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Crook County Community Development Department, Located in the Crook County Courthouse,  
First Floor, 300 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Prineville, Oregon 97754

**Regarding: Opposition to the Dollar General on Juniper Canyon Road**

*The above referenced application should be denied for the following reasons:*



**The Location.** The access would be from Juniper Canyon Road. Juniper Canyon Road is a two lane, dead end, busy and dangerous highway. Juniper Canyon Road is one way in and one way out with a public attraction located at one end (with an existing store about ready to reopen).

The first road to the North of the proposed site is **Ridge View Rd** – which was built to County standards but is a privately owned/maintained road. To the South of the proposed site is **View Top Rd** – which was built to County standards but is a privately owned/maintained road. Currently there are no issues with outside traffic but the addition of this business would create outside traffic flow, during construction and afterwards negatively impacting the property owners in Iron Wood Estate's subdivision. The proposed Dollar General site would be encircled by this neighborhood consisting of privately owned access roads.

**Fire Hazard.** The area out Juniper Canyon Road was designated as high Fire Hazard. The Cowboy Fire was one example of the extreme risk. Why would you even consider adding a business out in the county, in the middle of a pasture, vs putting it in a low risk area in town?

**Crime.** Plopping a business out in the country vs in town creates a perfect crime scenario. Rarely do we see the Sheriff's deputies out our way and creating a new hot spot for them this far out of town does not benefit anyone. Residents here chose to move miles from town to **avoid** everything this business would bring with it.

**Dark Sky.** Three years ago this area was deemed a "dark sky" area, the first in Oregon with that designation. A Dollar General does not belong on Juniper Canyon Road.

**Conclusion.** Not sure what is generating Dollar General's desire to build these stores in very rural/very small out of town locations. Is there some sort of grant or program funding this project or is it simply an idiotic idea? Please say NO to a Dollar General on Juniper Canyon Rd.

Respectfully,

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