



# MOUNT SHASTA BIOREGIONAL ECOLOGY CENTER

*Dedicated to restoring the outstanding natural and cultural values  
of Mount Shasta and the surrounding bioregion*

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Juliana Lucchesi, City Planner  
And Planning Commissioners  
City of Mt. Shasta  
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The Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center is providing these comments in opposition to the proposed Freeze Mini-Storage and Car Wash Project. Our goals are to preserve, protect, and restore the beautiful natural landscape surrounding our mountain. This project located at the gateway to the city, near headwaters at the city park, has severe environmental and aesthetic problems which cannot be mitigated.

The Freeze Project is an inappropriate development that cheapens the town and will turn away visitors and therefor harm our economy. Illegal work has already been done in bad faith by this developer. Such work includes illegally grading the site without a stormwater pollution prevention plan; polluted and sediment filled storm water can therefore flow downhill and contaminate the headwaters of the Sacramento River. Also, they have removed mature trees without proper permitting.

This project would have severe negative impacts on the overall aesthetics of this city. We recently became a PCT Trail Town and pride ourselves on the quality outdoor recreation that we offer. If this business is the very first thing visitors see when coming into town from the north end, that sends a negative message and sets a false tone for who we really are. The incompatibility of this project with the adjacent Spring Hill Trail and scenic views are yet another reason to reject this development.

Our local remaining meadows are fragmented at best. This project would further degrade our local meadow systems, by removing another 2 acres of this sensitive habitat. In turn, this will have negative effects on our local pollinator species who are already experiencing population declines. The noise and light pollution that would radiate from this site will also have negative consequences for wildlife, with it being so close to the forest, parks and trails.

We strongly urge the city to reject this project proposal. Allowing an eyesore facility that creates hazardous wastes within this sensitive location is completely inconsistent with what we all want for the city we live in.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment on this proposed project, and for your time in reviewing this letter. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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