

February 22, 2023

Kittitas County Community Development  
Att: Kelly Bacon  
411 Ruby Street  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Ms. Bacon,

I am writing in regards to CU-0001-23, filed by 3 Boots Ranch.

The Conditional Use Permit process is a generic one, which serves as a catch-all for all types of projects. So, I understand that not all matters in any given project will be addressed by the standard forms and checklists. That said, I feel that given the nature of this project, there are quite a few questions that have been left unanswered, or simply haven't been asked.

Living rurally , we accept some inconveniences that go hand-in-hand with the lifestyle. Things like cattle drives that stop traffic along Wilson Creek Road. What we not so lovingly refer to as "fly season" at our house. The deafening cries of hoarse calves during weaning. Slow rolling tractors taking their half out of the middle of the road, or hay laden trailers peppering your freshly washed car in clippings.

All of these things are a small price to pay for rural living. And, all of these things are temporary. They are seasonal. They are not part of a 365 industry that will create far greater inconveniences for those living nearby.

So, as a resident and business owner on Wilson Creek Rd, I would like to ask the following please:

- 1.) Can you please clarify the number of cattle being processed, is it 200 per day? If so, how are they being transported (i.e. POV, semi, etc.). If the latter, I have serious concerns about semi traffic along this two-lane, rural road.
- 2.) What sales channel is 3 Boots Ranch catering to? Are these individual, small farmers who are delivering 5-10 head at a time and creating several return trips as well to pick up the finished product? Are these commercial suppliers, again, begging the question about semis. And if so, does that generate another semi round trip, or numerous

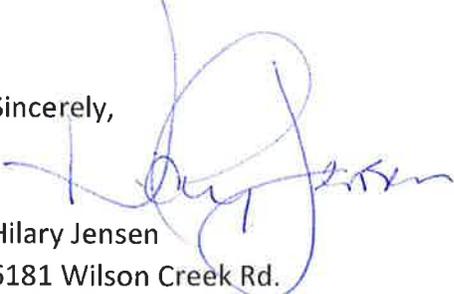
Industry is defined as, an “economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories”.

A meat packing facility that operates 300 +/- days a year, mass processing the “raw materials” of 200 cattle per day in order to “manufacture” a finished product for wholesale, retail, mail-order sales is a factory, in our rural farmlands.

As the county moves through this process, please keep these two definitions in mind.

Thank you for the time and opportunity to comment and ask additional questions.

Sincerely,

  
Hilary Jensen  
6181 Wilson Creek Rd.