

Exhibit C
Restoration and Enhancement Project
Approvals

Supplemental Public Correspondence
Issue 3 (RE Project Approval)

Public correspondence received
as of August 5, 2016

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Kevin Herkamp](#)
Cc: [Amanda Mckenzie](#); [Shannon Hurn](#)
Subject: FW: Metolius Pond as part of R&E Projects
Date: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 12:23:44 PM
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please see attached letter from Madsen Springs Water District

-----Original Message-----

From: Roger [<mailto:roger@campshermanstore.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 11:39 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Metolius Pond as part of R&E Projects

Commissioners,

Please find this letter of support for the proposed Pond Project at the Spring Creek Hatchery in Camp Sherman, OR.
from the Madsen Springs Water District membership.

Sincerely,

Roger White / President /Madsen Springs Water District

To : Board of Directors / Oregon Division of Fish and Wildlife

From: Madsen Springs Water District Members

Subject: Spring Creek Hatchery Project

Directors,

Madsen Springs Water District is an organization started in 1928 and was founded by thirteen members of the early Camp Sherman community. The purpose of this organization is to provide domestic water via a pipeline to these cabin owners and also the Camp Sherman Store. A spring box and piping were built and installed to service the members. Since that time, the Metolius River Resort, the Kokanee Café and the Metolius River Lodges have been added to the organization. It is vital that the spring remain in its pristine condition. We are very concerned about the possible sale to private entities and the potential private development of the Hatchery property, which lies to the south and west of the location of our spring.

We are in full support of the ODFW plan to develop and build a one half acre pond that would be used for recreational, educational and also fish rearing opportunities that would benefit the Metolius River salmon recovery program. There would be limited construction (a vault toilet, an RV pad to be utilized by volunteers and a walking path to the pond). The site would also have limited and seasonal use by the public. The outflow from the pond would flow into a bio-swale that we feel would offer little chance of pollution of our water.

Our biggest fear is the pollution of our water source. With the hydraulics of the water flow in our area showing that water (surface and underground) flows from west to east and eventually north. Our spring box is to the east and north of the hatchery property. With the mitigation of the outflow water from the pond and no other water pollution sources, we feel very safe with the hatchery project. The sale of the property to the private sector offers huge potential problems for us. The future purchaser would need to install a septic system/s. The septic output would potentially flow from west to east with our water source right in its path. The potential pollution of our water source would be devastating for all of our members.

Please continue with the hatchery project.

Respectfully submitted,

Your name/ Member / Madsen Spring Water District

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Kevin Herkamp](#)
Cc: [Amanda Mckenzie](#)
Subject: FW: Restoration and Enhancement
Date: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 12:38:37 PM

From: Floyd Leithauser [mailto:fleithauser@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 10:11 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Restoration and Enhancement

To whom it may concern.

As a conversationalist and local resident of the Camp Sherman area, I would like to encourage you to consider the concept using old Metolius Hatchery for a youth fishing pond.

We need to encourage the youth to learn how to enjoy sport fishing so that they might learn the need to conserve our rivers and streams.

It is sad to see rivers either not used and or used by those who have not been taught how to respect and use them wisely. I believe the site could not only be used for the skill issues of fishing but to help teach fundamental issues like the damage from plastic waste and littering.

Respectfully,

Floyd Leithauser

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Kevin Herkamp](#)
Cc: [Amanda Mckenzie](#)
Subject: FW: Spring Creek Youth Angling Pond R&E Grant
Date: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 12:39:35 PM
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From: Gary Gustafson [mailto:gusnlinda@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 8:21 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Spring Creek Youth Angling Pond R&E Grant

Commissioners,

Please consider the attached comments as you deliberate R&E funding for the proposed Spring Creek Youth Angling Pond in Camp Sherman during your August 5, 2016 meeting. I regret I will be travelling and unable to attend.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary "Gus" Gustafson
Camp Sherman, Oregon
541-595-1115

Date: July 31, 2016

To: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

Fr: Gary "Gus" Gustafson

Re: Spring Creek Youth Angling Pond Proposal in Camp Sherman

My name is Gary "Gus" Gustafson, a resident of Camp Sherman. I am also the former Director of the Oregon Department of State Lands (previously the Division of State Lands) and had the privilege of serving Oregonians during both the Roberts and Kitzhaber administrations. In this role, I served as the rotating Chair of the Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board (GWEB), where I helped evaluate and fund numerous fishery and wetland enhancement and restoration efforts across the state. I also served as the elected mayor of the City of Turner, Oregon during the 1990's.

