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I am submitting a letter as a concerned citizen and neighbor that lives on FSRD 4517.

First off, I recently built a home in Granite Creek, a community that I fell in love with because of many reasons. This neighborhood checked off all the boxes of where my husband and I wanted to retire. It is quiet, full of wildlife, has very little traffic, is safe and has people that really care about the environment. These are the exact reasons I am so concerned about a development of an event center right next to an established residential community.

1. We have invested \$40,000 into a well and water rights and I am concerned that a development of this magnitude will diminish if not drain my well dry. I can not live here without water.
2. There is nothing better than sitting outside and hearing birds chirping or sometimes just the wind. There is a church camp that gathers one time a year that is over 1.5 miles away and for that weekend we can hear them all day and into the night. We know it is short lived, but to have people camping, staying in guest houses or hosting a 200 person event year round that noise level is unimaginable and unacceptable!
3. Non Compatible with Kittitas County Code, **KCC 17.08.270**
4. Driving down Fowler Creek Road it is windy with spots that are a blind corner. This development is a treat to fire safety in our community. There is only one way in and out for any of the residents that live off of Fowler Creek Road. Living off of FSRD 4517 I fear that there may be a fire and I would have to fight the extra traffic that the Fowler creek guest ranch would create. With up to 200 guest staying at the development at any given time there is a greater chance of a forest fire. Many of these guest will be having camp fires and who

knows if they would be fire safety savvy. Then there is all the guest trying to get out of that development in a hurry with RV's and or cars and causing a major backup on Fowler creek road and FSRD 4517 if they were to exit onto that road. Please be aware that there are NO fire hydrants anywhere in the vicinity of this development.

5. FSRD 4517 has very little traffic. All the residents drive slow and are very aware of the side roads, people walking, and the wildlife. With the Fowler creek guest ranch potentially being developed we have the treat of many people driving the road with Off road vehicles that don't have the sense to watch out for others and wildlife. The extra road noise would impact my home, as it sits right off of FSRD 4517. Also people that rent off road vehicles or come to an trail system that they don't live next to, do not have the feeling of keeping the trails nice and use good trail etiquette.

6. What a thrill to see a herd of elk walk through your driveway. Or watching the deer wander about the community. These animals feel safe and not bothered because of the quiet neighborhood. The Fowler creek guest ranch sitting below us with the extra noise and traffic would impact the wildlife that has lived in this area without impunity.

Please take my concerns into consideration before allowing Fowler creek guest ranch to be developed.

Sincerely a concerned citizen and resident of Granite Creek

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