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Good day, Michaela,

Thank you for your comments regarding the proposed Surface Mining Overlay for the referenced parcels on Deer Drive in Yacolt. I have forwarded these to staff and will enter your comments into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Regards,  
Jeff Delapena

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Opposition to Mining Overlay on Deer Drive

**Parcel Number**

247859000, 247858000, 247860000, and 247849000

**Comments**

I am strongly opposed to adding a surface mining overlay to parcels 247859000, 247858000, 247860000, and 247849000. There are homes and timberland adjacent to these parcels. It would be detrimental to the people, homes, wildlife, and overall character of the adjacent area to have blasting and traffic connected to a mine on these parcels. Sunset Fall Road cannot support mining traffic. These parcels have waterways on them that drain downhill directly into the East Fork Lewis River. Run-off from a mine on these parcels would flow downhill into the protected East Fork Lewis River. This area is not an appropriate place for a mine. Because of this, there should be no reason to grant a surface mining overlay for this land.

As someone who frequents the area to visit my in-laws with my young and growing family, the roads will be dangerous and our quality of life will be severely and negatively impacted. I am a biology graduate from Oregon State College of Forestry and it is extremely obvious the horrific environmental effects that this initiative will have. The clean water, abundant wildlife and natural living standards will be drastically compromised. In a world where we have to little left of areas such as this, why would one consider inflicting harm? The families who live in this area respect the land and have worked very hard to maintain the area. The community that was built here and that is currently thriving in a natural and respectful manner would be forced to lower quality of life due to this project.

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