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We urge the Planning Commission to reconsider the reduction of the buffer along the west side of NW Saint Helens Rd below/adjacent to Willamette Heights. The buffer reduction will affect land that is directly downhill from two properties on NW Thurman Street that are currently condemned due to recent landslides. We are very concerned that any removal of protective restrictions in this area, and the potential for more invasive development as a result thereof, will destabilize the hillside and put many other properties at risk of landslides. In addition, the reduced buffer will almost certainly result in increased noise and air pollution--affecting not only Willamette Heights residents, but Forest Park and its wildlife. Finally, we ask that the Planning Commission continue to put the livability, quality of life, and safety of its residents before industrial interests.

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