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Good morning, Mark,

Thank you for submitting comments regarding Resolution No. 2025-04-xx. I am adding members of Staff and will enter these into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Regards,



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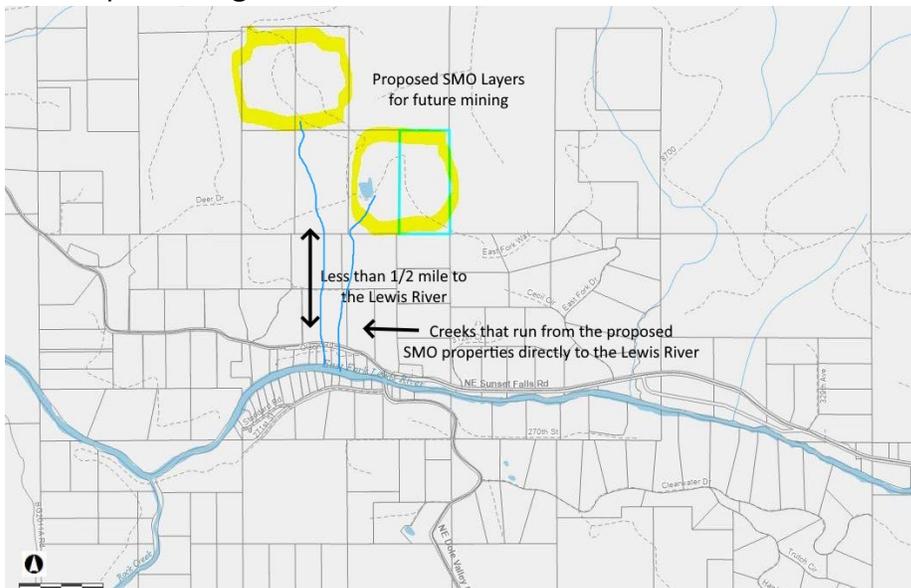
Mr. Catching, Mr. Alvarez, Honorable Councilors, and the planning commission,

Please submit this email for public comment and add it to the 2025 Comp Plan Index of Record as well as for public testimony of the upcoming council meeting on 4/15 in **opposition** to the proposed mining overlay (SMO) on Deer Drive off of Sunset Falls Road for parcel numbers 247859000, 247858000, 247860000, and 247849000.

I have spent the last 10+ years opposing the SMO expansion and lack of county oversight to the operations of the Yacolt Mountain Quarry. Fed up with the lack of action, approved expansion, and continued abuses by the operator, I moved away from Kelly Road.

Imagine my frustration to learn that a new Surface Mine Overlay (SMO) designation has been requested for 80 acres less than 4/10 of a mile directly above my home (parcel numbers 247859000, 247858000, 247860000, 247849000). And even worse, less than half a mile above the Lewis River.

There is no way in hell that a mine of any kind should be within half a mile of a federally protected and state-protected river. Both governments have spent tens of millions of dollars protecting this sacred watershed and the salmon within it.



A mine in this vicinity will cause irreversible damage to this protected watershed. There are two seasonal creeks that run from the proposed SMO properties down in between our homes and feed directly into the Lewis River. The county has been tough in enforcing that these streams cannot be touched by the homeowners so why would you allow a mine from which these creeks originate to operate near them?

Do not allow the SMO designation. Once an SMO is approved it is downhill from there. The mineral rights owners will run roughshod over the county and local neighbors. The lack of county resources will play out like it has near Yacolt Mountain and negatively impact the lives and property values in the community. The addition of potentially hundreds of dump trucks and transfer trucks will cause traffic nightmares on our narrow neighborhood roads. The noise pollution from blasting and rock crushing will lower the quality of lives for those of us who live on Sunset Falls and Dole Valley. The echo of the blasts and rock crushing in would be unimaginable in this valley.

The request to change the zoning to an SMO designation by the mineral rights owner unbeknownst to the surface property owner feels to me like a form of **predatory behavior**. There is no way that the surface property owner's needs can co-exist with the mineral rights owner if they want to run a mine - unless they are in it together. As I understand it, the surface property rights owner was unaware of this request for SMO designation and opposes such an action.

