

Watts Remy

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Subject: Opposition to SB 46

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Honorable Oregon State Senators,

Below is a short excerpt of SB 46.

“A BILL FOR AN ACT Relating to surface mining; amending ORS 517.750 and 517.753. Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon: SECTION 1. ORS 517.753 is amended to read: 517.753.

(1) Notwithstanding the yard and acre limitations of ORS 517.750 (16), a person [must] shall obtain an exclusion certificate from the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries [to engage in surface mining that] for each surface mining operation that: (a) Is sited upon:

(A) A single lot or parcel as defined in ORS 92.010; or (B) State or federally managed lands; and (b) Within a 12-month period: (A) Results in the extraction of between 1,000 and 5,000 cubic yards [or less] of minerals; or (B) Affects less than one acre of land [within a period of 12 consecutive calendar months].

(2) Except as provided in ORS 517.755, [a mining operation subject to] **surface mining conducted under a valid exclusion certificate is [not subject to] exempt from the operating permit [or] and reclamation requirements set forth in ORS 517.702 to 517.989.”**

I strongly you folks to vote against this bill which would allow surface mining without a permit. It seems that in these days of environmental protection that a bill allowing mining without a permit is simply inconceivable. Why in the world would someone introduce such an unreasonable bill? I live Deschutes River Woods in Deschutes County directly against the Lava flow which is part of the Lava Butte National Monument. There are a couple small 90 acre sections of this natural and beautiful Lava flow that are privately owned. These private sections are directly adjacent to my property and several other neighbors property in DRW. The owners of these private sections of Lava Flow would love to sell them for profit. There are certain folks that would love to purchase these private sections of Lava flow to mine for gravel. This bill would allow such an act without a permit. This would allow the destruction of the natural beauty of the Lava Flow and destroy part of the natural history of Lava Butte National Monument. This bill sets forth a road of destruction of Oregon grounds without a permit. Please consider the terrible potential effects this bill would have on the state of Oregon and **vote against this bill**. It simply does not make sense and certainly does not conform to the strict environmental requirements of today’s restrictions.

Best regards, Thomas Powell
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