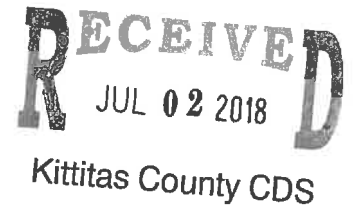


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Dear Kittitas County Community Development Services,

In review of the applications for the Upper County Maintenance Shop (PF-18-00001) there are a many concerns have after reading the application provided in the SEPA Environmental Checklist.

In Exhibit 2: Paragraph No. 4 it states, "The access location will create no turning movement conflicts with the existing solid waste transfer station located across No. 5 Mine Road." I personally have seen many close call accidents with vehicles turning left onto State Route 903 from No.5 Road leaving the solid waste facility, especial when garbage trucks are hauling double trailers. I did not notice anything that addresses the traffic that lines up along State Route 903 when the solid waste has not opened yet in the mornings, at their lunch time, or even during the County Clean Up days, vehicles are parked along State Route 903 almost to Denny Ave. Heavy equipment will not be able to turn safely onto No. 5 Road with cars parked along State Route 903 awaiting their turn, and those coming out of the solid waste facility at the same time.

The most important traffic issue that has not been addressed in Exhibit 2 is the traffic that affects the comings and goings of the Cle Elum-Roslyn Schools parking area, located directly across State Route 903 from the No. 5 Road. Parents and busses trying to make left turns out of the school parking area, have the same issues as stated above, this concern should be more relevant than County trucks getting to their proposed facility. With more heavy equipment and County vehicles coming in and out of the No. 5 Road there is bound to be an accident of some kind, as larger vehicles and equipment move slower than smaller vehicles.

In Paragraph No. 5 it states, "The proposed public facilities permit would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare." I beg to differ, based on the comments made in the previous paragraphs. With no turn lanes to make safe left turns into or out of the No.5 Mine Road as well as a 45 MPH speed limit, I do not understand where the comment, "would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare" is able to be said. Having traffic counting instruments down for one day on a slow transfer station day will not show the significant traffic that goes through the station on a weekly basis.

Page 3 of 17: Question 10: This property should be annexed into the City of Cle Elum for residential, recreational, or commercial use.

Page 3 of 17: Question 11: What road chemicals will be stored at the County facility? Would it cause air quality issues for our children playing on the playground across the street? How much fuel would be stored or used at the facility? With many flammable chemicals onsite, there is a potential for catastrophic fire.

Page 3 of 17: Question 12: Why is the fact that school zone is in the range of the proposed County facility not being addressed? According to the County Assessor's web page from the middle of the 11813 parcel to the middle of the Elementary school is only 855.6 feet away, and it is 551.2 feet to the middle of the transfer station. With the potential of a fuel station going in, makes me even more fearful for our children. If we were to have a wild fire or any other insistent with that could cause an issue with the fuel station, I am fearful for the workers at the transfer station and for our children, as well as the rest of the residential area around them.

Page 3 of 17: **B. Environmental Elements: 1. Earth**

- a. Crystal Creek to the North of the property line was not stated.

Page 4 of 17: e. this is a critical area and these industrial uses should not be anywhere near Crystal Creek.

Page 4 of 17: f. 2<sup>nd</sup> question: Where would the any of the run off from salts and other road chemicals affect the storm water and Crystal Creek?

Page 4 of 17: **2. Air**

- a. If temporary emissions are being done in association with typical heavy construction equipment during the construction. This is a falsehood, these emissions will occur daily as the equipment will be used onsite when operating before coming and goings.

Page 5 of 17: **2. Air**

- b. All oils, asphalt and solvents cause odors and fumes that people should not have to tolerate, also many fumes are high flammable and should be of high concern when equipment repairs require welding, grinding or cutting.

**3. Water**

- 2) Is there good evidence that the already stated "FLAT" property drains away from Crystal Creek? Seems that flat land would have more ground penetration.

- 4) This states that it lies within a 100-year floodplain; this should be re-evaluated as it is next to the floodplain.

Page 6 of 17: **3. Water (continued)**

- 6) With this being a holding facility for De-icer and Salt for the snow plows would that not be in the air and wind up in our water?

- b. Ground Water: 1) How would the water rights be transferred to industrial? This needs to be addressed through the DOE.

Page 9 of 17: **7. Environmental Health**

- 2) Shouldn't welding and cutting supplies be added to this list?

b. Noise 1) How does extra equipment, plow trucks and equipment repair not going to cause more noise with extra traffic? I have heard complaints from residents in Ellensburg and Cle Elum about the noise from the Public Works Facility.

Page 11 of 17: **9. Housing**

b. No homes are being eliminated but re-zoning the R5 will eliminate the possibility of low income housing close to our school where families need to be.

Page 12 of 17: **12. Recreation**

b. No recreational land is being displaced but the possibility of a park or recreational center is being eliminated.

Page 14 of 17: **14. Transportation**

- a. The No. 5 Mine Road is not access for State Route 90, but 903. The congestion on State Route 903 from the transfer station and school is busy several times a day. There is also traffic that comes in off of Interstate 90 to comes through to State Route 903 on a constant basis, as well as the inter-local city traffic.
- b. School busses are public transit, and 10 months out of the year they come and go to the school.

- c. As stated in the beginning of my comments, there are no safe turn lanes to the No. 5 Mine Road, and this has been an issue ignored by the county and state for years.
- f. The employee hours for the winter are close to the arrival and departure of school traffic. Again this is a concern that has not been addressed. Between the transfer station and the school traffic at 7:45 am – 3:10 pm will be a mess with vehicles coming and going from all three sites.

Page 15 of 17: 14. **Transportation** (continued)

- h. Please explain, how do you not see the impact on the traffic for this section of State Route 903?

**15. Public Services**

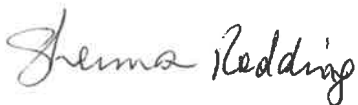
- a. With all this increased traffic, explain how this would not affect EMS vehicles from getting to and from their service areas during the day or night?

**C. Signature**

Why is this not signed and dated. Is this not a requirement, even on the checklist?

In closing, I am concerned that if I as a private citizen was to have bought this property and wanted to do something similar with this property, the county would not have allowed it. But now the county wants to move the Public Works from a residential area to a more residential high traffic area. I do not understand how the county does not see the detriment to this area of our community. Let's enhance the future needs of our community and move the Public Works to another existing County Property. Most important is why was there no public discussions or talks about this matter?

Sincerely,



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