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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.

Why I strongly oppose this project:

Traffic & Concurrency Failure: The applicant's traffic study is outdated and underestimates trips by nearly 100%. Independent analysis shows failing LOS (D/F) at the I-90 Eastbound Ramps. The project fails Kittitas County's mandatory transportation concurrency requirements under county code.
Conflict with County's Own Study: It sits at the exact starting point of severe seasonal congestion identified in the county's STEER I-90 Feasibility Study.

Environmental & Water Concerns: The site is in a Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA). The project includes large fuel storage tanks and a Large On-Site Sewer (LOSS) system. It is only 1,200 feet from Lake Easton and 1,400 feet from Silver Creek, raising serious risks of groundwater contamination and impacts to surface water.

Snow & Winter Operations: Located in a heavy snow zone near Snoqualmie Pass, the project would add hundreds of daily truck and vehicle trips during dangerous winter conditions, increasing accident risks, snow removal demands, and stranded vehicle problems on already strained roads.

Emergency Services Strain: Increased truck traffic, congestion, and turning movements at Exit 70 would overload local emergency response (fire, medical, law enforcement) in a rural area with limited resources, especially during peak summer and winter events.

Infrastructure & Community Impact: The project would accelerate wear on local county roads (W Sparks Road, Lake Easton Road), increase noise and light pollution 24/7, and permanently change the rural, recreational character of Easton near Lake Easton State Park.

This large industrial-scale truck stop is inappropriate for this sensitive rural/recreational gateway location.

Thank you for standing up for our community, safety, and environment, and denying this project.

Respectfully,

