November 16, 2014

Coos County Commissioners

250 N Baxter Street

Coquille, OR 97423

Re: AM-14-10 and AM-14-11 Coos County Zoning Ordinance

Commissioners:

Thank you granting the extension of 30 days to review the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance.

However, as anticipated and voiced by several at the hearing, it has not been sufficient time to review the extensive changes. Furthermore, since prior changes were made without scrutiny, it was difficult to determine the baseline in some cases.

Removal of requirement of the Planning Director to identify changes (4.1.110) continues to cover the tracks and accountability.

Notable to me in this flurry of “housekeeping” changes was a means to expedite the administrative function at the cost of diminished citizen participation due to restricted public notice.

Removal of “all affected property owners” in 5.0.900 deliberately deny notice to property owners beyond arbitrary footage language. Realistically, as in North Bend, adding a 2,100 man camp does not affect only the residents 100 feet from the parameters of the complex. As in Goal 1 of Oregon’s land use codes require the expansion of public notice, not the restriction to written notice. If insisting on rules for written notice, then rules for public notice should be included.

Notable also is some changes expand the authority, by default, of the Administrator.

(5.0.550) Oversight by Planning Commissioners period of the already short period of 15 (norm 21) days was shortened to 12 days.

4.1.13 Interpretation of Costal Shorelands Boundaries allows the Planning Director to determine if the Costal Shorelands maps are inaccurate and thereby change them as an administrative decision. The qualifying and restricting “minor” to changes has been struck out allowing a fee hand at administrative changes.

Exhibit: 14
Date: 11-17-14
I feel overwhelmed by all the changes that I have not been able to address and the time is up. Such massive changes concocted by a few with private agendas cannot be good for our county.

Please consider further review before accepting these changes.

Yours truly,

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