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Kittitas County Community Development Services
411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 2
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Kittitas County Community Development Services,

I am writing as a concerned resident to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed short plat SP-25-00009 by Brown Road Estates LLC (Joel Greear).

This application directly contradicts the intent and spirit of the county code being cited to justify it. The provision allowing for a one-time division of land was clearly established to assist long-time landowners, who wish to sell a portion of their property while retaining their home and a portion of their land. This is a sensible and compassionate policy designed to preserve the character of our rural community, not a loophole for developers to exploit in pursuit of profit.

The 75.76-acre parcel was just recently long platted into 5-acre lots, in accordance with AG-5 zoning. I do not oppose the county's prior decision to approve the long plat, as it followed our existing zoning rules. However, I strongly object to the current short plat proposal seeking to further subdivide the newly created lot, just weeks after the initial division. This kind of behavior directly undermines the zoning and planning principles that guide responsible growth and land use in our county.

If the county allows this application, it sends the message that developers can keep chipping away at our zoning rules, bit by bit, until there's nothing left of the farmland and rural way of life this valley was built on.

Farmland can not be replaced. Once it's divided up and developed, it's gone forever. These open fields and wide open spaces are part of what makes this valley so special, and it's up to the county to protect them. We need to make sure growth happens in a way that honors the long-term vision for this community, not just short-term profits.

I'm asking you, sincerely and strongly, to please deny this short plat. Let's hold the line and protect what we have before it's gone forever.

Sincerely,
April Richter
1251 Brown Rd

