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Unfortunately, I just heard about this attempt at rezoning this large piece of Exclusive Farm Use land. My husband served on the Washington County Planning Commission for 8 years, and I have chaired the local neighborhood organization CPO 8. As well, my neighbors 40+ incorporated a 501 3C called the McKay Creek Valley Association to protect farm and forest land in Oregon, mainly in Washington County. We persevered for over 20 years, and with the help of 1,000 Friends of Oregon brought the 1st and 2nd state mandated ENFORCEMENT ORDERS on Washington County in the state. That is my background in land use.

I encourage a vote of NO on this zone change. The parcel has been farmed continually since the 1800's. It's prime land, among the best the world offers. The parcel could continue to support dry land, and irrigated farming.

This proposal is short sighted because as temperatures continue to rise farm land producing our food will be in greater demand.

I'm well aware that Pumpkin Ridge and Ghost Hollow Golf courses are close by. There are no doubt, developers biting their tongues awaiting a yes, go ahead. Still I encourage a NO vote.

Questions I have include issues of water availability, increased infrastructure demands, tax increases for current North Plains residents.

I fear if this zone change gets a green light, it will set a dangerous precedent as a bite out of our lauded, historic land use program. Again, I urge a NO vote.

Sincerely,

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