

Critical Hearing

This is a message to everyone who lives in Hood River County and the surrounding area.

So you drink the water from Crystal Springs? Do you rely on the water from the East Fork Irrigation district? Do you hunt deer or elk anywhere in Hood River or Wasco counties? Do you hike, snow shoe, or cross county ski or just hang out in the Cooper Spur, Tilly Jane or Cloud Cap areas?

Do you pay taxes in Hood River County?

If you do, then you need to attend the next Hood river County planning session at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 5. It will be held at the Hood River Middle School on May Street in Hood River.

This will probably be your last chance to indicate how you feel about having a real estate development on the north side of Mt. Hood that will affect all of these things. You don't need to get up and testify, just show up. It is important that the planning commission sees how many people that live in the area care about these things.

Just come down for an hour or so, it's the least you can do. There is a very real possibility that all of these things will be negatively affected if this development goes through as currently planned. Show up, be counted, you won't get a chance to undo the changes later.

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