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Jamey,

I am writing to continue my opposition to Kittitas County approving the scaled back proposal for the Fowler Creek Guest Ranch. I have lived in this County for over 25 years - I moved up to the Granite Creek area about 7 years ago specifically to reside in what Kittitas County had already designated a rural, residential area with specific limitations on growth. The proposed Fowler Creek Guest Ranch will completely change the character of this area and destroy a quiet way of living for those of us who reside up here.

I have already seen a change in my neighborhood due to an increased number of people coming up to this area to recreate - mostly with motorcycles and other ORV's. The animals are not as prevalent as they had been - highly likely due to the increased loud traffic that passes by my house located on a forest service road at high and dangerous rates of speed. The amount of garbage I pick up on my nightly walks has increased and people are regularly trespassing on my private property. I foresee this increasing exponentially if the County allows this proposed business whose goal is to encourage people to come up here and "recreate" at the expense of those who have chosen to live here and pay taxes to Kittitas County for the benefit to do so.

There was an article in the Daily Record just a few weeks ago discussing the Kittitas County Sheriff's concern about traffic on Westside Road along with all of the side roads up here on the weekends and how they are trying to figure out a way to manage it. This project will add an incredible amount of traffic to this already existing problem and causes huge concerns for what will happen when there are emergency issues up here and no way for any emergency services to access this area. The County is struggling for what to do with this now, so lets add another several hundred people on a weekend and see what that will do - especially when most of them will have trailers or ORV's. The infrastructure up here was never meant to handle what it is already trying to handle, so adding a big project like this and encouraging a large amount of people to come to this area is maddening.

This "Guest Ranch" will completely change the character of the area of the Fowler Creek/Granite Creek area and most of us who already live here will have to deal with reduced property values and most likely assessing why we should stay here in an area that we have loved due to its rural, peaceful nature after the County has allowed it to be completely changed to benefit one person's pocketbook.

This is a very short list of the negative impacts the Fowler Creek Guest Ranch will have on this area and I encourage the County to deny the proposal and maintain the integrity of this

area.

Thank you,
Eileen Murphy Young