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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

As you near the final decision for the location of the new landfill, I would like to take another opportunity to beg you to choose the Moon Pit over the Roth East site. The moon pit is an already heavily disturbed site as opposed to the relatively pristine rangeland of the Roth East site. Reading the analysis of the sites, it seems that the decision will largely come down to money as the Roth East site is a much more objectionable site for various reasons. I do appreciate all of the work put in and the honest assessment of the places. I ask that you please, please, please choose to preserve our open spaces by choosing the moon pit site. As a lifelong Oregonian, (43 of my 45 years in Central Oregon) and a property owner in Millican, I truly hope that Deschutes County can set a precedent of trying to preserve our open spaces, dark skies, wildlife habitat, sagebrush grasslands, room to breathe and recreate to the best of your ability. We, as Central Oregonians, have seen so much change in the last decades and I am hoping that seeing a landfill as you drive out into the open rangeland east of Bend is not one of them.

In Arizona last year, I happened upon a landfill positioned far outside of Phoenix in the desert. It was a jarring site in the midst of the otherwise pristine desert. It was surrounded by netting to keep the trash in but trash on the roadside increased as you neared the landfill. I understand that we all make trash and we need a place to dispose of it, but please put it in an already disturbed site.

P.S. In your final analysis of the sites, I didn't see any reference to Pine Mountain Observatory in reference to the Roth East Site. I believe there were fairly significant requests made by them to ensure that the skies remain clear for their work? Dust and light being the main concerns?

Thank you for your consideration,

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