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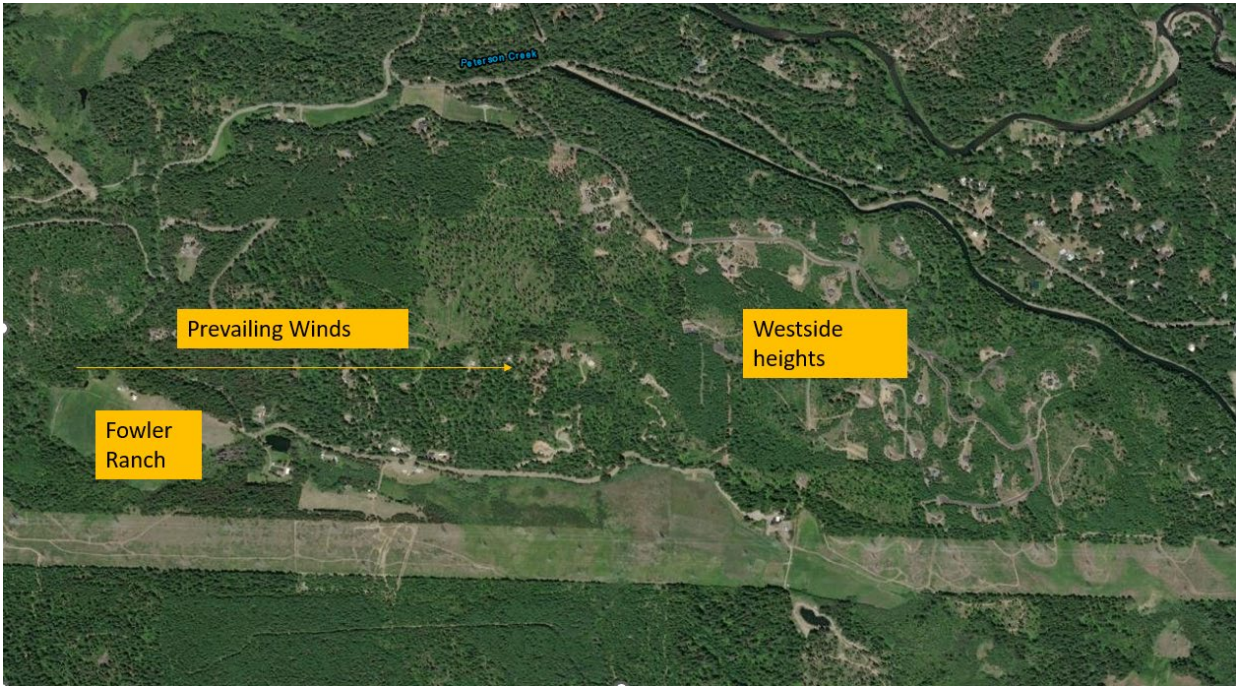
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Hello,

My name is Wade Metz and I live at 621 Whisper Creek Drive Cle Elum. It is in Westside Heights, a private community of 54 lots. I think there are about 30 finished homes in our community. I own a real estate development company based in Bellevue. We develop, build and sell/rent single family homes, condos, townhomes and apartments all in the seattle area. I mention all of that because I have recently become aware of a proposed project in our area that makes me pause a bit. As a developer, I normally don't get involved in these kind of things (other than being on the other side of the fence..) I am not a NIMBY guy and I believe in the process developers have to go through to mitigate impacts that negatively affect existing surrounding landowners. I like the rural character of Cle Elum and the small town feel. We don't mind growth as long as it's managed and the services grow along with it.

That all said, the project I am concerned with is called Fowler Creek Guest Ranch and it sits off Fowler Creek Drive, just north and west of my house at Westside Heights.. 2040 fowler creek road. It is a stunning 150 acre property that's currently a large field, a guest house and a barn. From what I understand, the proposal is to change it into an event center with cabins (10), RV spaces (30) B&B Guest House and event "barn". I like progress and generally am supportive of development, but there are things about this that make me concerned. I am very concerned about RV and campers on that property. All it takes is one camper during July and August to let a BBQ spark fly, an errant cigarette butt, a fire pit, a hot car on dry grass, etc and we have a fire less than a mile from us, all blown by the prevailing winds. I'm very concerned that by the time the fire department responds, during certain times of the year, it could get out of control and be in our backyards in no time. We all take fire very seriously and especially serious during July and August.

I am certain they can manage risks, manage noise, manage traffic, of the new facility. I actually think it would be a spectacular small event facility for weddings or small events. What I don't think they can mitigate is the fire risk presented by the RV or Camping. In my mind, it's just a recipe for disaster.



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