August 29, 2024

RE: Public Hearing 9/4/2024 : Disconnection of Parcels within the Town of Rockville located on South Mesa

Dear Mayor Leach and Rockville Town Council,

We are adamantly opposed to the request for parcels within Section 13 on the south mesa at the southern limits of town to be disconnected from Rockville.

We agree with the comments below made by our neighbors, the Cooks:

“The properties are isolated and at the end of a rough dirt road with no utilities and little, if any, groundwater. This property lies adjacent to BLM and Wilderness; commercial or private development is not appropriate.

It is essentially an island. Washington County would be responsible for providing infrastructure for any development, which would put the property outside of the guidelines of Rockville’s master plan. I recognize that this is the goal of the disconnection request, but please keep in mind that there are numerous less than one-acre parcels within section 13, whose owners might each want to build, and access water.

It is also worth noting that whatever water can be pulled from the Shinarump aquifer would impact the water well down dip that supplies water to several families. Drawing from there may also impact the town water well further east.

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