I mention this because many Camp Sherman residents are relatively unfamiliar with the workings of government and wish to know how they might better influence the process. With this in mind, they asked that I provide you with my opinion of this proposal. On June 14, 2016, I provided the commission with a copy of my initial comments to the governor on this proposal. Please now add these additional comments to the record as you deliberate this funding request.

Camp Sherman is a unique place already designated legislatively for a heightened level of protection. With this in mind, any new development proposal in this area requires special consideration. Contrary to Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) staff assertions that this pond proposal would complement the unique and valuable environmental attributes of the Metolius Basin, common sense indicates it would do just the opposite. The funding proposal now before you would convert one of the last undisturbed meadows in Camp Sherman into an artificial pond. In addition, the proposal would attract a substantial number of visitors into a small, concentrated area adjacent to Spring Creek and the Metolius River. As you may be aware, Camp Sherman is already overrun with visitors during the summer months, a primary concern expressed by the U.S. Forest Service in its Metolius River Wild and Scenic River Management Plan.

After review of available ODFW materials and a personal inspection of the proposed site, I have concluded that the proposal is ill-advised, not sufficiently planned, threatens the local water quality, and an unnecessary allocation of scarce state funds. Furthermore, the public process conducted to date has failed to inform local property owners and residents (particularly those adjacent to the site) of the status of the project. Indeed, the conceptual site plan that was advanced for final approval to the R&E Board for this proposal was never shared with the community.

The ODFW, like many state agencies, is in the midst of a major funding dilemma and cannot afford to commit funds (even dedicated grant funds) to a project that, as explained below, will require substantial future agency operation and maintenance costs and expose the department to potential liability claims.

With this in mind, please consider each of the following in your deliberations of the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) funding being requested for this proposal.

1. Inaccurate Representation by ODFW Staff

During both of the prior community meetings held in Camp Sherman on this proposal, ODFW staff made a point of informing the public that if the ODFW was not authorized to construct the proposed Spring Creek pond facility, the ODFW would have no choice but to sell the property, thereby resulting in multiple new home sites. However, in making this statement, ODFW staff seemed totally unaware that the entire 15-acre ODFW property is zoned Rural Residential 5-acre minimum (RR-5) by Jefferson County. Under Oregon's landmark land use law, state agencies are required (with few exceptions) to comply with local land use plans and zoning ordinances. Since there is already one residence located on the 15-acre ODFW property (used by an ODFW employee working at the Wizard Falls hatchery and his family), only two additional single-family residences could ever be allowed (assuming that the property is divided into three five acre parcels). In fact, as explained below, it is much more likely that only one additional single-family residence might be constructed on this property if it were to be declared excess by the department.

I have no doubt that this mischaracterization of the future development potential of the property by ODFW staff influenced some local residents to "support" the youth angling pond proposal as they believed it to be the lesser of two evils. Furthermore, information made available by ODFW at the last public meeting in Camp Sherman stated that "ODFW Bend staff has reached out to adjacent landowners and other community members to gather input and support for the project." However, that is simply not the case. None of the adjacent property owners to the north along Cold Springs Resort Lane (Edys, Sweets, Swettman, Little) were contacted at all – they only learned after-the-fact about this proposal through local discussion.

ODFW staff also failed to explain to the public that when disposing of real estate, ODFW is required to comply with the state excess real property process specified in OAR 125-045-0200. In accord with this process, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is required to first give notice of the availability of the property to other state agencies, local government, local non-profit organizations and Indian tribes.

