

Public Hearing NORTH TUALATIN MOUNTAINS

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Kevin

I am writing in regards to Metro application to seek county land-use approval for a public nature park project. We wanted to bring it to your attention of our large Roosevelt Elk population that we have in this area. It has been our understanding that this is a wildlife habitat corridor and because of that we were restricted on the placement of our two home sites.

If we are understanding this correctly, Metro is wanting to include trails, parking lots, restrooms and related amenities. The entrance to this property is on NW Skyline Blvd. This project would block the Wild Life Corridor which runs from Kaiser Road up through Metro's property on Newberry Rd.

Larry has met with one of the Senior Planners on Skyline's Metro entrance. At that time, she had a map of the trails used by the Elk to enter the North Tualatin Mountains Project.

I have pictures of the Roosevelt Elk on Metro's property, where they roam, graze and feel comfortable. Rumor has it, the State of Oregon does not recognize this herd as a established herd. What is a established herd?

Any activity of humans, bikes, horses and trails will destroy the wild life habitat that we had to consider when we established two building sites. How is it any different with Metro?

We invite you and anyone else up here to show you the trails and corridor of the elk and other wild animals that exist naturally here.

Sincerely, Larry and Laura Luethe