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I am writing in regards to the proposed expansion of Southwood Stock Farms Ltd.

I have mixed emotions about raising this type of concern however the expansion up wind of me last round caused a lot of issues for us in dust, smell, flies, sound, light pollution, road destruction (I have other lands that are affected by silage and manure trucks) and traffic. There is a regulation for expansion that ties expansion limits to manure disposal and storage. I was under the mistaken belief that the “family farm” had reached its potential and things would not or could not get worse.... the family farm has turned into a corporate “beef factory” which brings a whole new dynamic to the neighborhood as well as personal discomfort in all of the above-mentioned genres. Manure spread but not worked in for weeks or a dead animal in a compost heap across the road don’t endear expansion. As a neighbor I extended a certain amount of latitude for the good of the whole, but as corporate entities are impersonal and irrespective of neighbors and their wellbeing, the time for latitude is exhausted. I can see now where the rapid expansion is just another phase in the greater plan. I have seen the destruction of communities and neighborhoods in say, Picture Butte, Monarch and even the recent Surfes expansion in Enchant. I don’t need any more of what my senses and road conditions already tell me. Expansion of this rate and size demands a correlating amount of traffic, noise (have you ever heard a feedlot at calf weaning time or each fresh load of calves), road destruction and the mounds of manure at each corner of pivots and intersections? The smells do not dissipate or reduce seasonally when you are directly down wind, that goes for sound carry as well (my

house is ½ mile due east). What used to be refreshing evening breezes are now so potent, windows have to stay closed even if you don't have a/c and when the dust is heavy in the air our yard is often in a constant cloud, as we have trees that provide a place of relative calm air. I hope this has given you some insight as to why this is not a good location to expand. I treasure my space.... but it is being invaded by the desire for profit. Expand where it will not destroy infrastructure and community.

Thank you for your consideration, respectfully Harvey and Kathy Pepneck