Based upon prior communications, it is known that if DAS should notice that ODFW desires to surplus this property, coupled with community support, the Deschutes Land Trust (DLT), a local non-profit, has indicated an interest in acquisition of a conservation easement over the area closest to Spring Creek and the Metolius River. As you may know, several years ago the DLT purchased a conservation easement on the private property (Livingston's) on the south side of Spring Creek. If a similar arrangement were made on this particular property, the DLT could help protect the sensitive riparian habitat values along both banks of Spring Creek. This would

also be a win/win result for both the DLT and ODFW to work with local volunteers to provide public education walkways and signage in this area explaining the cooperative efforts underway to restore the resident anadromous fish populations (particularly sockeye and chinook salmon). If the DLT were to acquire a conservation easement, the ODFW would also be appropriately compensated.

2. Use of the Existing Wizard Falls Settlement Pond for Youth Angling

ODFW staff maintains that the existing settlement pond at the Wizard Falls hatchery is inappropriate for use for youth angling. However, it is already used and advertised periodically for this very purpose. If there is a concern that somehow the youth might stray away from the pond and fish or otherwise interfere with the nearby hatchery operations – there is an easy remedy. Access to the settling pond from the existing parking area at Wizard Falls can be focused to occur along the Metolius River trail located east of the developed hatchery area. A fence can also be placed between the settling pond and the hatchery operations with appropriate signage along the fence to separate these uses and make it clear that youth fishing is only allowed in the settlement pond. Finally, as is proposed at the Spring Creek location, a RV-based host could be located onsite near the settlement pond to oversee the youth angling activities. Access to the settlement pond at Wizard Falls would then be completely controlled and would occur only in accord with the hatchery operating hours.

Use of the existing Wizard Falls settlement pond also fits with the commission’s management objective for the Metolius River that says: “Develop a site and provide an opportunity for juveniles to angle for trout on a standing water body in the vicinity of Camp Sherman.” Furthermore, the use of the existing settlement pond for this purpose comes at a much lower cost to the department (both construction and operations). According to the department, the total cost of constructing a new pond at Spring Creek would be around \$336,000. This does not even include the considerable annual operation and maintenance costs that will need to be absorbed by the department. Why develop a new pond if one already exists – it makes no sense.

3. Will the Spring Creek Pond Even Work?

The department admits upfront that it doesn’t know if the new pond will work. Therefore, staff developed two R&E funding phases for the project so once it is built; they can first monitor how the pond is processing water before any fish would be stocked using funds from phase 2. What if the pond does not hold water or otherwise drain as it should? The subsurface geology of this area is largely unknown. The test pit already dug at the site is about eight feet deep and as of last week contains no standing water whatsoever. The area proposed for the new pond is also immediately adjacent to numerous existing pristine springs – of which little to nothing is known about their subsurface structure and possible connectivity to the pond area.

It is also stated that ODFW staff wish to better acclimate salmon fry by placing them in holding pens in the proposed new pond. Again, no one knows if this will work either as salmon smolts are historically susceptible to many trout diseases. The standing water in the new pond, complete with fish waste and sedimentation, will bear little relationship to the free-flowing Spring Creek.

In addition, promises from ODFW staff that its engineers are confident that the pond will be successful are unpersuasive as there are no factual data available to support this statement. However, even if the pond does work (meaning it holds water), the pond will need to be constantly monitored to be effective. On June 16, 2016 the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recommended a series of water monitoring steps for the proposed pond. DEQ asked that ODFW set up monitoring stations and thermisters at the point of water withdrawal from the nearby springs as well as in the pond itself. DEQ feels that ongoing water monitoring is needed to address the levels of nitrate, ammonia, ortho-phosphorous, PH, total phosphorous and total nitrogen. A primary DEQ concern and that of local residents, is that constant water monitoring be conducted for the presence of e.coli bacteria – a possible by-product of accumulated fish waste. In this context, the proximity of the proposed pond and its discharge to the nearby springs used untreated for domestic water supply by many local residents and nearby resorts is disturbing to say the least.

