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To - Kelly Bacon, Staff planner  
Kittitas County Community Development Services  
Kittitas Commissioners - Wachsmith, Wright, + Osiadacz

From - John Brown, Brown Brothers Farms, LLC  
793 Emerald Rd.  
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Regarding - CU023-00001, 3 Boots Ranch Custom Cuts

I have been informed this is a project that is being proposed in an area that is zoned by the County currently not allowing for a meat packing/processing facility. The proposed project could significantly impact neighboring property rights and values. Potential concerns for water quantity and quality issues have not adequately been addressed.

The SEPA review process seems to be vague in regards to impacts and confusing as to principles involved in the proposed facility. Clarification as to the legal entities seeking approval needs more transparency.

The environmental impact of excessive numbers of animals in and out of the plant has not been properly stated. The small plot of land for this project does not justify the scope to which this proposed facility could ultimately grow.

Aquifer water supply could be significantly affected both in regards to draw down and ground water contamination. Water issues already exist for a number of adjacent and neighboring properties. Please to Kittitas county for help addressing those surface

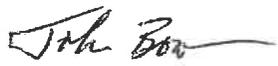
have resulted in no help, imagine how it will be if there is increased activity from this proposed plant.

A packing plant would no doubt be an asset to our County community and tax base, but not to existing land/home owners. This type of project needs to be located where zoning permits its relevance, in an industrial or remote setting. We create zoning areas for the protection of our citizens and their property concerns. This type of facility does not belong where it is proposed, anymore than if it were ~~proposed~~ proposed on Skyline Dr., South A. Street, or Heron Farm lease. Any zoning change for a project that does not currently conform to zoning laws, especially for a business facility with vague intents, is not acceptable.

It is not clear if department of Ecology or Yakama Indian Reservation interests have been consulted or their input included.

Need less to say, I am opposed to this proposed packing plant.

Sincerely,

  
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