

I, Thayne Hupp, strongly oppose the proposed landfill that Mr. Moulding is proposing to put in Hansel Valley. I have lived in Hansel Valley for 67 Years. I own and operate a dry farm and cattle operation as did my father and grandfather. We raised our families here and have farmed this ground for over 100 years. I would like to see my grandchildren and great grandchildren have the same opportunities in this valley.

My grandfather hauled water, in wooden water barrels with a team and wagon for many years from a state well that was dug at what's now the Ballard Farm. Water was, is, and will always be a very precious commodity. That well is what made it possible to make a living in the valley.

The proposed landfill will sit on open porous soil, which is visible by traveling on I-84 west through Rattlesnake Pass, between exit 16 and exit 17, towards Snowville, and the curlew valley. Also visible by traveling on the old frontage road.

I believe that this landfill poses several threats including: contamination of water, soil, and air, along with possibilities of hazardous waste. Not to mention living downwind and inhaling toxic contaminated air from the landfill.

Hansel Valley sits on an active earthquake fault. Two largest historical earthquakes took place in Hansel Valley in 1934 a magnitude of 6.6 and the ground was displaced 1.5 feet. The other quake occurred in the 1970's... Earthquakes of this size occur in Utah on average of every 50 years. There are wildfires that occur in the region removing forage growth. Therefore, resulting in heavy flooding from the hail storms that wash from the north side of I-84 to the South.

I am unwilling to jeopardize the hard work of my ancestors or my future posterity in my family business over a piece of plastic they tell us will protect our aquifer. I am a strong believer in private property rights for everyone as long as it does not threaten anyone's safety or livelihood.

I am not a scientist or an engineer. I am a farmer and rancher with years of knowledge and experience of living in this valley. Now I am entrusting our appointed officials and our elected commissioners to protect my livelihood and agricultural lifestyle.

I strongly oppose this proposed landfill.

Thank you,



Thayne Hupp