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Greetings from Bend

I encourage a no vote on SB 644.

Allowing outright surface mining in the EFU puts at risk wildlife habitat, sensitive raptor nesting sites and quiet use recreation.

The current conditional use permit for surface mining in the EFU allows for a balance of local values.

I live in Central Oregon for it's wildlife habitat, migratory raptors and for quiet use recreation both on private and on public lands. SB 644 is not a good fit for Central Oregon nor for Eastern Oregon, actually for no where in Oregon. SB 644 jeopardizes local input on surface mining from state agencies, from federal agencies and from the public.

The current conditional use permit for surface mining in EFU provides for wildlife ODFW agency input, provides for OWRD water agency input, and provides for time, place and manner as well as noise and seasonal sidebars in addition to public input. Mitigation after surface mining requires the use of water which requires a permit and is no small task to acquire in our dry high desert environment. SB 644 would upset each of these.

**Vote No on SB 644.**

Thank you

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