

Kittitas County
Department of Public Works
411 North Ruby Street Suite 1
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: Sept 5th 4pm
Hearing Rezone - Swauk Ranch
vacate of Burke Road.

Brad and Cheryl Bogart
611 Burke Road
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Mail To: 7560 California Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98136

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To Whom It May Concern:

We have many concerns over this project proposed to the county concerning the rezone by the Ranch on Swauk Creek.

1. While we believe in the rights of individual landowners to do what they want with their own property, we also believe they must abide by current zoning laws of the county which were put in place for a reason, to control the growth of the county. We believe the current Ag-5 and Ag-3 laws address this.
2. Some of the reasons given to the board do not to us seem reasonable. For one we have not seen cattle on this property since Mary & Pat Burke sold it. We were under the understanding that this new owner was a horse rancher not a cattle rancher yet this is referred in the application as one of the reasons to subdivide and build so that one of the few remaining cattle ranches could survive yet we never see cattle.
3. Our property is located on Swauk Creek off Burke Road with about 1400 feet of creek front. The Ranch on Swauk Creek has an irrigation ditch, which runs through our property, and the county has a drain pipe for water run off which also drains right into our property. Needless to say our land is wet most of the year. We just spent close to \$8000.00 having a French drain installed around our home to address the water that leeches into our property. We are very concerned with what a development above will do to increase this problem and what plans they have of addressing it.
4. We purchased our property with the intention of having it be our residence, on a quiet dead end street, with little or no traffic. The Ranch on Swauk Creek is proposing to open this quiet dead end street for access to this development. There is no reason for this as the property owners within their own boundaries could make an access directly out to Highway 97 and currently have made a road with access to Bettas Road.
5. When they first applied for rezones it was for logging yet the only logging that has been done has been to clear the way for a road leading to future development. It seems to us this was their intention all along and they were trying to keep all of us in the dark about it.
6. They are now proposing the county vacate part of Burke Road to them. We cannot tell from the map which part they are requesting be vacated, however Burke Road is our only access to our home. We are curious as to why they want it vacated and do not think any public lands should ever be given over to private landowners.

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Speed limit on

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When we first purchased our property we were always concerned with the 35 mile per hour speed limit. Our daughter was 12 at the time and would take our dog for walks. With the 35-mile per hour limit cars would actually travel at much higher speeds and being that this is a dead end road there is just no reason for such a high speed limit. We totally support lowering the limit to 25 mph.

Cheryl A. Bogart

Brad Bogart