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To Kittitas County Community Development Services

I live at 164 Powder Drive, Cle Elum and I am writing to express my concern about the Fowler Creek Guest Ranch (CU-23-00003).

My concerns focus on the following areas:

- Water usage: Water is a precious resource and more research is needed to validate that this proposed development would not impact the water table and water neighbors rely on.
- Sewage management: Given the wetlands on the property I have significant concerns about how sewage for 150 people's regular usage will be managed and not pose a health risk to people and animals.
- Significant increase in ATV traffic - application specifically states that ATVs will not be allowed to use trails on property and can only exit out FS 4517, which means this would lead to a significant increase in ATV usage on roads through Granite Creek community and in surrounding National Forest land
- Exit on FS 4517 - the stretch of FS 4517 that intersects with Fowler Creek is steep and the iciest portion of the road in the winter. My husband has ended up in the ditch on the side of the road on this stretch, as have other neighbors. This is not a safe exit for traffic from the proposed development - and definitely not RVs! My father-in-law got his RV trailer stuck due to the grade, had to call a tow truck and never tried again.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Holtzen