and Prineville which is directly over the proposed site location off the Powell Butte Hwy. Landfills attract and reside hundreds and hundreds of large Birds that can be the source of Catastrophic Aircraft Accidents. Locating a Landfill within the Bend–Redmond–Prineville airport Triangle would be irresponsible! The proposed solid waste landfill site along the Powell Butte Hwy is a bad idea that will Negatively impact the Safety of Commercial and General Aviation Aircraft. The 2 current Finalist Sites are much more appropriate for Air Traffic Safety. 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,

Darrin Kelley DVM



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Barbie Kissell <bfkissell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 4:48 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to 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. While my family doesn't live in Deschutes County, we live in Brasada Ranch, less than three miles to the east. There is no doubt this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our community, staff, and resort guests.

I encourage you to consider the following:

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

Sincerely,  
Barbara & Alan Kissell

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Diana <batemanlacke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 1:19 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site on BLM along Powell Butte Highway - OPPOSED

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am a homeowner at Brasada Ranch and I vehemently oppose the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. There is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by the significant number of Brasada residents, employees and 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,

Diana Lacke

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Matthew <matthewl@bit-shift.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 11:21 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Objections to Proposed Landfill Site in 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. As a property owner in both Deschutes & Crook County, I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, which attracted my spouse and I by its beautiful views, fresh air, and clean water. 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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I appreciate you considering my opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lapworth

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Matthew Lapworth

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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, but a habit."

- Aristotle

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Steven Lemma <sl@gochyp.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 10:44 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Please consider and remove the site

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For these reasons and there are more, 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.

Have a great day!

Thanks!!

Steven Lemma - Founder & CEO

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Robin Lien <robindevlin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 8:07 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed solid waste site 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.

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

Sincerely,

Robin, owner 17001 SW Lago Vista Drive Powell Butte, OR

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Robin Devlin Lien  
(206) 432-1269

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Megan Minkiewicz <megan@alexstuff.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 9:30 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Solid Waste Landfill Site 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. 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. Not to mention the negative tourism impact this would have on Deschutes County.

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Sincerely,  
Megan Minkiewicz

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Alex Minkiewicz <alex@alexstuff.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 3:18 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Strongly oppose - 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 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,  
Alex Minkiewicz

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Dennis Rogers <dsrogers999@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 10:59 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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

Sincerely,

Lou Anne and Dennis Rogers  
17059 SW Lago Vista Dr  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Harry <isdnews@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 7:40 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed LANDFILL SITE

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TO: Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Harry Schultz, Brasada Ranch homeowner

DATE: July 30, 2023

I am strongly opposed to the proposed landfill site along Powell Butte Highway, on BLM land. The location is just a few miles west of Brasada Ranch and 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms.

I don't live in Deschutes County. But I do live in Brasada, less than 3 miles to the east of this proposed site. And I am writing to express my opinion that this proposed landfill site is a very bad idea, to say the least. Taking this BLM land will not only negatively impact safety and health but also property values in both Brasada Ranch and Pronghorn, along with many hundreds of homeowners and thousands of annual resort guests.

Please include my opposition in the SWAC record. And please remove this site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

Sincerely,

Harry Schultz

Email: isdnews@aol.com



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** perry shinn <perry.shinn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 1:30 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Bob Williams; Jeff DeHaan; Randy Fisher-ICE; Alan Hirsch; Jim Moss  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location

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I enthusiastically agree with Bob Williams statement below. Let me be clear, I'm extremely opposed to the proposed solid waste landfill site on the BLM land approximately 3 miles from my home.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bob Williams <[bobw51956@gmail.com](mailto:bobw51956@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location  
**Date:** July 29, 2023 at 10:56:35 PM PDT  
**To:** [managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov)

Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

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

I live 3 miles to the east of the site high on the Buttes in Brasada Ranch. The site is in clear view. It will create multiple problems including:

1. Damaging our primary water source as it will be located above our aquifer.
2. It will damage the natural wildlife in the area which includes Mule Deer and antelope.
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Two huge issues in my opinion are:

1. The potential polluting of our primary water source.
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Deschutes County is a huge area. I know the county has looked at over 30 potential sites and eliminated most of them if not all of them because Deschutes County residents don't want the landfill anywhere near them so now you push it up against Crook County residents. That is

fundamentally wrong. Please do your best to find a location that doesn't hurt Crook County residents and doesn't involve natural BLM land.

Respectfully,

Bob Williams

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jeff Sills <jeff.b.sills@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 3:05 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to potential landfill site

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

Sincerely,

Jeff Sills

15403 SW Hope Vista Dr.

Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** djt1956 <djt1956@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 7:03 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location

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Regards,

Dennis Trompeter

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Erin Wiebold <ejoy24@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 10:38 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Please remove Powell butte BLM land from your list!

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To Whom it may Concern,

We are a family of six with 4 young kids under the age of 8 and our home is right down the road from Brasada. We are concerned about the harmful pollutants that will come with having a landfill so close by, both in the air + in the ground as many houses around the area use the water for their ranches. Not to mention these contaminants in the air can cause cancer, respiratory problems etc...and on top of that the harm it will do to the environment in This beautiful area. To both the plants + animals! I know so many people that come to Brasada Ranch for vacation + having a dump would be a MAJOR turnoff. Not to mention SO many people including us have dumped our life savings into our properties bc of the gorgeous views and you would make our home values decline significantly! Please reconsider this land as NOT an option.

Thank you for reading!

Erin Wiebold  
Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jared Wiebold <wieboldj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 10:29 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Please Remove Powell Butte BLM Land from Your List!

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To whom this may concern,

As a home owner near the proposed landfill location west of Brasada Ranch, I am severely worried about the environmental issues that will directly impact the Powell Butte community. Many homes and farms rely on water from the ground systems near the proposed dump location. In addition, the beautiful views that many people have invested life savings into will be greatly altered by a landfill! We strongly oppose the proposed landfill site in Powell Butte. Please find another location for you dump!

Sincerely,

Jared Wiebold  
15391 SW Richardson Ln  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Shawn <dragonfly97701@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 4:37 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Sits dangerously close to our homes, and over our aquafer allowing health risks.

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am expressing my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. Our property is only three miles to the east of Deschutes County, in Brasada Ranch. I will list below my concerns why having the 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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Sincerely,

**Shawn D. Axten, PT, CST-D**

Physical Therapist / CranioSacral Therapy Specialist

**Upward Mobility Solutions, LLC** Mail: P.O. Box 444, Bend, OR 97709

[www.iahp.com/Shawn-Axten](http://www.iahp.com/Shawn-Axten) Office: 360-607-7226 Fax: 541-706-9330

Dragonfly97701@Gmail.com

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Valerie Amans <vamans314@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 10:10 AM  
**To:** managethefuture

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Sincerely,  
Valerie Amans

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Britt Anderson <britt@andersoncounseling.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 9:20 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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Sincerely,

Britt Anderson

Britt K. Anderson, Ph.D.  
Clinical Psychologist  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Thomas Arenz <thomasjarenz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 6:50 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill opposition

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

I am a founder at 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.

Thank you.

Thomas J Arenz

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jeff Baer <jbaer@firstam.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 7:45 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Committee

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

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Baer

Property Owner

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**Jeffrey R. Baer**

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Lynn Bellinger <bellingertire2@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:03 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill proposed next to Powell Butte Highway

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

We live at 66380 Pronghorn Estates Drive 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 land fill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway will be seen by drivers and passengers in vehicles that travel past it. Further, it is doubtful the site will work for a landfill given that it appears to lack enough onsite soils for daily ground core 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 Preserve, Brasada Ranch and Majestic view Subdivision. The landfill at the BLM site will reduce property values, increase starlings and other birds to those neighborhoods and cause infiltration by mice and small mammals that are attracted to the landfill.

We 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,

Lynn Bellinger  
Tom Bellinger  
66380 Pronghorn Estates Dr  
Bend Oregon. 97701

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Nicole Besharat <nbesharat@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 11:57 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed landfill site on BLM land along 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. 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.**

Please consider the following and remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Hwy from your list of potential sites:

- 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.
- **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.
- **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,

Nicole Besharat

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Gary Bodenstab <GaryB@jbarrow.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 6:29 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County landfill at the proposed BLM site next to Powell Butte Highway

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

I live at 23093 Switchback 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.
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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.

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Karin Bombeli <bombelikarin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 11:08 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Karin Bombeli  
**Subject:** Proposed New Landfill Site on BLM near Brasada/Pronghorn - 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. 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 all that live close by.

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.
- 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.
- 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 of my home at Brasada Ranch, with 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms, and another large resort with 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Pronghorn. There are many more single family homes and farms right adjacent. 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,

Karin Bombeli

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Karin Bombeli  
14900 SW Miramonte Court  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
[bombelikarin@gmail.com](mailto:bombelikarin@gmail.com)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Dan Botti <dan@peregrineaa.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 11:58 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** 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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- 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.
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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,



managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov

July 31, 2023

Dear Member of SWAC,

My wife and I live at 65755 Pronghorn Estates Drive, Bend, OR, in what is now called the Juniper Preserve. We have lived there almost 20 years, being the very first home in what was then called Pronghorn, in August 2004.

I request that this email be part of the record for the SWAC.

We strongly oppose the proposed site location off Powell Butte Highway, on BLM land for the following reasons:

- We made a substantial investment in our “retirement” home because of the BLM land surrounding the property. We wanted a peaceful, tranquil place and the BLM land buffer promised exactly that.
- Powell Butte Highway is already a busy two lane road, which is used (we have no choice) to get to the airport as well as the hospital. We don’t want more traffic on this road, especially heavy trucks which can only lead to safety issues.
- The local Bend airport is to the south and the main commercial airport (RDM) is to the north. A landfill will bring birds. Birds and planes (and helicopters) do not go well. The local Bend airport not only has a helicopter school but aircraft are being assembled and tested (Epic aircraft) adjacent to the Bend airport. Has a study been done as to potential increased hazards to fixed wing and rotary aircraft?

Has the committee looked hard at a site that goes outside of Bend on East route 20 several miles (in the direction of Burns) and then going south or north another few miles. This is a fairly remote and desolate area that is still not too far away. It would impact far fewer people and maybe there are some large privately owned parcels that could be bought to avoid the complicated task of trying to buy BLM land (which will surely generate numerous lawsuits)?

There are numerous other reasons...but these alone should be sufficient to re-think the location of this project.

Sincerely,

Fred and Susan Breidenbach

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Robert Carder <labguy1234@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 9:50 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Powell Butte Landfill Site

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To Whom It May Concern,

I live in Powell Butte and am deeply concerned and against any proposed landfill site in Powell Butte. This is a beautiful area full of agricultural farms and ranches.

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 Powell Butte 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.

Thank you

Robert Carder

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Peter Chamberlain <pacoregon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:30 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Location

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Dear Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. I live at Brasada Ranch, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the surrounding area regarding the health, safety, and environment. Thousands of people would be negatively impacted year after year by this decision. This will negatively impact this area and will eventually impact both Brasada Ranch and Pronghorn, which could result in a substantial loss in local tax revenue.

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.
- The increased traffic, mostly large trucks I would assume, will be increased to a level that would be concerning and dangerous. Already, over the last fifteen years Powell Butte Highway between Hwy 126 and Hwy 20 has become a dangerous road due to the increased traffic. If this site is selected, Powell Butte Highway should be widened to make this already dangerous road safer.
- 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.
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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 location of this 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,

Peter Chamberlain

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Patrick Conway <conwaypatrickw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:24 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Objection to using BLM land near Brasada Ranch for new landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

My wife and I want to voice vigorous opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. We live less than three miles to the east of the 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.

Please 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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- A landfill at this site will ruin our panoramic views. Thanks to our higher elevation, you can't hide landfill activity from here 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 an ill-founded idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values.

In the strongest possible terms we ask that the SWAC strike the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential landfill sites.

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

Sincerely,  
Patrick & Elizabeth Conway  
16351 Hat Rock Lp SW

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Phil Damiano <phildamiano85@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 4:47 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to possible Landfill site on BLM Land off of Powell Butte Hwy

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Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I was very surprised yesterday when I heard that a possible site for the proposed landfill is only several miles west of our home at Brasada Ranch and being considered on the adjacent BLM land. I am strongly opposed to the the consideration for a variety of reasons. There is no doubt that such a location would have a negative impact on the health, safety, and the environment which is enjoyed by myself, the other 700 owners who call Brasada Ranch home, the 200 staff that support this luxury resort, the 2,000 club members, and the 100,000 annual resort guests that visit this destination resort.

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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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,

Phil Damiano  
16181 SW Vaqueros Way  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
503-709-9412

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Robert Davis <bobdavis09@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 12:06 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site

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I think you should remove the site near Brasada Ranch for the following reasons:

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. - 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. - This site is just a third of a mile from Powell Butte 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. Signed Robert Davis.

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jeff DeRoux <jeffderoux@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 12:17 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Landfill Site on BLM Land along PB 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 along with my other Powell Butte Community Members. 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:

Pronghorn utilize this area for their migratory corridor. We should not be taking away known habitats for animals which could become endangered. (Source WWF). Even though they are of “Least Concern”, we should not be taking away habitat from an area they are known to use. We have better choices.

- 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,

Jeffrey C. DeRoux

Resident, Powell Butte OR.



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Sandra Divelbiss <sdivel98@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 4:26 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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

I live at 65640 Pronghorn Estates Drive, 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 children 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. We see deer and other wildlife constantly on our property we need to protect our wildlife as much as possible.
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 aircrafts flying in and out of the Redmond/Bend airport.

5. The proposed landfill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway which is a two lane road and very dangerous during icy and snow conditions . This road is already congested with large agricultural trucks going in and out of Bend
  
6. Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is very close to several communities. The neighborhoods nearby– Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. The landfill at the BLM site will reduce property values, increase birds and rodent activity in the communities.

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,

Ed and Sandra Ballew  
65640 Pronghorn Estates Dr  
Bend , Oregon 97701  
Sdive198@aol.com

Sent from my iPhone  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** jj Gmail <jondughi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 3:02 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** New proposed landfill site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

We are writing in regards to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. We are strongly opposed to this location for many reasons, chief among them being health, safety and the impact on property values. While we do not live in Deschutes County, we live less than three miles to the east of the county line at Brasada Ranch.

Please consider the following and note that because of the proximity to Brasada Ranch (and Pronghorn), the impact will be felt most severely by these residents and guests.

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3. Landfills adversely
4. affect nearby residents do to emission of harmful gases and leaching through soils. Per the article
5. [‘Environmental](#)
6. [and socio-economic impacts of landfills’](#),
7. Fielder Poon-King et al.[58] and Vrijheid, Dolk et al. [59] also found an increased risk of congenital malformations in populations live near landfill sites. A multi-site European study called EUROHAZCON discovered a 33% increase in non- chromosomal birth
8. defects among the residents living within 3 km of the 21 hazardous waste landfill sites studied [60]. This conclusion was confirmed by the study conducted by Elliott, Briggs et al.[61]. A number of studies revealed that there is a higher risk of developing
9. cancer among the people near landfill sites and the elevated risks were observed for cancers of the stomach, liver and intrahepatic bile ducts and trachea, bronchus, lung, cervix and prostate [62, 63]
- 10.
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13. The leaching of many
14. substances into groundwater is a real concern. The proposed location is directly above the aquifer supplying Brasada Ranch. From the same article, the authors state that ‘leachate production decreases very slowly and some parameters might be of environmental
15. relevance for many decades to centuries. The main constituents of landfill leachate are dissolved methane, fatty acids, sulfate, nitrate, nitrite, phosphates, calcium, sodium, chloride, magnesium, potassium and trace metals like chromium, manganese, iron,
16. nickel, copper, zinc, cadmium, mercury and lead. Leachate can migrate through the soil to groundwater or even to surface water.’

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20. In addition to these
21. health concerns, landfills create noxious odors that with prevailing winds lead straight to the many residences and guest lodging at Brasada Ranch.
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25. The Powell Butte highway
26. is already a dangerous two lane road, and adding hundreds of heavy trucks to it each day will adversely impact traffic and safety along the route. Additionally, by locating the landfill at the edge of the county, the fuel use, cost and corresponding emissions
27. will be significantly higher than if a more centrally located site was used such as the proposed highway 97 site.
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31. Per the paper
32. [‘Do](#)
33. [Landfills Always Depress Nearby Property Values?’](#)
34. by Richard C. Ready May, 2005 - ‘landfills that accept high volumes of waste (500 tons per day or more) decrease adjacent residential property values by 12.9%, on average.’ This negative financial impact needs to be strongly considered.
- 35.

