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Dear Kittitas County Community Development Services

As a long time, resident of Kittitas County (1960) it has come to my attention that Brown & Jackson Inc. has plans of building and operating two septage ponds at the mouth of Parke Creek Canyon. After perusing the SEPA Application, the Addendum, and the Grading Permit, there are some components of this plan that I would like to address.

Water Runoff: If a leak occurs in the lining of one or both ponds, the effluent will run down and be absorbed into the creek bed. If the leak goes undetected the effluent will enter the ground water, which would contaminate well water for the people in the area who depend on their wells for drinking water. These operations can have adverse impacts on the ground and surface water, as seen in Sunnyside.

Land & Shoreline Use: Even though sewage is allowed under the zoning codes for A-20, I suggest that septage lagoons do not fit into the spirit of this ordinance. I know that Brown and Jackson's reasoning for the project will be tied to agriculture. This is taking raw sewage from events such as the concerts at the Gorge, or anybody else who wants to rent their portapotties and transfer it on site to a location near residences. I have been in the agricultural business since 1960 in Kittitas County and Grant County, this is not an agricultural use, nor are they taking only Kittitas County waste.

Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan, 2019:
8.4.2 Planning for Rural Lands.

The rural and resource element is intended to preserve rural character through adopted goals and policies designed to encourage and protect the types of uses that are characteristic to rural areas. Septage ponds should not be interpreted as part of the rural character of Kittitas County.

I urge you to deny this application due to insufficient information and it does not meet the intent of Kittitas County Code 17A and the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you,

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