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Thank you for sending the notice of public hearing.

My lot does not share a lot line with the subject property, but is close by.

I do not suggest property rights should be subject to environmental restrictions. Still the subject parcel is a critical part of the local Black Forest habitat. I see deer on my lot heading to and from the direction of the subject property. The deer are an important part of the forest character. That character is the reason many of us chose to live here. In my view a subdivision into small parcels would create more intrusion and reduce the size of the habitat. Currently we do not often see deer out on the roads. I think the open character of the forest allows the deer to roam internally. Two larger lots would be consistent with that.

If the board denies this subdivision someone will try again later. As time goes on it seems likely a division into small lots will be requested. A division into two lots now may prevent that.

An additional consideration is the availability of water. All of us have well water. A subdivision into smaller lots would place a greater demand on the aquifer.

I support the proposed McLean-Hodgen subdivision into two parcels. I hope the El Paso County commissioners will as well.

Thank you,
Norm Hendrickson