

## Jeff Watson

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**From:** Roiann Daly <dalyville@comcast.net>  
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**To:** Jeff Watson  
**Subject:** Comment on Project: LP-07-00040

To: Jeff Watson, Permit Coordinator/Kittitas County  
From: Roiann and Kevin Daly  
Date: 2/18/15

Dear Jeff or whom it may concern -

We own a home located at 1640 Big Tail Road, which is within a few hundred yards of the proposed development noted above. We purchased our property in 05/06 and build our home in 06/07. The family that is proposing the development cited above is well known to all of us within the community. I personally sat in on several meetings with the family and other representatives of the community during the initially proposal of the development of their property. There has been tremendous friction and disagreement between the Andrus family and surrounding members of the community. The Andrus family was apparently opposed to road improvements that were completed around 2007 on Montgomery/Deer Creek/Big Tail and refused to contribute to any of the costs. One of the meetings that I recall attending around 2007 was a discussion of their proposed project and potential opposition from neighbors. The issues of road access rights and road improvement costs were discussed. It was noted that the Andrus family had chosen not to contribute for any of the road improvements and had not paid any yearly road maintenance fees (snow plowing, etc). It was pointed out that they were using the services on a daily basis but letting their neighbors pay their share. In response to those concerns, the Andrus' looked at the group and indicated that they would start paying, if everyone signed a statement and agreed to support the development of their property. We all became quite upset at such a heavy handed response and basically the meeting was over. It has been several years since that time, and the Andrus family has not paid a dime toward road costs or maintenance - yet they continue to let neighbors pay for road upkeep, snow plowing, etc. There are many reasons why I strongly oppose the Andrus development, but the "bad neighbor" issue is one I can't ignore. Here is a family that was aware of the money spent to help everyone have better access to their property, yet has never contributed. What is so ironic is the fact that their proposal seeks to use Montgomery/Deer Creek/Big Tails Roads as primary access - the very roads that they have chosen not to support. Hopefully, their project will not be approved for a variety of reasons, but if it is, the Andrus family should have to seek access another way, perhaps via Columbia, and find out what it costs to build and maintain decent roads. I also question how a proposal that was initiated in 8/2007 remains "current" in 2/2015? Many things have changed in almost a decade and I would think that a project such as this would require a whole new application/review. Families in this area are not well served by an application that was proposed such a long time ago.

A primary issue I have regarding this project is water usage. We are all on wells in this area and our wells produce little water. During the last few summers, I have run my well dry with just normal type usage and worry greatly about the future. There is a multiple lot development just adjacent to the Andrus property and we are seeing new homes going up. I question how these type of developments will impact the water supply and how long before existing homes experience a serious shortage. Hopefully, Kittitas County officials are taking these water concerns seriously and are mindful of such a limited resource when considering such developments.

We purchased land in this area in order to enjoy the natural resources, such as forests, wildlife and solitude. If the Andrus development is approved, there will be a huge impact to these benefits which can never be restored.

As I have tried to express, there are many issues that are unresolved regarding the Andrus development. These issues will have a serious impact to the families living in this small community and for generations to come. I am asking county official to deny approval of this project until basic issues such as road access/easements, maintenance agreements, and water issues are resolved.

Sincerely,

Kevin and Roiann Daly  
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