Finally, please consider that this site is just a third of a mile from families and their homes. Within three miles, there are 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Pronghorn. All of those residents and guests will be impacted in one or more ways by siting the new landfill on this proposed location.

As such, 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,  
Jonathan and Jaime Dughi  
15326 SW Hope Vista Dr  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Randy Fisher <rffishcakes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 2:28 PM  
**To:** Tim Brownell  
**Cc:** perry shinn; managethefuture; Bob Williams; Jeff DeHaan; Alan Hirsch; Jim Moss  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

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Good afternoon. I would like to go on record totally agreeing with Mr Williams and Mr Shinn's apposition to the proposed land fill 3 miles from Brasada on BLM land.  
Randy Fisher

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2023, at 1:16 PM, Tim Brownell <Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org> wrote:


Good afternoon Mr. Shinn,

Thank you for your email regarding the Solid Waste Management Facility siting project. I'm part of the project team on identifying a potential site for the new facility. Your comments will be included in the public record for the facility siting project and made available to the Project Team, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and the Board of County Commissioners.

Information on the siting process, Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meetings, instructions for signing up for email updates, and other related project information is available on the project website at [www.deschutes.org/MFSW](http://www.deschutes.org/MFSW) and project Story Map at [www.deschutes.org/solidwasteplanning](http://www.deschutes.org/solidwasteplanning). If you have any additional questions or comments, you may submit them to [managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov). We try to respond to every email within 24 hours, but please understand that we sometimes have a high volume of emails to read through and record.

Best,

 **Tim Brownell | Director**  
**DESCHUTES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE**  
61050 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street | Bend, Oregon 97702  
Tel: (541) 317-3177 | Cell: (831)324-2652  
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**From:** perry shinn <perry.shinn@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 1:30 PM

**To:** managethefuture <managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov>

**Cc:** Bob Williams <bobw51956@gmail.com>; Jeff DeHaan <jeffdehaan59@gmail.com>; Randy Fisher-ICE <rffishcakes@gmail.com>; Alan Hirsch <ahirsch25@me.com>; Jim Moss <jimmosspx@yahoo.com>

**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

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I enthusiastically agree with Bob Williams statement below. Let me be clear, I'm extremely opposed to the proposed solid waste landfill site on the BLM land approximately 3 miles from my home.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bob Williams <[bobw51956@gmail.com](mailto:bobw51956@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location

**Date:** July 29, 2023 at 10:56:35 PM PDT

**To:** [managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov)

Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

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

I live 3 miles to the east of the site high on the Buttes in Brasada Ranch. The site is in clear view. It will create multiple problems including:

1. Damaging our primary water source as it will be located above our aquifer.
2. It will damage the natural wildlife in the area which includes Mule Deer and antelope.
3. Adding pollutants and horrible odors to the air on a daily basis.
4. The added traffic on the local roadways will increase the probability of increased vehicular congestion and accidents.
5. Landfills attract various unwanted pests, vermin and birds that would not otherwise be in this area.

Two huge issues in my opinion are:

1. The potential polluting of our primary water source.
2. The potential damaging impact to our property values.

Deschutes County is a huge area. I know the county has looked at over 30 potential sites and eliminated most of them if not all of them because Deschutes County residents don't want the landfill anywhere near them so now you push it

up against Crook County residents. That is fundamentally wrong. Please do your best to find a location that doesn't hurt Crook County residents and doesn't involve natural BLM land.

Respectfully,

Bob Williams

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Mary Fuller <maryfuller7401@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 8:21 AM  
**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. 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. Presently, we all are concerned about availability of water now and into the future. WE MUST PROTECT OUR WATER SOURCES!
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout our community and throughout the area.
- 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.
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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, Mary Fuller Monin

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Mary Fuller Monin  
15423 Hat Rock Loop  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
703-819-3139  
Life's Too Short, Make It Count!

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Darren Funkhouser <bowldawgs@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 11:36 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Darren Funkhouser  
**Subject:** Opposition to 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.

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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,

Darren Funkhouser  
15781 SW Hope Vista Drive  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

July 31, 2023

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. Even though I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east in Brasada Ranch. The landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment of the 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guest that enjoy this community. I encourage you to consider the following points:

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Thank you for your consideration and making is a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Kathy L. Garner

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Barbara Gauthier <blynng27@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 9:54 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Future 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.

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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,

Barbara Gauthier, Curt Gauthier

Sent from my iPad

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Alice G <alice@siennallc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 4:52 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill Project

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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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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 and Best Regards,**

*Alice Goeman*

*President,*

*Sienna NV LLC dba Sienna*

*International (HK) Ltd*

**503-351-1883**



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Gary Goldberg <Gary@coastalrealty.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:46 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Brasada Ranch - Waste Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land alongside Powell Butte Highway. I am a resident of the Brasada Ranch community, and I strongly believe 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 including my family.

Please consider the following:

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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will impact our property values negatively. As a homeowner, this is a huge concern for my family and my fellow neighbors.

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,

Gary Goldberg

Gary Goldberg  
Realtor/Broker/Attorney



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**From:** Jeff & Terri Hatleberg <jthats14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 5:50 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Fwd: Landfill

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**From:** Jeff & Terri Hatleberg <jthats14@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 31, 2023 at 5:48 PM  
**Subject:** Landfill  
**To:** <[managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov)>

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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- 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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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,

Jeff & Terri Hatleberg  
14949 SW Spirit Rock Dr  
Powell Butte, OR

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** keithhill1 <keithhill1@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 2:06 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Xuxa Hill  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Landfill Proposal

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

First, I would like to thank Mr. Tim Brownell for his expeditious reply to my email yesterday, your attention and quick reply are appreciated.

Besides the contents of my email yesterday, I wanted to highlight our primary concerns by priority (importance):

1. The potential pollution of the domestic well and aquifer that supplies water to Brasada Ranch. Those are directly below the proposed location for the landfill.
2. The potential negative impacts to property values with the potential landfill site being so close to the Brasada Ranch development.
3. The noxious smells will be blown directly over the Brasada Ranch development based on the primarily westerly winds year-round.
4. Powell Butte highway is already very busy with traffic, the proposed landfill will greatly increase traffic on what is only a 2-lane road. It should be noted that Powell Butte highway is the primary route to both the Bend and Redmond airports. Have traffic studies been done?
5. Bend and Redmond airports would both be impacted by increased bird populations at the proposed landfill sites with greater potential for bird strikes. A very real hazard. Has a review been commissioned with the Federal Aviation Administration?

Thank You

Keith Hill  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Gary Hooper <gwhoop1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 2:19 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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I could list all of the issues that our homeowner association addressed for excluding consideration of the Powell Butte Hwy as a possible site for the landfill. However, the biggest concern for us is the traffic increase on the highway. With slow moving garbage trucks on the highway I am afraid of additional vehicle accidents. If you research vehicle accidents, on the narrow and winding highway, you will find they are already excessive. Additionally, there have been too many fatal accidents on that road.

Gary and Jan Hooper  
22884 Moss Rock Dr  
Bend, Or 97701

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Juliana Howard <julianahoward4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 8:28 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Keep the Landfill Away from our Community!

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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,

Juliana & Scott Howard



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Leslie Simmons Johnson <simmonstwo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 12:56 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County 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 Bureau of Land Management land along Powell Butte Highway. I own property 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 Brasada Ranch's staff, 2,000 residents and community members, and 100,000 annual resort guests – all people whose presence impart a significant financial impact on Deschutes County and Crooke County.

I encourage you to consider the following:

- Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for drinking water, and **landfills contaminate groundwater**. This is a **major concern given the proposed location on top of the aquifer that serves Brasada and our neighboring farmers, ranchers and landowners**.
- By using **federal** Bureau of Land Management lands, you threaten the health, diversity, and productivity of the region's **federal public lands**, and their use and enjoyment by present and future generations. **Federally owned BLM land is not the proper site for a landfill - your own committee has conceded that using BLM land also presents unique challenges of acquiring use rights to said land from the United States Government - a long and complicated process that would unnecessarily complicate the approval and building of the landfill site**.
- This site is just a third of a mile from families and their longstanding family homes – ranchers, farmers and working-class families. Within three miles, you have 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Pronghorn. These communities represent a vital form of financial support to Deschutes and Crooke Counties. **Note that the proposed landfill would severely and negatively affect the revenue potential generated by these communities – including property tax bases and tourism-based taxes, (e.g. lodging taxes). Permanent residents and transient visitors all contribute to the sales revenues generated by Deschutes County businesses**.
- A landfill three miles from Brasada Ranch and Pronghorn will generate sell-offs of property and homes, with the potential to crater property values in the area and cancel home building construction projects (all of which has a major downstream effect on Deschutes County businesses).

- Most obviously – landfills negatively impact air quality, are a fire risk, decimate native species and attract pests – all of which are a major reason we are advocating against this proposed location.

For these reasons (and more), the proposed solid waste landfill site is a poor proposal, that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values of myself, my neighbors and my surrounding farmers, ranchers and community members.

**By way of this letter, I respectfully advocate that you remove the Bureau of Land Management proposed 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,

Leslie Johnson  
Brasada Ranch property owner

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Samuel Jones <sam3jones@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 4:07 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Manage the Future of Solid Waste

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My Wife and I are concerned about discussions of a proposed landfill site on the Powell Butte Highway. In our opinion there are better places with closer proximity to Highway 97. Powell Butte Highway carries a lot of commuter traffic from Prineville and often drivers are at high speeds. The road can be very icy in Winter with few places to pull over and there are no support services close by. Locations off highway 126 would make better sense too. We live at Pronghorn and are concerned about access from there onto Powell Butte Highway. We have airport traffic from two airports in the general area and a growing amount of tourist traffic. Instead of putting the landfill in an agricultural and tourist location why not pursue an industrial/ commercial area set up for large trucks. Please consider other locations or minimize this location to a transfer station only. There will be increased hazards with a landfill off this location. Thanks for listening. Respect,  
Samuel and Candace Jones, 65735 Pronghorn Estates Dr., Bend 97701.

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Rick Kroon <rkroon5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 11:15 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Rick Kroon  
**Subject:** Powell Butte Hwy landfill site opposition  
**Attachments:** Powell Butte Landfill opposition.pages

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Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Please see attached letter in regards to the solid waste landfill site proposed along Powell Butte Highway.

Sincerely,  
Richard Kroon

July 28, 2023

Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I have just learned of the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway and am writing to express my strong opposition to this potential site. I live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, in clear view of this site. There is no doubt that a landfill on this site would have severe negative impact upon the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our community of 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

As you evaluate this site, I ask that you consider:

- Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills have been clearly shown to contaminate groundwater, directly linked to various serious health problems, including cancer, and birth defects. In my career I was previously head of Intel Corp's Corporate Environmental, Health and Safety group, overseeing waste water issues across the world. I have seen first hand how groundwater can be contaminated and how that contamination can move through the groundwater system to impact neighboring communities. With Brasada Ranch only 3 miles away, the health risks associated with contaminated groundwater to the community are very real.
- Landfills are known to produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing west winds will carry these odors directly into and throughout our community. The short 3 miles between this site and the Brasada Ranch community will result in on-going odor issues and the health concerns that they bring.
- A landfill at this site will be clearly visible to the entire Brasada Ranch community, not only the residents, but to the thousands of guests that visit from all over the world to experience the gorgeous central Oregon views and sunsets. Many of these guests spend their travel \$'s in Deschutes County. This business will evaporate if guests are forced to look out at a landfill just across the road. Thanks to our higher elevation, it will be impossible to hide the landfill from the Brasada Ranch site lines.
- 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 health and safety risks of placing a landfill site among this density of homes is high and it is well known.

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** gautampurdue <gautampurdue@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 9:49 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Urgent: Safety issues with possible landfill site off of Powell Butte Hwy and objection thereof

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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 we do not live in Deschutes County, we will be moving into Brasada Ranch, less than 3 miles away from the proposed site. Based on my brief research below, I am hoping I will convince you all that there is no doubt that any landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by residents, staff, and guests of Brasada Ranch.

Personally, I have two small children, ages 6 and 8 and the possibility of a landfill site at such close range worries me a lot in terms of long-term negative health implications to my children.

For added context, I hold a Ph.D. degree in Chemical Engineering and have over 25 years of experience with hazardous materials through my job experience in the semiconductor industry and academia. I am also an expert in transport phenomena, which is the subject that deals with the science and engineering behind diffusion, convection and other processes that are the primary paths that pollutants take while causing environmental and health issues.

My main concerns about the candidate landfill site, from my technical background, are as follows:

1. Landfills are well known sources of pollution<sup>3</sup> – water and air pollution are two primary paths of pollution.
  - a. Pollutants from landfills in proximity (1.5-3mi from site) to human population have been linked to increased rate of birth defects<sup>4</sup>, respiratory illnesses and cancers<sup>5</sup> – please take the time to read the peer reviewed articles supporting this
  - b. There are multiple chemical processes that govern spread of pollutants – the primary processes that govern pollutant transfer from a landfill site are **diffusion (air and water pollution) and convection (air pollution)**
2. Water pollution mechanism and risk assessment
  - a. Crook County has some aquifers that primarily consist of unconsolidated deposits<sup>1</sup>, especially in the Prineville area – the candidate landfill site, if approved, will be sitting atop an aquifer which is the primary aquifer for Brasada Ranch's drinking water
  - b. **There is no known method of eliminating 100% of the pollutant leakage and diffusion out of a landfill site** using all known methods of containment – therefore, even a very small concentration gradient, diffusion of pollutants through an aquifer will continue indefinitely, given that landfill sites always have a net increase in pollutants over a long time scale

- c. Given that the aquifers have intergranular porosity, one would expect the diffusion coefficient for a pollutant plume within the aquifer to be higher as compared to a non-porous medium.
- d. Diffusion coefficient is the fundamental parameter that dictates the fitness of a given site to be used as a landfill site<sup>2</sup>.
- e. Therefore, any contamination or leak from the candidate landfill site will diffuse faster into the ground water closest to Brasada Ranch.
- f. With a higher diffusion rate, the **concentration of these pollutants will reach the EPA threshold at a much faster rate regardless of the pollutant's chemical composition** – keep in mind that the EPA threshold is the known threshold for pollutants to cause definitive or measurable impact to humans. In most cases, no amount of exposure, even within the EPA threshold is safe (EPA claims that too).
- g. All of the above projections are assuming there is no pumping or negative pressure gradient coming from the Brasada Ranch side – any pressure gradient will result in **even higher percolation of pollutants into the ground water**. Given that this is the primary drinking water source, the negative pressure gradient is all but guaranteed.
- h. Therefore, the candidate landfill site presents a **high risk to neighborhood population and should not be located at the candidate location along Powell Butte Highway**

3. Air pollution mechanism and risk assessment<sup>6</sup>

- a. Air pollution results from emission of gases and particulate matter from landfills into the atmosphere
- b. Emission of such pollutants result from – decay of organic matter, burning of waste and entrainment of particles into prevailing winds. Primary mode of dispersion is convection due to winds.
- c. In all of the above cases, the pollutant plume is guaranteed to impact populations within a 5-10 mile radius, even with modest wind assumptions. Brasada Ranch is well within that radius and will be severely impacted by these pollutants.
- d. Many of the pollutants emitted from landfills cause respiratory illnesses and increased incidence of lung cancer<sup>5</sup> – there is no safe EPA level for many of these pollutants

4. Other expected collateral damage which will result from the proposed landfill

- a. 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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- g. Proximity to landfills is guaranteed to reduce neighboring property value and will result in people divesting from the community, causing an outsized economic impact to the region

For these technical and safety reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values. Items 1-3 above are genuine safety concerns and I'm hoping Item 4 above isn't even needed to convince the committee that this is not in the best interest of the surrounding community.

As such, I request that the committee 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,

Gautam Kumar, Ph.D.

Email: [gautampurdue@gmail.com](mailto:gautampurdue@gmail.com)

Phone: 503-209-0221

#### References:

<sup>1</sup> [https://www3.epa.gov/ceampubl/learn2model/part-two/onsite/jne\\_millington.html](https://www3.epa.gov/ceampubl/learn2model/part-two/onsite/jne_millington.html)

<sup>2</sup> [https://pubs.usgs.gov/ha/ha730/ch\\_h/H-text12.html](https://pubs.usgs.gov/ha/ha730/ch_h/H-text12.html)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-08/documents/mgwc-gwc1.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC37394/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5005946/#:~:text=Exposure%20to%20landfills%20was%20associated,in%20adults%20and%20in%20children>

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Shawna Larson <Shawna.Larson@alliant.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 8:52 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Bryant Alvey  
**Subject:** Proposed solid waste landfill - !

