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Jeff,

I have several concerns regarding the proposed Big Buck Ridge development.

1. Access to the development from Yakima Avenue, Who pays for the street improvements needed to facilitate this access? Will the County require curb, gutter, and sidewalks as well as parking stalls to support the city park and the community gardens that lays just east of Yakima Avenue? The park gets a lot of use by young students who practice for different sports as well as town folks use the gardens. Parking for these activities will need to be addressed.
2. Fire protection, how will fire trucks and tankers be able to get to those houses up on the ridge in the winter time? Where is the water coming from to fight those fires, what about medical response in winter conditions?
3. Water access, is the development getting it's water from a well or the City of Cle Elum? Either way, would not a storage tank, well pump, and related equipment be required, are fire hydrants that meet flow requirements going to be included? Does the owner have water rights to draw that much water from a well?
4. Sewers, is each home going to have it's own septic system and drain field? after years of use, will effluent from these drain fields work there way into the water supply?
5. Traffic impacts, with the possibility of fourteen homes being built, there could be more then a 100 vehicles a day going up and down Yakima Avenue, combine that with the traffic that is created by the Senior Center located at Yakima and Third street, what street improvements will be required and who has to pay for them?
6. What about water run off, with the development of streets, driveways, buildings, and such, runoff is going to need to be addressed. Will storm water retention be required, where will the over flow go besides down hill?
7. The Daily Record stated the county staff is saying "the project will not have a probable significant impact on the environment". How can that be with all of these issues at hand?

Please include my concerns into the public comment and please keep me notified of any additional opportunity of public input.

Thank you,

Gary Kasowski

