

Hello

My name is Michael Hastings and I live at 464 and 470 Jasmine road. I'm here today, with 3 minutes of time to defend my family and the quality of life that has taken over 40 years to earn. I'm here to prevent the water that my family drinks from being poisoned, the air that I breathe from being polluted, the home value that I live in from being decimated, and even the business that I work to feed my family from being destroyed. These are not dramatic exaggerations, these are literal and certain assurances that are impossible to mitigate if Darren Lee gets his way of adding this site to the Goal 5 inventory.

The inadequacies of the quality and quantity analysis is only 1 of many issues contained within this application that are in direct conflict with the rules that govern goal 5.

Ironically, the goal 5 program was developed to avoid the situation that we find ourselves in today. 40 years ago Oregon instituted goal 5 in order, **Identify**, list and protect key natural resources "For Present and Future Generations" Aggregate is one of these resources. As stated, they did this so that they could **protect** and prevent future land use decisions from being made on or around the identified sites that would conflict with the ability to utilize the resource. Per the rules that govern Goal 5, "Protect" means to quote "limit or prohibit new conflicting uses within the **impact area** of the site" unquote. It goes on to specifically list the words "**Houses** and Schools" as examples of conflicts in regard to aggregate sites.

Malheur county followed this mandate by surveying the county and building a list of over 200 aggregate sites containing thousands of acres of land. (Hold Up The List) This site was not added. Further more this site was deemed important as "Exclusive Agricultural Land" and was zoned as such. Since then several land use decisions that don't conflict with exclusive agricultural land were approved and allowed to be built on and around the site.

Approximately 10 households have relied on these decisions of the county to invest life savings into their properties, knowing that Farmland would be their forever neighbor.

Before the court today is one mans desire to have the county change their mind and allow this "Exclusive Agricultural land" to be converted into an aggregate pit. If this were to happen 10 peaceful homesteads would instantly be considered conflicts. These instant "Conflicts" formally known as peaceful houses, families and farms cannot be mitigated out of existence. This is at the very heart of the problem, but again the houses, only represent 1 of several non mitigatable conflicts as per the rules that govern Goal 5.

I plead with the court and the county to take responsibility and honor your past decisions by denying this petition, not allowing this site to be added to the Goal 5 inventory, and not allowing a change in land use at this site now, or at any time in the future.