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Re: Special Use Permit Application – SUP25-0001, SEP25-0011 and MSR25-0230
Additional Information Concerning Operational Hours

Dear Ms. Witherspoon:

Thank you for your time and attention reviewing the above-referenced proposal (“Proposal”). As you are aware, the Proposal requests that Lewis County revise Special Use Permit (“SUP”) 19-0002 to allow processing of aggregate during daytime hours and loadout as needed to fulfill project requirements (limited to 20 loads/hour during the daytime and 8 loads/hour during the nighttime).

I am submitting this letter on behalf of Good Crushing, Inc., to provide additional information concerning operational hours for similar aggregate mining operations in Lewis County.

As discussed in the Proposal’s application materials and response to comments, a major goal of the Proposal is to ensure that Good Crushing can perform aggregate mining operations at this location on a level playing field with other mining operations in Lewis County. The Hearing Examiner’s May 18, 2021, decision for SUP19-2021 titled Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law [Corrected] (the “2021 Decision”) discusses four other special use applications for surface mining of basalt rock in Lewis County. 2021 Decision, Finding of Fact 12, Appendix 2. The 2021 Decision notes that decisions reached in other applications do not compel a decision with respect to Good Crushing’s operations at this site. *Id.* Nonetheless, the 2021 Decision uses these other decisions – including, in particular, their limited hours of operation – to inform appropriate or “not unduly burdensome” operational conditions at this site. *E.g.*, 2021 Decision at Findings of Fact 58, 72-78.

As set forth in the Proposal’s Narrative Summary dated April 18, 2025, none of the four examples identified in the 2021 Decision are fully operational quarries that are constrained with similar hour restrictions as Good Crushing’s subject operation. One of the examples was never opened (J.L. Storedahl, 16-6-002), two have been inactive over the last 10 years (Cowlitz Ridge, 07-6-001 and Herbrand, 14-6-003), and the fourth (Winston Quarry) successfully removed the conditions restricting

operations in 2011 via a SUP revision. Moreover, we are aware of multiple additional operations in Lewis County (both bedrock and sand and gravel) that are not required to operate within these limited hours, including the Alderbrook Quarry (Adna), the Brown Road Quarry (Adna), the L-Rock Pit (formerly Foster Creek Pit, near Toledo), Wallace Sand & Gravel Mandy Road Pit (Toledo), and Mossyrock Pit (Mossyrock). See attached figure of existing mines in Lewis County.¹ In fact, we know of no other operating mine in Lewis County that is subject to these hour restrictions.

Good Crushing appreciates the importance of conducting its operations in a manner that minimizes impacts on neighboring properties and users. At the same time, Good Crushing must be able to operate on a level playing field with other mine sites in Lewis County, which are not burdened by the same hour restrictions as Good Crushing. For these reasons, and as further set forth in the application materials and response to comments, Good Crushing respectfully requests that the County approve the Proposal.

Respectfully,



Jesse DeNike

Attachment

¹ While activity at some of these sites is lower than others, all sites have valid permits.

Lewis County Mines

Goods Quarry SUP Revision

Legend

- Goods Quarry
- Other Lewis County Mines

Brown Road Quarry

Alderbrook Quarry

Goods Quarry

Mossyrock Pit

Winston Quarry

Mandy Road Pit

L-Rock / Foster Creek Pit

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