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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04-xx EIS on East Fork Lewis R

Date of Hearing

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Comment

I strongly support the Clark County Council's RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04-xx (amending Resolution 2025-01-11) and the removal of mining site specific requests from the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update's DEIS. Gravel mining in this watershed could cause irreparable harm to ESA listed steelhead by increased siltification, damaging vital spawning gravel, and de-stabilizing riparian areas of the watershed. The East Fork Lewis River is a wild steelhead sanctuary, and it would be a short-sighted travesty to allow certain disgorgement of debris and tailings from a gravel pit, causing toxic sediment to cover the redds and smother the rocky nurseries steelhead fry require to survive and grow before their migration to the ocean. High water events would be certain to send clouds of debris over critical spawning habitat. Other gravel mines in SW Washington (e.g. Zimmerly near Washougal) have had a poor track record when it comes to protecting watersheds. A gravel mine should NEVER be allowed on the East Fork Lewis River.

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