

April 22, 2024

Dear Coos County Commissioner + *Gill Rolfe, Planning Director*

I have lived out Garden Valley since 1975. I have gone to BSDD meetings since 2014. Verna Rose is telling the truth about us trying to get out of the drainage district. She and I and others have turned in paper work to be removed from the district. As President of the drainage district Fred Messerle said he'd look into it and help us. This was years ago. He never kept his word. We were a small group that used to come to BSDD meetings in 2015. Mostly it was BSDD board of directors and Garden Valley residents. I was the only one in the drainage district that didn't have internet and e mail. I asked Fred to please call me when we were having meetings. He said he would. He never called me.

BSDD and ODFW take no responsibility for the mosquitoes. They even admit in the Coquille Valley Wildlife Management Plan -April 22, 2016- that there was no mosquitos before their project. "If mosquitos become a problem, we will take care of them quickly." Now Fred says "They might be coming from Johnson Mill Pond, Roseburg log pond, or Global Warming." Good grief, Fred! He will take No responsibility.

BSDD and ODFW have known there was a life robbing mosquito problem before they started in earnest to prepare Phase III. Never once did ODFW talk nice to us about solving this problem.

Now Fred blames us- "No one asked to come on my property to check for mosquitos." Poor man! Why didn't he take some initiative to meet with us? Why didn't he try to solve this problem for his neighbors since all reasonable explanations are his phase 1 & 2 project. Put BSDD and ODFW Phase III Project on hold until this mosquito problem is taken care of first! What is Fred's big hurry? He could put some energy and money into helping us. We need an expert not involved in this project to find out the truth and help us resolve the mosquito problem. Fred and ODFW could use their stockpile of BTI to help the people of Coquille.

Mark Hallmark, Environmental Health Director, (Bless him) believes the mosquitos are from this project because he knows there were no mosquitos before this project.

Let them wait a year or two before Phase III is approved.

Why are Fred's improvements the same as Bridges Corp, when Bridges Corp's. purpose is to make wetlands?

Why are 15 miles of drainage channel going to make his pasture land better for production of beef and hay? Why? Don't believe what he says. If you are serious about drainage, a straight line is a better drainage channel than 15 miles of switch backs in a small area. Fred's project looks just like Bridges which is intended to be a wetland. 90,000 feet of switch backs with big wood and big root wads to improve the flow?? This will improve the flow and drainage for better beef and hay production?? How can you maintain a curving ditch with big trees and big root wads in it?

Please vote to hold off on Phase III until they get rid of the mosquitos first. What's their big hurry?

They did not do what they promised before to get rid of the mosquitos. Why should Phase III help to get rid of the mosquitoes that phase I and II created? Use the BTI! How can we believe that they will help us?

Please, NO on Phase III until the mosquitos are gone from our valley!

We the people of this beautiful valley deserve to live in health and peace! We have worked hard to get what we have.

This is still America! Please help us. I very much appreciate and thank you for the way you stood up for us and the mosquito problem at the Hearing of April 17.

Thank you.

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