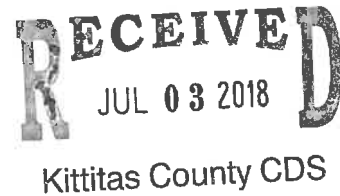


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Dear Board of County Commissioners,

As a concerned citizen who has lived in upper Kittitas County ("County") for more than 58 years, I would like to go on the record as opposing the new location of the Public Works facility at 51 No. 5 Mine Road, Cle Elum; across No. 5 Mine Road from the transfer station and across SR 903 from the Cle Elum-Roslyn Elementary/Middle School.

My reasons are as follows:

1. I do not believe that there is any evidence of any exploratory examination to determine whether or not this site is compatible for its purpose; is it the best use of County resources at this location and how will it impact surrounding properties.
 - a) The current zoning is R-5, similar to the adjacent property, and industrial use in this area should not be permitted.
 - b) As the County should be aware, the current residential growth is on that north side of SR 903 from Cle Elum to Roslyn and it is logical to meet the public interest, should this property be re-zoned to industrial, that the property would be used for retail space. Absent a re-zoning, the property could be used for single-family or multi-family dwellings. As affordable housing appears to be an issue in the upper County, multi-family dwellings appear to be the strongest option to meet the public interest.

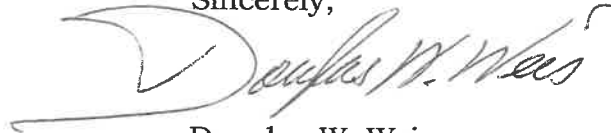
2. I believe the new location for the Public Works facility is illogical as the nearest County road is Bullfrog road and then a trip down the freeway to Golf Course Road. There appears to be extra time in travel to most county roads that are to be serviced. Example; The distance plows must travel to the county roads for services. The location on SR 903 for the county shop and its services will take trucks more time in getting snowplows out to nearby roads than if they were located closer to Nelson Siding; plowing Nelson Siding West Nelson Siding, Easton, the Peoh area and the summit. It is problematic to reach the Teanaway, no matter how you look at it. These communities would all be best served by the Public Works located between Cle Elum and Easton. There are many miles between the proposed shop and the heavier concentration of county roads serviced.

3. I believe that the residents of Cle Elum and Roslyn, including all surrounding areas, will feel the impacts of newly introduced truck traffic within our local roads which, when school is in session, sustains heavy traffic. Has a traffic study been performed?

These are just a few negative impacts and I cannot think of a positive impact. There are a multitude of reasons why the County Public Works facility should not be located at this proposed site. Because it's easy is not a good answer.

I believe the communities would not be in favor of a Public Works facility at the location slated. I have heard many residents' comment that they were unaware of the proposed land use action, and also feel as I do, that not enough information has been forth coming from the County. We as taxpayers should not be forfeiting a valuable resource of our prime community assets. It should be for all of our hopes that the right solutions come forward and to make plans for the best intended uses of resources. I would request public meetings/hearings, town hall meetings to include planning departments and residents. The communities and commissioners should discuss the best solution that can satisfy current and future growth that is in the public interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas W. Weis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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