4. Potential Liability Risks

In addition to the many other concerns, the proposed pond carries with it the potential for liability claims against the department and/or state if one or both of the following should occur:

- Contamination of the nearby springs that provide potable water (untreated) to numerous local residents, resorts, the post office and general store.
- Unsupervised youth (or adults) falling into the pond or otherwise injuring themselves. Unlike the Wizard Falls settlement pond area, the Spring Creek pond area cannot be closed entirely to public entry. The area is already used extensively by dog walkers, hikers and fishermen. This is not likely to change if a pond is built in the area. The presence of fish in the pond would just be a year-round public attractant.

Way Forward

In summary, this R&E funding proposal raises way too many serious concerns. In a time of state fiscal austerity it is inappropriate to initiate a project that no one can guarantee will even work and will absorb considerable future limited agency funds – and did I say it duplicates an existing pond already in the area that is already used for youth angling?

Instead, there is another way forward that I respectfully request you consider. This alternative requires that the commission deny or table this R&E funding request and instead:

- Initiate efforts to convert the settlement pond at the Wizard Falls hatchery into a youth angling area open during the summer only. Also, control public access to the pond as to avoid conflicting with ongoing hatchery operations. Build a new fence between the pond and hatchery operation area and install educational signage along the fence to keep anglers away from the hatchery area. Then, similar to what was proposed at Spring Creek, install a volunteer RV-based monitor onsite near the pond to help supervise and police the area – and to minimize impacts to existing hatchery staff. It is also possible that the Spring Creek R&E funding request could be converted into a much smaller fund request to accommodate this increased level of youth angling at Wizard Falls.

and/or

- Initiate the State of Oregon’s excess property process under OAR 125-045-0200 so that the DAS provides notice that the property is available to non-profit organizations such as the DLT. Work with the DLT, the Friends of the Metolius and other locals to provide long-term protection (i.e. conservation easement) for the riparian areas along Spring Creek and to facilitate use of the area for public education about chinook and sockeye salmon reintroduction to the Metolius basin. Then, consider selling the remaining acreage to accommodate one (or two) new single-family residences. This option also could allow the ODFW to retain one 5-acre parcel for employee housing. Any new development in this area will need to comply with Jefferson County zoning requirements and the building requirements of the federal and state wild and scenic river designation for the Metolius River (applicable because the site is within ¼ mile of the Metolius River).

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Kevin Herkamp](#)
Cc: [Amanda Mckenzie](#)
Subject: FW: Metolius fish pond
Date: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 12:40:18 PM

From: Magda and Pete Schay [mailto:mp.schay@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 7:33 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Metolius fish pond

Dear sir,

I fully support the proposed youth fishing/fish acclimation pond at the Old Hatchery site in Camp Sherman.

However, I think water quality should be tested on a regular basis below the planned pond's outflow. The Friends of the Metolius engaged Umpqua Research to take a baseline sample on July 20, 2016. FoM will have the results of that sample soon and I believe ODF&W has agreed to take future samples.

Thank you,
Pete Schay
Camp Sherman

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Kevin Herkamp](#)
Cc: [Amanda Mckenzie](#)
Subject: FW: Camp Sherman Youth Angling Pond - letter of support
Date: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 12:41:42 PM

From: Gary Lewis [mailto:garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2016 1:59 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Camp Sherman Youth Angling Pond - letter of support



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Subject: Camp Sherman Youth Angling Pond

July 30, 2016

To the Members of the Commission,

Please count me in support of the Camp Sherman Youth Angling Pond project. The youth angling ponds in Central Oregon are a resounding success. Many kids learn about conservation at these places. This project will give Sisters-area kids and children from outside of the region a good place to catch fish and learn about fish and fisheries.

I urge you to vote in favor of the project. I think it is a good use of the property in support of the Department's mission.

Best,

Gary Lewis

Camping kids are happy kids

Mark Morical Published Aug 3, 2016 at 12:09AM

CAMP SHERMAN —

It started earlier this summer, growing as a steady chant from the back seat of the car — their rapidly growing legs now beginning to pin up against the back of our seats.

They are growing so fast, and they are noticing a lot more now.

"We want a camper! We want a camper!"

I glanced at them in the rearview mirror.

"You guys, a camping trailer takes away from all the fun and benefits of camping. Don't you want to be outside in the elements?"

