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To: Kittitas County

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RE: CU 23-00003 Fowler Creek Guest Ranch

Jamey,

Thanks for taking our concerns about this proposed Guest Ranch. There are several neighbors concerned about this. Hopefully you will hear more from them about this; with perhaps more details.

In meantime here are my general issues:

Noise, Water, Septic, Traffic on Fowler Creek and major intersections on Westside Road, Fire/Firewise issues.

At this point I'd like to comment on Traffic. Clearly Fowler Creek Road will experience 100% of the Guest Ranch traffic. (Is there any planned secondary egress for emergency use?). However, the following intersections along Westside Road will impact traffic flow:

- Fowler Creek Road (dangerous intersection; any plans to improve that?).
- Woods & Steele Road (not shown in submitted paperwork).
- Mohar Road
- Zrebiec Road
- Golf Course Road (also not in submitted paper work).

Public Works "counter records" for Intersections that were included in application are from either 2010 or 2020. Activity from 2020 seems outdated. Isn't there more current data, now?

Further as anyone using Westside Road knows, if there is an incident on I90 Freeway – good old Google directs drivers to use Westside Road. In turn, there are times when such traffic (especially the end of weekends with folks heading West toward King County – the backup on Westside Road is a mile or longer and results in dangerous actions by some of the West bound folks. I'm sure the sheriffs office can attest to the traffic volumes.

Quick comments, at this time about: Water and Fire

Water, some folks around here have had their wells go dry at summer's end.

Fire, at least one neighbor has had their Home Owners insurance canceled due to general conditions of both public and private forest lands. For many of us; the location of this Guest Ranch is up wind of those folks on Pasco Road and to some degree Fowler Creek Road; thus an fire and forest plan is critical.

Thanks for your time, I may send more concerns at an later date:

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