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Dear Jamey:

I am writing to comment on the proposed Planned Development Unit PD-24-00002 on parcel number 295134. As a resident and landowner adjacent to the project site, I have multiple concerns relating to noise pollution, dust pollution, wildlife impacts, increased traffic/activity, water usage and water quality impacts.

The project narrative details development of up to 37 residential lots which will be served by a Group B water system and on-site septic. This many residences consuming water from a large well or wells will have impacts on surrounding existing groundwater wells and their water levels. Septic systems located directly up-gradient from the KRD canal could very likely have a direct impact on irrigation water quality for downstream water users.

This area routinely experiences wind speeds of almost twice that of the valley floor which would lead to dramatically increased dust pollution and wind erosion of any disturbed areas. If a dirt track ORV facility was to be constructed, it would be nearly impossible to mitigate dust blowing off the site no matter how much water was used for dust control. Parke Creek along with its irrigation diversion flow directly through the center of the proposed development and will be exposed to potential erosion and pollution from the on-site activities.

The proposed ORV facility and the noise pollution associated with it would be detrimental to neighboring properties and area wildlife. Property values will be directly impacted along with quality of life in this rural area. Resident wildlife consists of Mule Deer and Elk which are already impacted by ever-increasing recreational traffic and this development will only add to the problem with increased volumes of roadway and recreational traffic.

Lastly, the proposed RV storage facility will be an unwelcoming eyesore and the site will most definitely attract unwanted attention from those trying to burglarize the unattended items stored there. The adjacent location of the Parke Creek Group Home has already caused multiple neighborhood issues and there is no desire to add more problems.

I strongly feel there are other areas of Kittitas County more suitable for this type of development.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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