"But, all our neighbors have campers."

Shares

My 8-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter had a point, but I told them that a camper was something we really did not want to pay for right now.

I try to take my kids on several short camping trips every summer, and the last four years, my son Mason and I have camped on the Metolius River.

Not far from where the crystal-clear waters of the Metolius trickle out from under Black Butte from springs under the Cascade Range is a walk-in, tent-only camping site.

The spot is lacking in camping trailers, so my son cannot look on in envy as other campers stay warm and cozy inside.

Also, the only things that surround you are towering ponderosa pines, riverside foliage and the Metolius. There is no hum of a generator, only the endless singsong of thousands of birds.

The problem with walk-in tent sites is evident in their name — you have to walk everything in.

But the spot we found was only about a 50-yard walk from the car to the site along a singletrack trail. Our camping neighbors were far away and barely noticeable, and the Metolius trickled 20 feet away.

Heaven is a weekend on the Metolius with your young son. I'm pretty sure he feels the same.

But there are some things I take along each time to ensure his happiness, and I know some of you other parents will disapprove.

Yes, nacho cheese Doritos, 7UP, hot dogs and s'mores are our camping staples. And every time I mention camping, Mason asks if he can have 7UP and s'mores.

Heck, I guess that's a lot cheaper than buying a camping trailer to keep your kids

Camping kids are happy kids; Father-son trip on the Metolius River is the p...

happy.

Anyway, Mason was helpful in taking stuff from the car to the campsite and in assembling the tent.

Is there any better feeling on a camping trip than getting the tent assembled properly?

Yes: getting it disassembled properly and stuffed into that impossibly tiny bag on the day you leave.

We spent the first day sitting by the river or riding our bikes along the trails that cut through the ponderosas and grassy meadows. Nearby, towering over the area, stood Black Butte. That would be our destination on the second day.

While simply camping and fishing are certainly enough, I like to have a hike or a long bike ride planned for our camping trips.

Black Butte is not necessarily an incredibly demanding or spectacular hike, but it is quite popular. You can see many Cascade peaks from the top of Black Butte, and I knew Mason would appreciate that.

Shares

The road to the upper trailhead was rough and slow-going, but we made it no problem. The 4-mile (round trip) hike started in the trees, then took us along the southern edge of Black Butte with a glorious view of the Three Sisters, still mostly covered with snow.

The dusty trail wrapped around the butte to reveal dramatic views of Mount Jefferson and the sprawling High Desert. The summit was crowded with other hikers, but spacious enough that we could find our own space to take in the surroundings.

Mason made a point to identify each Cascade peak.

Back in the serenity of our campsite, we wasted away the day by fishing, playing catch with a baseball, and exploring the pristine beauty of the Metolius.

That night over the campfire, we howled at the moon, drawing other distant campers to do the same.

I'm sure I don't need to say this to most who are reading this story, but take your kids camping — somewhere without cellphone service.

Get their eyes and ears off the phones, TVs and tablets — and let them see and hear the rivers, mountains, trees and birds. And really, is there any better place to do all that than right here in Central Oregon?

You don't necessarily need to hike, fish or ride your bike. Just go sleep outside for a couple of nights, disconnected from the office and the daily grind, and connected to nature and your kids.

Do it while they still have that sense of wonder of youth, which is brought out in all of us in a tent along a river.

— Reporter: 541-383-0318,

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New Youth Angling Pond proposed near Camp Sherman

Gary Lewis Published Aug 3, 2016 at 12:07AM

My little sister and her family usually come to Central Oregon in the wintertime. They go to the mountain everyday and return to the hearth each evening, tired and worn out from skiing.

This year, they came Memorial Day weekend and wanted to fish. I looked at my little group of anglers — Lauren, Langdon, Layton and Leia — and asked: "Have you ever caught a fish?"

All four kids shook their heads from side to side. No, they hadn't. These are my favorite kind of fishermen.

Shares

We added a couple more kids, just to make it chaotic — 3-year-old Ava West and 18-month-old Holden West.