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

Sincerely,  
Shawna

**Shawna Larson**  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Andy Laursen <andy@laursenfamily.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 5:57 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County landfill at the proposed BLM site next to Powell Butte Highway

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

We live at 65780 Pronghorn Eststes Dr, which is a part of the community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Destination Resort. We ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

We 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 both the Bend and Redmond municipal airports.

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.

We 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,  
Andy and Shana Laursen

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Steve Lobis <lobis.steve@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 3:30 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill

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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,

Steve Lobis  
503-969-9537

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Cynde Magidson <cynde.magidson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 12:57 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Steve Magidson; Cynde Magidson  
**Subject:** Letter to SWAC re proposed Landfill site  
**Attachments:** Landfill Letter July 2023.pdf

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The attached PDF file is the same as this text - Steve & Cynde Magidson

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

We live out at Pronghorn/Juniper Preserve in Deschutes County and are also owners at Brasada Ranch in Crook County. We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. We ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

There is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by the many thousands of staff, members, and annual guests at both resorts.

Please consider the following...

1. Landfills attract birds. With two local airports nearby, this location could pose a serious issue for incoming commercial flights to Redmond (KRDM) and to the hundreds of thousands of visitors on those planes.
2. Bend airport (KBDN), with its 141,000 annual operations (take-offs and landings), is the third busiest airport in the state! Couple that with the myriad flights by pilots between the two airports and this is a recipe for disaster. Bird strikes kill!
3. Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. Homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for their drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
4. Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout the area.
5. This site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.
6. Within three miles of this site, there are 750 home sites and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homesites and 150 hotel rooms at Pronghorn. There are hundreds more in the surrounding area. The SWAC's siting criteria provides a 3-mile buffer for the sage grouse and it's not asking too much to provide at least this much to the thousands of people in the area.

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,

Steve and Cynde Magidson  
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[Cynde.Magidson@Gmail.com](mailto:Cynde.Magidson@Gmail.com)  
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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kim McFadden <Kim\_McFadden7@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:55 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** opposition to BLM site for landfill

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

We live at 22900 Ghost Tree Lane, Bend OR, 91107, which is a part of the community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Destination Resort. I ask that this email be part of the record for the SWAC.

We 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. As per the advisory committee records 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 is used by the public for recreation and enjoyment and should remain as such. For Deschutes County to seek federal land for county use is a troubling issue. Large tracts of public land are slowly being taken over for private sector use throughout Oregon, which diminishes public lands available for our grandchildren's use in the future. Central Oregon is getting denser in population and future generations need access to large tracts of land for recreation and enjoyment.
3. The BLM site contains important species of wildlife and vegetation that should be preserved, not destroyed. Some of those species may be endangered. A landfill will have a negative impact on wildlife and vegetation, both of which are dependent upon large areas to thrive and grow.
4. The proximity of Juniper Preserve Resort means that the BLM site for a landfill will produce noxious odors and attract large numbers of birds and rodents, all of which will negatively impact my home and others at Juniper Preserve. Furthermore, the accumulation of birds at the landfill site will cause harm to the safety of patrons of the Bend Municipal airport and the Redmond Regional airport due to possible bird strikes with the influx of birds at the landfill site.
5. The proposed landfill at the BLM site appears to lack enough onsite soils for daily ground cover and the creation of berms. Hence it is doubtful the site is even feasible.
6. Locating a landfill at this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is close to many homes. There are three neighborhoods nearby -- Juniper Preserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. A landfill will reduce property values, increase starlings and other birds in those neighborhoods, and cause infiltration by mice and other 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 based on our arguments listed above.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns,

Ron and Kim McFadden

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Arielle Metz <arielle.metz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:27 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Martin Meinig  
**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. 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 and 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 westerly winds will carry them directly into and throughout our community.
- Landfills attract pests and vermin, which pose an 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.

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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,  
Arielle Metz, MD

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Al & Nano Mowry <mowry670@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 11:28 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Solid Waste Plant

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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,

Allen & Nancy Mowry  
16816 SW Starview Drive  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Sheryl <iljayhawk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 2:34 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to "Managing the Future of Solid Waste in Bend"

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Dear Honorable Members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC):

I live at 65812 Bearing Drive, which is a part of the community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Resort. **I respectfully ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC and that you fully read all of the points listed in your Committee's review of where to locate the proposed Deschutes County Landfill site.**

I STRONGLY OPPOSE PLACING 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 ONLY 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.

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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.
5. It is well known that landfills attract birds and **this accumulation of birds at the landfill site will most definitely cause harm to the safety of patrons and airplanes of the Bend municipal airport.** Importantly, there have been numerous recent stories across the U.S. of **hazardous bird strikes to large passenger planes and the site of this proposed landfill is dangerously too close to the Bend/Redmond Airport** and alternate locations outside of their designated landing zone should strongly be considered. Have you requested a Site Determination Report from the FAA? What does that report say? If not, why are we continuing to discuss this site until you have that information?
6. The proposed landfill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway will be seen by drivers and passengers in vehicles that travel past 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.**
7. The proposed landfill site **will greatly increase traffic on Powell Butte Highway,** especially by large trucks, which is a 2-lane highway and already carries a significant amount of agricultural traffic. This road is the primary route used by our community and other neighborhoods nearby to **access both the Bend/Redmond Airport and our access into the town of Bend directly.** **Has the Committee undertaken a traffic study to understand the affects of using this site and especially the impact on Emergency vehicles (fire, ambulance, etc)?**
8. **Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is a bad idea because it is too close to too many personal homes and residences.** There are three neighborhoods nearby – Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. The landfill at the BLM site will reduce property values and cause infiltration by mice and small mammals that are attracted to the landfill. Further, **these lower property values might ultimately impact and potentially lower the amount of real estate taxes generated in future years.**
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I respectfully 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 immediately and consider other alternatives. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

Regards

Sheryl Murdock

Sent from my iPad



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Dave Murdock <dmurdock@bordeauxadvisors.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:52 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to "Managing the Future of Solid Waste in Bend"

**Importance:** High

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Regards,  
David Murdock

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Doug Musgrave <doug-musgrave@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 8:12 PM  
**To:** Tim Brownell  
**Subject:** Re: Opposition to Landfill Site in Mayfield Pond BLM Wilderness Area

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Tim,  
Appreciate your efforts. I don't have the knowledge you have, but in addition to my comments previously, seems like a peculiar place for a landfill. Transfer stations and landfills in the places we have lived seem to be conveniently placed for the populations they are meant to serve, presumably, in part, to incentivize their use. A landfill on the Deschutes County-Crook County property line seemingly could not be more inconveniently placed with regards to the Deschutes County population centers it is intended to serve. As you know, there are about 10 miles of wide open BLM land between the Bend Airport and this site. It doesn't take a genius to quickly understand that it is a lot easier, quicker, and cheaper to simply stop and dump your trash on BLM land for free instead of unnecessarily driving literally all the way to Crook County to pay to dump your trash. Odd spot from an average citizen's perspective that does not seem to best suit Deschutes County citizens or the Central Oregon tourism economy, especially considering a couple seemingly more strategic sites under consideration.  
Doug M.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2023, at 11:34 AM, Tim Brownell <Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org> wrote:

Good morning Dr. Musgrave and Family,

Thank you for your email regarding the Solid Waste Management Facility siting project. I'm part of the project team on identifying a potential site for the new facility. Your comments will be included in the public record for the facility siting project and made available to the Project Team, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and the Board of County Commissioners.

Information on the siting process, Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meetings, instructions for signing up for email updates, and other related project information is available on the project website at [www.deschutes.org/MFSW](http://www.deschutes.org/MFSW) and project Story Map at [www.deschutes.org/solidwasteplanning](http://www.deschutes.org/solidwasteplanning). If you have any additional questions or comments, you may submit them to [managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov). We try to respond to every email within 24 hours, but please understand that we sometimes have a high volume of emails to read through and record.

Best,

**Tim Brownell | Director**

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**From:** Doug Musgrave <doug-musgrave@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 7:49 PM

**To:** managethefuture <managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov>

**Subject:** Opposition to Landfill Site in Mayfield Pond BLM Wilderness Area

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Dear Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

We have owned property and lived in Deschutes County for almost 20 years, and just moved to Powell Butte and Crook County from our home in east Bend two months ago. My wife attended COCC before she and I attended U of O, she and I still work full time, and we value ALL of Central Oregon. Our two sons graduated from Bend High School and attended Cascade Middle School and High Desert Middle School, before attending Oregon State University and the University of Idaho. My wife works in Redmond, my younger son works at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds for OSU 4H Extension, and my older son just started a job in Green Bay, WI. **I write to oppose the proposed landfill in the Mayfield Pond BLM land just west of Crook County.** Crook County and Brasada Ranch are two of the only remaining gems and attractions in all of Central Oregon. Brasada Ranch is one of the most desirable resort destinations in the United States and everyone would agree it is the most attractive destination resort in Central Oregon, comparable only to Bandon Dunes as an international draw destination resort within the state of Oregon. It attracts visitors from everywhere. To ruin it with a landfill upwind and polluting the very view that makes Powell Butte and Brasada Ranch desirable to visitors from around the world would only serve to further destroy what once was a beautiful and desirable Central Oregon. The Mayfield Pond BLM wilderness area is one of Central Oregon's remaining gems of wilderness, recreation, and natural beauty. To ruin that with such an ill-placed landfill would be a tragedy to all Central Oregonians, their children, and their grandchildren. It will not only destroy the region's beauty and wonder for locals, but it will severely harm the tourism economy and downstream businesses, most of which are in Deschutes County (including Redmond Airport) that benefit from Brasada Ranch's draw to international visitors. Powell Butte and Brasada Ranch offer visitors from around the world exposure to a welcoming rural, ranch retreat, exposing those to a way of living they do not see in urban society. Such visitors have their eyes and minds opened to an alternative way of life that is uniquely Central Oregon and gain an appreciation for the hard work and dedication Powell Butte ranchers live by every day. These visitors return home, not only with an appreciation of Central Oregon's beauty, a beauty which would be ruined by a Mayfield Pond BLM landfill, but with an open mindedness to people unlike themselves. Where else can people of such strikingly different backgrounds and perspectives come together for fun and learn to enjoy and appreciate one another in the

modern world? No where....that I know of. I urge you to seek more strategic sites for a landfill and try to preserve what little remains of Central Oregon's beauty, attractiveness, and concomitant unique rural-modern Central Oregon culture.

Sincerely,

Douglas S. Musgrave, MD

(on behalf of my wife Amy Musgrave, PT, sons Colt Musgrave and Luke Musgrave)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Nelson, Matthew <manelson@deloitte.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 8:06 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill on BLM land

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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.

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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,

Matt Nelson

**Matthew A. Nelson (“Matt”)**

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kevin Newton <indoman60@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:19 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** opposition to proposed 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.

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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 Newton

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kimberly Patterson <kimberly.r.patterson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 6:34 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** I oppose the New landfill 3 miles outside Brasada Ranch

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My name is Kim Patterson, and I am a resident and owner of Brasada Ranch. This landfill would have a negative impact on the health, welfare and values of all home owners in the Powell Butte area along with Brasada Ranch and pronghorn. Landfills are known to be fire hazards, cause unhealthy conditions. They are hazardous, and they are unhealthy. This landfill would be within 3 miles of Brasada Ranch, impacting the health, views, and the values of our properties. I request that this landfill be vetoed and another site be found outside of this area. I understand that landfills are needed and I am sure there are less populated areas that would not have the same impact as this one would in on more than 800 families.

Kimberly Patterson  
16558 S W Vaqueros Way, Powell Butte, OR 97753  
818-652-5652.

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jenny Pence <jennyneil.mail@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 11:39 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Urgent Opposition to Proposed Landfill Site Near Powell Butte

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Brian and Jenny Pence  
13910 SW Rust Bucket Road  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
208.412.7399

July 31, 2023

Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
61050 SE 27<sup>th</sup> St  
Bend, OR 97702

Subject: Urgent Opposition to Proposed Landfill Site Near Powell Butte

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing this urgent letter to express my strong opposition to the proposed landfill site located near the Powell Butte area. As a concerned member of the community, I believe it is imperative to protect the natural beauty, health, and environment of our beloved region. I urge you to remove the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential landfill sites.

The proposed landfill site raises significant concerns that would adversely affect the Powell Butte area and its residents, including Brasada Ranch. Please consider the following points:

**Environmental and Health Hazards:** Landfills emit harmful pollutants that pose serious health risks, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. The proposed site's proximity to groundwater sources could contaminate our drinking water, threatening the well-being of residents and wildlife alike.

**Noxious Odors:** Landfills produce unpleasant odors that can travel long distances, and prevailing westerlies in Central Oregon could carry these odors directly into our community, adversely affecting the quality of life for local residents.

**Pest and Vermin Infestation:** Landfills attract pests and vermin, posing both a nuisance and a health hazard. These pests carry diseases and cause property damage, further endangering the well-being of our community.

**Fire Hazard:** Landfills create a fire hazard, and toxic smoke and fumes from dump fires can lead to respiratory problems and harm the environment. The potential for landfill fires poses a significant threat to nearby communities.

**Impact on Public Lands:** The use of BLM lands for this landfill would jeopardize the health, diversity, and productivity of our public lands, depriving present and future generations of their use and enjoyment.

Threat to Wildlife and Biodiversity: The proposed site may contain important and species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be protected and preserved for the sake of environmental sustainability.

Panoramic Views: The proposed landfill would ruin the panoramic views of the area, adversely impacting property values and the overall aesthetic appeal of the region.

Proximity to Residential Areas: The site is dangerously close to residential neighborhoods, posing potential risks to the health and safety of nearby residents in Powell Butte, Brasada Ranch, Pronghorn, and surrounding communities.

Considering the detrimental consequences that the proposed landfill would have on our safety, health, and property values, I strongly urge you to reconsider this location. It is crucial to safeguard our natural resources, preserve the beauty of our surroundings, and protect the well-being of our community.

I implore the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee to remove the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential landfill sites. Instead, I urge you to explore alternative options that prioritize the protection of our environment and the interests of our community.

We kindly request that you take into account the concerns voiced by numerous area residents and act upon them promptly and appropriately. Please prioritize the long-term sustainability and well-being of our community over short-term convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I trust that you will make the right decision for the welfare of our community and the environment.

Sincerely,

Brian and Jenny Pence

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Lori Peterson <lorilynp311@netscape.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 8:20 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill proposal near Brasada Ranch

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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,

Roger and Lori Peterson

15111 SW Twelve Elk Ct

Powell Butte, OR 97753

503-551-5789

Sent from my iPad

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Susi Proudman <susiproudman@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 2:29 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Nick Proudman  
**Subject:** Deschutes County's landfill proposal

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

Sincerely,

Susi & Nick Proudman

**Susi Proudman**  
**503 705 6830**  
**susiproudman@mac.com**



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Howard Rachinski <howard@howardrachinski.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 3:11 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed BLM Landfill

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. I have had two vacation homes in Deschutes County for 30 years. I now live in Brasada Ranch, less than three miles to the east of Deschutes County, and there is no doubt that this proposed 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. This proposal also has a significant negative effect on one of Deschutes County's top tourist attractions – Juniper Preserve (Pronghorn Golf Resort).

Here are some of the reasons for my opposition:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
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 contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.
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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,

**Howard Rachinski**

Founder, CCLI

Author – **PERPETUAL...The Secret to Finding God in Your 7 Life Seasons**

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Mike Rackley <mjrackley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 9:00 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Resident Input

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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.

Mike Rackley

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Joey Ringwald <joeyringwald@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 9:37 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Knott 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,

Joey Ringwald

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Scott Sansone <Scott.Sansone@coriumintl.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 12:28 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. *My hope is that you can identify another, more rural, away from homes for this needed landfill.*

I encourage you to consider the following:

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I ask 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,

Scott Sansone  
15202 SW Hat Rock Loop  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** BRENT SCHNEIDER <brentschneid@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 8:34 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Tracy Schneider  
**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 presently live in Deschutes County, we own property 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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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,

Brent & Tracy Schneider

NKA Lot 675 Brasada  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Brian Sharp <Brian@sharphomesonline.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 2:12 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to landfill site along Powell Butte Highway

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Sincerely,

Brian Sharp  
15644 SW Brasada Ranch Road, Brasada Ranch

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Burkley Showe <bshowe@theresortgroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 3:29 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** VOTE NO to BLM site along Powell Butte Hwy

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Via email : [managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov)

July 31, 2023

Dear Members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

This letter is to write to you of my opposition to the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway, and I request to you, Members of the SWAC, to remove this from the list of potential sites for the new landfill location for Deschutes County.

