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**Testimony for PWB Hearing, June 30, 2023**

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**External Sender** - Be Suspicious of Attachments, Links, and Requests for Payment or Login Information.**Oregon's Mt. Hood Scenic Byway at Risk. Deny PWB's Water Treatment Plant!***(Attached below)*

The Department of Community Services Land Use Planning Division mission, as stated on the Multnomah County Website is as follows:

***The Land Use Planning Division ensures the preservation and protection of forest lands, farm and nursery production, wildlife, streams, scenic views, and the Columbia River Gorge.***

I pray this is true! If true, Portland Water Bureau's application for a Water Treatment Plant will be soundly rejected by you. The mere presence of an industrial facility of this nature insults every attribute and aspect of your mission statement and inconsistent with the character of this treasured Multnomah County community.

I use the terminology, " Water Treatment Plant" as "Filtration" is a misnomer by PWB to minimize what they are attempting to do at the plant. "Filtration" is how the water has been delivered to us naturally from Bull Run for years. "Treatment" is adding 11 chemicals and other changes.

This is a "Trophy" for PWB and a boondoggle for ratepayers. This ruse is being planned under the guise of an EPA government mandate and under the public's radar. UV and other options are approved by the EPS to treat for Cryptosporidium at a fraction of the cost that can be constructed at Bull Run headwaters.

PLEASE don't breach the promises made in the Multnomah Community Services Land Use Planning Division mission statement!

Respectfully,  
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**Exhibit E.15**

# Oregon's Mt. Hood Scenic Byway at Risk. Deny PWB's Water Treatment Plant!



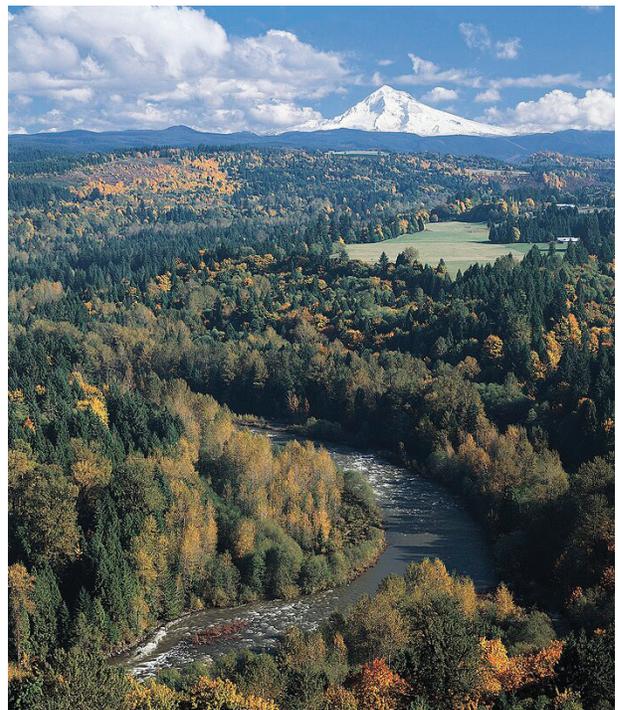
*Mt. Hood Scenic Byway (Orient Drive and Dodge Park Blvd.)*

## Mount Hood Scenic Byway

The Mount Hood Scenic Byway is a part of the National Byways Scenic program — a grass-roots collaboration effort established to recognize, preserve and enhance selected roads throughout the United States based on archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational or scenic qualities. These roads are collectively known as America's Byways.



*Mt. Hood Scenic Byway in Sandy, OR. Signage directs visitors from Hwy. 26 to Bluff Road.*



*View from Jonsrud Viewpoint. Upwards of 1.2 million people visit Mt. Hood National Forest each year primarily to view the scenery from their vehicle or to visit historic and scenic waysides.*

The Oregon Mount Hood Scenic Byway starts at the end of the Historic Columbia River Highway where the Troutdale Bridge crosses the Sandy River, into downtown Troutdale, eventually connecting with **Orient Drive, Dodge Park Boulevard, Lusted Road** and Ten Eyck Road. The Byway continues into Sandy to Jonsrud Viewpoint on **Bluff Road**.

These local roadways are visited by tourists and local recreators in-route along the Byway to Mt. Hood and multiple Sandy River parks. They come in recreational vehicles, hot rod cruises, motorcycle rallies, cyclists touring, joggers and runs like Hood to Coast.

The proposed PWB site sits on nearly 100 acres of prime agricultural land between two major byway roads, **Dodge Park Blvd** and **Bluff Road**. This area is known worldwide for having some of the best and largest ornamental tree farms in the USA. Hundreds of family farms (many generational) and co-op farmers grow flowers, raspberries, strawberries, peaches, apples and other organic fruits and vegetables which supply our local farmers markets. Many invite the public to u-pick products and have embraced agri-tourism with corn-mazes and pumpkin patches, etc.

**If approved the construction of this Water Treatment Plant facility and pipeline will do irreparable damage to a cherished community and way of life. It is not just the safety, environmental, and livability issues during the four plus years of construction disruption. Lost will be the soul and character of a cherished community and way of life that our ancestors preserved and protected for over a century.**



*Children riding bikes along the Mount Hood Scenic Byway, east on Dodge Park Blvd. and Short Road.*



*Heading into Gresham from Hwy. 26. Directs traffic right to Orient Dr., then left onto Dodge Park Blvd.*