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Please see the below comments. Thank you.



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Dear Clark County Council Members,

A number of issues were raised during the Public Comments section in yesterday's Council meeting regarding the purchase of Kysar Development forest land by the Washougal school district. I was unable to stay long enough to provide my own testimony, but wanted to follow up in writing to raise my own concerns, specifically as related to Wildfire Risk.

I live in the Sky River neighborhood at the end of 20th Street. In the event of a wildfire evacuation, our main and likely only egress route is 32nd St heading Southwest.

32nd Street is a two lane road with little to no shoulder, and no traffic regulators such as stop signs or traffic lights (at least in our area).

A number of neighborhoods and developments feed out onto 32nd. Normally, this is not an issue, as traffic on 32nd tends to be light. However, in the event of an evacuation, heavy traffic on 32nd would mean that traffic in those neighborhoods would back up significantly. Should an elementary school be built, this traffic may include bus loads of tiny children.

Being trapped in traffic during a wildfire evacuation can be extremely dangerous. People have perished in situations like this - you can find examples of this during the Oakland Hills fire, the Camp fire in Paradise Valley, and most recently in Lahaina, Maui.

In light of the insufficiency of 32nd St as an evacuation route, I would urge the Council to reconsider allowing either the development of a school or high density housing on the forest land that Kysar Development agreed to maintain as a forested area previously.

Many thanks for your thoughtful consideration of all our public comments!

Best Regards,

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