

1 County Senior Planner), along with an attachment containing comments and questions by
2 Lona Lewis and Shirley Lewis, regarding SUP19-0002.

3 6. Attached as Attachment 2 to this declaration is a true and correct copy of
4 an email dated December 3, 2019 from Shirley Lewis to Karen Witherspoon (Lewis
5 County Senior Planner) regarding SUP19-0002.
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7 I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
8 Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
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10 EXECUTED at Lake Oswego, Oregon, this 6th day of February, 2026.

11 s/Erick Staley
12 Erick Staley

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1 **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

2 The undersigned hereby declares under penalty of perjury that on the 6th day of
3 February, 2026, she caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to be
4 transmitted for service as follows:

5 ***Sent via FedEx Priority Overnight & Electronic Mail***

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10 ***Sent USPS First Class Mail & Electronic Mail***

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17 ***Sent USPS First Class Mail & Electronic Mail***

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24 DATED this 6th day of February, 2026, at Seattle, Washington.

25 s/Aimeé Muul

Aimeé Muul, Legal Assistant
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Attachment 1

Karen Witherspoon

From: Shirley Lewis <volcanoview3@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 12:28 PM
To: Karen Witherspoon
Cc: Lona Lewis; Kay Lewis; ROBERT LEWIS
Subject: comments on Good quarry expansion application
Attachments: quarry_expand_questions_Nov_2019.docx

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BY: _____

Dear Ms. Witherspoon:

Please accept the attached Word file with comments and questions on the proposed expansion of Good Quarry. I will mail print copies today, 11.26.2019.

Please feel free to contact us if there are questions on these comments.

We look forward to the notice of the public hearing. Thank you.

Shirley Lewis
112 Salmi Road
Winlock, Washington 98596

360-785-3138

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BY: _____

Comments and questions on Good Crushing, Inc. special use permit application for expansion of Good Quarry, project located on 322 Hale Road West, Winlock. Submitted via email to Karen Witherspoon, Senior Project Planner, by Lona Lewis and Shirley Lewis on November 26, 2019.

We have many questions and concerns about the proposed quarry expansion:

It appears that the edge of the mine will be 75 feet from the adjoining property lines. **How close will the perimeter berms and vegetation be to adjoining property line and roadways?** Current berms around the Johnson pit are covered with Himalaya blackberries, Scotch broom, and thistles. **What kind of vegetation will be planted and how will buffer areas and berms be maintained?** We are concerned that there will be unsafe use of herbicides and pesticides. We are also concerned that berms and buffer areas will not be maintained. **How tall will berms be?** Current berms at the Johnson pit are unsightly.

We are concerned about an asphalt plant operating in the quarry. **Has this been permitted in the quarry before?** An asphalt plant seems to us to be an industrial operation that does not fit within mining.

We are concerned about the stability of the hill we live on. The application reads that there has been “no previous instability”. This does not consider the expansion will be much larger and much closer than the current quarry. **Has this project been evaluated by a geologist certified in landslides and ground/hillside stability?** We do not want to be the next Oso.

The application says that “clean inert fill” will be accepted to fill in the mine. We assume this means material that will not contaminate soils or pollute air or water and will provide for a stable hillside. **What are some examples of clean inert fill from construction that will be accepted?**

We are concerned about the project’s effect on our wells, the ground water, and aquifer of the area. We are surprised that the application says that quarries have not interfered with local wells. We know that the Fries farm had difficulty obtaining adequate water and have been told by Fries family members that the Johnson mine further interfered with their wells. The hydrogeologic assessments for the reports date back to 1995, 1998, and 2003 with an addendum done in 2019. **Do these documents take into account the increased population and addition residences built in this area, including the houses we are living in, since 2003?**

We note that a well was drilled recently on the north side of Hale Road West just east of the Johnson pit. **What does this well have to do with the proposed project?**

How often are mining operations inspected by government agencies, such as, Lewis County, DNR, Dept. of Ecology, etc.? Are reports of these inspections available to the public online?

The application says mine would be extended for 30 years or more. **How long after mining stops would reclamation begin? What is the timeline for reclamation?** We note reclamation is to be done in phases. **What is the timeline projected for each phase and when is reclamation expected to end? Is there a deadline set by Lewis County for reclamation to be completed?**

How will Lewis County ensure that reclamation will be funded and completed? We were surprised to read that the Johnson mine was considered “active”. We have seen very little activity there in decades, but there are unsightly berms covered with weeds, a dilapidated house, and a huge hole in the ground. The Johnson mine was also supposed to be reclaimed, but neighbors were told the owner had run out of money. We do not want the same thing to happen to the Good quarry of any size. **Will quarry profits be set aside annually, perhaps in an escrow account, to pay for reclamation?**

Finally, we think our property values will drop while the mine is in operation and until reclamation is complete. We plan to contact a local realtor and ask his opinion of how the proposed expansion will affect values of adjoining property. **Will Lewis County’s assessments on adjoining properties be lowered and/or frozen until mine reclamation is completed?**

Our properties were purchased by our ancestors when Washington was still a territory. We are concerned about the long-term effects of this mine expansion.

Lona Lewis
386 Hale Road West

Shirley Lewis
112 Salmi Road

Attachment 2

Karen Witherspoon

From: Shirley Lewis <volcanoview3@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 2:23 PM
To: Karen Witherspoon
Cc: Kay Lewis; Lona Lewis; ROBERT LEWIS
Subject: SEPA DNS for Good Quarry expansion project

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BY: _____



Hello Ms. Witherspoon,

I would like to add this information to the application submitted by the owner of Good Quarry regarding the SEPA designation of insignificance.

I have observed the following birds at or near the property where the quarry is to expand:

- Bald eagles
- Great blue heron
- Northern harriers
- Turkey vulture
- Owls

Thanks for your consideration,

Shirley Lewis
112 Salmi Road
Winlock WA 98596

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