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I am a parcel owner in the Cle Elum Ridge development (section 23) and am writing this letter to formally oppose the proposed Big Buck Ridge cluster plat just south of our development.

This project will produce much more traffic on Deer Creek and Big Buck roads than they were ever designed for nor certified up to the new county road standards. Increased road traffic, noise, light and maintenance issues will definitely reduce the quality of life that we all sought when we invested in our adjoining, large acreage (20 ac min) properties. This project will also have a detrimental effect on the native wildlife that currently abound in the quiet environment that we all work hard to maintain with minimal wildlife disturbance. That climate will surely deteriorate with the increased development density of BBR. The recent appearance of wolves on our parcels is prime evidence of the type of wildland-urban interface environment that the state is trying to maintain. It seems implausible that an endangered specie would continue to inhabit a noisy and disruptive environment that would result if the BBR project is allowed to proceed.

There are also the issues of road and gate maintenance and easements that need to be a requirement for any project, especially this one.

Kittitas County needs to step up and enforce its development and road requirements as currently mandated. This project is long past its submission expiration date and if not completely rejected, at least require compliance with current standards, road maintenance agreements and access through Columbia Ave only.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D McKim, DVM
Cle Elum Ridge lot 7-B, parcel no. 19166

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