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Jamey,

As a resident of Goats Peak Ranch Owner's Association (Westside and Zrebiec off Golf Course exit) of 24 years I am concerned about an attempt to CHANGE the Zoning of R-5 for a new RV park and Events Center.

First, I say NO, Absolutely NO exception to zoning should be granted to allow the Fowler Creek development proposed! ENOUGH. Why can't the County just stick with the current zoning and STOP entertaining these people trying to get an exception. People coming in need to ACCEPT it as is and STOP trying to get RICH off our community.

There is NO guarantee that land purchased as R-5 can be used for anything else. Enough of people coming into the area and wanting to CHANGE the way of life for PROFIT. I know the County love tax revenue but this idea will HARM the community, not help. There are plenty of venues already around.

My main concern is the water issue. Many people in our community have had to re-drill wells or drill new wells for water. The aquifer is DROPPING and Fowler Creek is right in our area. Water rights (from anywhere in the county) should NOT grant their usage in an already overloaded area. Do they have water rights? As R-5 zoning only 16 homes (80 acres) could be built and with the average home consumption about 150 gallons a day that draw is not severe. Unfortunately, the proposal is more water intensive use of the land. The 2-3 bedroom "CABINS" alone exceeds the current zoning standard.

Noise from this WILL BE an issue. Our area is COMPLETELY quiet because of the valley. Bringing LATE NIGHT music (even midnight is too late) into the valley will create NOISE DISTURBANCE. NO TREES and VEGETATION do NOT BLOCK it. STOP believing that old excuse to ignore common sense for development. I will personally be calling and complaining EVERY TIME we hear it so know this will not just happen without further issues. The CURRENT County noise ordinance MUST REMAIN in PLACE. Pat Deenan wanted to put a Motorcycle facility in before. This exception would be a way to get around the major point that stopped that

development, so NO backdooring a workaround.

The traffic is ALREADY horrible on Thursday and Friday nights and Sunday or Monday afternoon (Monday if a holiday weekend) with the “Guests” using our road to get where they are going. The roads are RURAL and not designed for the added capacity. NO MORE TRAFFIC.

The area is a WET LANDS! You cannot get a perk test to pass, so how will they handle the sewage? Aren't sensitive areas protected? Currently ELK and DEER migrate through this area. We have seen HUGE herds so this will impact them. We had a person buy a house and tear down the BERM that was in place to prevent FLOODING. This development will add to the water flooding issues.

Light pollution! It is pitch dark at night because we are isolated. Using a telescope or the naked eye to stargaze is wonderful. If this light pollution of road lights, facility lighting and other lighting for events is allowed we LOSE our astronomy hobbies. Do NOT allow this value to be turned into another City. We have Cle Elum and that is enough.

We need to RETAIN our community as it is. Why can't these people move here to ENJOY IT AS IS? Why do they need to come in and upend our Community for PROFIT.

The County needs to send the message the Upper County is NOT for business development in the rural areas. STAY to the CITIES as they exist. Maintain OUR QUALITY of LIFE.

Our property values are high because of the privacy and quietness of the area. We need to maintain that. With my medical conditions I COULD argue the noise would impact my ability to sleep as I have seen elsewhere. That litigation could easily sidetrack this attempt or at least tie it up and the County would have to defend it.

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