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Greetings Chase ~

We had talk on the phone regarding The Outpost, and thought I would put my concerns in writing to you.

First, I am concerned regarding the vehicle traffic on Salmon La Sac Road. Adding an additional private Campground with 30 spots, adds a lot more traffic and congestion. My concern is that when we had the Jolly Mountain fire, about 5 years ago, we were evacuated from our homes due to the concern that we have only one way in and one way out of Salmon La Sac Road. So add an additional 30 spots in a private campground, I think that would congest our roads further and have safety concerns for the residents on Salmon La Sac Road.

When I visited with our Commissioner, Laura Osiadacz, she told us that our escape route currently, if there is another fire, or for any other reason we cannot drive down Salmon La Sac Road, is for us to go down to Lake Cle Elum and wait for help, the only public beach access is Speelyi Beach, and what a mess that would be. In my opinion, this is truly unacceptable. Until the County can come up with a better plan for Salmon La Sac Road and the current issues, I would think by adding a private Campground at this time is out of the question.

Second, I am concerned regarding our natural resource, water. Lake Cle Elum was so very low this year, we were on water restrictions in our area due to the levels of our wells. So, on that note, will adding 30 more private camp spots and a Club House add to the current water issues?

I also believe that Incorporated Upper County has no oversight or interest from the County in general, my example, short term rentals, where cities within Kittitas County has put in restrictions/requirements for short term rentals Incorporated Kittitas County has done nothing.

So, The Outpost that is being proposed, has 4 residential lots, which would equal 4 or a few more homes, instead the County is considering 30 private campground spots.....unbelievable.

Thank you for your time.

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