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Subject: Comment AGAINST Fowler Creek Guest Ranch (CU-23-00003) - Need for SEPA study!

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Hello Jamey and CDS,

I have extreme concern relating to the Fowler Creek Guest Ranch proposal relating to the adverse environmental impacts it will have on our local community. Most concerning is the lack of ample groundwater in the area. I respectfully request a more in-depth study by the Dept of Ecology relating to where this large project expects to get its water and how that will impact nearby neighbors who are already experiencing low water levels in our wells. I don't see any current input from the Dept of Ecology relating to groundwater use, sources, not to mention any specificity relating to the impact of water runoff. SEPA policy should be referenced and followed and I would expect a determination of significance (DS) after a more thorough investigation into this project.

Another issue of great concern to me relates to the wetlands and animal habitat in the immediate area. What about threatened species? I have personally seen Sage Grouse and Spotted Owls on my property adjacent to the proposed development. These threatened species deserve our protection.

Lastly, the proposal discusses hosting large events with a party barn for live music. This will scare away wildlife and destroy the neighbors right to enjoy our property without constant noise pollution. The land in question is a rural, residential area. FCGR is a for-profit project that should not be allowed to destroy/ impair the natural habitat and quality of life for those of us who have invested in our quiet enclave where we live peacefully and in harmony with nature.

Due to the scale of this proposed project, I believe a full EIS should be conducted to comply with SEPA regulations. These issues are far reaching and deserve more study, clarification and documentation relating to how they will comply with SEPA.

Thank you. Concerned neighbor, Allie Howard