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To Whom it May Concern,

Re: the proposed Yakima River Campground

The notice in The Daily Record (July 28, 2022) said that the County expects to issue a Determination of Non-Significance. That begs the question: why ask for public comments?

Similar development has been proposed in the past at this location, so the concerns voiced then should still be addressed in view of more stringent County policies that have since been enacted.

Flooding has recently occurred over this reach of the Yakima River floodplain. Intermittent flooding benefits both floodplain and river health (see: The Reaches Study). River health should be an important issue in this time of warming climate and diminishing runs of salmon and steelhead; active side-channels are important for juvenile fish. Mammals rely on healthy riparian habitat as well.

Aside from environmental issues, the County should consider whether fostering development near the river is a worthwhile long-term strategy. Should the crown jewel of the County be framed by development and flood insurance issues?

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