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Mr. Jeff Watson
Planner II
Kittitas County Community Development Services
411 North Ruby Street
Ellensburg, WA 98026

RE: response to application CU-13-00005 of Mr. Kris Carlson

Dear Mr. Watson:

I represent Mark W. Streissguth who owns tax parcel No. 889433, which is located at 3462 McManamy Road, Ellensburg, Washington. The zoning on this property is A-20. Mr. Carlson is causing excessive use by having numerous outfitters use the Carlson property to launch commercial fishing operations. There are 18 public launch sites that are available on the Yakima River, so there is no reason to burden the property owners in this area with this unnecessary burden. There are about 40 launches during a summer day using the roads to the Carlson property. Each boat launch is four trips over the road because you need to go back in another vehicle to pick up the boat trailer that is left behind. That is extensive use of the road which is only 10 feet wide, which is not intended for this severe of use. There are two irrigation ditches that run under this very small road. Commercial users of the Carlson boat launch are always getting lost and end of on the Streissguth property looking for the boat launch, which is another problem to get them turned around and give them directions.

There is a bridge that is being crossed by this commercial traffic which Mr. Carlson is promoting, which is under-designed and underbuilt for this type of use. This activity is unsafe for the residents and other home owners in the vicinity. This is a farm road and should not be changed from its intended use.

The road is in the *floodplain* and some of the road is in the *floodway*. This is a very sensitive area that is being unduly impacted. Mr. Streissguth is very opposed to this request for a conditional use permit.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Skidmore