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Hello Chace,

Doug asked me to send this letter to you on his behalf. I have copied him on this email.

Doug's address is 640 Wadsworth loop Ronald WA 98940.

Thank you!
-Carrie

November 26, 2023

RE: CU-23-00002 The Outpost

Dear Chace,

My name is Doug Weis and I have lived in the Sunshine Estates Community for 60 years. The Sunshine Estates Community Club (SECC) has been in existence since 1960. It consists of 76 lots and 60 property owners who will all be impacted in one way or another by the proposed Outpost Campground.

Here are my reasons why this application should be denied from consideration.

1. A campground is not compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The 9.97 acres is centered within residential homeowners. One of the considerations for a conditional permit is that there would be no impact to the surrounding neighborhood. This would include increase in noise, traffic, safety and peace. The guests of the campground will not have a vested interest in the neighborhood.
2. The entry is directly across the highway from residential properties and the only entrance is from Salmon la Sac Highway.
3. Directly across from the proposed entrance is Wadsworth Loop which is an unmaintained non-compliant private county road. It falls upon the SECC to maintain it for the SECC members. Very likely quads, motorcycles and snowmobiles from the Outpost will use Wadsworth to avoid the county road. Wadsworth is a private road and will definitely see and increase in traffic due to its proximity to the entrance to the Outpost. The Lake is only full a few months of the year and there is not a road access from the proposed campground property, nor has there ever been.
4. Local campgrounds (Wish Poosh, Salmon la Sac, Red Mountain and Cooper Lake) are operated by the USFS and are seasonal and outside of residential zones and are in forest range zones.
5. Why is this called a campground, when campgrounds are RV's and tents? With the cabins, this is more like a motel than a campground.
6. This site is designated as critical area on the county maps as an aquifer recharge zone. Of the 9.97 acres, approximately 20% is within the Kittitas County critical area aquifer recharge overlay, and within the County's wetland designated wetland investigation area. This alone should be reasons to deny application of a conditional permit.
7. Water for this site is questionable as a class B water system with the expected amount of use by 30 units and a Lodge. This should be a Class A water system, at least.

I do not believe that this is in the best interest of the long-term residents such and myself. I urge you to give my letter and additional letters from concerned property owners every consideration as this conditional permit application advances.

I look forward to defending my concerns on this matter.

Respectfully,

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