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Hello,

I am writing to comment on the above project. I am very disappointed to see that the project is proposing to remove the stand of large Ponderosa pine trees at top of the slope/terrace above the Meadows monument, as well as the large pines at the back of the existing trailhead parking area. Why must the stand of trees above the monument be removed? These big trees, as well as the ones at the rear of the trailhead parking area are public amenities, as well as important environmental resources. I would very much like to see these trees saved if it all possible. While I recognize that this is private property, I feel the town should not allow clearing of trees of this size. It is a detriment to the existing residents of the town to allow a developer to do so.

Furthermore, planting new trees to replace the ones cut down, while better than nothing, is a poor substitute. More often than not, large native trees are replaced by nonnative or ornamental trees that do not have the same habitat or aesthetic value. I have previously been told in writing by the Town that native trees, including Ponderosa pines, will be planted at new developments, only to see Bosnian, Austrian or other nonnative pines planted instead.

I am also concerned about the installation of a new traffic signal at this location. Traffic exiting the Meadows already backs up past this point on a regular basis, and another traffic light is only going to make the traffic conditions worse. Here again, I feel that the town is prioritizing the wants of a developer over the benefit and the needs of existing Meadows residents. I'm very disappointed to see this being proposed.

Respectfully,

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Sent from my iPhone