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Good morning

I note in the files and comments about the Fowler Creek Guest Ranch; specifically about a SEPA; that:

**The County issued a Preliminary MDNS on September 20, noting its intent to following the "Optional DNS process" - providing only one round of comments.**

I'd like to comment that an Optional DNS providing only one round of comments is way inadequate. Nature of this project, suspected impact on wildlife, fish, water, our Rural 5 lots, surrounding neighborhoods - should easily require a detailed SEPA study.

Then at least one additional round of comments should be allowed; once the detailed SEPA finds are known and released to the public.

A SEPA study really need to give more specifics and details relating to lack of details and/or insufficient details on:

- no apparent permit from the department of ecology to use groundwater
- lack of specificity about the groundwater sources and locations
- lack of specificity in water runoff impact; such as collection ponds..
- no detailed traffic plan; Entry/Exist to site
- no examination of wetlands impact
- no consideration of threatened species much less impact to common species
- no data on impact of noise especially since the site is probably 70% surrounded by higher hills/ridges - that can enhance echo sounds.

In looking back at this area, about 20 - 25 years ago most surrounding areas were Forest & Range. Then the county allowed development of what is now known as Granite Creek area; just south of Fowler Creek Road up FSR 4517. Developers were allowed to re-zone the lands and build several homes along the east and south side of this Guest Ranch. Thereby creating very desirable, secluded home sites - becoming quite Neighborhoods.

Now a person wants to endanger that environment and community neighborhoods, that have most owners/users highly involved in the area due to being so strongly "invested" in the area. Why can a developer strife to create projects or sites within the same area; that are opposing to each other? Why are individual homes no longer desirable? While more home sites are not desired; those owners and their invested interest in our communities would seem more practical than a Guest Ranch with its continual influx of strangers, party goers, visitor.

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Thank you,  
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