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Subject: Surface Mining Overlay in Yacolt and surrounding areas

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Dear Clark County Council,

I am writing to express I am strongly opposed to adding a surface mining overlay to parcels 247859000, 247858000, 247860000, and 247849000 and the surrounding areas, particularly the parcels mentioned in the recent discussion. I reside in the area and I am very concerned about the potential impacts that this mining overlay could have on our community.

As stated, it seems that this request has come from a third party without the full support or knowledge of the current property owners. In addition, the environmental and residential concerns around this proposal are significant. The disruption caused by mining operations, including traffic, noise, and environmental hazards, would severely affect the quality of life for those of us living nearby. Our community has already experienced difficulties with gravel truck traffic and noise on 503/Rock Creek Road, and a new mining site would only worsen this situation.

Furthermore, the proposed mining sites contain waterways that drain into the East Fork Lewis River. The potential for runoff and pollution from mining operations into this protected waterway is a serious environmental risk that should not be overlooked.

For all these reasons, I urge you to reject the Surface Mining Overlay proposal. This area is simply not suitable for such activities, and we, as a community, are united in our efforts to protect our homes, wildlife, and natural environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Jodi Sale Resident of Dole Valley Road, Yacolt, WA