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PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO ALL. Thank you.

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Addendum to Chambers Letter of December 14, 2020, regarding Hidden Point LLC CUP application

Dear Commissioners,

This is an addendum to my letter of December 14, 2020. I wish to make two points I feel I did not adequately present in my original letter. These concern 1) noise, and 2) increased fire hazard that would be imposed by a Hidden Point hotel business.

Hidden Point vacationers, in addition to greatly increasing traffic on our roads and recreating beyond the borders of Hidden Point, would have outdoor gatherings that would create a lot of noise. The way noise carries from highpoints across our vales and valleys makes it seem the source is next door though it may be far away. Besides being very disturbing to the neighbors, the noise of regular music, running engines, and outdoor gatherings emanating from Hidden Point would repel wildlife from our area.

Regarding fire hazard, vacationers likely would not appreciate the conditions that make our area so very vulnerable to fire. The Hidden Point site faces south and west and is especially exposed and windy. The Taylor Bridge Fire burned very hot and fast there. Combine our summer dryness, heat, and high winds with a careless cigarette or spark from an engine or chain and we would have another Taylor Bridge Fire raging across the site's face to neighboring lands. Fire season is already a period of great worry for Swauk-Lookout area residents. Allowing a stream of large groups of recreating people who are not fire-seasoned represents an enormous increase in fire danger for our residents and lands.

Thank you, again, for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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