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It recently came to my attention that one of the proposed sites for this project (Roth East at the base of Pine Mtn) will present a significant problem for those of use who fly Pine Mtn. This area is THE main landing area and has been used for such over 40 some years. I started flying in 1974 and have watched as the the launch and landing sites of our few, precious flyable areas disappear due to the ever increasing encroachment of both infrastructure and housing development. I urge you to consider alternatives to the Roth East site.

Thanks for allowing my input,

Sincerely,

John Coyier

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Hello Tim,

Oregon Natural Desert Association wishes to convey the attached letter to the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommending that they advocate for the strongest possible mitigation for siting a landfill at either the Moon Pit or Roth East locations. I will also attend the Committee's meeting tomorrow and offer explanation for the letter during the public comment period.

Thank you,

Mark

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April 15, 2024

Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Deschutes County Road Department  
61150 SE 27th Street  
Bend, Oregon 97702

Re: Deschutes County Landfill Siting

Dear Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

As you consider your recommendation for siting a future landfill in Deschutes County, we urge you to also advocate for the strongest possible mitigation for developing at either the Moon Pit or Roth East locations.

Siting at Moon Pit or Roth East will affect wildlife resources and the public's enjoyment of public lands for generations. While each location may be capable of supporting a landfill, neither is *suitable* for this purpose for an array environmental, social, economic, and other reasons.

Providing for comprehensive mitigation for impacts from development—beyond what is required by minimal state and county policies—can help ameliorate these effects. In some cases, mitigation actions could even benefit wildlife and public use around these sites.

Deschutes County's adoption of a robust mitigation program for what will be the first landfill developed in Oregon in 30 years would also serve as an important model for other jurisdictions across the state for decades to come. Moreover, even extraordinary mitigation for developing a new landfill would cost only a fraction of the immense budget associated with this project.

While the range and intensity of impacts to wildlife and recreation would differ between the two locations, development at Moon Pit may be less harmful to these values and resources than at Roth East.

For Moon Pit, mitigation should include:

- Implementation of a comprehensive wildlife conservation and mitigation program with secure, continuous, independent funding to reduce and eliminate direct and indirect impacts on a host of federally protected, state-recognized and game species.

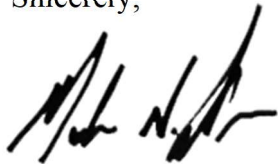
- Design features at the facility and supporting infrastructure to reduce visual, auidial and olfactory impacts of the landfill on wilderness values and visitation to the Oregon Badlands Wilderness and Horse Ridge Recreation Area.
- Support for organizations and programs to maintain and improve wilderness values and recreational experiences in the Oregon Badlands Wilderness and Horse Ridge Recreation Area.

For Roth East, mitigation should include:

- Implementation of a comprehensive wildlife conservation and mitigation program with secure, continuous, independent funding to reduce and eliminate direct and indirect impacts on a host of federally protected, state-recognized and game species.
- Strategies to secure, enhance and/or restore greater sage-grouse habitats throughout the Brothers Priority Area for Conservation as identified by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Siting a landfill at either Moon Pit or Roth East will have unavoidable impacts on wildlife, wilderness and recreation. Mitigating for these effects can help to balance our need for a future landfill with other values and resources that make Deschutes County special.

Sincerely,



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