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Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan Update Comments
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Good day, Maureen,
Thank you for your comments regarding the proposed 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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Message Subject

Opposition to Mining Overlay on Deer Drive

Parcel Number

247859000, 247858000, 247860000, and 247849000

Comments

I am a homeowner on Sunset Falls Road and I vehemently oppose all efforts from the BRP, LLC mining company to add a surface mining overlay to ALL parcels to which they currently own mineral rights in Clark County - but especially to those located on Deer Drive off Sunset Falls Road (247859000, 247858000, 247860000, and 247849000)

My husband and I chose to live here with our children because it remains one of the last bastions of beautiful, relatively undisturbed land in Washington state. The proposal from BRP, LLC to begin mining operations on these parcels threatens not only this peaceful and quiet way of life but will undoubtedly cause untold environmental disturbances and impact all living creatures in this area.

I already must exercise extreme personal caution when outside walking with my children because of speeding vehicular traffic and logging trucks zooming up and down the narrow, winding road. The addition of gravel trucks making constant runs to and from a quarry location is simply untenable and will increase risk of accidents, especially as irate drivers attempt to pass these trucks on blind corners. We are already seeing how that is playing out with the Storedahl trucks making Yacolt Mountain quarry runs on Lucia Falls Road nearby - not only does the flying gravel from their unsecured loads routinely damage vehicles of those following behind, but I have personally witnessed unsafe driving maneuvers from motorists desperate to pass these slower trucks. How many more traffic accidents and fatalities will cause irreparable loss and drain county first responder resources as the same trucks crawl up and down Sunset Falls Rd - especially when roads get icy or snowy in the winter?

As I walk the river at Moulton Falls and Lucia Falls regional park, I see myriad public information signs reminding me that these precious and pristine waters are part of the fragile habitat of steelhead and salmon. If tributary creeks carry run-off from mining residues and leach harmful heavy metals or chemicals into the groundwater that runs downstream, this already delicate spawning ground will be at even greater risk. Further, those that live downstream from these mining locations can likewise expect negative impacts to the quality of our groundwater over time. In addition to the obvious noise impacts, which will surely disrupt and disorient the lives of both humans and animals in the area, dust from explosions may degrade air quality as particles of silica dust are released into the air and carried on the breeze to settle on the river, the flora/fauna and perhaps directly into the lungs of local residents.

When we moved here, we could not help but feel that we had found a place that was incredibly

unique, a view that we know our community and neighbors share. Watching our children grow and thrive amidst the natural beauty of the area has been an immense joy, and we would like to preserve that for generations to come. I urge you not to (quite literally) sell our beloved Sunset Falls land and community down the river to line the greedy pockets of out of state beneficiaries who will never have to live with the negative consequences of these mining operations on a day to day basis as we will.

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