I am an owner of Pronghorn Estates lots 225-229, which is part of the community at Juniper Preserve. I request that this opposition letter be a part of the record for the SWAC due to the outlined reasons below:

- Within three miles of this site, there are 750 home sites and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homesites and 150 hotel rooms at Juniper Preserve (Formerly Pronghorn Resort) There are hundreds more in the surrounding area. The SWAC's siting criteria provides a 3-mile buffer for the sage grouse and it's not asking too much to provide at least this much to the thousands of people in the area.
- Landfills attract birds. With two local airports nearby, this location could pose a serious issue for incoming commercial and private aviation flights to Redmond (KRDM) and to the hundreds of thousands of visitors on those planes. Plus not to mention the significant Fire Life Safety Air Teams Helicopters and Fixed Wing operation year-around.
- Bend airport (KBDN), with its 141,000 annual operations (take-offs and landings ARE THE MOST CRITICAL TIME IN ANY FLIGHT PLAN), Couple that with the myriad flights by pilots between the two airports and this is a recipe for disaster. Bird strikes kill and can quickly take down a aircraft, especially inexperienced private pilots.
- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects. Homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for their drinking water, and landfills contaminate groundwater which is already in short demand in our district.
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout the area.
- This site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that must be preserved, not destroyed.

I apricate the committee's prompt attention in this matter and do what is right to save lives!

Best Regards,

Hugh Burkley Showe

Pronghorn Estate Lot Owner 225,226,227,228,229

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Mary Siani <mjsiani64@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 9:46 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** No Landfill on BLM near Brasada

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I understand that there is currently a proposal on the table to build a new 100-year landfill 3 miles west of Brasada Ranch. I am opposed to this idea as it will directly affect my family and I as well as my surrounding neighborhood as well as the reasons I stated below:

- 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.
- 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.
- This site is just a third of a mile from Powell Butte 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.

Thank you,

Mary Siani  
[mjsiani64@gmail.com](mailto:mjsiani64@gmail.com)  
Sage Hound Farm

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Gary Goldberg <Gary@coastalrealty.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:52 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Brasada Ranch - Waste 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 community, staff members and the thousands of guests that visit us at this beautiful property.

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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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,





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

We live at 23087 Watercourse Way, Bend, OR, 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 use when privately-owned land is available? Central Oregon is getting more and more dense in population and future generations need access to large tracts of land for recreation and enjoyment. The proposed location is also in clear view of Smith Rock State Park. In addition to being able to be seen, the smells and particulates could flow right in that direction.
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 (hence lower your assessment of property taxes), increase starlings and other birds at those neighborhoods, and cause infiltration by mice and small mammals that are attracted to the landfill. As well, you are

within close proximity to the Bend Airport which has plans of expansion. As well, I have seen planes landing at the Redmond Airport use the flight path over the property your considering. What about the fire training facility planes that use that airspace for flights for controlled training burns?

7. You are also not considering that Powell Butte is a two lane highway providing access between Bend and Redmond and used by many people who work in both communities. In the winter, this road becomes hazardous enough without adding all the truck traffic. This road is not designed to handle the type of transportation vehicles that will be used. Will you be financial responsible for the accidents, road repairs that result from the equipment you use?

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.

Regards,

Connie and Jay Stein

23087 Watercourse Way

Bend, OR 97701

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Helen Sullivan <hmsejb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:28 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill

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Please email to: [managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov)

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

We live at 23097 Watercourse Way 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.

We strongly 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. Birds would be a constant source of danger to the airplane flights for the two airports located close to the proposed landfill. Birds have been responsible for plane crashes in the past and to deliberately locate a landfill in the proposed location would increase this type of crash danger and would be an irresponsible decision which could result in the loss of life.
8. Road conditions are often icy in winter and increased truck and other large truck traffic will undoubtedly result in more accidents. Traffic to and from both airports is increasing as the population increases and flights are added. Accidents and congestion will result.
9. The SWAC has a legal responsibility to take all of the above factors into consideration and select an alternate site so as not to be a danger to the surrounding community and residential areas.

We 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  
Helen Sullivan and Allan Pharr

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Ellie Tami <ellietami@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 3:10 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Powell Butte Hwy Landfill

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

I own property at 65615 Ghost Tree Ct., 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 growing in density of population, and future generations need access to large tracts of land for recreation and enjoyment.
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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. These are high-end neighborhoods that we property owners purchased

expecting a certain special lifestyle that rural Deschutes county offers. Living next to a landfill was not part of that expectation.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor Tami, Esq.  
541-870-5122

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Ron Theis <ron@uhonda.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 4:39 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed new site on Powell Butte Highway

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I am Ron Theis and I live at 22956 Ghost Tree Lane in Pronghorn /Juniper Preserve. I have lived in Bend 3 years and pass by the Knott Road facility regularly. I have followed the well detailed process to look for a replacement for this facility, and have been very impressed with the thoroughness of the process. I am very concerned that this last proposed sight has been "fast tracked" for some reason. Doing this really dilutes the previous and patient work you have done, and seems less than transparent. I am against considering this site and the process of re classifying it to "comply."  
Stick with your other "top two."  
Sincerely  
Ron Theis

Sent from my iPhone



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Pam Theis <pam.at.lilies@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:07 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Landfill location at BLM site off Powell Butte Hwy

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

I live at 22956 Ghost Tree Lane, Bend Or, 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 many reasons. First, it is incredibly close to several large residential communities which contain many homes and future homesites. There are three neighborhoods nearby – Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. Odors, noise, rodents, and certain bird species would be attracted to this location, while the beautiful and endangered natural landscape would be damaged. We were attracted buy a home in this part of the high desert specifically because of its seclusion, quiet, and natural beauty. We were assured that these attributes would be forever protected because the homes are surrounded by BLM land. BLM land has been set aside for public recreation and enjoyment, not for refuse and scarring. We believe the landfill should be developed on privately owned land which is voluntarily for sale, rather than taking land that has been set aside for careful use by future generations of citizens.

Another question occurs...how can it be safe to put in a landfill this close to Redmond Airport? As it is now, we have seen eagles and other birds of prey circling the landfill on the SE side of Bend. Bird strikes could be deadly to planes landing or taking off from the 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.

Respectfully

Pam Theis

22956 Ghost Tree Lane, Bend OR 97701

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Donna van Wyk <donna@theitjunction.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 8:40 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill on Powell Butte Highway - OBJECTION

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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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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,

**Donna** van Wyk

Mobile: 727-687-4517

Address: 15751 SW Brasada Ranch Road, Powell Butte, OR 97753

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Donna van Wyk

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Leon van Wyk <leon@theitjunction.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 8:05 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill on Powell Butte Highway - OBJECTION

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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,

Leon van Wyk

Mobile: 727-687-2770

Address: 15751 SW Brasada Ranch Road, Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Walewski, Andre <Andre.Walewski@colliers.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 1:27 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Aperion Management Group  
**Subject:** Landfill Proposal - Powell Butte Hwy

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Dear members of Solid Waste Advisory Committee ( SWAC ) ,

I live at 65857 Sage Canyon Court ( lot 178 ) , Bend , Oregon , which is a part of the community at Juniper Preserve . 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 the Powell Butte Highway .

There are multiple reasons for my opposition , but most of all that it will affect residential communities like ours in the vicinity of the proposed landfill . Please , please prevent this from happening for the safety of all our communities nearby .

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

Thank you !

### Andre' Walewski

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Glen <glen.wheadon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 6:19 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 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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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.

My recommendation would be to purchase electric trucks and ship the trash out to other landfills that will help the environment and save taxpayer dollars in the long run. BLM land is hard to access in a lot of areas. BLM on Powell Butte Hwy for residents at this time is very accessible even for people with handicaps.

Sincerely, Glen Wheadon



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Dustin Wienecke <dwienecke@athenahealth.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 5:19 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Not 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:

- 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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- 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.
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- Finally, Brasada Ranch brings a substantial economical benefit to the larger area. It is not unusual for large parties from Brasada to frequent Bend establishments – be it shopping, dining, or enjoying cultural events. A landfill in this location would surely have a negative economic impact to a radius much greater than Brasada Ranch proper.

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,

**Dustin Wienecke**  
VP Process Design  
p: (817) 282-0300

 **athenahealth**  
[athenahealth.com](http://athenahealth.com)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Gary Wojtech <wojtecg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 8:55 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Oppose Landfill site on Powell Butte Highway

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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 landfill contaminate groundwater.
- Increased operational noise and light pollution affect the livability of our community
- 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.
- A landfill located on this site would greatly increase truck and car traffic on an already dangerous two lane Powell Butte Highway.
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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,

Gary M. Wojtech - 503-277-8430  
Karen K, Wojtech - 503-806-0680  
16105 SW Hope Vista Drive  
Powell Butte, Oregon 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** MARK ZORNOW <mzornow@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 3:24 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** MARK ZORNOW; Marjorie Grafe; markg@brasada.com  
**Subject:** Potential landfill on Powell Butte Highway

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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 express my strong opposition to a solid waste landfill on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. Placing a landfill at the proposed site will adversely affect the over 2,000 residents of Brasada Ranch and thousands more of the communities of Grandview, Pronghorn, and other communities. The adverse effects will include, but are not limited to:

Increased heavy truck traffic along Powell Butte Highway

Noise pollution

Potential interference with air traffic into and out of Redmond Airport

Noxious odors

Possible contamination of aquifers used for drinking water for thousands of people

Loss of panoramic view of the Cascade Mountains from my home and many other homes on the Powell Buttes.

There has to be a better solution that will not adversely impact so many people.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Zornow

15480 SW Hope Vista Drive

Powell Butte, OR 97753

mzornow@comcast.net

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Aaron Bjork <aaronbjork@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 1:29 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Land Fill Site Near Brasada Ranch

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to the new 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.

I know that there are no "great spots" for landfills, however, I would strongly urge you to consider a location more central to Deschutes County and not one that borders Crook County. I feel strongly that the proposed location would negatively impact the Powell Butte Highway, create a lot of traffic on an already busy road, and negatively impact property values or owners at Brasada Ranch and all our surrounding neighbors.

I feel strongly that the other finalist options along Hwy 20 are more accessible and appropriate for this new landfill.

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

Sincerely,

Aaron Bjork  
425-208-1497

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.

I encourage you to consider the following:

- Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely on groundwater for our drinking water, and landfills have been known to contaminate groundwater.
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into my home and throughout our community.
- 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.
- 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 without bringing in thousands of yards of fill dirt weekly.
- 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 our opposition and making it a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Alan and Kathy Boutilier  
15658 SW Brasada Ranch Road  
Powell Butte, OR 97753



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jim Ferraris <jim9640@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 9:14 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Deschutes County Proposed Landfill Location  
**Attachments:** Opposition letter - Deschutes County Landfill 073123.pdf

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Please see the attached letter in opposition to the proposed site of a Deschutes County Landfill.  
Thank you  
Jim Ferraris  
15884 SW Brasada Ranch Road  
Powell Butte, Or 97753

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** jcgehrs7591@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 3:02 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Response Regarding Siting of New Landfill

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To the members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

Our names are Jon and Kelli Gehrs. We live at 65902 Rimrock Court, Bend Oregon 97701. Our home is located in the Pronghorn development (now known as Juniper Preserve).

We are writing this email to you asking you not to consider the site on Powell Butte Highway for Deschutes County's future landfill. We oppose selecting this site for the following reasons:

- 1) Airline flight patterns. We currently are in flight paths for the Redmond airport and also we believe, the Bend airport. Siting a landfill facility on Powell Butte Highway will bring an increase in bird populations, leading to potential aircraft hazards with landings and takeoffs from both airports.
- 2) Siting the landfill on BLM property will be a long, and costly exercise as the County seeks transfer from the Federal government, permitting of the site, etc. This does not make sense when the other sites that the County is considering are on private property and could be acquired on a more timely basis and less cost.
- 3) Siting the landfill on Powell Butte highway will dramatically increase traffic on this road. Not just traffic, but large truck traffic. This is only a two lane road, and a primary arterial to Redmond, Brasada Ranch, and Prineville. There is already significant amounts of traffic on the road as a result, and it travels at very high speeds. Adding a large amount of additional traffic, and truck traffic will definitely make this road unsafe. It is the only road we can use to access our development at Pronghorn.
- 4) Siting the landfill on Powell Butte Highway will increase bird and rodent populations. This is not a desirable outcome for developments in the neighborhood, Pronghorn being one of them. We have our hands full dealing with the rodents we have naturally in the area. Increasing their populations by siting a landfill close to our development would not be appropriate.
- 5) There will be a negative impact on desirous wildlife in the area. We enjoy very much the abundance of wildlife around Pronghorn (except rodents!). It was one of the key reasons we moved to Pronghorn in the first place. Siting a landfill close to our development will negatively affect the habitat and derive wildlife from the area.
- 6) The impact of siting the landfill on Powell Butte Highway will negatively affect property values. This should be a large concern for the County. Both Brasada Ranch and Pronghorn, as well as other developments could quite likely see their property values drop as a result of the landfill being put on Powell Butte Highway. Noxious odors, noise, traffic, etc. will all negatively impact property values. And if property values are negatively impacted, not only are the owners of the properties going to annoyed and concerned, but the County will see reduced property tax revenues as a result. This, as compared to siting the landfill on one of the other sites that are on agricultural land, and would have little impact on property values and tax revenue.
- 7) Noxious odors and noise will increase in my development. Smells and sounds travel. We currently hear operations from the Redmond airport that is miles away from us, on a daily basis. We would expect no difference if the landfill was sited on Powell Butte. Same with noxious smells from the landfill affecting the livability in our neighborhood.

For the above reasons, we ask the Committee to reject the Powell Butte Highway site for a future landfill, and choose one of the other available sites.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jon and Kelli Gehrs

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kristen Gottlieb <kristengottlieb@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 8:32 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** No Landfill next to Brasada Ranch

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

**Sincerely,**

**Kristen Gottlieb**

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Cindy Heiple <c.r.heiple@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 12:01 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** New proposed landfill site

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Sincerely,

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Cindy Heiple

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jason and Jordan Hiatt <jandjhiatt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 8:55 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Knott Landfill new 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,

**Jason Hiatt**



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Alan Hirsch <ahirsch25@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 8:15 AM  
**To:** Mark Gerdes, Director of Community Services (HOA)  
**Cc:** Randy Fisher; perry shinn; managethefuture; Bob Williams; Jeff DeHaan; Jim Moss; Cynde Magidson; Pronghorn Folks  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location  
**Attachments:** Scan letter to Cliff Bentz.pdf

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Attached is a letter to Congressman Cliff Bentz.

Alan Henry Hirsch  
Barenbrug USA  
630-269-7500



On Jul 31, 2023, at 15:08, Tim Brownell <Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Fisher,

Thank you for your email regarding the Solid Waste Management Facility siting project. I'm part of the project team on identifying a potential site for the new facility. Your comments will be included in the public record for the facility siting project and made available to the Project Team, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and the Board of County Commissioners.

Information on the siting process, Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meetings, instructions for signing up for email updates, and other related project information is available on the project website at [www.deschutes.org/MFSW](http://www.deschutes.org/MFSW) and project Story Map at [www.deschutes.org/solidwastepanning](http://www.deschutes.org/solidwastepanning). If you have any additional questions or comments, you may submit them to [managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov). We try to respond to every email within 24 hours, but please understand that we sometimes have a high volume of emails to read through and record.

Best,



**Tim Brownell | Director**

**DESCHUTES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE**

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**From:** Randy Fisher <[rffishcakes@gmail.com](mailto:rffishcakes@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 2:28 PM

**To:** Tim Brownell <[Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org](mailto:Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org)>

**Cc:** perry shinn <[perry.shinn@gmail.com](mailto:perry.shinn@gmail.com)>; managethefuture

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<[jeffdehaan59@gmail.com](mailto:jeffdehaan59@gmail.com)>; Alan Hirsch <[ahirsch25@me.com](mailto:ahirsch25@me.com)>; Jim Moss <[jimmospdx@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmospdx@yahoo.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location

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Good afternoon. I would like to go on record totally agreeing with Mr Williams and Mr Shinn's apposition to the proposed land fill 3 miles from Brasada on BLM land.