The county should investigate all requests by BRP, LLC. They own 1500 acres of mineral and surface rights in Clark County and are requesting over 20 of their properties be designated SMO. Every single surface rights owner associated with these properties should be notified directly and given the opportunity to respond.

The county should also be concerned about the harm that BRP, LLC a company from West Virginia with no vested interest other than profiteering from the State of WA or Clark County will cause to the local community. **Their predatory behavior seeking SMO designation on properties in which they don't own the surface rights, especially on parcel numbers 247859000, 247858000, 247860000, and 247849000 should be stopped.**

Please do the right thing by the people of Clark County, our community, and our neighbors and oppose and vote no on the SMO designation of parcel numbers 247859000, 247858000, 247860000, and 247849000.

And because a picture is worth a thousand words and if the written word is not enough to persuade you, I leave you with these memes...



**MINERAL RIGHTS
OWNER**

CLARK COUNTY

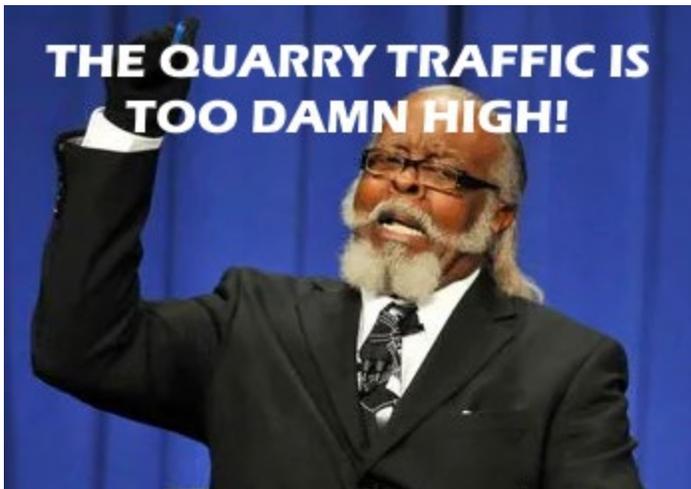
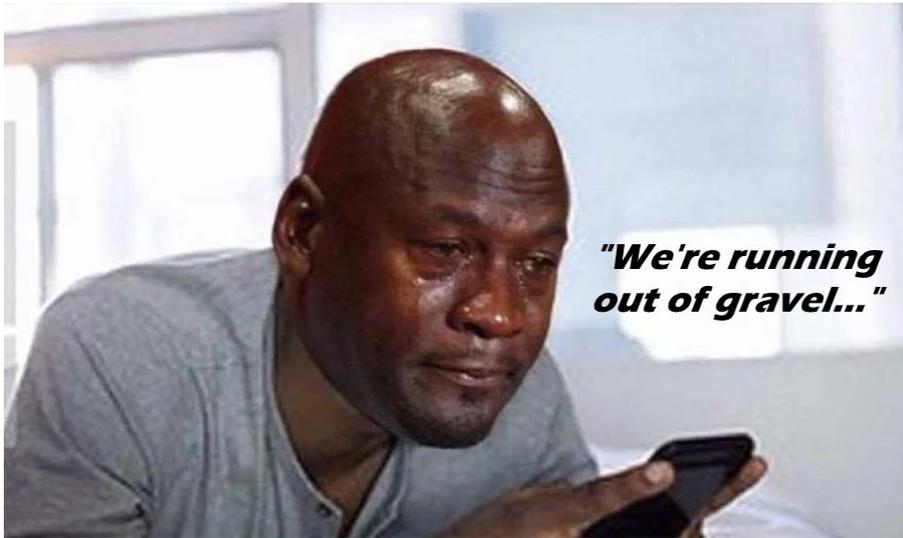
LANDOWNER



**Clark County
SMO
Designation**

**Mineral
Rights
Owner**

**Surface
Property Rights
Owner**



**THAT FEELING YOU GET
AFTER BEING TOLD YOU
SHOULD HAVE NEVER MOVED THERE...**



**EVEN THOUGH YOU LIVED
THERE YEARS BEFORE
THEY BEGAN MINING...**



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