

December 17, 2023

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ATTN: ZACH TORRANCE-SMITH

RE: Notice of Application for applicant Viking NW Properties LLC, Project Name: VP Clearing

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Bruce A. Stanley, property address 332 Spring Creek Rd, Ronald, WA 98940, Lot #4 Plat #647035 and Lot 5 Plat #927035. I am the President of the Creekside Road Maintenance Association and owner of the above listed property which is within 500 feet of the proposed project property. I am responding to the request for the comments from property owners on the environmental impacts of this proposal.

As I recently discussed with both yourself and Bradley Gasawski, there are multiple concerns regarding the project proposed clearing. Those issues include:

1. **The detrimental aesthetics.** The Applicant has already clear-cut a significant portion of the property. While I have not had the opportunity to review the file of the Department of Natural Resources, it is my understanding that the applicant may have performed the clear-cut without permission from the DNR. The pictures in your file do not properly depict what a catastrophe that was for the affected owners. The pictures do, however, show that clear cutting is not the norm for this area. This is a wilderness area and this is the first time that an Owner has completely disregarded the interests of other property owners. The Applicant now wants to clear cut the remainder of the property. There is no reason to not require at least perimeter growth to maintain the beauty of the community.
2. **Light pollution.** If the Applicant was required to maintain a perimeter of trees this would greatly reduce the glare of lights and headlights.
3. **Ingress and Egress.** The road serving the community is adequate to serve the present use. The logging has already caused problems. They tore up a culvert and ripped up survey stakes. They left the road a mess and it had to be cleaned up. There has already been damage. I have cared for that road for 37 years and know it intimately. It was gravel and was paved 3 years ago. The logging trucks have already caused damage and that damage will only worsen. There will be increased traffic.
4. **Water drainage and erosion. The property erosion of the entire Spring Creek Road area.** The upper of the two lots being developed has had flooding problems for years. The spring underneath the property flows across Penelope's property and the water follows the road. With the trees gone, there is no natural mechanism to absorb the water. It could work its way under the road. The area now faces more surface water **and** water from the underwater spring. The answer is not 10 trees being planted and monitored for 5 years. Not when you had two thickly forested parcels, absorbing water and providing beautiful aesthetics.

5. **Concerns about damage to Spring Creek.** We know that any surface water running into the Creek could contaminate the Creek. Has this issue been evaluated or monitored? The potential of damage to Spring Creek itself can affect water quality and negatively affect the fish runs in the future.
6. **The SEPA Environmental Checklist.** The Checklist is filled with "None" and "Not Known." It is unsettling to read these words, knowing that at some point in the not too distant future there is going to be considerable regret that more planning did not take place now, before the problems are made worse.

After discussing this matter with all property owners bordering Spring Creek Road and as such members of Creekside Road Maintenance Association we have full consensus regarding these serious concerns.

I am including a list of all of our Association property owners bordering Spring Creek Road for your convenience.

Respectfully,



CREEKSIDE ROAD MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

BRUCE A. STANLEY, PRESIDENT

Enclosure

**CREEKSIDE ROAD MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS CONTACT LIST AS OF 12/17/2023**

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3	Drew and Norena Addington 1327 Gohr Rd., Sultan, WA 98294	206-920-2994 Cell	Drew Addington - Son drewaddington@hotmail.com
			Lot 3 Plat #327035
6	Shelley McGraw 7 37804 37th Ave S., Auburn, WA 98001-8744	253-569-2633 Cell	myshelbyandme@yahoo.com
			Lot 6 Plat #607035
			Lot 7 #947035
8	Curtis Andes P.O. Box 1508, Ronald, WA 98940-0016	509-312-7039 Cell	candes09@gmail.com
			Lot 8 Plat #627035
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