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Subject: Brown & Jackson biosolid pond
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I am writing in opposition to the Brown & Jackson biosolid sewage pond proposal in the Parke Creek area of Kittitas County.

In the proposal itself Brown & Jackson lists birds, animals, & fish that would be affected: birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds – mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver – fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish.

They also list that there is pasture and farm crops nearby that would be affected.

They list that they will introduce nutrients into the soil in the form of biosolids. Biosolids are not a good for our environment. No treatment solution exists that removes all the contaminants found in biosolids.

There are studies reporting that people living in areas where there are biosolids have skin rashes, eyes and lungs burning, along with other illnesses.

There are chemicals, heavy metals, toxins, pharmaceuticals, hormones and other poisons that will leach into the Parke Creek area that will be unhealthy for humans and animals. The EPA only requires 9 pollutants to be removed from biosolids.

Experts are not even sure if Covid-19 can live in biosolids. Some avian flu viruses and some coronaviruses are able to persist in water. We already know how devastating that already is on our community.

You don't have to take my word for it. There is substantial research about the problem of biosolids close to homes and wildlife. Here is a link to one such article on the subject.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/oct/05/biosolids-toxic-chemicals-pollution>

The most frustrating issue is that there is already a place to dispose of the waste material in Kittitas County. We have no need for new sewage ponds now. Also, this is something that should be monitored by the county and not a private company.

I have not found anyone I have spoken to that is in favor of putting these sewage ponds in the Parke Creek area. If the time comes that the county is in need the ponds should be placed well away from homes, farms, and wildlife to keep the impact as small as possible.

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Sent from Michelle's iPhone.