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To Jamey and the Kittitas County Planning Staff,

I write these comments in regard to CU-23-00003, Fowler Creek Guest Ranch.

I've only recently become aware of this proposal, and as an RV owner who vacations in Kittitas County in general, and this area in particular, there were a couple of things that didn't seem right as presented in the proposal, and I'd like to see you reexamine these sections.

- Exhibit 1 In this exhibit Fowler Creek Guest Ranch (FCGR) says "Kittitas County currently has a need for more recreational areas and recreational lodging facilities". Where does this opinion come from? Is it substantiated by a study of some kind? Because we have NEVER encountered a difficulty finding a reservation at one of the many campgrounds in this area, whenever we wanted it. And in general, I don't think that another RV park in the middle of a housing area, provides the kind of recreational lodging that most people want. My husband and I steer way clear of those parks located in the middle of home owners, knowing they likely have negatively impacted the surrounding community.
- Exhibit 8 In this one FCGR says that RV's will be required to bring in their own fresh water. This is not unusual for out of the way campgrounds. But it should be recognized that RV owners will seek available fresh water *at the closest spot they can find* – so as not to transport heavy water. In this case with Kittitas Co having water shortages, this will just push the water needs for 30 RVs to Cle Elum or other close locations, depleting those supplies.
- Exhibit 9 In this one FCGR says that most persons travel as 2 persons per RV. I wholly disagree with that statement. Anecdotal though it is, my experience is that much more often it is families with 2-3 kids traveling in at least 50% of the travel trailers and RVs. A total of 4-5 per RV is very common. Families travel together and grandparents often take grandchildren along. Yes, many go 2 per RV, but this is really more of a minimum, not an average! And if they're planning the sewage treatment around a 2 person average, it's going to be inadequate. Also, are they factoring in that most people will dump and rinse their blackwater tank before proceeding to their next stay? We prefer to totally empty our blackwater tank and then empty the entire freshwater tank out through our blackwater tank before leaving, so as not to be carrying unnecessary fresh water and decreasing our mileage. Additionally, if we previously stayed in a place that didn't have sewer dumping (dispersed camping, for instance),

we'll bring whatever is in both our blackwater and greywater tanks along to the new space – effectively doubling our impact on this system, for instance.

In sincerely hope you will take these comments and those of others into consideration before you approve this current proposal. This really does not seem to fit well in the area it's being shoehorned into!

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Thank you,  
Cara Hagar