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I am providing comment regarding the environmental impact assessment recently completed on the Daybreak camp area. There are several areas in which I disagree with the recommendation to adopt the first alternative plan.

I have lived off Scales' Bend Road, the two lane, dead end access road to the Daybreak area, for over 25 years. During this time, there has been development but the changes made have not made a significant impact on the area, with the exclusion of the recent development on the lower portion of the road, which actually now falls within the city limits of North Liberty. **[The proposed construction of a private convention center on what has historically been a public recreational area is wholly innappropriate and does not fit in at all with the nature of the area.]**

[While the summer camping program would be considered group recreational use, the education/convention center cannot in any way meet that criteria.]

[The assessment, in my opinion, is completely missing its own stated set of criteria when it comes to the impact on the community cohesion. Alternative one is selected primarily because it does not "physically divide the neighborhood" and therefore would not interfere with the with the cohesive nature of the community. The statements do not address most of the criteria stated for determination of cohesiveness in a community,

"potential changes to the neighborhood", "potential substantial change in the population of the community", and "potential environmental impacts that would alter the quality of life". The addition of a project of this magnitude will certainly make changes in the neighborhood. I view the Scales' Bend peninsula area as a community, and there has never been so incongruous an addition as that proposed by alternative one. In regards to the second statement, though the population will not be permanent there would be a continuous tremendous increase in the community population. Two to three hundred additional people in that space at one time is a considerable increase in the population. That also impacts the environment in which we live, with the increase in traffic, noise, and potential water problems. This is a dead-end road which has already suffered from an increase in usage over the past 20 years. There is already a great seasonal fluctuation in traffic from the campground at the end of the road. This project will have an even greater impact on **that]**

[I have a real concern about our water supply. We would be drawing from the same aquifer. Iowa City has now recently begun to draw from this same water supply. The anticipated daily use of water could very well cause water shortages.]

I strongly recommend that alternative one be rejected as a possibility

A project of this magnitude simply does not fit in