One afternoon, we caravanned to a private pond where they'd have a good chance to catch their first fish. I doled out night crawlers and chocolate doughnuts for good luck. It wasn't more than five minutes before Ava swung a small fish onto the dock. Then a fish gobbled Leia's bait and she reeled in her first one.

The kids liked it so much, they lobbied their parents to go fishing the next day.

We went to Shevlin Pond when the sun was off the water. Now they had a few skills. It was time to develop them into little conservationists.

Slim, dark shapes cruised in and out of the weeds. Trout swirled at the surface while we set up two rods. Little Leia, 7-years-old, was the most attentive. When she saw a rod tip start to bounce, she grabbed it and set the hook like I'd shown her.

She wanted to catch all the rest of the fish, too, but we shared the heavy lifting among her siblings and Layton banked the biggest.

We talked about catch and release and even let one fish swim away. But the kids wanted to bring their trophies home to eat for breakfast the next day.

My three daughters learned to fish at Shevlin Pond, as have a lot of other Bend kids. The fishery is so popular that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has opened up more opportunities in Central Oregon — the Bend Pine Nursery Pond on the east side, the Prineville Youth Angling Pond, Burns Pond and the Jefferson County Pond in Madras. Fireman's Pond in Redmond and Reynolds Pond near Alfalfa are other easy fishing options for kids and families.

Now ODFW has identified a piece of property on an abandoned hatchery site they hope will serve fishing kids and families near Sisters. They're calling it the Camp Sherman Youth Angling Pond.

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The property is 15 acres with springs, big pine trees, an aspen grove and a view of Black Butte. The planned pond will be home to rainbow trout. It will be a great place for a child or a disabled person to learn to fish or cast a fly.

The proposed facilities will include a half-acre pond, gravel parking and picnic tables. In winter and early spring, the pond will be used to acclimatize chinook and sockeye salmon.

The fate of the new youth angling pond is now in the hands of the ODFW commission. If the project is given the thumbs-up, construction will start right away and young anglers will be able to catch their first fish near Camp Sherman next May.

Because this piece of property belongs to ODFW, the costs for development are relatively low. The fishery would provide much delight for hundreds of new anglers each season.

Any chance we get to introduce kids to fishing, we get the opportunity to teach them about water, habitat and conservation. Lest you wonder how important that is, ask a kid who has just caught their first fish.

Shares

— Gary Lewis is the host of *Frontier Unlimited TV* and author of *Fishing Central Oregon*, *Fishing Mount Hood Country*, *Hunting Oregon* and other titles. Contact Gary at www.GaryLewisOutdoors.com (<http://www.GaryLewisOutdoors.com>) .



Gary Lewis / For The Bulletin Langdon Larson and his brother Layton show off a rainbow trout from Shevlin Pond. Small angling ponds sprinkled around Central Oregon offer a good opportunity for kids to learn about fishing and conservation.

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Amanda Mckenzie](#)
Subject: FW: Camp Sherman fishing pond
Date: Monday, August 08, 2016 1:36:12 PM

From: Wi [mailto:doxins@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 4:59 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Camp Sherman fishing pond

August 4, 2016

To ODFW:

As a homeowner in Camp Sherman, I would like to weigh in my opposition to the fish acclimation facility and youth fishing pond currently being proposed by ODFW.

The meadow and wetland upon which this will be built is one of the most fragile and pristine places I have ever seen in the state of Oregon. This land should be left in its natural state. It would be a travesty to add man made structures, no matter how carefully the architecture would be planned.

I share the concerns of many others with respect to water quality, environmental impact, supervision of the facility and financial issues should this development go forward.

There are many opportunities in Central Oregon for youth to catch fish, and I support those that are already in existence. I am a mom and grandmother, and I have worked in education for 50 years. I am most definitely an advocate for educational and recreational opportunities for kids. But, this meadow in Camp Sherman is not the place for that. To violate this particular part of the Metolius Basin would be very unfortunate for everyone.

ODFW lost credibility with its disingenuous treatment of people in Camp Sherman regarding the proposed plan. We were not informed of this project until after flags had been placed for the pond. I am not certain that proper procedures were followed prior to starting the project. I believe that work on the road into the site was also begun prior to effective communication with citizens.

