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Public Response to Conditional Use Permit Application - CU 23-00003

We reside in a log home a few hundred yards to the west of the proposed Fowler Creek Guest Ranch. We have been property owners and full time residents here since the spring of 2011. Our family has owned property off of the forest service road for the last 17 years. We bought our property here to have a quiet place to enjoy the outdoors, away from the crowded spaces, noise and traffic. We have a log home on just under 6 acres that has allowed us to relax and enjoy nature. We see and do things here that we never could in the city.

Over the years we've seen bears, bobcats, deer, elk, mountain lions, rabbits, squirrels, turkeys and a lot of hummingbirds. In fact, just this week we've had elk and deer eating in our yard. Almost every morning or evening for the last few months the deer have been here.

After spending a lot of time reading the Use Permit details for Fowler Creek Guest Ranch we have serious concerns about the impact that it will have on our way of life. The area we live in is a rural forested area. Most of our property is covered in trees. I'm trying to envision what it will be like if this use permit is approved. How will I get to work on Sunday night or home from work on Friday night? How will we be able to get down Golf Creek Road to Westside Road much less make the turn on Fowler Creek to get to the Forest Service road with over 100 vehicles coming and going down the one lane road? Are we going to be forced to stop going out to dinner or go to Roslyn to see a movie? Will the frustration be worth it? Last year my husband had a medical emergency and needed to get to the hospital in Ellensburg. How will that be possible with the roads impacted by too many motorhomes, campers, jeeps, side by sides, dirt bikes and ?

It's already getting difficult trying to have privacy with the number of people riding snowmobiles, motorcycles and dirt bikes up the backside of our property almost to our front door. It's forced us to put up no trespassing signs that are mostly ignored. We've walked our property more than once and found evidence of a fire complete with beer cans and garbage making us wonder how to deal with it.

I've done a pretty detailed review of the use permit. I don't know how it can work with everything in the plans. Cabins, a restaurant, store and event venue? How many RV spots? Where is everyone going to park? How will we be able to do the normal things we need to do like go to the store or the post office? What time will the noise die down enough to go to sleep? How easy will it be to deal with a large

transient population that has no vested interest in the environment we live in and our way of life?

I am concerned about the logistics of daily life as I mentioned and the impact of so many people trying to use such a small space. I'm just as concerned about the habitat, the animals and wildlife. We like having the animals on our property. Once the area has so many people, vehicles, noise and garbage there won't be room for animals. They won't have the peace and quiet they need to live here. They'll be driven out, afraid of the environment that used to be theirs.

Please do what is needed to thoroughly review this use permit application. Consider the feedback you are getting from everyone that has taken time to convey their thoughts and concerns. There are a lot of people that aren't transient and live here full time. We'll be severely impacted by this.

Sincerely,

Dave and Diane