

HOOD RIVER NEWS  
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**Locals get scraps**

By now it is common knowledge that the Cooper Spur destination resort developers are picking up the cost to bring bus loads of their "friends" to Hood River to pack the Jan. 22 hearing on the Goal 8 mapping.

Their plans for a destination resort at Cooper Spur are not truly intended as a means of aiding Hood River county's economy by increasing its tax base. No indeed. Any money coming our way from such a resort will be merely a peripheral benefit, written off tax-wise by this Portland-based partnership as the cost of doing business here.

What the developers really anticipate from their proposed resort is the maximum cash flow possible from here to their Portland bank accounts. Like other absentee owners, their only interest in our county is how much money we can make for them. They get the meat – we get table scraps.

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