It was offensive to be told that if we didn't embrace the idea of the pond and

acclamation facility, the land would be sold for development.

While the land under consideration is not “wilderness” in the true sense of the word, I believe that Wallace Stegner’s quotation is appropriate in this situation.

“Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed ... We simply need that wild country available to us, even if we never do more than drive to its edge and look in.”

Thank you,
Sue Blanchard
541-595-0978

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Amanda Mckenzie](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Monday, August 08, 2016 1:37:13 PM

From: larry watson [mailto:larrynfish37@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 3:26 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject:

Good Afternoon

Karen L. Watson and Larry A. Watson located at 12163 Tract H #8, Camp Sherman 97730 want to place our entire support in having you finance and build the small fishing pond for our Grandkids and others. Being on the Metolius for 22 years, we find the fishing is wanting of fish. We have supported the hatchery program down river for the "opened day" fishing for kids and found it to support our desire our kids will take up the sport.

We look forward to being a volunteer at this new and exciting experience.

Best regards,

Larry and Karen Watson
larrynfish37@Yahoo. com

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Amanda Mckenzie](#)
Subject: FW: ODFW Meeting August 5, 2016 Comments on the Spring Creek Youth Angling Proposal for Camp Sherman
Date: Monday, August 08, 2016 1:38:11 PM
Attachments: [Spring Creek Youth Angling Opinion \(00000002\).docx](#)

From: Bill Swettman [mailto:bill.swettman@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 11:46 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: SEN Johnson <Sen.BetsyJohnson@state.or.us>
Subject: ODFW Meeting August 5, 2016 Comments on the Spring Creek Youth Angling Proposal for Camp Sherman

Dear Sir,

I will not be able to attend the ODFW August 5, 2016 Meeting in Salem but wanted my comments put on the record. I (and all of my neighbors) strongly oppose the proposal and have outlined that opposition in the attached Word document. Please forward copies to all individuals involved in the proposal.

I sent a copy of this yesterday but my records don't seem to indicate if it was sent or received. Both letters are identical.

Sincerely,

William Swettman Jr
Property owner just north of the proposed pond

bill.swettman@gmail.com
360-713-8231 cell

August 2, 2016

To: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department

Subject: Spring Creek Youth Angling Proposal for Camp Sherman

From: William Swettman Jr, Camp Sherman Property Owner

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the Spring Creek Youth Angling Proposal. I own a house in a small neighborhood just north (200 feet) of the proposal. My opposition is shared by every single homeowner (eight homes) in our neighborhood.

I object to the project on many different levels but to shorten my document, I will address just four of them. I would like to address the approval process, the water quality assurances, the poor design of the project, and the proposal in general.

The proposal was initially approved in January, 2016. That was done with no public notice or comment. Our neighborhood, which includes eight homes, is located adjacent to the north side of the ODFW property. Not a single neighbor was given a chance to comment on the proposal because there was no notification. During a subsequent April ODFW meeting at Camp Sherman to modify the proposal, the question was asked as to why there was no notification given to the residents and the ODFW answer was that since most of the residents are part time it would be hard to find their current mailing addresses. Someone in the audience responded that they never have a problem finding us when it is time to pay our taxes (as it is public record). I have also been told that it was not a legal requirement to notify the residents of this kind of change. If it is not legally required, then it should be and in the interest of transparent and properly functioning government it must be.

Jefferson County made the initial approval based on a certain set of facts and proposals from the ODFW. The current plan has been drastically changed from the original approved January plan. There have been no county hearings on the changes. These changes have been made internally at the ODFW. They have had some public comment forums but the approval of the new plan has been an internal ODFW decision.

I have major questions about how this process will affect the water quality issues in our community. We have received no assurances that this project will not affect our water source which is just downstream from the proposed man made fishing pond. There are water sources for our community (and Cold Springs Resort's 45 sites) and another for the Camp Sherman Store (and the majority of that community) that are going to be affected by the fishing pond. Water will be taken away from our natural wells to fill the pond and then what kind of contamination will we receive from the fish wastes and the predatory animals that the fishing pond will draw. The best assurances that we have heard is that "we don't think that the water will be affected". I would like a more definite answer.

