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Comment

Clark County Council Members,

We are writing to express our concerns in allowing surface mining in the Chelatchie Prairie area, specifically the site on Cable Tie Road adjacent to Lake Merwin Campers Highway and NE Fern Drive. We oppose the surface mining proposal on the basis of the following:

Consistency with Neighborhood and Chelatchie Prairie Expectations:

Adjacent to the proposed mine on Cable Tie Road is an established, heavily used recreation site, Lake Merwin Campers Hideaway, situated on Lake Merwin. There is a neighborhood of single family homes on Fern Drive and on Cable Tie Road. The inclusion of this proposed mine is entirely unreasonable and unfair to the current residents in the area who purchased housing in this area specifically because of its rural feel, lack of traffic, and safety.

Environmental Concerns:

Water contamination. Multiple streams run through the proposed mine site. Surface mining in the Lake Merwin/Swift watershed drainage will disturb streams on mine property.. Runoff from disturbed streams destroy quality of water in the watershed drainage including fish habitat. Pollutants from mining and trucking have the potential to negatively impact the drinking water for the residents in the area - all of whom currently rely on well water for their homes and LMCH campsites.

Noise pollution. We frequently spend week days at LMCH during day time hours throughout the year, enjoying the sound of birds and the movement of trees in the breeze. The peace and quiet of the forest will be destroyed by the sound of mining, blasting rock, rock crushing, heavy equipment, and gravel trucks coming and going.

Light pollution at night. It is presently possible to see the Milky Way on dark nights at LMCH. At a minimum there will be light from the mine's parking lot lights.

Road safety:

Cable Tie Road is a two lane, curvy, mountain road where school children wait for school buses. The school buses stop to pick up or drop off children. The heavy gravel truck traffic is not appropriate on this narrow country road.

Given the multitude of aforementioned problems that this new mine is sure to create, we strongly object to the construction of this mine and urge you to disallow the construction of this surface mine.

We also strongly object to further surface mining operations in the Chelatchie Prairie area. Highway 503 is already choked with heavy gravel truck traffic. County taxpayers are already on the hook to pay millions of dollars for reclamation of the East Fork of the Lewis River due to surface mining that has destroyed the environment and fish habitat.

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