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Comments on Environmental Impacts - Ranch on Swauk Creek
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Re: Environmental Impacts of R-SC Development Plans

John and I own five acres abutting the project area east of Burke Road. Our immediate concern regarding this project is that it not harm that property especially in regards to traffic on Burke Road and to water supply for non-project property in the vicinity.

The increase of 2,430 trips per day would require a commitment from the county to be sure that Burke Road meets standards for that much traffic. It should be wide enough for cars and also bikes and pedestrians. Our access should be continued and respected and the roadway should be adequate so that our 5 acres continue to be viable for agriculture or residences. Currently it is a hay field with no structures but it is taxed by the county as a building site and so that must remain a possibility not restricted by the project traffic.

Similarly we need to be sure that the project does not "suck up" all the ground water available in that portion of the Swauk Creek valley. A reasonable domestic supply needs to be available for all lots of record at the time the project is permitted and our property in section 27 is one of those.

In addition, as nearby residents and members of the public, we are also concerned with general issues of earth, air, water, run-off, shorelines, energy use, affordable housing, utilities, emergency services, transportation, weeds, wildlife, scenery, glare, noise, recreation and preservation and the impacts of this project on them.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,
John and Lila Hanson