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Good morning Jeremiah,

Below please find comments for RZ-22-00002.

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Good afternoon. I am writing to comment on the re-zoning for Thorp Landing Lane, RZ-22-00002 & CP-22-00002. I am the Chief of the Fire District that this development will be built in. As you know, this property has been farmed for many years. This small unincorporated town of Thorp, like most areas of Kittitas County, is growing quite a bit. One of my concerns as Fire Chief is fire flow in rural developments. Yes, we have Water Tenders but we could have a whole fleet of tenders and it will never be as good as a proper hydrant system. My ask for

the county is to consider requiring a true Hydrant system for any development that has 10 or more residential lots for development for livable spaces. The safety of the people who will occupy those homes depends on it. I am sure it sounds like a big ask for such small developments but as we see in the map of this development, there are multiple other large agricultural parcels around these ones that could sell and be developed using similar sized lots, becoming a much larger community within the greater Thorp area, but without hydrants. Kittitas County Water District 4 in Thorp has its farthest south hydrant not too far from the entrance to Thorp Landing Ln. They could be an option to approach or a separate system. We need to be setting up the future growth with safety as our top concern. The cost of a hydrant system could be passed to the consumer, who would save that and more in the long run with a lower home owners insurance rating due to having adequate fire flow. Having more homes in our fire district without hydrants will also negatively impact our overall fire rating with the state, possible causing us to lose a rating and cost everyone in our fire district more money in their Homeowners insurance premiums, or potentially even be dropped from some companies.

I thank you for your time and consideration on this topic and I am available to answer any questions if you have any.



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