Randy Fisher

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2023, at 1:16 PM, Tim Brownell <[Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org](mailto:Tim.Brownell@deschutes.org)> wrote:

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Best,

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**From:** perry shinn <[perry.shinn@gmail.com](mailto:perry.shinn@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2023 1:30 PM  
**To:** managethefuture <[managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bob Williams <[bobw51956@gmail.com](mailto:bobw51956@gmail.com)>; Jeff DeHaan <[jeffdehaan59@gmail.com](mailto:jeffdehaan59@gmail.com)>; Randy Fisher-ICE <[rffishcakes@gmail.com](mailto:rffishcakes@gmail.com)>; Alan Hirsch <[ahirsch25@me.com](mailto:ahirsch25@me.com)>; Jim Moss <[jimmosspx@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmosspx@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location

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I enthusiastically agree with Bob Williams statement below. Let me be clear, I'm extremely opposed to the proposed solid waste landfill site on the BLM land approximately 3 miles from my home.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bob Williams <[bobw51956@gmail.com](mailto:bobw51956@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location  
**Date:** July 29, 2023 at 10:56:35 PM PDT  
**To:** [managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov)

Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste  
Advisory Committee,

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

I live 3 miles to the east of the site high on the Buttes in Brasada  
Ranch. The site is in clear view. It will create multiple problems  
including:

1. Damaging our primary water source as it will be located above  
our aquifer.
2. It will damage the natural wildlife in the area which includes  
Mule Deer and antelope.
3. Adding pollutants and horrible odors to the air on a daily basis.
4. The added traffic on the local roadways will increase the  
probability of increased vehicular congestion and accidents.
5. Landfills attract various unwanted pests, vermin and birds that  
would not otherwise be in this area.

Two huge issues in my opinion are:

1. The potential polluting of our primary water source.
2. The potential damaging impact to our property values.

Deschutes County is a huge area. I know the county has looked at  
over 30 potential sites and eliminated most of them if not all of  
them because Deschutes County residents don't want the landfill  
anywhere near them so now you push it up against Crook County  
residents. That is fundamentally wrong. Please do your best to find  
a location that doesn't hurt Crook County residents and doesn't  
involve natural BLM land.

Respectfully,

Bob Williams

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Katherine Ketterer <katherineketterer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 6:16 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Solid Waste Landfill Site on BLM 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. I live in Deschutes County, and I work less than three miles to the east, at 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.
- 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 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.

Thank you,  
Katherine Ketterer

*"I thought of that while riding my bicycle"* - on the theory of relativity, Albert Einstein

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

I live at [address], 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. This location is problematic for increased traffic as Powell Butte Highway is used as a connector between Bend, Redmond and Prineville.

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,

Brad Kirkbride  
66125 Pronghorn Estates Drive  
Bend OR

Bdkirkbride@gmail.com



Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my 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, having moved there 12 years ago captivated by the unspoiled views to the western mountains. There is no doubt that a landfill on this site would 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. I am most concerned about the potential impact on groundwater which all of the inhabitants of this impacted area rely upon through wells for drinking water.
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout our community. The same is true for noise, which will replace the current quite rural character of 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.
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- This site is just a third of a mile from the nearest families and homes. The site is within three miles of 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Juniper Preserve. There are also the homeowners situated along Shumway and Alfalfa roads that run adjacent to Brasada Ranch.

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

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 Lacke

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Dian LaCoste <dilacoste@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 7:21 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Danny  
**Subject:** Proposed Solid Waste 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:

- 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,

Danny & Di LaCoste  
16385 SW Hat Rock Lp  
Powell Butte OR 97753  
Ph: 541.974.3500

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** robin lebowe <rlebowe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 10:09 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** robin lebowe  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill near Brasada Ranch

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

**My name is Robin Lebowe. My address is 16983 SW Lago Vista Dr, Powell Butte, OR 97753**

**Please see below a combined effort/letter on the behalf of myself and other homeowners of Brasada Ranch:**

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,

robin lebowe  
[rllebowe@gmail.com](mailto:rllebowe@gmail.com)  
(310) 529-4691

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kevin Lyman <kevinhlyman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 8:50 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Landfill Site on Powell Butte Highway BLM Land

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Members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC),

We reside at 65668 Swallows Nest Lane in the community at Juniper Preserve, also known as Pronghorn Resort. We oppose siting the Deschutes County landfill at the proposed BLM site next to Powell Butte Highway for multiple reasons:

- Aircraft using both the Redmond Bend Airport (RDM) and the Bend Municipal Airport often pass over or near the proposed BLM site. The greater bird activity at a landfill will increase the possibility of bird strikes to aircraft. Since 2020, RDM alone has encountered 27 wildlife strikes, and a landfill in the area will increase this risk
- Since the BLM land is federally owned, transfer to Deschutes County could be long and uncertain. Non-federal alternatives under SWAC review should be a priority
- The BLM land is federally owned and should be maintained for public recreation and enjoyment. That Deschutes County would seek ownership is a troubling trend - public lands should be kept available for current and future generations, not taken over for county uses.
- The BLM site contains important wildlife and wildflower species that should be preserved, not destroyed. A landfill will negatively impact these species, some of which may be endangered.
- The proposed BLM site sits along Powell Butte Highway, which is a two-lane road already well-traveled. Heavy truck traffic will add to traffic, noise, and reduce safety, especially in the winter months. Further, the potential site is located far out of Bend, requiring long routes to dispose of waste and adding to pollution and road degradation.
- It is doubtful the site is feasible for a landfill given that it appears to lack enough onsite soils for daily ground cover and the creation of berms.
- The proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is too close to too many homes, given three large neighborhoods nearby – Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. The proposed BLM site landfill will reduce property values and erode the existing tax base.

We ask the SWAC to remove the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential sites for a new Deschutes County landfill, and that this email be part of the record for the SWAC.

Sincerely,

Kevin and Catherine Lyman





## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Wendy Dave <wdhorsey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 10:57 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** landfill

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I am strongly opposed to the landfill site along Powell Butte highway that is on BLM land. BLM land is suppose to be for the enjoyment and use of the public and not for a landfill. There are two major developments in the near proximity to the landfill site with a large number of homes , These developments also bring outside money into both Deschutes and Crook counties.

David Magers

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Wendy Dave <wdhorsey@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 10:41 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** landfill

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I am opposed to the landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte highway. BLM lands are for enjoyment of the citizens and not meant to be used for a landfill.

This site is very close to a large number of existing homes. It is also close to two resorts that bring outside money into both Deschutes and Crook counties.

Sincerely

Wendy Wilsey-Magers

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** David McClung <nittanyzeke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 6:03 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Future Deschutes County Landfill

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Dear members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC):

My wife Valerie and I live at 22988 Hideaway Lane, Bend, OR; we are part of the residential community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Resort. We request that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

We strongly 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 intended for public use for recreation and enjoyment. How long will large tracts of public land be available for our grandchildren if they are carved up for county uses when privately-owned land is available? Central Oregon is getting more dense in population and future generations need access to large tracts of public land for recreation and enjoyment.
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.
3. Landfills create noxious odors that travel long distances and attract large amounts of birds, all of which will negatively impact our home and others at Juniper Reserve. Noxious odors can travel a long distance.
4. The accumulation of birds at the landfill site will create potential safety hazards for customers of the **Bend Municipal Airport**, which continues to grow in use and provides significant economic impact to the County. Bird strikes kill !
5. The proposed landfill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway will be seen by drivers and passengers in vehicles that travel past 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 several significant neighborhoods nearby – **Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and the Majestic View Subdivision**. There are hundreds more in the surrounding area. The SWAC's siting criteria provides a 3-mile buffer for the sage grouse and it is not asking too much to provide at least this much to the thousands of people in the area
7. Greatly increased traffic, especially by large trucks, on Powell Butte Highway, a 2-lane road already carrying agricultural traffic and a primary route to the Redmond airport. Further, the majority of the traffic will be from Bend to the south, traveling a long way up Powell Butte Highway before reaching the landfill. Sites closer to Bend are far preferable and environmentally efficient. Have any traffic studies been conducted on the traffic impact of a landfill at this site?

8. Powell Butte Highway is often very icy and treacherous in the winter. Landfill traffic will be in danger of spin outs and accidents.

We respectfully request the SWAC remove the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential sites for the location of the new landfill for Deschutes County.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave and Val McClung  
22988 Hideaway Lane  
Bend, OR 97701

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** robyn parent <robyn97502@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 3:49 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. 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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- 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,

John & Robyn Parent  
15221 SW Mecate Ln.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Susan Parker <suedparker@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 2:10 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill opposition

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

I live at 23063 Canyon View Loop, 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. East on Highway 20 has plenty of options.
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 cause even more traffic on an overused 2 lane road. In the Winter months it is often icy and treacherous, landfill traffic will be in danger of spin outs and accidents. 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.

Thank you,  
Sue and Doug Parker

**From:** Carol Perrine <carolperrine37@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 11:14 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes Solid Waste Site

Dear Members of the Deschutes C  
Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong  
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For these reasons, the proposed sc a bad idea that will negatively imp and property values.

Carolin Perrine  
206-409-4049  
carolperrine37@gmail.com

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Darrin Podeschi <darrin@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 9:29 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Jennifer Podeschi  
**Subject:** Landfill proposal

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

I live at 65658 Swallows Nest Lane, Bend OR, 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 dense 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. Groups supporting protection of wildlife could and should come in and block and halt this proposal even after if it should pass.
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, which could lead to unnecessary litigation for Bend.

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.

Regards,  
Darrin Podeschi

Sent from my iPhone

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

My family own 284 Sanctuary Drive, 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.
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 property and others at Juniper Reserve. Noxious odors can travel a long distance.
5. Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is a bad idea given the proximity to many homes. There are three neighborhoods nearby – Juniper Reserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision. The landfill at the BLM site will increase starlings and other birds at those neighborhoods, and cause infiltration by mice attracted to the landfill, and reduce property values.

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,  
Owen Sweeney III

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Owen Sweeney <odsjr@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 8:07 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Pronghorn

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Dear Sir,

We politely request not to put a land waste on Powell Butte Road. This will permanently displace disrupt the quality of life for residents let alone our home values and Deschutes County Tax values.

Sincerely,  
Owen Sweeney  
284 Sanctuary Dr.

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Richard Vigran <vigranr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 1:03 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County 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 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:

- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water that cause various significant health problems. 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.
- Landfills create a fire hazard, and the smoke and fumes from dump fires are toxic and cause respiratory problems.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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,

Richard Vigran and Lori Kresse  
15784 SW Brasada Ranch Road  
Powell Butte, OR 97753



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Bruce Werner <bruce.n.werner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 2:53 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Site on BLM Land of Powell Butte Highway

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

We are writing to express our virulent opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. We don't live in Deschutes County, but are less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch. There are a significant number of people who live and recreate at this resort. Proposing a landfill here is comparable to proposing one next to Sunriver, Tetherow, or Eagle Crest. The negative impacts of landfills are well documented and it appears that the Committee doesn't truly understand all the impacts one will have at this site. Thus the proposal.

This site will undoubtedly get fierce resistance from the local population. It would be far better to spend time on sites that have a much higher probability for success. Please remove the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to voice our opposition to this site and contribute to the SWAC record on this issue.

Sincerely,

Bruce & Lynda Werner + 8 kids and grandkids = 10 Total  
16060 Hat Rock Loop  
Powell Butte, OR

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** TS <tsabbott@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 2:38 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** BLM

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- 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. My monthly income may not be able to cover added expenses from this. I may be forced to move.
- 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. My limited monthly income would be affected due to insurance increases.
- 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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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,  
TimiSue Abbott

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Cynthia Melton-Adams <crm.adams@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 3:51 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** NO 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,  
Henry and Cynthia Adams  
Concerned Powell Butte residents.

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Michele Baker <michelebaker729@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 3:06 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill on BLM

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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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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.

- In addition, having a landfill in this location will severely devalue our property values and negatively affect our beautiful views, which is why we chose to build here and retire.

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,  
Michele Baker- Brasada Ranch Resident  
Sent from Michele's iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Reets <reetsdesign57@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 1:25 PM  
**To:** managethefuture; Rita Brundage  
**Subject:** Powell Butte landsite

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There are so many reasons this site should not be located on Powell Butte Hwy. so I will give you only  
A few:

Traffic on Powell Butte Hwy, 2 lane road with pickup trucks, Facebook traffic and residential and  
Construction traffic. You can't put trucks on this 2 lane road, especially in the winter when it is slick  
And icy.

Has FAA been contacted as a site determination since it is near the airport!  
Landfills usually have lots of birds flying around, and you have 2 airports that utilize the air space  
Near this site, Redmond (commercial) and Bend (private with ambulance air).

There are many more reasons but to save you time I have listed just 2 that I think are important.

Have you thought about a site on Hwy 20 going towards Burns? Roads are better in the winter and  
No air traffic near by..

I hope you will remove this site as a potential site for the new landfill.

Rita Brundage

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Ruth Carey <ruthcarey1123@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 8:49 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill location

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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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- 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.
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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.

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

We chose Brasada ranch as our retirement home to appreciate the panoramic views. Also,

I cycle Powell Butte Hwy and the traffic to a potential landfill would make my rides too dangerous.

Sincerely,

Ruth Carey Schader  
503 708 9679

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** J Carpenter <jcarp549@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 11:02 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill site

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Dear members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I presently reside at 65923 Rimrock Ct., Bend, Or. 97701 which is the community of Juniper Preserve. This was formerly known as Pronghorn Resort.

I strongly oppose the siting of the Deschutes County landfill on the proposed site next to Powell Butte Hwy for a number of reasons.

- 1). I was always under the assumption that BLM land was to be used by the public for enjoyment. The idea of Deschutes County taking ownership of federal land is setting a bad precedent .
- 2). The transfer of Federal land to Deschutes County in itself will be lengthy and time consuming. I'm sure there are other lands in review for landfill sites that would be much faster and easier .
- 3). Juniper Preserve is a beautiful destination resort with 2 of the greatest golf courses and 5 star lodge. When word gets out that there is always a noxious smell that surrounds the resort and can even be worse depending on which way the wind blows, you can be guaranteed that tourist visits will fall dramatically .
- 4). We live very close to the Redmond Airport and the Bend Municipal Airport. It has been proven that the accumulation of birds near airports can cause harm to airplanes and the safety of those flying.

There are other sites that would work much better and not have such a negative impact on neighborhoods. I strongly urge SWAC to remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Hwy from the list of potential sites.

Thank you,  
Jill Carpenter

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Herb Clough <Herb.Clough@ApexCos.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 7:44 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** New County Landfill Site Evaluation

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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 an environmental and geotechnical engineer in Oregon for over 30 years, I can appreciate the difficulty in siting a new landfill. Nobody wants a landfill in their backyard. However, for the following reasons, the Powell Butte Highway site is the least suitable for a county landfill and I request that it be removed from consideration.

- I do not live in Deschutes County, but I live in Brasada Ranch, just over 2 miles to the east of the proposed landfill site. But the fact that I am not in Deschutes County is an important consideration. This site abuts the county line with Crook County. That means that half of the immediately adjacent land impacted by this landfill is not even in Deschutes County.
- Because landfills emit pollutants, odors, and dust and they attract pests, one of the key siting criteria is “proximity to residences.” This site is located immediately adjacent to multiple residences – again located in adjacent Crook County. In addition, Brasada Ranch, located 2 miles to the east, has over 300 homes, 2000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests. It is not appropriate to site a new landfill in such close proximity to these residences.
- Under Oregon’s solid waste rules, OAR 340–094–0040(11)(f) Site Screening: “To the extent practicable, each permittee shall screen the active landfill area from public view by trees, shrubbery, fence, stockpiled cover material, earthen berm, or other appropriate means.” Because Brasada Ranch is located on the slopes of Powell Butte, it would be impossible to screen the landfill from these hundreds of homes.
- Like many in the region, we obtain our drinking water from local groundwater aquifers. Of the landfill sites under consideration, the Powell Butte Highway site sits near the center of the Deschutes Basin aquifers, presenting the greatest danger of impacting the critical aquifers. The other three proposed sites are near the edge of the groundwater basin, presenting less of a hazard of impacting the aquifers.
- The Powell Butte site is located on BLM lands. The County’s website admits that acquiring federal land may take 6–10 years. A new landfill must be in place by 2029. This timeline for land acquisition won’t allow a new landfill to be designed and constructed by the deadline. Furthermore, a solid waste landfill is not an appropriate use of public lands – eliminating any possible use of these public lands by wildlife or future generations.

For these reasons, the Powell Butte Highway site is not appropriate for a solid waste landfill. Please remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

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

Herb Clough, P.E.  
15639 SW Hat Rock Loop  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jim & Paula <wexlr8@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 6:14 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Proposed Solid Waste Facility

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

My wife and I are in the process of building our retirement home in Brasada Ranch. We were so disappointed and alarmed to hear that you are proposing to build a solid waste landfill site only a few miles from Brasada Ranch. We lived several miles from a transfer station located in Kirkland Washington. The transfer station was not only a nuisance due to traffic, but the health issues related to fumes, odors and rodents where a constant battle for the neighborhood with the county. In addition, the property values in and around the transfer station were permanently suppressed, which is saying something considering the amazing appreciation of property values in the Seattle area. Considering the problems we've witnessed with the transfer station, I can't even begin to imagine the impact to the environment, health and property values with a landfill.

