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Thank you Viki!

Your comments have been forwarded to the Staff Planner handling this Conditional Use Permit.

Have a great Christmas! ☺

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Hello, I am submitting my letter regarding the Larson Fruit Co. Conditional Use Permit for Farm Worker Housing along Burbank Creek. Please know that my husband and I are opposed to this permit being issued. Regards, Victoria Essex
360-312-1427

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December 18, 2013
RE: CU-13-00007

Dear Kittitas Co. Community Development Services,

I am commenting on the proposed farm workers housing by Larson Fruit Company slated for the property directly across Burbank Creek from our 10 acre parcel. We do not live on our property at this time, but use it for recreational purposes, mainly in the summer and fall. We purchased this property because the canyon is a peaceful place where we enjoy viewing wildlife and spending quiet evenings outdoors. The most scenic part of our property is that nearest the creek, where we are able to sit and enjoy the creek and the surroundings there.

I am particularly concerned about noise from housing 48 individuals in such a small area, akin to an urban apartment complex. There are barely more than 48 inhabitants of the whole canyon, now spread out with each dwelling on 10 or more acres.

I am interested in the precedent that will be set by allowing this housing project to go forward. We have wondered about other uses for our property, for instance opening an RV park for fishermen and hunters seasonally, but assumed that we would be limited to the one dwelling that current zoning allows. I would think that the approval of this type of conditional use permit might make future development a possibility for us. The fact that septic systems will be installed to handle 48 individuals in this housing project, makes me think that we could have a system to handle 24 people on our 10 acres.

Our past dealings with Larson Fruit Company and the Burbank Creek Well Users Association, have made us feel that those with the most money will prevail, regardless of the other tax-paying individuals affected by their actions, in this case I hope that is not true.

With that being said, I am opposed to issuing this permit. I am concerned about the proximity to the creek and our property line. I propose that if this permit is approved that there be plantings and fencing on the north side of the project so that it is camouflaged from the creek and our property by more than the existing scrub brush.

I would ask that there be some formal way for concerns that arise from this project to be aired, once it was in operation. I also ask that there be a review and public hearing before the second phase of this project is implemented. Since this is "temporary" housing, I would hope that should there be problems because of this, the use permit could be overturned and the mobile housing units removed.

Sincerely,

Victoria K. Essex- owner
Rory R. Moore- spouse