

## Kittitas County CDS

March 2, 2023

Kittitas County Community Development Services

411 N Ruby Street Suite 2

Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: 3 Boots Ranch aka 3BR Custom Cuts (CU-23-00001)

Dear County Commissioners, Ms. Bacon, Hearing Examiner

I have lived in Kittitas County over 33 years with the majority of it on a 40 acre farm on Naneum Road. We moved 3 years ago to a small home located at 700 Lyons Road. Recently, we have been aware of a landowner, Scott Toland, just above us that wants to put in an Agriculture Meat Processing facility in our neighborhood. When fully operational, they expect to render 200 head a beef a day. With being below the proposed facility, we feel that our water could very well be contaminated from the slaughter of beef as well as from the 200 head of cattle's waste each day that will be harvested there. The traffic on Wilson Creek with additional cattle trucks is also an issue as well as the odor from the carcasses and the feedlot. In addition, not only the ground water but the creek nearby will also be polluted.

We are adamantly against this facility built in a residential area and feel it should be relocated farther out to the sagebrush area away from residential homes. I strongly oppose this neighborhood facility and feel the county would be setting themselves up for litigation if this is approved.

Jim and Julie Ridgway

700 Lyons Road