

HOOD RIVER NEWS
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
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Keep water clean

The Crystal Springs Water District recently put out a special edition of their newsletter "The Water Connection" sent to its members. It is complete with a map and an explanation of where our drinking water comes from. It explains how the water source is in danger of being degraded by expansion of the Cooper Spur Ski Resort owned by Mt. Hood Meadows, Inc.

There is no reason we should permit a wealthy Portland land developer to degrade the public's lands for his own profit. The district users should not pay in any way for his huge real estate expansion or worry about our water quality because of Mt. Hood Meadows' intrusion. Just say no to Franklin Drake and his managers.

Portland would not stand for his intrusion into the Bull Run watershed – nor should we. It is the same issue whether the district serves 200 or 200,000 people. Keep our water clean for us.

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