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Hi Tim,

I used to work at the environmental center providing sustainability youth education to our community. I am a resident of three rivers in south county since 2018. My comments about recycling:

As a Deschutes county resident since 2015 and a three rivers resident since 2018, I've been committed to maintaining a positive and healthy environment by reducing waste and following recycling guidelines. As the guidelines are ever changing, I've done my due diligence to inform myself and friends and neighbors about what we can and cannot recycle in our bins. I'm also proud to report that my husband and I have driven all our recyclables to either the La pine transfer station, knott recycling center, or the now closed down Sunriver recycling stand. We've spent hours separating months of recyclables stored in our shed and then driving them over to one of those stations. We always pat ourselves on the back afterwards, especially as we see our neighbors just piling all their waste in their trash bins and calling it a day. Most neighbors we talk to about recycling admit that they would recycle if we had curbside pickup.

It would be such a game changer to have curbside pickup especially with the new laws and resources Oregon is getting. I know the three rivers community would utilize the service widely. There are lots of awesome community groups who have been active in educating about recycling right and sharing information when we've thought recycling services were coming to us a few times in the last couple of years. The investment would not go to waste and would only help make more room in Knott landfill until its closure and also set up the new landfill to ultimately be better utilized with less recyclables going into it from the get go.

Thanks commissioners for hearing about this issue. Please extend services to south county and other rural areas in this growing and evolving county.

Kindly,
Becca Phelps

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