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Subject: FW: [Ext] Fearful Mother: Request for Comment on Behalf of FD-7
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Comment from FD7 on proposed land use action below.

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Commissioner Osiadacz and Fire Marshal Young:

Thanks to the email I received below, I have had the opportunity to review the Guest Ranch Proposal. While it took a bit of reading, I found that once buildout occurs, there will be 116 people per day on this property. The proposal states guests will change out an average of every 4 days according to the material presented to the county. I believe that the fire code requires 30 homes or more requires a secondary means of egress. I realize that this proposal does not include 30 structures. However, it does include over 10 structures and 30 camping spots. In the proposal there is a discussion of well water, but not firefighting water.

This is an area of Fire District 7 that concerns me greatly due to wildland firefighting risk, topographical features, and local weather including historical winds in that area. As you can see from the email below, others in the community are expressing concerns as well.

When we have people not familiar with the area and there is a fire, the chance of pandemonium is enhanced. Bottom line, we run the risk of future loss of life in a rapidly moving wildland fire.

What can we do to mitigate the dangers and concerns?

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Hello Mr. Sinclair,

You don't know me, but I come from a fire family. My father was a fireman/paramedic for most of his life and has lived in upper Kittitas for almost two decades. My brother in law is currently starting his first quarter at Harborview in their Medic program and works for Lake Stevens as a fireman. Him and his wife live in downtown Cle Elum and he hopes to start working locally in the near future. My family and I own a home off of Fowler Creek Rd and I work as a pediatric nurse at Seattle Children's Hospital.

You may not be aware, but there has been a recently proposed development off of Fowler Creek Rd. This development is proposed to offer overnight accommodations for greater than 150 guests, including 30 RV sites + recreational fire pits, access to ATV trails, dining, special events, and more.

My largest fear as it exists today is the lack of available emergency evacuation routes from FS RD 4517. If we more than double the existing population of that community, especially without ANY proposed updates to existing road infrastructure, I fear for the lives of my family and my community in an emergency.

The trails are narrow and dangerous at best. It can already be a battle for emergency services to get up, or us to get out on the best of days. The increase risk of fire danger due to commercial activity combined with intensive traffic on the only established evacuation route, is a matter that needs professional comment.

Public comments are due on this proposed "Guest Ranch" (In an R5 Zone) by 5pm this coming Thursday (10/5). I understand that this request comes late, and it comes urgently.

I implore you on behalf of this community, to please submit your concerns.

I have linked the proposal for condition use permit [HERE:](#)

Respectfully,
Katie & Mike Podobnik

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