I encourage you to consider the following:

- I have asthma and I'm very concerned about my health due to the harmful pollutants that will be emitted into the air. Not to mention harmful toxins leaching into the ground water. 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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For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values. Had we known you were proposing to build a landfill this close to our retirement home, we would never have considered Brasada Ranch.

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,

Jim & Paula Deboo

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Sarah Delanty <sarahdela@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 3:30 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Letter opposing landfill near 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.

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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.

I realize that I have used a template created by another member, but this does not change the fact that I oppose this site within BLM land for a landfill.

Sincerely,

Sarah Delanty

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Scott Evans <ScottEvans@leader1.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 2:00 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill

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

I have a residence at 65690 Adventure Ct., 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.

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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.



Scott Evans, CCIM, CRMS, CDLP  
*Senior Vice President of Production, NMLS 169951*

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jon and Glenda Fields <jwgkfields@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 10:44 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Future solid waste siting

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To Whom it may concern;

I am writing to express opposition to the proposed site located off Powell Butte Hwy and near the Crook County line. I am very concerned about our water source. We have Avion water and it all comes to us from the west. There is still so much we do not know about water hydraulics.

Following are also a few of my concerns but in a short version.

1. It is a long way to Bend, increasing your transportation costs.
2. It would make driving into town much more congested.
3. This area is actually a very pretty desert, meaning, there has to be less visually attractive sites.
4. There are two beautiful residential/vacation higher end communities that would be negatively impacted by both the dust and the odor from such a siting.

Thank you for your consideration of my point of view.

Sincerely, Jon Fields, 541-699-6832

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Meridith Foley <meridithfoley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 3:29 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** 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. While I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east, on Alfalfa Road, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health and safety of my family.

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, our home 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 my 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.
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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, Meredith Foley | 541-788-9729

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Randall Fujiki <randallfujiki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 2:45 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill site along Powell Butte Hwy

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Members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC),

I own a property at 65827 Sanctuary Drive 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 strongly oppose siting the Deschutes County landfill at the proposed BLM site next to Powell Butte Highway. Having been an owner of property at Pronghorn for many years, it was so critical that we are surrounded by the natural environment. Let's keep it that way.

Please 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,  
Randall K Fujiki, FAIA

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Mike Geers <mageers@dls.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 4:14 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Advisory Committee-BLM Land

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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,

Mike and Karen Geers

Owner, Brasada Ranch

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Paul Golden <paul.golden@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 12:31 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** BLM Powell Butte Hwy - Alternate BLM site - 3.5 miles from Pronghorn

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

I live at 66105 Pronghorn Estates Drive, Bend, Oregon 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.
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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. Greatly increased traffic, especially by large trucks, on Powell Butte Highway, a 2-lane road already carrying agricultural traffic and our primary route to the airport. Further, the majority of the traffic will be from Bend to the south, traveling a long way up Powell Butte Highway before reaching the landfill. Sites closer to Bend are far preferable and environmentally efficient. Questioning whether traffic studies have been conducted on the traffic impact of a landfill at this site.
8. Powell Butte Highway is often very icy and treacherous in the winter. Landfill traffic will be in danger of spin outs and accidents.
9. Have the County Commissioners and/or the solid waste advisory committee requested a Site Determination Report from the FAA due to the proximity of the Bend and Redmond airports?
10. What would the County's legal responsibility be if a loss of life or other accident should occur at either 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.

Paul Golden  
503-307-1556 Home/Mobile  
[paul.golden@comcast.net](mailto:paul.golden@comcast.net)

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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 Bureau of Land Management 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. As a child in Michigan, I grew up a few miles away from a landfill. That experience was extremely traumatic and contributed to my developing severe allergies and exertional asthma. Buying property at Brasada Ranch was a dream come true, especially in regards to drastically reducing my allergies.

I encourage you to consider the following:

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

Please remove this Bureau of Land Management 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,

Dr Kimberlynn M Heller FACOG

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Constance Jones <constancehj@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 9:23 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** landfill proposals

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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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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,

Constance Hensley-Jones  
15991 SW Brasada Ranch Rd  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jerry <jerodd62@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 9:41 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed BLM Landfill Site

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

I live in 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 locating 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.
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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.

Jerodd Jensen  
303-913-7530  
66430 Pronghorn Estates Dr  
Bend, OR 97701

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Joshua Johnston <drjoshjohnston@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 2:35 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** 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 own a residence 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.

Joshua A. Johnston, MD

(253) 306-0475

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Connor Kavanaugh <connor@palladioplanning.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 2:55 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Lexi Kavanaugh  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Landfill Proposal

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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,

Connor, Lexi and family.



**Connor W. Kavanaugh, CTFA, ChSNC**  
Managing Partner and Special Needs Planner  
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Deschutes County and its Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Re: Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Site

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

We own Lot 232, which is a part of the community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Destination Resort. We ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

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

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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.

We 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,

Chuck & Liz Kelley

Lot 232 Juniper Preserve

Email: [kellychuck33@gmail.com](mailto:kellychuck33@gmail.com)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Terese Kelley <terese Kelley4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 12:08 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** proposed Landfill site

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Good afternoon,

I would like to express my strong opposition for the location for the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along the Powell Butte Highway.

I am a realtor in the area and sell homes with in a few miles of this proposed location. The homes specifically up on the hill in Brasada will lose a great deal of property value as it will be impossible to screen this site from hundreds of homes. I have looked closely at other proposed locations and this one should be taken off of the list due to the sheer number of people that it will impact visually.

Thank you for allowing comments.

Terese Kelley Better Homes and Gardens NW Living.

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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.
- 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 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,

Karen and David Kreim

Residents of Brasada Ranch

David Kreim 7/30/23  
Karen Kreim 7/30/23

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jim Moss <jimmospdx@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 10:13 AM  
**To:** Tim Brownell; managethefuture  
**Cc:** Mark Gerdes Director of Community Services (HOA); David Aman; Mark Baker; Bob Barron; Alan Boutilier; Sal Cesario; Larry Charney; Kevin Cornelius; Tom Credelle; Cortlandt Cuffee; Phil Damiano; Jeff Dehaan; Ed Deenihan; Ed Delanty; Jeff Dumont; Brian Feeney; Chris Finley; Randy Fisher; Perk Freeman; Matt Gebarowski; Patrick Getzen; Colin Giddings; Paul Hannabach; Peter Harris; Darin Henry; Scott Howard; Ron Huffman; Oliver Jeffries; Ed Johnson; Kissell Alan; Ralph Klinke; Paul Knollman; Rick Kroon; Tim Lacke; Steve Lobis; C. Allen Logan; Steve Magidson; Gerrymonin; Allen Mowry; Ned Naumes; Mike O'Brien; Larry Olund; Roger Peterson; Jerry Powell; Charles Pratt; Ted Rees; Dennis Ross; John Ross; Scott Satko; Jim Schader; David Shaw; Perry Shinn; jeff.b.sills; John Smith; Rusty Sproatt; Bill Stuntz; Erik Swensson; Dennis Trompeter; Curtis Tucker; Josh Wilcox; Bob Williams; Gary Wojtech; Ruth Carey; Denise Clough; Herb Clough; Bob Firth; Sarah Freeman; dannylacoste@gmail.com; Paul Or Daraleen Shales; Dick Olson; Charles Wilhoite; Tammy Boysen Wilhoite; Patricia DeHaan; Clem & Kelly Woods; Lisa Fisher; Janice Powell; Cindy Hoff  
**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Site

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

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

It is my understanding you and the advisory committee are currently considering possible new locations for a Deschutes County landfill site to replace the current Knott Landfill, in Bend, when it reaches capacity sometime within the next decade. One of those sites being considered is 3 miles West from my home in Brasada Ranch on current BLM designated land.

We are in agreement and completely understand the need for landfills but not in or around current residential areas **WHEN WE HAVE** a 12,000 acre regional disposal site in Arlington, Oregon, with a permitted 120 years of capacity, managed by Waste Management since 1990, the largest, greenest, most proficient waste management firm on the entire North American continent. The Arlington site also has a contiguous 320 acre hazardous waste facility and the entire site is surrounded by 10,000 designated acres of buffer agriculture and wildlife land.

Arlington accepts 2.9 million tons of garbage 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 waste throughout Deschutes County? It has been done for you with the creation of the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, Oregon. They have a 120 year permit, they have solved all the environmental issues, they have a recycling plan for waste management, they are capturing methane gas for energy production and they have a delivery plan to the site by either truck or train which has been in operation since 1990.

If you need to contact Waste Management at the Columbia Ridge Landfill, here is there contact information. 18177 Cedar Springs Ln, Arlington OR. 97812, 541-454-2030 or 800-685-8001.

Deschutes County is approximately 166 miles and a 2 hour and 50 minute drive to Arlington. Portland is 140 miles from Arlington. If you need to hire a trucking firm, with all the garbage permits in hand and the experience to do so, it is Walsh Trucking located at 1650 Sundial Rd, Troutdale, Oregon 97060, 503-667-1912 or 877-469-2574.

Council Members, you do not have to spend another 15 minutes on this issue. Pick up the phone, call Waste Management and Walsh Trucking and sign up for service and your 100 year waste disposal issue will have been solved because many others who have faced similar decisions already have it solved on a regional basis using the Arlington disposal site.

The residents of Deschutes County, and my neighbors at Brasada Ranch, then do not have to see it and smell it every single day for the next 100 years. Plus, you will save millions of dollars trying to simply site a new landfill. Those millions can then be used to send trucks to the Arlington site for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration and, please, let's focus on the other issues of importance in Deschutes County when this one can be resolved with a few phone calls to those who have already solved this issue in our geographic region.

Jim & Pat Moss  
15397 Hat Rock Loop  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
503-781-8628

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Debbie Sharp <drdsharp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 11:43 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,

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Debbie Sharp DVM  
925-354-6890

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Janet Truselo <Janet@truselo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 1:21 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Murph  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Landfill - Final Site Evaluations

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

We live at 65833 Fazio Lane, which is a part of the community Pronghorn Resort. We ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

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

1. Powell Butte Highway is a busy road with many daily commuters between Prineville, Redmond, and Bend. We have personally witnessed unsafe passing situations by frustrated drivers. We are concerned about the safety of adding so much additional traffic on this route.
2. The proximity of Pronghorn Resort, Brasada Ranch and Majestic View Subdivision. The landfill at the BLM site will reduce property values, increase noxious odors, increase birds at those neighborhoods, and cause infiltration by mice and small mammals that are attracted to the landfill.
3. 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.

We 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.

There are alternatives available for the county that the SWAC is reviewing that should be the priority over land owned by the federal government.

Thank you,  
Janet Truselo and Ray Murphy

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** ANDREW&COLEEN AHMANN <andahmann@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 10:02 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill site on BLM land

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It has come to our attention that there is a proposed landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway near Brasada Ranch. As long time residents of Brasada Ranch, we have some serious concerns about the ramifications this site may hold not only for Brasada residents but also for many other families close to this site. One primary concern is the fire hazard it may present. Deschutes County is already a danger for fires due to the nature of the landscape and the dry climate; this landfill would add another layer of hazard to the many residents and vacationers in this area. Additionally, by using BLM lands which are meant to be a preserve, there is an added threat to the health, productivity, and diversity of the area. Preserving these lands for current and future generations is our gift to those who follow us. Lastly, landfills may emit harmful pollutants into the water and the air causing long term health problems and possibly polluting the groundwater in the entire area.

Please consider removing this BLM site from your list of potential landfill sites. Thank you for considering our opposition.

Andrew and Coleen Ahmann

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Alan Brown <asbrown444@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 8:09 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Citizen commentary on the location of new landfill site

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

I live at 22887 Ghost Tree Lane, 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. There are two concerns I have as itemized below.

1. I'm primarily concerned about the possibility of bird strikes against aircraft at the Bend Municipal Airport (the State's third busiest airport) and Redmond Municipal Airport. There is already a significant number of birds in the area due to the Hatfield Ponds near McGrath Road and Powell Butte Hwy, a site the East Cascades Audubon Society reports likely attracts more rare birds than any other location in Central Oregon. If the landfill is located north of this area, I believe it's highly likely there will be a significant movement of birds back and forth between the ponds and the landfill. I believe this will result in an increase danger of bird strikes as aircraft come and go at the Bend Airport in particular.

2. I'm also concerned about the increased traffic coming from the south on Hwy 97 to this proposed landfill site. As you are likely already aware, the intersection at Butler Market Road and Powell Butte Hwy can be extremely busy and is dangerous as cars attempt to merge into traffic. If you're turning from Butler Market onto north-bound Powell Butte, there is a blind spot created by the south-bound traffic on Powell Butte as they turn right onto Butler Market. In the short time I've lived in the area, it's incredible to me how many accidents I've seen at this intersection. I would respectfully ask that a feasibility study be conducted to determine if a roundabout or traffic signal at this location would be necessary if the landfill is located at this proposed spot.

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,

Alan S. Brown



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kevin Cornelius <Kevin.C.Cornelius@Outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 6:15 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Kevin Cornelius  
**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.
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry them directly into and throughout the local communities.
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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,

Kevin Cornelius

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Lydia and Mike <lydandmike@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 7:44 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Solid Waste Landfill Site on BLM Land along Powell Butte Hwy

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Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

We are writing to implore you not to consider the BLM land along Powell Butte Highway for a future Solid Waste Landfill. For your benefit, and respect of your time, we will try to state our case as briefly as possible.

The proposed site would:

- be directly over our aquifer
- smell awful as it would be primarily upwind
- be directly in our view
- constantly raise unnecessary and unhealthy dust
- propagate the populations of unwanted vermin and fowl
- adversely affect our property values

As someone who utilizes the services of the current landfill, we highly doubt Bendites will embrace a thirty plus minute drive to access a new location.

Finally, Lydia suffers from a chronic lung issue, which would be adversely affected by being downwind from a landfill. We would most likely be forced to move if you proceeded with choosing this location.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Mike and Lydia Dobranski

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Cara Golden <caragolden@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 1:05 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Advisory Committee - Proposed Landfill Site

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

I live at 66105 Pronghorn Estates Drive, Bend, Oregon 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.
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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. Greatly increased traffic, especially by large trucks, on Powell Butte Highway, a 2-lane road already carrying agricultural traffic and our primary route to the airport. Further, the majority of the traffic will be from Bend to the south, traveling a long way up Powell Butte Highway before reaching the landfill. Sites closer to Bend are far preferable and environmentally efficient. Questioning whether traffic studies have been conducted on the traffic impact of a landfill at this site.
8. Powell Butte Highway is often very icy and treacherous in the winter. Landfill traffic will be in danger of spin outs and accidents.
9. Have the County Commissioners and/or the solid waste advisory committee requested a Site Determination Report from the FAA due to the proximity of the Bend and Redmond airports? This morning a plane was flying over our property, the risk to aviation in this area with the landfill would be an accident waiting to happen. I am aware that Redmond airport already indicated they plan to expand which is why Route 97 was removed. Bend airport is building a control tower, which means increased air travel to the Bend airport. What agencies have been engaged about the plans for landfill within 5 miles of the Bend airport?
10. What would the County's legal responsibility be if a loss of life or other accident should occur at either 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.

Cara Golden  
503-307-1980 Home/Mobile  
[caragolden@comcast.net](mailto:caragolden@comcast.net)

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Michael Gottlieb <mikegottlieb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 6:50 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Solid Waste Landfill Site along Powell Butte Highway

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Our family owns three properties in Brasada Ranch, a home and two lots. Allowing a solid waste landfill site so close to our property would be severely detrimental to our properties and our use of those properties. We have many concerns including environmental contamination via water, air, and views. We have additional concerns including reduced property values and further undesirable nearby development or uses once a landfill is put in place. This is no place for a solid waste landfill site. As such, we strongly oppose the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway as a potential landfill site.

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Michael Gottlieb  
503-680-8200 | [mikegottlieb@gmail.com](mailto:mikegottlieb@gmail.com)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Ward Hanna <wardpatrickhanna@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 11:35 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Re: Powell Butte Landfill Proposal

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Dear Members,

I just noticed I made a typo on my address. It is 22913 Canyon View Loop, Bend, OR 97701. Just wanted to make sure to correct it.

