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File No Land-2014-1966

Dear Planning Director,

I tried to comment on the sewer project to no avail but I feel

That is important that I comment on this land use proposal.

I wish to say about the tree removal and retention program

That is very bad for both wildlife and for the project.

Starting on the West side and on the front there are two

Cottonwood trees. These trees are very valueable for wildlife

through varies stages of their growth. They are scheduled for removal for the road. If you continue on, several cedar trees

would have to be removed in order to continue the road. These

trees are scheduled for retention according to the plan. In fact

in order to develop lots 1 an2 more cedar trees would have to be removed, that are scheduled for retention . If you continue

on the unhealthy trees that are used by many species of

wildlife are scheduled for removal. It appears that wildlife is

the big loser on this proposal.

I know that Redmond has a program of planting any trees that

are removed but that is not a retention policy . Trees provide a habitat for many species of wildlife and that habitat cannot be replaced by planting new trees . The rules and regulations should be enforced to ensure that wildlife has a place to live in and around our urban areas before they are gone. Tree retention and open space is very important for the survival of wildlife and development should not be done solely for the benefit of people.

I would like to see this proposal revised with wildlife in mind , important trees retained, with the road relocated and the trees retained on the West side of the property.



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