

## Nicole Mardell

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**From:** Tom Ries <tom.ries007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Nicole Mardell  
**Subject:** Forest Service property along Pines Street

I am a Resident of the City of Sisters and I opposed the proposal to re-zone the property in question from Public facilities, urban area reserve and Open space to multi-family residential.

Even though Sisters is surrounded by National Forest lands, the city of sisters still needs open space within our city limits to off set are ever expanding population. I come from a place that continued to expand housing for open space and now it's not a very desirable place to live.

The answer to more affordable housing is not to build cheaper homes, condos and apartments. The answer to affordable housing is to encourage employers to pay their employees a better wage, which is good for employees, local economy, schools and in the end, the employer.

I urge the planning commission to not support the zoning change. We shouldn't be in the business of helping business owners subsidize housing for their employees. Open space within the city is a finite factor and when lost, it's never recovered.

Thank you,  
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