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To whom it may concern-

I am writing in opposition to 3 BR Custom Cuts proposed meat processing facility (CU-23-00001).

My name is Nannette Hooper Bews. My family has lived in the Kittitas Valley since the 1930's and in the Wilson Creek area for over 65 years, until my Father's death in 2017. He built the log home on the 3 Boots Ranch property and lived there until he passed. The people in the surrounding area are still considered my neighbors and friends.

I have read the letters of support for 3 BR Custom Cuts and have listened to supporters of the facility. I totally agree that this valley is in need of a full service meat processing facility, but not at this location. I doubt that few of these supporters have actually seen the site and the devastating effect it would have on the surrounding people, property and environment.

My family owned most of the property through which Lyle Creek flows, now owned by 3 Boots Ranch and the Whitman Family. Lyle floods every spring during runoff and off and on during irrigation season. It always has and probably always will. The immediate neighbors to the south and west get flooded also. During irrigation season the ground water is within one to two feet of the surface in places. There are many natural springs in the area that eventually feed back into the creeks. If there should be any seepage or spillage from the facility, it will impact wells and the fish and wildlife of Lyle Creek and Wilson Creek. Both of which make their way to the Yakima River. I don't see any way that a domestic sewage system can handle these issues.

Wilson Creek Road and the surrounding area have become very residential. Property values will plummet. The chosen site is a long narrow property with residences very close on either side. No one wants to live next to a processing plant with holding pens. The manure, smell, flies and dust would be intolerable. Now add the wind.

When logging was in operation up in Wilson Creek Canyon, the county finally rerouted the log trucks over to Naneum Road to alleviate traffic. That was years ago. The area is much more populated now and Wilson Creek Road is busier than ever. It cannot handle more trucks and traffic without major improvements.

Sincerely-
Nannette Hooper Bews

Cc: Kittitas County Commissioners
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WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Kittitas County Reclamation District
Kittitas County Conservation District