
From: Steve Senger [mailto:steve@stevesenger.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 5:04 PM
To: Mark D. McClain
Subject: Water Moratorium

Dear Mark;

My name is Steve Senger and I have lived at 380 Colfax Road in Cle Elum, WA in Kittitas County for the last 10 years. I am a small General Contractor doing business in Cle Elum and Upper Kittitas County for the last 10 years out of the 34 years I have been a licensed and Bonded tax paying Contractor in the State of Washington, typically building custom homes with the greatest proportion of them being on individual lots in the county utilizing exempt wells for their domestic water source.

As you know we have been in a substantially reduced construction market for the last year and a half, with building permits in Kittitas County down by 75% or so and the same numbers are reflected in our construction volume over the last 18 months. While not being enamored with this entire process I at least believed we would live with the Memorandum of Agreement until a comprehensive study could be completed by the State to determine if the science could prove the Senior Water Rights Holder claims to be valid.

If this Moratorium stands it will most certainly cause our company to go out of business as well as countless others in similar positions to ours, causing us to leave the area we love so much and have chosen to invest in this county to make it our home. What saddens me the most is the fact that there is still no scientific basis for this action and the incredible impact this will have on the owners of the affected properties, business owners and the numbers of people who will need to leave their homes in this beautiful part of the state as they will no longer be able to make a living here with the entire construction industry halted as a result of this Moratorium.

Common sense would tell me that we need to have some hard evidence based on factual information before an action is put in place that will greatly harm the land owners and economic viability of our county. Please look in your heart and allow common sense to prevail and do whatever is necessary to repeal the Water Moratorium that has been placed on our county by the Department Of Ecology.

Sincerely,



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