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Jeremiah,

I would like to submit the following comments concerning this SEPA application to restore my legal private access to my 2 residences located at the end of Palouse Rd. which have had no emergency vehicle or private vehicle access since March 14, 2022.

I've looked at the submitted info and engineering to restore the road and mitigate the landslide issues on that parcel which were a known issue for well over 12 years. Devin Casto had a timeline of the movement and landslide issues and this should have been addressed with a Geotech, PW etc before he started any excavation for his building permit. In his permit he said NO to the response about landslide area. When he kept digging and removing all the support dirt on the slope below the road and greatly exceeded the 100 cubic yards with no permit and the 500 cubic yards for a SEPA permit, he should have immediately stopped and sought professional help. I told him you need a grading permit for over 100 cubic yards and he said "I know but I'm gonna be OK cuz I have to remove this dirt putting pressure on the dirt below." Which left the support dirt for the roadbed with no support which started to slide shortly after he stopped and tore out the Century Link internet and then continued with no action on his part to stop.

I had an excavation company for 17 years and moved a lot of dirt and worked on a couple sites on the west side with sheet pile walls operating an excavator and hoe pack for the contractor. I have never heard of a "temporary sheet pile wall, and no analysis and design of bracing, temporary or permanent, requested or conducted. All bracing, temporary and permanent, shall be the responsibility of contractor." Who is the contractor and are they certified/licensed to do this type of work ???

I didn't see any info on the grading plan to restore Palouse Rd to county standards. This should be the FIRST and most important task to be completed as expeditiously as possible. CDS noted in their code violation that "your actions have interrupted the legal access of neighbors and the road must be reconstructed immediately to prevent further collapse and stop the slide that is still occurring."

He was given a 45 day extension to June 9th and now June 13th for comments and then the SEPA review and decision which will extend it for how many days ??? What is the next delay he is gonna push for ??? Its too wet, I can't get the materials, the contractor is scheduled until ????

We have been kept out of the loop on what is going on as emails to CDS have went unanswered for weeks and I asked who do I call for emergency fire/medic response ? No reply. We are the only 2 people affected by this and get no answers except thru my PRR, and then I see in an email to Laura Osiadacz saying "tell Theo we are listening to him."

Why was she even involved in this ??? No one seems to be listening to us ! Devin Casto only reported himself to CDS and called Mark Cook 3 hours after I texted him that I was going to call and report him to PW, CDS & the fire marshal because he was doing nothing to restore our access. I called Toni and met her when she was here, and was quite surprised and odd that Devin reported himself for a violation. Its astounding the content and tone in emails from Theo and his "voluntary help for compliance" and his email is repugnant IMO because if his client was so concerned he should have reached out for professional help in November/December when it was continuing to slide and the road/and water lines could have possibly been saved.

I had to comment and maybe some isn't related directly to the SEPA but it explains what has been going on, and if there is one thing I learned when I went thru the Sheriffs Office Reserve Deputy training academy 5 years ago, its that there are always 2 sides to every story and some where in between is the truth. And as in the past I'm really not expecting much in the way of information/communication unless I file additional PRR's which are an incredible waste of office staff time only to get 25+ pages blacked out redacted due to "Investigative Records of Law Enforcement or penology agency" ???

Thank You
Sincerely,
Brian & Barb Brunner

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Mals stopped their own evolution in its tracks several thousand years ago, when they looked back at their ancestors, and decided, this is far enough for us !! **Maximus**