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'Outrageous' idea

Why anyone would want to put a destination resort in a watershed is beyond me. Is it not self-evident that the quality of drinking water trumps all other concerns? This whole debate seems like something out of the twilight zone. It's a fairly simple proposition, what's more important a destination resort or the integrity of the water supply for the eastern half of Hood River County? Do the Bull Run and The Dalles watersheds rate higher than the Crystal Springs watershed? The fact that local taxpayer dollars are being spent to consider locating a destination resort where it could, even potentially, compromise local taxpayers' drinking water is not only a waste of everybody's time and money, it's outrageous! Whether or not the planning commission will use simple logic when considering Mt. Hood Meadows's plans remains to be seen. However, one thing is certain, their decision will define, for all to see, their ability to reason and plan for the future.

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