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I am writing this email to express my adamant opposition to the proposed Fowler Creek Guest RV Ranch and Park.

I am a full-time resident of the Goat Peak area in Cle Elum Washington and I believe that not only is this expansion devastating to the area, it is also an unlawful use of the land and violates zoning laws. I also believe that this is a massive conflict of interest as the person behind this ill conceived plan Pat Deneen, is also on the Kittitas County Planning Commission.

This is not the first time Mr. Deneen has tried to railroad through a project of this magnitude.

My opposition is based on several of the assertions in the Fowler Creek RV Park proposal.

- First the land is zoned for RR (Rural Residential) which is to maintain openness and the rural character of the countryside, to protect the county's water and other natural resources, and to provide areas which are "appropriate" for typical rural development. This proposal is clearly nonresidential and for commercial use. In reference to the natural resources, this land has tributaries to the Yakima River which supports several critical salmon habitats. The land also supports habitat for elk, deer, bears, cougars, eagles, and several other forms of wild life that is indigenous and essential to this area. Mr. Deneen's proposal will turn this land into a tourist destination and an RV park, which is NOT the intent of rural residential zoning.
- The single greatest threat to this area is fire. As we see climate change drastically affecting this area, catastrophic and unprecedented wild fires are devastating rural areas. We have a serious wildfire problem here in Goat Peak and the Fowler Creek area. The introduction of more nonresidents, tourist that do not understand or deal with our fire problems, ATVs, motocross bikes and RVs dragging chains is dangerous. Our own District 7 Fire Chief, John Sinclair has stated that under our current fire readiness, "we are running the risk of future loss of life in a rapidly moving wildland fire."
- This plan will also impact our roadways from Westside Road, Nelson Siding, Goat Peak, Golf Course Road, and especially Fowler Creek Road. These avenues are already stretch to capacity especially on weekends and during the summer months. The impact analyses does not take into count peak tourists volumes and obfuscates the rise in traffic on the afore mentioned roadways. This plan will also allow more ATV, motorcycles, and 4 wheel of road vehicles access to these roads.

- This brings me to the noise that the Fowler Creek RV Park will flood our valley with. The proposal assumes and insinuates that the noise will be mitigated by forest foliage. That is an absurd argument. We have lived here for years and no amount of forest trees or under growth has ever affected the noise, from loud parties, ATVs and motorcycles blasting through our area, and the disquietude that noise has on our livestock and pets. The proposal also states that the light from the park will not affect the area or the neighbors around the park. Again, this is an erroneous suggestion. It is impossible to mitigate the amount of night that will come from a development such as this.

- Lastly, there are large stretches and parcels of private land adjacent to the proposed area namely the land owned by the Manke family. These are explicit “No Trespassing” private lots. Who is going to police this park? Who is going to provide security to make sure there are no noise violations? Who is going to enforce the traffic laws on the previously mentioned roadways. Our local police and sheriff departments are already overburdened with the deluge of unmanaged growth.

We have lived in this community for years. We enjoy our quiet neighborhood in Goat Peak. It’s why we live here. My wife and I have noticed a lot of the changes in our community some good, and some bad. The Fowler Creek RV Park is not what the people of Cle Elum what, need, or deserve.

The proposal is repugnant and unacceptable. We DO NOT need this park. What we need is a new grocery store.

I say NO to Fowler Creek RV Park!

Sincerely,

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