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To Matthew Martin and the Community Development Department,

I have been a resident of Sisters for twenty six years, and have treasured this place that my family and I are so thankful to call home. When we first moved here in 1996 the cow pasture extended to Cascade Avenue and Pine St., there was no central sewer system, and the Middle School building had just opened its doors as the new Sisters High School. Sisters has gone through so many changes since then, and yet, there is still the deep community commitment to our unique town here, and the stunning natural beauty surrounding us.

These words are in reference to

File# MP 22-01/SUB 22-01/MNR 22-02, the application by Woodhill Homes-George Hale, for the development of 70 units.

The Planning Commission meeting last night, Nov.3, 2022 was filled with both new and long term residents seeking answers and offering opinions and comments concerning this application. I sat in disbelief that apparently for the second time the developer was not present in the room or via zoom. Where does he live?

Has he ever lived in Sisters or been a part of this community? Are we really going to let this jewel of a place be turned over repeatedly to developers who in this case are simply going to strip away a swath of 400 plus trees, build low quality crammed in houses, leaving us with the eyesore of a neighborhood at the gateway to the most beautiful scenic byway? Meanwhile taking all of their profits to the bank! This is horrifying, unacceptable and this application should be rejected.

There is no doubt plenty of development taking place in Sisters currently, and we are definitely experiencing a boom in tourism as well. Our roads are congested, there is an increase in litter lining the highways, byways and forest trails, and we are in a serious drought. (Wikiup reservoir has only 3% water left and our aquifers are shrinking). It is our responsibility, the tax paying citizens of Sisters, to define the future of this treasured place, NOT greedy developers who will sacrifice our resources for their profit. The stewardship of our land will certainly be honored by future generations, and will hopefully protect the astounding beauty which constitutes the largest asset of this place. Why in the world would anyone living here want that devalued?

Please! Protect this place from becoming overrun with mediocrity.

The construction that stands out in Sisters are those who are or have been invested in our community and their families and businesses live here.

Respectfully,
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