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In regards to Carbon Summit Solutions proposed carbon sequestration pipeline.

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From a concerned land owner,

I have concerns over this proposed carbon reclaim pipeline being proposed by Carbon Summit Solutions. Part of my concern is the ethanol plants have been putting this CO<sub>2</sub> into the air for all these years with no issues. Now that the government has upped the ante by paying more for these "carbon credits" they want to collect on this and make a profit at the expense of the affected landowners. At the PUC meeting a representative from Carbon Summit Solutions said that "they have dug 1 maybe 2 test probes" at the proposed collection site but plan to do more when they get a permit. . First off he didn't even know how many they have dug, second if they are proposing to put this pipe line in place with such a large investment I would have thought this testing would have been done before they even tried to get easements signed. Also it was said that 80% of the landowners at the collection site have also signed on but I wonder what percentage of that 80% is also investors in the pipeline project. To me that tells me that Carbon Summit does not have the safety or best interests of everyone involved only making their own pocket book larger. In their path they are proposing to go across 4 quarters of mine which will affect every aspect of my operation. They want to cross valuable farm ground, go through native grass which I use to pasture my cattle, and across alfalfa/grass hay ground with their trench landing in front of the approach I use to get my hay out of that 80 acre piece. I am a 3rd generation farmer/rancher which I have purchased from my family after my dad died from cancer. I have taken it very seriously to keep the family farm going and intend on passing it onto my kids/family when I am gone. I also work a full time job at 3m to keep bills paid. Everything I make on the farm goes to purchasing the land, cattle and machinery and there is not much left for living expenses so hence I work a full time job in town too I feel Carbon Summit would like to make a negative impact on our operation for there monetary benefit. They have made an offer for crossing our land to cause us inconvenience that is supposed to cover three years damage but I am afraid there will be residual effects much longer than 3 years. Getting native grass too grow again could be just about impossible with the spotty rains we have had the last few years so I ask what my cows are supposed to eat until the grass is reestablished . I also have concerns with their pipe only being 4' deep, going through farm ground where corn is grown. I have read studies that on drier years a corn plant's roots can go up to 6' deep so what is a pipeline in the roots path going to do to prohibit the growth of that corn plant. I met with their representative to listen to what they had to say with open ears. Our first conversation I was told it would be a 4 " line. Second conversation I was told it would be a 24" line. Then I go to the PUC meeting and there is a 20" line now. I dont feel this Carbon Summit Solutions Company has a clear direction on their operation and have not done enough research on this operation. They want to bury this line only 4' deep and they are going through some low land wet area of mine. My concern is what happens after say 10 years of freeze/thaws especially in a low land wet area where that pipe is going to end up at depth. I don't want my future generations to have to be liable for something like this. I am in the process of checking with my landowner insurance to see what kind of liability insurance coverage I am going to need if this goes. They want to meet with me with more questions in regards to this pipeline to

make their determination. I have heard of studies done that planting trees would also offset this carbon that is emitted from the ethanol plants. Personally I question how long they will be able to pump this liquified carbon underground before running out of room or before it moves and causes issues with something as serious as our water supply. I personally don't think Carbon Summit Solutions should be granted a permit for this operation because I don't believe they have done enough research on their operation or other options. I especially don't believe they should be given the use of eminent domain for their profit and the expense of the land owners. If there is a chance I can voice my concern over the use of eminent domain I would also like to have a voice in that process.

Regards  
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