Thanks,  
Ward

On Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 11:30 PM Ward Hanna <[wardpatrickhanna@gmail.com](mailto:wardpatrickhanna@gmail.com)> wrote:

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

I live at 22919 Canyon View Loop, 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 agree with all of the points our PCA Board has brought up, and would like to reiterate them here.

I oppose locating 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 dense 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 wildlife, wildflowers and ancient junipers that should be preserved, not destroyed. Some of those species may be endangered. A landfill in this area would especially have a negative impact on wildlife that is 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 could endanger the safety of patrons at the Bend municipal airport.

5. The proposed landfill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway will be visible to drivers and passengers in vehicles that travel past 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. We live on volcanic rock out here, which I can attest to as we just built a home and encountered much higher than expected excavation difficulty and expenses.

6. Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is also a bad idea because it is too close to 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 land along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential sites for the location of the new landfill for Deschutes County. For all the reasons I listed above, there have to be alternatives being considered that are not on federal land and have less impact on the ecosystem and neighborhoods than the Powell Butte site.

Sincerely,

Ward P. Hanna  
Andrea L. Hanna



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Darren Kane <darren@ampleent.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 11:27 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill near Brasada Ranch

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

**My name is Darren Kane. My address is 16983 SW Lago Vista Dr, Powell Butte, OR 97753**

**Please see below a combined effort/letter on the behalf of myself and other homeowners of Brasada Ranch:**

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.
- 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.
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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,

Darren Kane

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kim Klinke <kimklinke@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 8:12 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** New Landfill Proposed Site

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

My home is situated in Powell Butte, at Brasada Ranch, just a few miles from one of the proposed locations for the newly proposed landfill. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. I find this site objectionable for the following reasons:

- (1) The proposed BLM land-Powell Butte Highway site would sit directly over the aquifer and very close to the well serving my neighborhood. Landfills emit harmful pollutants that easily track to groundwater; this site has great potential for contaminating the groundwater serving my home and many others in the area. Safe drinking water, into the future, is a high priority for myself and my neighbors.
- (2) The BLM land-Powell Butte Highway is at the extreme edge of Deschutes County and therefore impacts neighbors in Crook County more than those served in Deschutes County. As well, this site is adjacent to many more private residences than the other sites under consideration. Specifically, a landfill in this area would
  - a. Create a lot of truck traffic along Powell Butte highway which is already over burdened
  - b. Produce a lot of noise and odor pollution, carried by the prevailing westerly winds, to the many residences within the Brasada neighborhood and others in Powell Butte
  - c. Attract large populations of birds and potential pests to the area which would create a noise nuisance and potentially spread harmful diseases
- (3) The re-purposing of BLM lands takes legislative action, which your committee is asking to be expedited to meet your timeline for a new landfill. I believe taking away the current use of the BLM land for recreation, habitat, and personal enjoyment of free spaces is not warranted in this case as better alternatives for landfill use along Highway 20 are viable and do not require BLM lands. I do not believe Deschutes County should get special treatment through an accelerated timeline/fast track process; when/if BLM land is re-purposed it should go through the proper channels and timelines to determine all potential harms for the new intended use and what losses would occur if the land use change is enacted. This requires time and money be spent to gather public input, multiple environmental evaluations, with a high level of scrutiny to determine impacts of new use and what is lost to the public, now and in the future, if that use is changed. Once open space is lost, it is nearly impossible to recover; public lands preserve open spaces for generations to come.

For these many reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is not a viable site for a new landfill. 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,

Kimberly Klinke

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Paul Knollman <knollman0101@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 2:18 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Jim Moss; Mark Gerdes  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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Please consider the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, Oregon as a proven, more resourceful and longer-term solution for the Deschutes County Landfill. Also, the following link provides landfill selection criteria making: Influential factors for comparing locations - PubMed. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32446453/>

Finally, please review the article : Health is at risk for those who live within five kilometers of a landfill site. <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/05/160524211817.htm#:~:text=Summary%3A,kilometers%20of%20a%20landfill%20site.>

Having paid taxes tp Deschutes County for 19 year, I ask the advisory committee to carefully study the long-terms effects of this location upon its citizens. The site is on top of an aquifer. Using an existing location eliminates this risk.

Thank you.

Paul Knollman

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** businessasst1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 9:34 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** 'Daren Lucas'  
**Subject:** Proposed Deschutes County Landfill Location

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

We understand that the committee is currently considering sites for a landfill in Deschutes County. We live at 65950 Pronghorn Estates Drive, which is a part of the community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Resort. I ask that this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

We are writing to express our extreme opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway.

1. Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is not a good alternative because it is too close to many homes. There are three neighborhoods nearby – Juniper Preserve, Brasada Ranch, and Majestic View Subdivision that have a combined population of at least 1,000 residents. The landfill at the BLM site will reduce property values.
2. The proximity of Juniper Reserve Resort means that the BLM site for a landfill will add pollutants and horrible noxious odors on a daily basis.
3. The landfill will potentially damage a water source since it would be located above an aquifer.
4. The added traffic on the local roadways will increase the probability of increased vehicular congestion and accidents.
5. The landfill will create an increase in heavy truck traffic with garbage haulers moving in and out of the location. This will also have a negative impact on our residential area and traffic flows in the area.
6. The proposed landfill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway will create an eyesore for commuters along the heavily travelled roads in the area.

7. Landfills attract various unwanted pests, vermin and birds that would not otherwise be in this area.
8. It will damage the natural wildlife in the area which includes Mule Deer and antelope.
9. The BLM land should be used by the public for recreation and enjoyment. 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 have a negative impact on wildlife and wildflowers.
10. The BLM land is owned by the federal government and the process to get the site transferred to Deschutes County will be long and arduous. The outcome would be uncertain and there are alternatives available for the county that the SWAC is reviewing that should be the priority over land owned by the federal government.
11. The site may be within the 5-mile radius buffer zone required by the FAA for the Redond Airport and the Prineville Airport. Birds will be attracted to the area, which could cause safety hazards for inbound and outbound flights.

I would like to request that the SWAC remove the BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from the list of potential sites for the location of the new landfill for Deschutes County. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Daren and Patricia Lucas  
65950 Pronghorn Estates Drive  
Bend, OR 97701

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

My wife and I own property and have a home under construction at 22963 Canyon View Loop, 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,

Charles and Kimberly McDonald

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Nicole Napiltonia <napiltonian@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 6:26 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Mimi  
**Subject:** Manage the Future of Solid Waste

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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 live less than three miles east of this proposed site, in Powell Butte, and this proposed landfill site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our community at Brasada Ranch impacting: 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

Landfills are necessary, but we know there are other options you are evaluating that would have less negative impact on our commodity. Please consider the following which were drafted with input from our neighbors:

- 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 other homes/neighborhoods throughout this area rely on groundwater for drinking, and landfills contaminate groundwater.
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances, and Central Oregon's prevailing winds easterlies will carry odors 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, pets and animals, 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 we 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 we believe should be preserved, not destroyed.
- A landfill at this site will ruin our panoramic views. Due to our communities higher elevation, nothing is hidden from us on the Powell Buttes, and given the lack of onsite soil at the BLM site, it likely will not ever have the daily ground cover for proper landfill operations.
- This site is only 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 we ask that you provide our community with this much.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site along Powell Butte Highway is a bad idea that will negatively impact our safety, health, and property values and we respectfully ask you to consider one of the other locations. In addition, if there is anything I can do to help with the evaluation process or if there are ways for me to engage and get involved please let me know how I can assist.

Proactively, I am also looking at ways to systemically prevent the need for landfills. Working to drive solutions to reduce the problem and need for landfills in the future.

Looking forward to your feedback confirmation receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Nicole Napiltonia

17818 SW Chaparral Dr

Powell Butte, OR 97753

1-408-307-4745

Dear members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

I live at 65862 Bearing Drive Bend Oregon;

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

I live at [address], 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.
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neighborhoods, and cause infiltration by mice and small mammals that are attracted to the landfill.

7. I have sold real estate here for over 30 years the negative impact putting a land fill out here will substantially lower property values and negatively impact resales. I have tried to sell properties around existing landfill and have back up data to show this is true.
8. The airport and helicopter trainings are constantly flying around this area.
9. The roads out here are only 2 lanes dangerous and icy in the winter.
10. You should accept Matt Days' proposal or go buy land in Crook County.

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.

Deb Tebbs  
Jack Tebbs  
65862 Bearing Drive  
Bend Oregon 97701

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Angela Wren <wrens20.aw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 7:04 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee - proposed solid waste 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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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,

Angela Wren

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Gloria <gloria@teamcoon.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 9:15 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Gloria Coon  
**Subject:** Proposed Waste Landfill Site - Powell Butte

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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,



Gloria & Jim Coon  
15761 SW Wooden Trestle Ct  
Powell Butte, OR 97753  
Brasada Ranch  
541-610-7277 (cell)

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Cutler, Jackson <jackson.cutler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 3:46 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill Site 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. 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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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,

Jackson Cutler

August 4, 2023

Dear Deschutes County Solid Waste Committee,

We are homeowners in Brasada Ranch and are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed landfill site on the BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. Although our home is in Crook County, the proposed site is roughly 3 miles from our location. Brasada Ranch is a destination resort for over 100,000 guests each year as well as our permanent year round home.

We are concerned for the harmful pollutants into the air as well as the potential contamination of our underground water. We are concerned about the odor that the landfill will produce and understand that due to the weather patterns in this area will most likely carry right over our property. The owners of Brasada Ranch have worked hard at becoming a fire-wise safe community and landfills create fire hazards. It is difficult for us to find and maintain good fire insurance on our homes currently, as we are 6-7 minutes from a fire station. The high desert conditions and the added risk of a landfill in the area will only heighten the problem.

We are just one home of over 750 within a three mile area of the proposed site with many additional visitors vacationing in Brasada. There are additional home owners and visitors in the Pronghorn Resort just three miles in the other direction that should be considered as well. The health, safety and property values of the homeowners in this area should be as much of a consideration as those in Deschutes County, so we are asking that you remove this property from your potential landfill sites. I appreciate your considering our opposition and making this a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Joanne Kilgore  
16107 SW Brasada Ranch Rd.  
Powell Butte, OR. 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Alan Kissell <alank9438@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 12:30 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill Sites

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. It could not be stronger.

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 know you have heard from many of my neighbors and I dare say everyone will say the same. Environmental impact, specifically on the aquifer should create a non starter by itself; but odors, traffic, unsightliness and all other factors that are prevalent with landfills are all in play that should disqualify this site. There are simply too many residents already here - with more on the way to make this a logical choice.

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,

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Brian Olendorf <brianolendorf@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 9:40 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Deschutes County landfill BLM proposal - No!

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

I live at 23166 Switchback Court Bend OR 97701, which is part of the community at Juniper Preserve, formerly known as Pronghorn Destination Resort. I request this email be a part of the record for the SWAC.

I wish to voice my position to ***strongly oppose*** siting the Deschutes County landfill at the proposed BLM site adjacent to Powell Butte Highway. Below are some of the following reasons for my strong objection:

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 existing alternatives available for the county the SWAC is reviewing which should be a stronger priority over land owned by the federal government.
2. the recent decision announced to include BLM land does not appear at a minimum in my opinion to be a transparent proposal idea but is included in a quick, impulsive solution for inclusion with limited due diligence.
3. As precedence, BLM land was intended primarily to be used by citizens for recreation and enjoyment. Deschutes County's seeking ownership of federal land is a concerning and troubling example as a precedent for other counties. How long will large tracts of public land be available for future Oregon citizens when carved up for county uses when ample privately-owned land is readily available? While it is true Central Oregon is increasing in population and development, it is still imperative current citizens acknowledge and recognize their stewardship responsibilities of the public lands and balance the need to access large tracts of land for recreation and enjoyment for future generations.
4. The BLM land site contains important species of both wildlife and wildflowers which should be preserved and not destroyed. Wildlife is dependent upon large areas to thrive and breed. Some of these species may be endangered and impacted by landfill development. A landfill will be and should be considered a negative impact on wildlife and wildflowers.
5. The proximity to Juniper Reserve Resort means the BLM landfill will produce noxious odors and attract large amounts of birds and vermin, all of which will negatively impact not only my home and the homes of others but

also the resort at Juniper Reserve. Noxious odors can and are shown to travel long distances. Further, the accumulation of birds at the landfill site will cause harm to the safety of patrons of the Bend municipal airport.

6. The proposed landfill at the BLM land site along Powell Butte Highway will be seen by drivers and passengers in vehicles that travel past 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.
7. Locating a landfill at the proposed BLM site along Powell Butte Highway is bad 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 in these neighborhoods, and cause infiltration by mice and small mammals that are attracted to the landfill.
8. Greatly increased traffic, especially by large trucks, on Powell Butte Highway, a 2-lane road already carrying agricultural traffic and our primary route to the airport. Further, the majority of the traffic will be originating from Bend to the south, traveling a long way up Powell Butte Highway before reaching the landfill. Sites closer to Bend are far more preferable and environmentally efficient. Questioning whether traffic studies have been conducted on the traffic impact of a landfill at this site.
8. Powell Butte Highway is often very icy and treacherous in the winter. Landfill traffic will be in danger of spinouts and accidents.
10. Have the County Commissioners and/or the solid waste advisory committee requested a Site Determination Report from the FAA? This report should have been the first item requested before the BLM parcel came up for review.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Olendorf

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** awpharr@rocketmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 7:35 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill - contested

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A new waste site candidate, BLM land adjoining Powell Butte Rd is under consideration.

Be aware that this area is a unique desert area environment that makes it especially vulnerable to the insertion of a significant toxic risk.

The characteristics of the flora and fauna, wildlife, atmospheric behavior, watershed, and land use present risks of catastrophic proportions should even the slightest contamination take place.

The establishment of a waste processing facility in the area would put the entire area in jeopardy of disaster

Historically the area has been occupied by farmers, ranchers, small cottage business, and families that depend upon wells for water.

The establishment of a waste facility in the area would certainly affect the stability of the aquifer and purity of the water. Anyone proposing such a facility would be responsible for assuring each and every water source would be secure from contamination, a task that would not only be extremely expensive, but almost impossible to undertake given the dynamic characteristic of the aquifer.

A baseline for existing purity and volume of use would demand each and every water source and well be tested.

Thereafter, monitoring of each would have to be continuous. Even at that, should accidental contamination take place what possible disaster mitigation could restore the water to its now existing levels of purity. Contamination could lead to catastrophe, including loss of life, for the entire region: a risk wholly unreasonable to accept, if not irresponsible to consider.

Similar arguments could be made for the myriad forms of contamination that would be brought to this vulnerable area; light contamination, noise, atmospheric, geological, changes in natural behaviors. The changes in traffic that would take place along the routes to the site would be disastrous in themselves. The residents, businesses, wildlife, desert plants, topography would certainly be put at extreme risk. Risk that is unacceptable.

The uniqueness of the area creates a situation in which use of the area as a waste site would be prohibitive in cost of an environment impact study alone.

As well, dealing with the many powerful special interest groups that would certainly become involved could lead to years of litigation. It is difficult to imagine that any form of full-proof risk mitigation plan would ever be acceptable, let alone implemented.

The communities of Central Oregon understand the difficulties the waste management organizations face, but special and thorough care needs be taken in choice of a waste site to avoid even the slightest risk to the community's health, safety, and quality of life. This necessity of care is further demanded for preservation of the habitat, land, wildlife, and aquifer.

If this site is chosen costs are certain to soar out of control, extended delays to be encountered, and public resistance escalated. Land values will lower, driving tax reassessments.

Certainly other, better, less risky choices are available. For everyone's sake dismiss use of the BLM land along Powell Butte Rd from your list of candidates.

Allan Pharr



23097 Watercourse Way  
Bend

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** kristy rees1 <Reesfamily4@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 12:17 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Ted Rees ·  
**Subject:** BLM Site along Powell Butte Highway- URGENT

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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.
- I have severe respiratory problems due to Covid and are under doctors orders to be in a healthy good air quality environment.
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Sincerely,

Ted and Kristy Rees-

Homeowners at Brasada Ranch

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jodi Satko <satkosellsoregon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 5:38 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Land Fill Location Powell Butte Hwy

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Sincerely,

Scott & Jodi Satko

15660 SW Rangeland Dr., Powell Butte, OR 97753

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## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Shan Stassens <shan@winsomeconstruction.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 8:21 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Propsed Landfill siting

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Hello,

I am writing to communicate my objection to the proposed BLM landfill site due West of Brasada Ranch. The close proximity to 2 major resort and living communities is my main objection. The tourist industry would be impacted, and the residents would be as well.

