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Here is the testimony from Helen Bitar.

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We should command
Nature by

Obeying it.

My mother died up in Washington in February 1996. I could not drive up even as far as Dundee because of the flooding. Do you remember? Probably a lot of you do not. It was then... at that moment ...the realization that we had been filling in and ignoring wetlands.

I have in my garden book of so many years ago..... May=Rain...1996.

Think about it.....we finally had respect for wetlands..... aren't we proud? Or have we forgotten ... or are we once again going to disrespect them.....

Wetlands once covered 2.3 millions acres in Oregon over the years nearly a million acres have been lost to agriculture and urban development. Haven't we stole enough of the wetlands?

I live up in the hills in Sheridan.... I read that nearly all of north Sheridan's land is wetlands. I did not know that.

When it has been very wet I see the 'shimmer' below on farm land of the water that does not soak in.

So many years ago when people were either unaware, or did not care built the highway going from Sheridan to Willamina. It was on wetlands... right next to Yamhill River. Besides that.... right near by there became a pole plant company..... so long ago..... and then it became a super fund site and will be that way for a very long time especially because under the paved site there has to be watchful eyes because of the wetlands covered over... so long ago.

SELFISHNESS wants to push to have what it wants..... think the DUMP..... near the Yamhill River.

We do not have good examples of good behavior in government or even in individuals. My heart cries for all that I see in the disrespecting of life.

Someone in Sheridan wanted to put in a solar farm...on wetlands.... the answer was no.

A long time ago a rich man wanted to put in a horse camp out near Willamina.. It was going to be on wetlands... the answer was no.

Living in the country we can see better because it seems like we are living in a 'different time'.

I think of my place as a private park I bought my land in 1974. We should be grateful to those in Oregon who had a VISION.... the bottle bill... the ocean is for all of his ... and land use.

But people come in.... who knows from where... and do not understand the

Importance of being respectful to the land.

What I am saying is.... nibbling off a piece of the cookie (the wetlands) will eventually encourage people to feel it is alright to take the rest of the cookie!

The dump is a gigantic example of the power of a company and some in the city and county to think it was just fine to have had the ugly eye sore for ever and ever.

What does Mc Minnville really want.... fifteen thousand people to visit in the summer to see airplanes that make so much noise and use so much gas.. isn't that time over.... yet?

Like eating food..... do we often eat unhealthy food? Shouldn't we all slim down.... I use those words trying to explain....in the manner of...the idea. of wanting a healthy slim city that has good taste and is a place in it's self to be proud of rather than to allow building willy-nilly.... using excuses and trying to fudge or bend the rules.

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Hi Helen,

I was given a message that you have a letter of objection for the Oak Ridge Meadows proposed development. If you email me your letter, I will be sure it is included in the public record.

Thank you,

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