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To Whom It May Concern,

Hello my name is Nickie Backlin (Darling) my family homesteaded here in the 1800s and I currently own the property and live at 5171 Nelson Siding Road in Cle Elum, WA that will be surrounded with the new Nelson View Development. My family and I have several concerns. The first and foremost is that my great uncle Christopher Fredrick Darling stated several stipulations in his will to keep from a development happening here on the property his grandparents homesteaded on and he and my grandpa both were born, worked, and died on. I would like his will to be read and followed that is filed through Kittitas County. In his will it was stated each parcel that is ever made on this property must have a 1/2 acre or percentage to be a wetland. When I built my home we followed this and every other landowner should as well. Another stipulation was that there was a green zoneset in place to keep houses from being built here back to back and more than just the per 5 acre law the county requires, so that also needs to be followed.

My next concern is all the ditches on all the property. These ditches were and are not just used for irrigation they are spring run off ditches. 3 years ago the ditch on the 46 acre parcel Nelson View LLC currently purchased was overgrown and in the spring the snow melt spring run off water had no place to go and flooded my property, home, and barn. I have attached a picture that the parcel next to me that belongs to my aunt Davida Lynn Darling that is also surrounded by the Nelson View LLC property has water in the ditch currently. This ditch is all one connecting to all the ditches owned by Nelson View LLC, this is full of water from the time snow starts to melt until winter. The owner of Nelson View LLC when we met him made the comment to us "What Ditches" as they planned to fill them in! This will flood my home.

My next concern and probably the largest concern is my well. My well is a mass producing well and water I not only use for our home but water we use for my 32 fruit trees which feed my pigs and chickens, and water my horses. With this many homes they're asking to put in, how will this affect my well? Who is responsible when my well runs dry? Certainly not me, this well has been producing this homestead since the 1800s. On that note who is going to make sure the new wells that they plan to use as shared wells are going to be metered per the county laws?

Our next concern, which is very important to my family is the grave of my great Aunt Minni, the child who died here on the farm and was buried next to the old shop on the property of the Nelson View LLC. This grave has a white fence around it and is sacred to our family, it is a piece of our past. The current owners of the property gave us a plan of their design for the

property and they plan to put a shared well in close proximity to this well and this is just morally wrong, we wish to have a large setback and keep the grave in peace. It should be noted this grave has been marked and is protected by the state, I did it myself last year. The new owners also plan to put a roundabout on the same parcel as the grave also in close proximity and we wish to have that put someplace else on another parcel to not disrupt the ground and surrounding ground to the grave of Minni.

Our last concern is the property next to us, owned by my Aunt Davida Lynn Darling. One side of this property is the main road Nelson Siding road itself, on a second side is an easement which is owned to all the homes west of the property that is also an easement for 5 of the properties that Nelson View LLC plan to use for their homes (Do they have permission from the people who paid and built that road, no. Thats their concern!) so we are at 2 sides of Davidas property having mass traffic, now Nelson View LLC plan to put a road to 5 homes parrell to Nelson Siding Road on the 3rd side of Davidas property. This is agricultural land, land we use to graze horses on that I've been given full access to use. That makes that parcel/property almost surrounded by roads! That is a lot for agricultural land. So we ask that, that driveway they plan to put in parallel to Nelson Siding road be moved to the back of the new parcels/homes they plan to put in to give more space to the existing properties/parcels.

This is going to be a huge change to our environment, to our way of life, and to the animals that live here. We have an abundance of wild Turkeys, Elk, and Deer that eat off our land and our fruit trees here, this is going to put a lot of stress on the wildlife here and I hope this is all taken into consideration, as this is a large impact.

Thank you for taking your time for listening to my concerns, we all knew this day would come but we hope the environment, the wildlife, and my family are thought about in these decisions and are respected.

Thank you,  
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