Please consider a less populated area for this landfill,

Best

Shan Stassens

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**Shan Stassens / Winsome Construction**

Partner

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**From:** Mark Baker <bakermark729@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 7:46 AM  
**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. Of the many sites available to this county, using this site which is very close to large residential communities including Pronghorn and Brasada is counter intuitive, as areas of county and BLM land are available to Deschutes county as is the statewide disposal site at Arlington which is utilized by many statewide counties.

While I do not live in Deschutes County, we live 3 miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch, and if this site were chosen, it is certain this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our zoo staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

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Sincerely,

Mark Baker



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jeffrey Burn <burnjp57@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 8:14 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Robin Burn  
**Subject:** Landfill proposal along Powell Butte highway

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Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

My husband and I 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.

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Sincerely,  
Robin and Jeff Burn

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Brian Feeney <brianfeeney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 9:10 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Cc:** Brian Feeney; Alli Feeney  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway

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Sincerely,

Brian and Allison Feeney

16280 SW Brasada Ranch Rd, Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Tawnya <tawnya9901@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 11:25 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill site near Powell Butte

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I have been a Powell Butte resident most of my life and I live near Brasada Ranch. I deeply value my health, and my view! And definitely my property value! I will never support anything that jeopardize this! A landfill should never be placed this close to homes and drinking water source, you would be putting a lot of peoples health at risk, which is absolutely unacceptable! So I am voicing my extreme opposition to this site!

Regards,  
Tawnya Stanley

Sent from my iPhone

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Scott Harman <scottharman1@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 6, 2023 1:43 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Powell Butte Highway Landfill

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To Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I'm writing this email to ask that you reconsider BLM land along Powell Butte Highway as a solid waste landfill. I am building my retirement home in Brasada Ranch and i very much look forward to moving there next summer {2024}. The smell, hazardous waste, potential water pollution and so many other environmental issue's that come along with landfill's are just a few reason's why I strongly oppose this site. I urge you to please reconsider the Powell Butte location. If you decide to move forward with Powell Butte landfill then I'll have no choice but to consider selling and moving somewhere else. My family spends a lot of time, money and recreation in Bend. I'd like to continue doing so.

I LOVE BEND!

Sincerely,

Scott Harman  
16049 Hat Rock Loop  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Irene Phaksuwan <ireneph@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 6, 2023 11:26 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Attention: Deschutes County and its Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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August 6, 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.

We 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.

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Sincerely,

Irene Phaksuwan  
17484 SW Chaparral Dr.  
Powell Butte, OR 97753

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Sincerely,

James P. and Kathryn L. Barrett

16528 SW Ranchview Rd, Powell Butte OR 97753



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Jeff Merwin  
**Sent:** Monday, August 7, 2023 8:24 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Potential BLM Landfill Site on Deschutes/Crook Counties' Border

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**From:** Ken Drake <kdrakejan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 7, 2023 8:23 AM  
**To:** Jeff Merwin <Jeff.Merwin@deschutes.org>  
**Subject:** Fw: Opposition to Potential BLM Landfill Site on Deschutes/Crook Counties' Border

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Jeff,

Per our telephone conversation this morning, please forward the message below to the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee prior to its meeting on August 15, 2023.

If you encounter any issues with sending my message on, please let me know.

Thank you for your assistance.

Jan

Jan Drake  
[kdrakejan@yahoo.com](mailto:kdrakejan@yahoo.com)

Jan cell: (801) 557-9226

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**From:** Ken Drake <[kdrakejan@yahoo.com](mailto:kdrakejan@yahoo.com)>  
**To:** [managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov) <[managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov](mailto:managethefuture@deschutescounty.gov)>  
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**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 04:47:55 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Opposition to Potential BLM Landfill Site on Deschutes/Crook Counties' Border

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

### SHORT STATEMENT:

Please *eliminate* from the list of potential/proposed solid waste landfill sites the site located on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway that is near the Deschutes County/Crook County line (the “*Site*”).

### **BACKGROUND:**

I am a resident of Powell Butte, Crook County, Oregon. My home is located within Brasada Ranch. Brasada Ranch is located less than three miles east of the Site. As you may know, Brasada Ranch is a resort/residential community. Powell Butte Highway (the “*Highway*”) is my route into and out of Bend and locations in between.

### **DISCUSSION:**

I appreciate the open space along the Highway. I particularly enjoy the Highway’s peaceful and beautiful gateway entrance to the community of Powell Butte and to Crook County. I envision that area residents and tourists may enjoy the open space/agricultural views of the area as they (1) drive in and out of Central Oregon via the Highway and/or (2) fly in and out of the Redmond Municipal Airport and the Bend Municipal Airport (collectively, the “*Airports*”).

I believe that development of the Site into a solid waste landfill will negatively impact, among other things, the:

(1) safety of:

(a) humans traveling along the Powell Butte Highway, which has a posted maximum speed limit of 55 mph, via truck, car, motorcycle, bicycle, etc. due to trucks, trailers and cars entering and exiting the Site; and

(b) airplanes, airline flight crews and passengers flying into, out of or around the Airports due to potential bird strikes and other potential hazards.

(2) health and quality of life of humans, as well as wildlife and livestock.

### **Supporting Details - Food for Thought:**

- Landfills contaminate groundwater.
  - Brasada Ranch relies on groundwater for drinking water.
- Landfills emit harmful pollutants into the air and water.
  - These pollutants cause various health problems, including respiratory problems, cancer, and birth defects.
- Landfills produce noxious odors that travel long distances.

- Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies will carry noxious odors directly into and throughout Brasada Ranch.

- Landfills attract pests and vermin that pose a severe health hazard and a nuisance.

- These pests carry diseases that are transmitted to humans and damage property.

- Landfills attract birds that are drawn to garbage, pests, vermin, etc.

- Development of a landfill on the Site may increase the number birds, including raptors, posing a hazard to airplanes serving the Airports.

- In addition, birds attracted to a nearby landfill may prey upon songbirds, migratory birds, etc. that live in or pass through Brasada Ranch.

- Landfills create fire hazards.

- ***Fact/Example: compost facility fire at Knott Landfill on August 2, 2023.***

- The smoke and fumes from landfill fires are toxic and cause respiratory and other physical problems.

- Fires at landfills can release pollutants into the air that harm the environment.

- A landfill fire may spread to surrounding areas causing destruction of property, displacement of humans and wildlife and may result in the death or injury to humans and wildlife.

- In the event of a landfill fire, Central Oregon's prevailing westerlies may carry burning embers and the fire itself directly to Brasada Ranch.

- I am committed to the issues of wildfire loss and prevention. Brasada Ranch is a participant in the National Firewise Community program and coordinates fire-related issues with Crook County.

- If Deschutes County takes over BLM land for use as a landfill, it threatens (1) the health, diversity and productivity of public lands and the environment and (2) public land use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

- The Site contains important and possibly endangered species of wildlife and wildflowers that are best preserved, not destroyed.

- The Site is approximately one mile from family homes, farms and/or ranches in Crook County. Brasada Ranch is situated within approximately three miles of the Site, in addition to additional family homes, farms and/or ranches.

## SUMMARY

I oppose the Site for development as a solid waste landfill. Please incorporate this e-mail into the public records of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my opposition.

Respectfully,

Jan Drake

Jan Drake  
16624 SW Caballaro Court, Powell Butte, OR 97753  
[kdrakejan@yahoo.com](mailto:kdrakejan@yahoo.com)  
Jan cell: (801) 557-9226

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I have been following the process your group has gone through to develop a new Landfill Site for Deschutes County for a number of months now. I've watched as you have evaluated over 30 prospective sites. Most have now been eliminated from consideration for a variety of reasons. However, two sites in the Millican area are mentioned as finalist possibilities and suddenly two additional sites not previously explored, are mentioned as possibilities warranting further evaluation. I am writing to express strong opposition to one of those two new sites. I believe developing a landfill along the Powell Butte Highway on BLM lands would be a grievous mistake.

There are many reasons that contribute to the Powell Butte Highway site being a very poor choice. Here are a few.

- 1) I do not have access to sophisticated mapping software but a cursory examination of the site appears to show it to be within a five mile radius of the existing Redmond Airport. Any future runway expansions would easily put it within that radius.
- 2) There are literally hundreds of residences within three miles of the site. There are a number of Deschutes County residences on Majestic View Lane that must be incredibly concerned with the ramifications of this site adjacent to their homes. However, the majority of the residences close to this site are not in Deschutes County. They are in Crook County. This portion of Crook County has a heavy rural population density. Hundreds of houses look down upon the site from the west side of Powell Butte. This includes the properties of Brasada Resort, and the many other residences located between the Powell Butte Cemetery and Brasada Ranch. Pronghorn Resort is less than 3.5 miles of this proposed site.
- 3) Any activities from a landfill at this site would be both visible extremely disruptive to the lives of thousands of people living in this area of Crook County. Views of the Cascade mountains would be contaminated with the landfill in the foreground. Dust, machinery noise, blowing debris, birds, vermin, smoke from landfill fires and smells would all become frequent issues with the westerly winds that blow hard in this area.
- 4) All of the houses in this portion of Crook County rely on groundwater. Though most Crook County residences in the area are serviced by Avion Water, a huge portion of the wells supplying this water are located on the western edge of Brasada property, within two miles of your landfill site. These two wells draw a combined flow of approximately 800 GPM. The aquifer supplying this water is located from approximately the western edge of Dry River westwards to about directly under the proposed landfill site. Long term contamination of this extensive aquifer is of great concern to both users of Avion water and local residents with private wells that are far less distant than two miles from the proposed site.

I encourage you to consider the many negative aspects associated with the Powell Butte Highway location. I believe you should eliminate it from consideration. There are just too many real impacts on people and the environment to justify utilization of this site for the new 100 year landfill.

Sincerely,

Ric Hancock

16111 SW Shumway Rd

Powell Butte, OR 97753

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Kim Fox-Moran <KimFox@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 7, 2023 9:58 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed 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 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 four miles to the east, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our community.

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.
- The increased traffic this would bring to the area would be detrimental to all residents and wildlife.
- I have read through your previous meeting minutes and see that you have another viable site that you have been considering at Roth East that is not on BLM land, does not have limited soil and water availability, has less houses within a mile, is not in a site with high visibility, is not within a zoned antelope range and would be better suited than placing your garbage at Crook County's doorstep.

For these reasons, this 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,  
Jeff and Kimberly Moran



## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Janet Simmons <janetspencer.07@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 7, 2023 12:11 PM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** No, No, No

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No to the waste plant near Brasada Ranch and surrounding areas! We don't want it near our homes and families.

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*Janet Simmons*

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** K Gunderson <gundyk6@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023 11:54 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed Landfill near Brasada Ranch

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I moved here just a little over two years ago to get out in the country for the wildlife, view, and fresh air found here. I find it unbelievable that our community is faced with this potential which will no doubt affect livability, property salability and market valuations among many other things as enumerated below.

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,

Karen Gunderson

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Becky Haaby <becky@eaglemountain.global>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023 8:55 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill site on BLM land near Powell Butte

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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 four miles to the east, and there is no doubt that this landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment enjoyed by our community.

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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,  
Rebecca Haaby

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Ralph Klinke <ralphklinke@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023 7:59 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** future landfill site input

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To the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

My home is situated at Brasada Ranch, a resort community located approximately 2 miles from BLM land that is under consideration for a future Deschutes County solid waste landfill site. The purpose of this letter is to point out concerns with the Powell Butte Hwy (PBH) site that should have it removed from the list of potential landfill site candidates. In no particular order:

### 1. Regional Impact

The well known negative impacts of landfills

([https://www.deschutes.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/solid\\_waste/meeting/25736/s\\_wac\\_2023.03.21\\_-\\_presentation.pdf](https://www.deschutes.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/solid_waste/meeting/25736/s_wac_2023.03.21_-_presentation.pdf)) do not follow arbitrary boundaries such as a county line. With the significant number of residences (and population density) in the communities of Brasada Ranch & Powell Butte, it is obvious the impact of PBH is substantially greater than any of the other 3 sites remaining on the list of candidates. In particular, with our unique geography that has residences elevated above the valley floor between Powell Butte and the Cascade Range, the scenic impact (and resultant impact on property valuation) is far greater than the other sites.

### 2. Regional Population Growth

With the exception of acknowledging expansion plans for Redmond Municipal Airport, it seems the weighting factors don't account for regional growth in the tri-city area of Bend, Redmond & Prineville. Within the next 100 years it is certain this region will be far more densely populated, and thus siting a landfill within this area is incongruent. In addition, the Bend Municipal Airport has been considering expansion plans that could impact usage of the PBH site

(<https://www.bendoregon.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/52237/63779919866593000>)

0). This has the potential to expand the 5 mile safety radius to 6 miles ([https://archive.epa.gov/epawaste/nonhaz/municipal/web/pdf/ac150\\_5200\\_34a.pdf](https://archive.epa.gov/epawaste/nonhaz/municipal/web/pdf/ac150_5200_34a.pdf)).

### 3. Ground Water Safety Concerns

Even with improvements to design and construction of landfill sites, there is no guarantee that seepage will not occur (which also explains why we have monitoring wells in the vicinity of landfill sites). Our unique volcanic geography is full of porous material that permits underground water flow which allows for all the communities in Central Oregon to rely on wells for water even though the water source that charges our aquifer originates miles away. As such, given the higher number of wells in proximity to the PBH site in comparison to the other three candidate sites makes it abundantly clear that the PBH site should no longer be considered. Hundreds of residences (ultimately as many as 1200 within Brasada Ranch) depend on water from wells (<https://yourwater.oregon.gov/wells.php?pwsno=01506>) that are within 2 miles from the PBH site. In addition, there are many other residences scattered along the western flank of Powell Butte that rely on well water.

### 4. Construction/Operational Costs

Construction costs in general are going to be comparable between the two remaining non-BLM candidate sites, but certainly are going to be substantially higher for the BLM candidate sites due to land purchase costs. As such, the BLM candidate sites should be removed from consideration. In addition, operational costs should be borne by the end-user, and as such, are a non-factor in the site selection process.

For these reasons, the proposed PBH solid waste landfill site is not a viable site for a new landfill, and should be removed from your list of potential landfill sites.

Sincerely,

Ralph Klinke

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** mohrkeely@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023 7:55 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Landfill- strong opposition

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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.

Kindly,

Keely Mohr

Sent from my iPhone

August 8, 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, we live less than three miles to the east, in Brasada Ranch.

I encourage you to consider the following:

- Landfills contain harmful pollutants and these pollutants potentially will leach into the well water that we understand shares the same aquifer as Brasada Ranch and homes throughout this area rely for their drinking water. This site is just a third of a mile from families and their homes and ranches and within three miles of the 750 homes and 300 hotel rooms in Brasada Ranch, and 370 homes and 150 hotel rooms in Pronghorn.
- Huge Lawsuit losses occur when one action (landfills) seep into the only drinking water source for many potentially litigious citizens.

For these reasons, the proposed solid waste landfill site is a bad idea that will negatively impact our 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,

Michael Roth

## Tim Brownell

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**From:** Bob Woods <sheilat.bob2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023 11:32 AM  
**To:** managethefuture  
**Subject:** Proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway

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To: Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

We, like many of our neighbors, are writing to let you know we strongly oppose the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. We live at Brasada Ranch, less than three miles to the east.

This landfill will impact the health and environment of the resorts' staff, 1000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guests.

The landfill would sit over our aquifer and there would be significant risk to our groundwater.

The landfill would likely produce odors that would blow straight to us, as we more days than not have strong winds from the west.

Deschutes County appears to have good options on private land, making the choice to use BLM lands for the landfill unnecessary. Those lands were not intended for private use, let alone a landfill. This BLM land has wildlife and plants that would be impacted.

We would hope that you could place a landfill in an area that would be hidden from view. This landfill would impact our panoramic views, given where we sit on the Powell Buttes.

We were provided statistics on the impact of this site to nearby communities. 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 at Juniper Preserve. The economic impact of this landfill could be significant for both Deschutes and Crook County if the 2 resorts have a drop in property values, future expansions are eliminated, and guest occupancy drops.

It is hard to imagine you would select this site when there are such environmental and economic impacts, including to property values.

We sincerely hope you will remove this BLM site along Powell Butte Highway from your list of potential landfill sites.

Sincerely,

Bob and Sheila Woods

August 8, 2023

Dear Members of the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed solid waste landfill site on BLM land along Powell Butte Highway. Even though I do not live in Deschutes County, I live less than three miles to the east in Brasada Ranch. The landfill on this site would severely negatively impact the health, safety, and environment of the 200 staff, 2,000 members, and 100,000 annual resort guest that enjoy this community. I encourage you to consider the following points:

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Thank you for your consideration and making is a part of the SWAC record.

Sincerely,

Denise Wurtz