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*Abraham Lincoln*

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Transmitted via email

Re: Hidden Point, CUP-20-00005

My name is Bob Haynie. Since 1999, my wife Peggy and I have lived at 960 Emerick Rd. on 21 acres, 20 of which are in the Timber Tax. I am writing to put into the record our disapproval of the proposed Hidden Point "Guest Ranch." I use quotes because it seems obvious that the proposed installation is not what it is claimed to be.

A communication sent to you by our neighbor Bruce Coe details the legal problems quite well. I am writing from a personal perspective. We moved here because we loved what we saw of the area. We wanted a rural lifestyle, with the low population density and light traffic that makes such a life possible. A big factor in our deciding to come here was the Ag 20 designation, which begins about a quarter mile down the hill and extends past us. That designation promised us, we figured, that the situation as we found it here would resist degradation.

Now it is threatened by a proposed installation that is actually a VRBO: a place for numerous people to stay for one or several nights, without supervision, as temporary tenants on Lookout Mountain. This is troublesome and disturbing to us, and all the others up here, who naturally conclude that the conditions on the mountain—the conditions we all moved here to preserve and enjoy—will change for the worse. There is the increased water usage, placing a strain on the common aquifer which supplies all our wells. There is the probability of increased car traffic and the stresses it will place on a narrow dirt and gravel road. There is the probable impact on the wildlife profile here, a profile which has existed almost unchanged over the last two decades because of the large parcel size and low population. There is the problem of strangers most likely unfamiliar with conditions here, roaming over property (almost all of which is privately held)—especially during the end-of-summer fire season, when the mountain is at great risk of fire. Many people from Puget Sound simply do not understand how dicey it is up here in late summer. We were mostly spared by the Taylor Bridge Fire and all of us up here are anxious when things dry out, but all of us understand how careful we have to be—because this is where we live and have our homes. We are invested financially, psychologically, and morally.

We met the proponent while we were walking around the mountain a year or so ago. He was, at best, disingenuous when I asked him why he was supplying so many well-heads for his house. I think he has been disingenuous right along, and it looks as if he is simply trying to sneak something by in defiance of regulations and zoning considerations *and* the desires of the people who already live here.

Personally, this is not the sort of neighbor one hopes for—one who seeks to take something from all of us in an attempt to make money. We who live up here are remarkably consistent in our love of this part of Washington and hope only to preserve its character. Some change is always inevitable; after all, we changed things when we built here in '99. But the *change* occasioned by building single-family houses, as we see in the valley below, is not the same as a *change in the basic conditions* that attracted us to this place.

Along with all of our neighbors, we hope you will deny this proposed construction.

Sincerely,

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