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Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2026 8:03 AM
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Subject: FW: Easton Travel Center

Good Morning Bradley,

Here is a comment for SE-26-00001.

Thank you 😊

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"Re: SE-26-00001 – Easton Travel Center I strongly oppose this project. The deficient traffic analysis fails concurrency standards and conflicts with the STEER I-90 Study. It poses serious risks to groundwater in a CARA, adds dangerous traffic in heavy snow zones, strains emergency services, and damages the rural character of Easton. I request a Determination of Significance and full EIS, or denial of the application."

Emergency Management Planning: As we continue to work on our emergency management planning as stated in our proposed Easton Subarea plan, the following concerns must be addressed:

Proposed Easton Travel Center location is in a hazardous mitigation area. Even though Kachess Dam continues repair work I understand the dam is still at risk of failure. The proposed Easton Travel Center is directly in the most highly impacted area of this high risk major floodway from dam failure.

Having large semi trucks and large quantities of toxic substances such as fuels in this area substantially increase the risk of injury and damage to the community in an area that we are supposed to be mitigating community risk.

Proposed Easton Travel Center is also located in the middle of a high risk wildfire area. Again, in a high risk mitigation area that we should be reducing density and definitely not increasing large quantities of fuel storage. Again, we should be reducing our high risk of wildfire through mitigation rather than increasing our vulnerability.

Intersection of exit 70 I-90 and Sparks Rd. where proposed Easton Travel Center is to be located does not support this type of large truck traffic. Traffic jugs up our already congested area due to seasonal severe mountain weather or shutdowns on I90. Large amounts of traffic offloading clogging our emergency access routes to where our emergency vehicles cannot get on the freeway I90. Transportation of patients in emergency care is delayed.

The entrance to this Easton Travel Center is directly off the intersection that creates a traffic cluster and our community could not escape adequately in a major wildfire, flood or any other type of community evacuation event. This would be detrimental to our residents and cannot be allowed. This type of facility access is not a feasible option.

Recreation: The proposed Easton Travel Center is directly in the middle of our highly used recreation area. We have residents/pedestrians that walk by foot from the residential areas of West Sparks across the proposed entrance to this travel center to the store and shell station. There must be a plan for continuing to allow pedestrian/foot traffic across the entrance to this facility.

There is also groomed snowmobile access that utilizes the entire Sparks Rd. to access groomed snowmobile trails and allow connectivity to residential areas by snowmobile. There needs to be a recreational study on impacts to our recreation in the area and the necessity for pedestrian traffic to continue to travel across access/entrance roads to the proposed travel center. We must not ignore the

fact that these types of requirements must be included in planning. Snowmobiles travel on our county roads during the snow season here in Easton.

Proposed travel center will cause more displaced recreation as nearby recreation will relocate in abundance out and away from a noisy, smelly, toxic and overly crowded vehicular area that does not mix with any type of recreation. A travel center would destroy our mountain recreational area that we currently have and want to continue to grow in providing quality recreational experiences that will disappear. Washington State Parks, Forest Service, WDFW, DNR etc. must provide comments on impacts.

This would continue to put additional pressure on our close nearby public lands that we are supposed to be protecting by preserving rural character. Protecting rural character in a small town located in the Cascades mountains with a very small residential population and high recreation area as Easton must be protected through preservation planning.

Easton is the wrong place as we also have a high concentration of animal migration over a very nearby recently constructed I90 animal crossing. There are additional 11 or 12 small and large animal crossings in Easton under bridges. WDFW must provide comments on any impacts to the nearby water crossings and large animal crossing. Toxic fuel runoffs etc. that run out of a proposed truck stop could be detrimental to Easton's high wildlife animal population.

The proposed Easton Travel Center is highly out of rural character and raises a big red flag to stop and determine another type of a more recreational facility to locate on the premises. A facility that fits within the definition of rural character and creates more of a harmony within the Easton area is what we need. Best practice planning in this situation is crucial and for the future of Easton and our nearby public lands we need "Rural Character" enforced.

The decisions our planning department makes today will impact our future forever here in Easton. There are many infrastructure, safety and humanity concerns that do not make a travel center feasible. We are supposed to be planning for a better future for Easton and a travel center does the opposite of deteriorating and degrading our environment. This should be stopped and not allowed to happen. A travel center needs to go in another area that it is zoned properly for.

Thank You,

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