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Kittitas County Community
Development Services
411 N Ruby St. Ste 2
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Dear Jeff Watson and "Doc" Hastings

I am Ninon Wheatley, president of the Thorp Mill Ditch Users Association, Inc. I have concerns with the application for Conditional use permit # CU-14-00001 submitted by the GT Ranch LLC.

My first concern is that in the application the Thorp Mill Ditch is not mentioned and absent from the application. The application's Question 3 is specific about surface water and the question is "if there is any surface water body on or in the vicinity of the site". The Yakima River is mentioned along with a pond but they failed to mention the Thorp Mill Ditch.

My second concern: Possible affects of irrigation water rights for users below the proposed site. How can we be guaranteed that digging of the ponds and removal of the material for construction will not alter or temporarily stop the flow of the Thorp mill ditch for our users who are below the proposed site?

My third concern: How are they going to cross the Ditch? I understand that they intend to build a bridge across the unmentioned Thorp Mill Ditch. Is there an application that has been submitted to the Department of Fish and Wildlife? How will the bridge affect the ditch bank and water flow?

Please take the time to review the possible affects of water rights to the Thorp Mill Ditch users that rely on this surface water for their irrigation and stock water needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ninon Wheatley
President,
Thorp Mill Ditch Association