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Re: (SE-26-00001) Easton Travel Center

Bradley Gasawski,

My family and I are categorically OPPOSED to this project, especially the way it is proposed.

Generally, we favor reasonable private property use. That is, a landowner can use their private property as they see fit. We believe this particular use goes far beyond what is reasonable for the Easton community. The Easton Travel Center is too much for this quiet community. It is designed for Semi Truck overnight parking for some 50 plus trucks.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Winter Snoqualmie Pass Closures Westbound, are made at Exit 70, a gate is dropped preventing westbound access to I-90. Most times traffic is given the opportunity to cross I-90 and head east or simply wait on the interstate for the opening, especially large trucks. At times it remains closed for a day or two. We do not experience too much overflow traffic since facilities do not exist.
- When the Easton Travel Center lot fills, there no room on Sparks Road (or anywhere else) for additional truck parking
- Sparks Road is a County road, and is used by snowmobiles, tracked vehicles and other snow machines 24 hours a day, December through April. We can only imagine to traffic mess numerous 75-foot trucks will create
- The rest of the year, Easton is a recreational hub for the Upper County, leave the semitruck facilities to established areas like Seattle East in North Bend, Cle Elum and Ellensburg

- **Fire**, Easton does not have the infrastructure to handle a Truck fire, fuel fire or fuel spill. Ask the Easton volunteer fire department how they plan to handle these incidents. Too many Semis potentially will clog the off ramps and overpass rendering the emergency vehicles access to emergencies difficult in winter months
- **Crime** and police enforcement, how does the county intend to increase sheriff presence? Truck stops are notorious for increase criminal activity
- It's hard to imagine this project approval without a Full EIS. I'm trusting the County Commissioners will demand a Full EIS

The Easton Travel Center is a really bad project for the Easton community. If approved, the damage to Easton and the way of life in Easton will be irreversible, and forever regrettable.

Very truly,
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