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Chad,

I reached out to Cascade Disposal in January, not realizing they would be meeting with the County to discuss this issue of concern I expressed and request I made. I understand that comments are being accepted and I hope I made the deadline! If you are not the person to receive this comment please direct me otherwise. Thank you.

Having lived within the Bend city limits the last five years, and then having just recently purchased a home in Deschutes County, just outside the Bend city limits, but retaining a Bend address in doing so, I feel like I'm going backwards five years in my environmental efforts to do the right thing for our community and our State with lack of services for yard debris and food waste collection.

What can I do as a resident to encourage, support, and work towards bringing this service to my neighborhood in Deschutes River Woods? Collection in this large residential area would support efforts to protect landfill space as well as impact on clean air and wildfire fuel reduction or land protection due to current "residential burn". Even starting with a few customers at a time could build interest and support for this effort. Where is Cascade Disposal and the County on this effort, as I understand there is awareness of the need and interest.

I would be willing to volunteer my time to work on this effort with whomever would be the best person at Cascade Disposal or the County to be in contact with on this issue of concern.

I'm willing to add a monthly cost to my weekly collection to have this service.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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