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To: [Kelly Bacon \(CD\)](#)
Subject: Letter of Response to the Brown & Jackson SEPA
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Kelly,

Thank-you for your time yesterday - here is the letter we would like to have registered as our response to the Brown & Jackson SEPA - would you please be so kind as to let me know that you have received it?

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TO: Kittitas County Community Development Services
REF: Project Name: Brown & Jackson (SE-20-00003)

ATTEN: Kelly Bacon - Staff Contact - Designated Permit Coordinator
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Kittitas County Development Service,

We would like to register our response and for it to be on record that we are strongly opposing the following Project - (SEPA SE-20-00003 Brown and Jackson) Tax Parcel # 295134.

Located in the Parke Creek area -

Our objections are based on the following reasons:

1.
It is a matter of public record that septage lagoons leak.
2.
The Park Creek aquifer is located very near to the proposed site of this project, therefore potential contamination of the water supply is highly likely.
3.
There are a number of residents that have wells that draw from the Park Creek aquifer, as well as the city water for the town of Kittitas. Any contamination would cause a great hazard to both people and livestock as well as wildlife in the area. Not if, but when it happens.
4.
The location of the proposed septage ponds also poses problems because of the

Spring run-off from Park Creek. Within the last 20 years there have been 2 major run-off events causing flooding that would cause the ponds to overflow, thus contaminating Park Creek and the KRD irrigation system. This would spread pollution and waste across the floodplain.

5.

There would be no way to control the off-gassing that would be released from the ponds. This would cause a terrible air pollution effect to the surrounding residents in the area.

Property values of residents in the area would decrease significantly due to the air pollution and water contamination.

Due to the fact that we farm in the proposed area and have no choice but to be outside for prolonged time periods there would be no way to avoid the air pollution and foul odor that cannot be disguised or contained. This is a health issue as well as an environmental issue.

The most significant reason this project should be rejected, is the fact that there are currently functioning septage lagoons without any issues to nearby residents that would not pose air quality or water quality issues to creeks or people, only 7 miles from this site.

Our lives would be negatively impacted by the septage ponds, so we are strongly opposing this project. Please do not allow this project to move forward at this location.