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To Kittitas County Community Development Services,

I'm 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 are the following:

- 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.
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- 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.
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- The 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
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- The stretch of FS 4517 that intersects with Fowler Creek is steep and the iciest portion of the road in the winter. I ended up in the ditch on the side of the road on this stretch, as have other neighbors. It's not a safe exit for traffic from the proposed development - and definitely not RVs! My dad got his RV trailer stuck due to the grade and had to call a tow truck. He never tried again as he did damage to his trailer.

Sincerely,

Mark Holtzen