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Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed development referred to as the Fowler Creek Guest Ranch. My primary worry pertains to the potential increase in noise levels associated with the development which poses a threat to the cherished rural character of our community.

Granite Creek has been a haven of tranquility, fostering the qualities of rural living that contribute significantly to the well-being of its residents. Preserving this character is not only crucial for those who currently call this community home but is also integral to maintaining the attractiveness and property values of our neighborhood for future generations.

My concern primarily stems from the proposed plans, especially the inclusion of a substantial number of recreational vehicles. The implicit encouragement for Fowler Creek Guest Ranch occupants to use all-terrain vehicles and motorbikes on paths adjacent to our properties to access the trails underneath the Bonneville Power Administration lines is particularly troubling. Furthermore, the potential for large public events on site with amplified sound systems raises serious apprehensions about the impact on the serene rural atmosphere our community cherishes.

I ask the Code Enforcement Office to consider the following factors in the evaluation of this project:

- 1. Character Assessment:** Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the potential impact of heightened noise levels on the rural character of our neighborhood. This should involve an examination of the types of noises, their frequency, and their compatibility with the existing environment. Personally, I live at the top of a small hill and noise travels right up into the house. Trees do not block sound coming from below.
- 2. Mitigation Strategies:** Investigate and implement feasible measures to mitigate noise levels, such as the installation of sound barriers/dampers, strategic landscaping, and the assignment of staff to enforce quiet hours.
- 3. Code Compliance:** Ensure that any approvals granted align with existing noise ordinances and regulations. Consider the unique context of our rural setting and take necessary measures to preserve the tranquility of our community. This may include the addition of Sheriff staff to enforce code violations in remote areas that are not regularly patrolled.

Preserving the rural character of Granite Creek and upper Kittitas County is not just a matter of sentimental value; it directly contributes to the well-being and happiness of its residents. We kindly request that the Code Enforcement Office takes these concerns seriously and implements all necessary measures to ensure that any development is in harmony with the unique character of our cherished community.

Thank you,

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