The project is now very poorly designed. The initial January proposal (that was approved by Jefferson County) was an excellent design for what was proposed. I still don't approve of the project but at least it was well designed. It used the existing road, parking lot, and natural setting to create a well-designed park. After political pressure from the neighbors on the south and south east side, the project was changed to an extremely poor design. I would guess that the original ODFW design team wants to have nothing to do with this design. They took the parking lot, pit toilet, picnic facilities, and RV volunteer and moved them from the sheltered tree areas on the east side to the northwest corner. That put them within 30-50 feet of homes in our neighborhood. In the original plan, the facilities were 600-1000 feet

away from the complaining parties on the southeast side of the proposal. They had more political influence and they forced the ODFW to move from a well-designed plan to a poorly designed one. I can provide a map that will show these two plans but my desire is just to stop the project.

But more than anything else, I object to the overall nature of the project. The proposal creates a manmade tourist attraction in the middle of relative pristine environment. Why do we need to create a man made fishing pond in an area where we strive to preserve a natural setting. The Metolius river basin is a treasure. We want to preserve the natural setting and make sure that it is accessible to those that want to enjoy it, both now and in the future. We come to Camp Sherman to enjoy the river, the trees, the animals, and the quiet. Our biggest tourist attraction is the "Head of the Metolius". This Youth fishing pond tourist attraction is an inappropriate addition to our community.

If a youth fishing pond is truly desired, then why not use an existing lake or pond and make the improvements necessary to get it done on a naturally made facility. It will be so much easier to create and manage.

There are so many unanswered questions regarding water supplies, water contamination, traffic management, hours of operation, maintenance costs, predator management that it does not make sense to continue with the existing plan and location.

So now what do we do? There are so many problems with the way that this project has proceeded that I suggest that it be cancelled. Start over at the beginning and address all the pertinent issues. Do the project in an area that will complement the surroundings and not detract from it. This project is so out of step with the natural setting of the Metolius area.

Better yet, cancel the project and keep the land the way that it is. Use the land for the special projects that it has been used for many years. There are no costs with keeping it in the current setting. That is not doing nothing, that is keeping the natural setting. Keeping the property the way that it has been for so many wonderful years is a great way to preserve the past for the future generations.

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My family has owned this property for 50 years. You can reach me at bill.swettman@gmail.com or my co-owner brother, Bob Swettman, in Salem at 503-370-9968.

From: [for](#)
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To : Board of Directors / Oregon Division of Fish and Wildlife
From: A Madsen Springs Water District Member
Subject: Spring Creek Hatchery Project

Directors,

Madsen Springs Water District is an organization started in 1928 and was founded by thirteen members of the early Camp Sherman community. The purpose of this organization is to provide domestic water via a pipeline to these cabin owners and also the Camp Sherman Store. A water right was granted by the State and the piping plan across federal land was approved by the USFS. A spring box and piping were built and installed to service the members. Since that time, the Metolius River Resort, the Kokanee Café and the Metolius River Lodges have been added to the organization. It is vital that the spring remain in its pristine condition. We are very concerned about the possible sale to private entities and the potential private development of the Hatchery property, which lies to the south and west of the location of our spring.

Our biggest fear is the pollution of our water source. We believe the water table in the area of the proposed project is very high. With the hydraulics of the water flow in our area showing that water (surface and underground) flows from west to east and eventually north. Our spring box is to the east and north of the hatchery property. With the mitigation of the outflow water from the pond and no other water pollution sources, we feel very safe with the hatchery project.

However, the sale of the property to the private sector offers huge potential problems for us. The future purchaser would need to install a septic system/s. The septic output would potentially flow from west to east with our water source right in its path. The potential pollution of our water source should it occur would be devastating for all of our members.

Please continue with the hatchery project.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert & Judith Ervin, Members, Madsen Spring Water District
Tract H Lot 7, Metolius River Summer Homes