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Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan Update Comments
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Good day, Wendy,

Thank you for your comments regarding the 2025 Comprehensive Growth Plan and the impact of the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad. Your comments have been forwarded to staff, and I will add them to the Comp Plan Index of Record.

From: Clark County <webteam@clark.wa.gov>
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Message Subject

Vote NO on rezoning the 503 corridor to Heavy Industry-and No on upgrading Chelatchie RR

Comments

6/12/14

Dear Clark County Planning Dept.,

As a member of this community, I and everyone I speak to about this, is AGAINST rezoning to Heavy and Light Industrial. WE LIVE HERE! Our area is not meant for industrial traffic, waste and environmental challenges this proposes.

The railroad itself is bad enough. If it IS upgraded, it invites dense railroad use that does not exist now. (And will likely be upgraded at taxpayer expense!) This railroad, in the middle of a large metro area with MANY impacted surface streets. WE DON'T WANT A BUSY RAILROAD causing traffic delays. Our area of Washington is growing at unprecedented rates, and having heavy train traffic on 503, and 72 avenue, (not to mention 33 mile stretch from Chelatchie Prairie all the way to Port Vancouver!) This is not managing our growing population issue properly. Our surface streets are not designed to include this kind of train usage. And its just NOT necessary. There is no immediate problem this solves. It just creates MORE problems for our part of SW Washington.

But you know what it DOES do? It makes the PVJR's Lease Holder a very rich man off the inconvenience, suffering and environmental disregard of our community.

Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad operator is the ONLY one who stands to benefit from rezoning our community. The legislature has effectively made the leasee a corporate tyrant in our county. He and his business associates are buying up surrounding properties along the rail line and pushing for rezoning of residential and farmland to HEAVY INDUSTRY.

For instance, part of what he wants to rezone is a large acreage directly across from CASSEE (Center for Agriculture and Environmental Education—a branch of Prairie High School) and also Summit High School. This will all be zoned HEAVY INDUSTRY!!

It would take out the existing Lucky DogPaw dog park there as well. It is also adjacent to the protected Loretta Norene and Groth Nature Preserve.

Does this rezoning stay consistent with our community's interests? Or just cater to the needs of a greedy corporate entity using our community as his playground?

We are so angry you have unleashed this madness on our area. This has been going non-stop for years now... since SB 5517 passed in 2017. We as a community have to remain super vigilant, because sneaky corporate moves that get county officials to side with him on projects no one wants in our area.

- In 2018 a our community spent thousands on lawyers fighting his “asphalt factory” project that was ultimately revoked with a big public outcry.
- Another, recent “Railroad adjacent” project by secondary interests pushing the Knife River Small Batch Concrete Plant at 99th and 72nd Avenue was recently rejected due to public outcry.
- Now PVJR wants to destroy hundreds of acres of watershed forest at the top of the Chelatchie Rail line, the “Chelatchie Bluff Mining Co.” if you visit the Friends of Central Vancouver page, (they have a downloadable pdf report on the environmental impact this mining will have.
LINK: <https://www..focv.info/documents/>
See link at top of page: "Chelatchie Bluff Mine and Surrounding Industrial Plan".

Its not pretty. The mining will negatively impact our water flowing into our aquifer, and the majority of citizens in this area are on wells...This is OUR WATER!

This will affect many communities in our area... Brush Prairie, Battleground, Ridgefield, Hockinson, Yacolt, Amboy all use water from this watershed.

The PVJR corporation is a wrecking ball. This needs to be stopped NOW. We are so, SO tired of this nonsense.

It impacts us all, and the environment of our community and way of life.

Please do not allow this move towards heavy industrialization of our community to continue. It will destroy our community.

Sincerely,

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