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Hi Rachael,

Thanks again for the additional time on this application.

I am still asking for the variance to be approved. Reviewing the comments from the different departments, there was no objection from Mike Flory at CDS. Why did that change?

The variance request has nothing to do with the size of the house. If you review my topography (lot 131) and lot 130 which is undisturbed, you will see that lot 131 had been significantly altered by the previous owner in error. He did the work without a permit. The resulting topography forces me to bring in structural fill and make a choice between an 8' crawl space or conditioned space. We chose the latter.

My investigation into the snow storage issue at Hyak has me concerned that the variance would have been approved except for outside influence on the process. An average snow year at the pass is about 420" of snow. By moving the setback from 15' to 25', that creates 6,300 cubic feet of additional snow removal from an 18' wide driveway. This snow now competes with street removal.

My final ask is that the county approve the 20' setback to help me mitigate the costs of restructuring a lot that did not share the same topography as the adjacent lots (lot 130 is a perfect example of how my lot should look). It also lessens the impact of snow removal in the winter because a deeper driveway will only burden me and that snow will now be competing for street side snow removal.

Thanks again for the time and consideration, I appreciate it.

All the best,  
Marcus

On Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 1:34 PM Rachael Stevie (CD) <[rachael.stevie.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:rachael.stevie.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us)> wrote:

| Mr. Ward,