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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I object to the proposed exchange agreement between the Forest Service and Mt. Hood Meadows. This agreement does not fulfill the "Clean Sweep" that was promised to the public so many years ago and would have many negative impacts on the landscape and surrounding communities on the north side of the mountain.

Firstly, this proposal is unfair to the public in that it severely undervalues the land in Government Camp. Valuing lots at \$26k is outrageous when similar properties are selling for \$250k+. Please do not allow this manipulation of truth.

Second, and perhaps most important, are the ramifications on the landscape. Why would we keep the door open to development on the Cooper Spur side? This will result in a sprawl on Mt. Hood. Why not consolidate development to the side of the mountain that already has the infrastructure and is closer to Portland? The infrastructure on the north side is already strained by the number of visitors it receives. Widening of roads, installation of utilities, clearing of forest to construct buildings, increased vehicular traffic, the strain on the water supply, and the simple impact of having that many more people in the area would cause irreparable harm to the landscape and completely transform the area.

Lastly, the fact that a private family and corporation who has already made their fortune off of public lands would be handed even more by our government is incredibly disappointing. They will expand on both sides of the mountain, and undoubtedly argue that the expansion must continue once this deal is done. The north side of Mt. Hood is a finite resource that must be protected. For the sake of community members like myself and our future generations, please reject this agreement and follow through on the promise of a Clean Sweep.