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Subject: RE: Inquiry through County website | Wilson Creek Rd Area | Meat Processing Facility Proposal
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Good morning Levi,

I have received your comments for the record.

Thank you,

Kelly Bacon

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Hi Levi,

I have forwarded your email to Kelly, one of our planners.

Have a great day!

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Hello,

Pleasure to meet you.

I live on Wilson Creek Rd. right by where the meat processing facility is being proposed. I'm not very knowledgeable or experienced with this type of facility, but I have been around some in Montana and Washington over the years through my real estate dealings with clients, during college, and in my hometown. There are a few concerns I just wanted to make note of.

The main points are environmental & health concerns, smell, noise, road-use/neighborhood use, and property values. Last year in March I purchased my house behind Tarp-It, which was a deterrent for many buyers in my opinion due to the shared driveway and business being right next door. I wasn't as picky, and was able to get past that when I realized there is no smell, noise, environmental/health concerns, or property value issue beyond what the market had already exposed and I was aware of. With that in mind, a processing facility doesn't really seem to fit the neighborhood setting due to the inevitable smell, noise, traffic, trucks bringing animals in and out, excessive wearing on the roads, dirtying of roads with cow manure/dirt, carcass disposal, dust, runoff, etc. that likely comes with the

facility, all which affect residents' quality of life around the location. With water runoff and wind patterns, not to mention the stigma, I don't see any way that this doesn't greatly decrease property values in the area, and perceptions of residents and future buyers on all sides of the proposed facility's location. It will also decrease the local resident's enjoyment of their homes/properties and quality of life. I'm all for people doing what's best for themselves and their families, as long as it doesn't disrupt others in the process.

For me personally, I wouldn't have purchased my house if there was a meat-processing facility right by it, or if I was aware one might be built in the near future. Depending on how things play out, selling and moving is likely something I'll consider if it ends up being as disruptive as I think it could be. Hopefully not at a huge loss. There are many other factors that affect property values and quality of life, but a processing facility unquestionably doesn't maintain or improve those things.

With the points mentioned above, my opinion is an alternative location for the facility would be best. If you try to put yourself in the neighbor's shoes, or a prospective homebuyer's shoes, and think to yourself from one's own point of view "Would I buy a home next to a slaughterhouse?", the answer for most people is likely no. Or if you think to yourself "Would a slaughterhouse help my property value, maintain it, or decrease it?", the answer definitely isn't help it or maintain it, even with proper steps taken to mediate and offset negative effects.

I realize the perception may be worse than what is actually being proposed, and this is just one opinion of a local resident, but it seems like it is fairly clear what is proposed in reality. That said, I'm willing to listen if there is a counterpoint to any of the above that would make it more palatable for folks in the area.

If there is a more appropriate place to make a comment, please let me know.

Thanks!

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