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Subject: Summit Carbon Pipeline

We attended the Summit Carbon Pipeline Meeting on January 17th, 2025 in Aberdeen. In 2022, we received a letter stating that our land would be within one half mile of the proposed pipeline. We responded by sending a letter to the PUC stating that we objected to this pipeline.

At the Jan. 17th meeting, we were told and shown on the computer that the pipeline would, in fact, cross the northeast corner of our land. The description is, NE ¼ of Section 2-T122N-R66W in the name of Heinle Living Trust.

We inquired on accessing the proposed pipeline route on our home computer. We were informed that the program was only for Summit's use. Because the pipeline route is constantly changing, we have no alternative but to assume the route will cross our land.

In attempting to find the route on PUC's website, it was impossible to find what we were shown by Summit.

In any case, the original points still apply.

1. As with any pipeline, while rare, leaks do occur and unlike a water, gas, or oil pipeline, a leak at any part of this pipeline would be deadly and without warning. That would create a serious risk to every living creature in the area.
2. While the company states that the top soil will be reapplied, we know that it will never be the same as preconstruction. The natural grasses that currently grow on this land cannot be replaced. The disruption of the soil will affect its ability for complete restoration.
3. The idea that a private for profit company can use eminent domain to access property is not acceptable ever. The justification that this is a green project to benefit the environment is not really true. This will greatly benefit the owners of the company with landowners paying the price. We are trading one issue for a similar one down the road. There is nothing green in the creation of the materials and the construction of the pipeline itself.

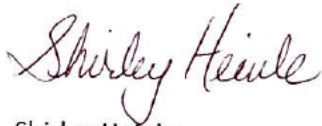
4. This project does not qualify as a commodity! If landowner's rights are ignored and eminent domain is used to approve this project, it opens the door for eminent domain to be used for any project, regardless of the intent and outcome.

We have zero intent of signing paperwork granting access to Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline for this project.


We implore you to NOT approve their permit and respect landowner's rights.



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